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ACADEMIC & AFFILIATE POSITIONS

2024-present	Center for Health, Engagement, and Transformation (CHET) Department of Behavioral Sciences University of Kentucky College of Medicine Position: Assistant Professor Affiliate Faculty: Sanders Brown Center on Aging; Markey Cancer Center
2023- 2024	Brain Aging and Mental Health Nathan Kline Institute Position: Visiting Research Scientist
2022-present	Center for Translation and Implementation Research (CTAIR) University of Nigeria, Nsukka Position: Affiliate Researcher
2022-2023	Department of Biology Medgar Evers College, Brooklyn Position: Instructor
2022-present	Emancipatory Sciences, Institute for Health & Aging University of California San Francisco Position: Affiliate Researcher
2019-2021	Department: Psychology Union College, Schenectady, NY Position: Visiting Assistant Professor Affiliate Faculty – Africana/Black Studies
2016-2019	Department: Psychology University of Kansas Position: Assistant Instructor
2015-2016	Department: Psychology University of Kansas Position: Graduate Teaching Assistant
2014-2015	Department: Behavioral Sciences Arkansas Tech University Position: Visiting Lecturer of Psychology

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2023-2024 *NIA K99 Post-Doctoral training in Neuroimaging*, Department of Behavioral Sciences. The University of Kentucky College of Medicine.
- 2022-2023 *NIH/IRACDA Post-Doctoral training in Biomedical Sciences*, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, Rutgers Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research. Rutgers University.
- 2021-2022 *NIH/IRACDA Post-Doctoral training in Biomedical Sciences*. Center for Molecular & Behavioral Neuroscience. Rutgers University.
- 2015-2019 *Dual-Title Ph.D.*, Psychology and Gerontology, University of Kansas
- 2017-2018 *Graduate Certificate*, African Studies, University of Kansas
- 2016-2017 *Graduate Certificate*, Health Psychology, University of Kansas
- 2013-2014 *Master of Science*, Psychology, Arkansas Tech University
- 2004-2008 *Bachelor of Science*, Psychology (First Class Honors), University of Nigeria Nsukka
- 2001-2003 *Associate Degree*, Social Work and Community Development, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025 Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program (CADFP), Carnegie Corporation of New York (CCNY).
- 2024-2025 The University of Kentucky Center for Appalachian Research in Environmental Sciences (UK-CARES) Faculty Fellow in Science Communication. University of Kentucky.
- 2024-2025 Scholar, Broadening the Representation of Academic Investigators in NeuroScience (BRAINS). University of Washington.
- 2022-2023 Scholar, Black Men's Brain Health Fellowship. An NIH/NIA-funded training in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, the NFL Alumni Association, and the University of Southern California (USC) Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging.
- 2021-2022 Fellow, Michigan Integrative Well-Being and Inequality (MIWI) Training Program. Centre for Social Epidemiology and Public Health. University of Michigan.
- 2019-2020 Fellow, Research Career Institute in Mental Health and Aging (CIMA). Weill Cornell Medicine. Cornell University
- 2017-2019 Doctoral Fellow, Institute for Policy and Social Research (IPSR). University of Kansas.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

- 2022 Certified in Public Health (CPH), National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE).

- 2022 Credentialed Professional Gerontologist (CPG), National Association for Professional Gerontologists (NAPG).
- 2021 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Classroom. Course Certificate. Union College.
- 2021 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace. Course Certificate. Muma College of Business, University of South Florida.
- 2021 Inclusive Leadership: The Power of Workplace Diversity. Course Certificate. University of Colorado.
- 2020 Essential Epidemiologic Tools for Public Health Practice. Course Certificate. John Hopkins University.
- 2017 Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT). Course Certificate. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA).

RESEARCH GRANTS

External Funding

Current/Ongoing

- 2023-2028 Elevating efforts to recruit and retain HBCU scholars in the aging field (\$249,855). *National Institute on Aging R13 - R13AG085949*
Role: MPI; MPI: Tamara Baker-Thomas and Candidus Nwakasi
- 2023-2025 Sleep and Alzheimer's disease risk among older African Americans (\$159,452.00). *Alzheimer's Association - 23AARFD-1029261*
Role: Principal Investigator

NIH-Terminated

- 2024-2027 Early characterization of determinants of brain health and AD risk in older African American men (\$747,000). *National Institute on Aging R00 - R00AG078286*.
Role: Principal Investigator (Terminated 5/29/2025)

Sample Completed

- 2023-2024 Early characterization of determinants of brain health and AD risk in older African American men (\$103,097). *National Institute on Aging K99 – K99AG078286*.
Role: Principal Investigator
- 2022-2025 Exploring the pathways to Alzheimer's Disease in older African American men (\$27,864). *Michigan Center for Contextual Factors in Alzheimer's Disease (MCCFAD - SUBK00018418)*.
Role: Principal Investigator

- 2022-2023¹ Cross-validation of risks for Alzheimer's disease in African Americans with Yoruba people of West Africa (\$344,506). *National Institute on Aging ROI supplement*. 1R01AG053961-01A1
Role: Co-Investigator; PIs, Mark Gluck and Adesola Ogunniyi
- 2022-2023 A University-Church Partnership to Promote Alzheimer's Disease Awareness, Risk Reduction, and Research Participation in Older African American Men (\$25,000). *New Jersey Health Foundation*
Role: Co-Investigator; PI, Mark Gluck.
- 2022-2023 The Newark Brain Health Risk Terrain Map: Linking Neuroscience, Criminal Justice, and Public Safety (\$25,000). *Rutgers University Newark Chancellor's Office*.
Role: Post Doctoral Researcher; PIs, Mark Gluck and Alejandro Jimenez Santana
- 2022-2023 Comparison of Alzheimer's Disease risk between African Americans and Yoruba people of West Africa (\$8,000). *Rutgers Global International Collaborative Research Grants*.
Role: Co-Investigator; PI, Mark Gluck
- 2021-2023 An evaluation of cancer survivorship in Black and Latinx cancer survivors in Rhode Island (\$200,000). *NIH-Rhode Island IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (RI-INBRE)*
Role: Consultant; PI, Candidus Nwakasi

Internal Funding

Ongoing

- 2025-2027 ***BEACON: Building Equity in Aging and Cognitive health for African refugees through Outreach and Networks*** (\$79, 924). *UK ASCEND*.²
Role: Principal Investigator
- 2024-2025 Advancing Neurophysiological Assessment of Brain Health in Aging Populations: A Collaborative Initiative between Chad and Kentucky (\$14,300). *UKinSPIRE (Seeding Partnerships for International Research Engagement)*
Role: Co-I, PI: Yang Jiang

Sample Completed

- 2020 Incorporating service-learning component into social determinant of health course (\$2,240). *Internal Education Foundation grant (IEF), Union College*
Role: Principal Investigator
- 2020 Piloting an equity-based cancer intervention program for low-income communities (\$1,430). *Faculty Research Grant (FRG), Union College*

¹ Due to the grant being a supplement to an existing R01 grant and my post-doctoral position, I was listed as the Co-Investigator. However, I was the effective Co-PI for the supplement with respect to: (1) Co-authoring the proposal, (2) Heading the research, (3) Authorizing distribution of funds and plans of activities, and (4) dealing with institution officers in the US and Nigeria.

² UK ASCEND (Achieving Success in Community-Engaged research to elimiNate Disparities) is supported by National Institutes of Minority Health and Health Disparities (P50MD019476)

Role: Principal Investigator

2019 Eldercare obligation in the context of modernity (\$1,000). *College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Research Excellence Initiative, University of Kansas*

Role: Principal Investigator

2016/8 Contextual variation in the experience of eldercare (\$4,000). *University of Kansas Psychology Department Summer Research Fellowship*

Role: Principal Investigator

2017/9 Social determinants of cancer detection among African American men (\$4,350). *University of Kansas Jack Brehm Basic Research Award in Social Psychology*

Role: Principal Investigator

SCHOLARSHIPS

2020 OpEd Project full scholarship for the Virtual Core "Write to Change the World" Series. \$335

2019 University of Kansas "One University Open Access Author Fund." \$600

2018 Psychology Graduate Award, University of Kansas. \$1000

2018 Doris Sheets Award. \$1500

2018 Louise Julie Doehring McClendon Scholarship in Gerontology. University of Kansas. \$1500

2018 University of Kansas Women for Women Scholarship. \$500

2016/7 Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) International Peace Scholarship. \$22,500

2016/9 Social Psychology Graduate Awards, University of Kansas. Sum: \$3000

2016 Designated Alternate Fellow, Association of America University Women's International Fellowship

AWARDS

2021 Arkansas Tech University's 19 of the Last 9 years award.

2019 Kathleen McCluskey-Fawcett Woman Mentoring Women Award. Emily Taylor Centre for Women & Gender Equity, Kansas.

2019 The Black Social and Personality Psychologists Retreat Award (Declined to accept).

2018 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Mentoring and Career Development Technical Assistance Workshop and Junior Investigator Diversity Fellow Award.

2018 Kenneth P. Lohrentz Graduate Paper Award.

2017 Graduate Research Competition Award, University of Kansas.

2016 Louise Julie Doehring's Excellence in Gerontology Award, University of Kansas.

Travel Awards

2019 Faculty Travel Fellowship – Union College.

2018 Graduate Scholarly Travel Awards, University of Kansas.

- 2018 Diversity Graduate Travels Award, Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP, APA Div. 8).
- 2018 Graduate Studies Research Support Award, University of Kansas.
- 2018 Kansas African Studies Centre (KASC) Awards.
- 2018 Diversity Student Travel Award, Society for the Psychological Study of special issues (SPSSI, APA. Div. 9).
- 2017 Department of Psychology Graduate Award, University of Kansas.

RECOGNITIONS

- 2023 2023 Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences Editor's Choice Paper, "Honor Your Parents": Implications for Obligation of Parental Caregiving."
- 2022 April volunteer spotlight by The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) President, Dr. Peter A. Lichtenberg.
- 2022 International Women's Day spotlight by Project PinkBlue and the Network of People Impacted by Cancer in Nigeria.
- 2021 Gerontological Society of America (GSA)'s Member Spotlight, June membership newsletter.
- 2019 Gerontological Society of America (GSA)'s Member Spotlight, January membership newsletter
- 2018 Research Team of the Year and Journal Article Publication of the Year nominee, "Early cancer detection behavior among Black males." Man Cave Health awards for outstanding achievements in the field of Men's Health.
- 2017 Association of Psychological Sciences Student Committee's Research Spotlight.
- 2016 Finalist for Best Poster Award, "Chronic Disease intervention programs for Black men: What works?" Ninth Annual Health Disparities Conference. New Orleans. LA.
- 2009 Best Corps member, Platoon 10, National Youth Service Corps, Lagos Nigeria.
- 2008 Best graduating Rotaractor, Rotaract Club of University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Enugu, Nigeria.
- 2003 Best Social Work group representative, Association of Social Work Students, University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Enugu, Nigeria.

SAMPLE PUBLICATIONS

published under ATAKERE 2016 – 2019

*U = undergraduate co-author; G = graduate co-author; P = Postdoc co-author; *Senior author/co-senior author, **co-first author, †corresponding author when not the first author, ~editor's choice publication

Peer-reviewed Journal Publications

1. **Esiaka, D.** (In press). Charting New Frontiers in the Narrative of Black Men's Brain Health: Implications for ADRD Research. In Berlinger et al. The Meanings of Dementia: Interpreting Cultural Narratives of Aging Societies. Hastings Center Report.

2. Folorunsho, S., Suleman, B., **Esiaka, D.**, Olayinka, T., & Ajayi, V. (2025). Masculinity and memory loss: a qualitative study of the social stigma of dementia among Nigerian men. *Aging & Mental Health*, 1–10. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13607863.2025.2541184>
3. Chidebe, R.C.^G, Alabelewe, R., Sapkota, K.P.^G, **Esiaka, D.K.**, Nwakasi, C., Okwu, G., Emejulu, J., Umar, A., Okwuegbunam, N., David, F., Adepoju, T., Agha, A.,^G Ugwu, E., Aruah, S., Mshelia, R., Duncombe, R., Wannang, N., Babalola, P., Harvey, R.D., O'Bryant, C., & Odedina, F. (2025). Who Reconstitutes the Chemotherapy? The Educational and Practice Needs of Oncology Pharmacists in West Africa: A Call for Multidisciplinary Team Approach in Oncology Care. *JCO Glob Oncol* **11**, e2500021(2025). DOI:[10.1200/GO-25-00021](https://doi.org/10.1200/GO-25-00021)
4. **Esiaka, D.K.**, Nwakasi, C., Nweke, C.,^G Thorpe, R.J., & Luth, E.L. (2025). Is to Persevere Dangerous for Brain Health? Effect of Active Coping and Grit on Subjective Cognitive Decline in Black American Males. *Alzheimer's & Dementia: Behavior and Socioeconomic of Aging*. 1 (1), e70003.
5. **Esiaka, D.** Nwakasi, C., Briggs, A., Conserve, D., & Thorpe, R. Correlates of Subjective Cognitive Decline in Black American Men. (2024) *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease Prevention*. 11(6), 1734-1740. <https://doi.org/10.14283/jpad.2024.162>
6. Nwakasi, C., **Esiaka, D.**,^{**} Nweke, C.,^G de Medeiros, K. & Chidebe, R.C.^G (2024). “We don’t do any of these things because we are a death-denying culture”: Sociocultural perspectives of Black and Latinx cancer caregivers. *Palliative & Supportive Care*.
7. **Esiaka, D.**, Odo, O.^G, & Luth, E. (2024). Unraveling the thread: Neighborhood physical disorder, Sleep, and subjective cognitive decline in older Americans. *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*.
8. Mahmoud, K.,^P Baker, T. A., **Esiaka, D.**,^{*} & Balogun, S. (2024). The need to appear healthy: Concealment of chronic illness, privacy, and self-sufficiency among chronically ill older Nigerians. *Innovation in Aging*, 8(4), igad141.
9. **Esiaka, D.**, Wilson, G., & Gluck, M. (2024). Strategies for recruiting older Black men into aging and Alzheimer's research. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action*, 18(1), 61-66. <https://www.muse.jhu.edu/article/922330>
10. Westrick, A. C., **Esiaka, D. K.**, Meier, H. C., Rooks, R. N., Manning, M., & Tarraf, W. (2024). Cognition and Wealth Changes in Mid-to-later Life: A Latent Class Trajectories Approach Using the Health and Retirement Study. *Journal of Aging and Health*, 08982643241232003.
11. Chidebe, RCW.,^G Orjiakor, T., Okwu, G., Orji, M., Nwosu-Zitta, T., Agha, A.A., Arua., S., Okem, A., Nwakasi, C., Adjei, G.A., Shinkafi-Bagudu, Z., Onyedibe, M., Okoye, I. & **Esiaka, D.**^{*} (2024). Not even my husband knows that I have this [breast cancer]”: Survivors’ Experiences in Accessing, Navigating and Coping with Treatment. *Supportive Care in Cancer*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00520-024-08316-6>
12. Nwakasi, C., **Esiaka, D.**, Staab, T., Philip, A.A., & Arinze, N.C. (2024). HIV knowledge and information access among women cancer survivors in Nigeria. *Journal of Cancer Policy*, 100456.
13. Zhao, X., Adams, G., Xi, D.,^{UG} & **Esiaka., D.** (2023). Decolonizing Relationality: Reverence and Reciprocity in Prioritization of Care to a Parent. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. <https://doi.org/10.25384/SAGE.c.7001278.v1>

14. Nwakasi, C., **Esiaka, D.**,^{**} Nwokeabia, C., & Ahmed, S.^G (2023). "How will live this life I am trying to save?": Being a female cancer survivor in Nigeria. *Ethnicity & Health*.
15. Egwuonwu, J.,^{UG} Ikedife, F.,^{UG} Idu, O.A., Ogba, K., Nwakasi, C., & **Esiaka, D.**^{†*} (2023). Predictors of health risk behaviors during COVID-19 outbreak among educated Nigerians: Public health implications for curbing viral outbreaks in Nigeria. *Nigerian Journal of Psychological Research*.
16. **Esiaka, D.**, & Luth, E. (2023). Different interpretations of "honor your parents": Implication for obligation of parental caregiving. *The Journal of Gerontology. Series B, Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*, gbad106. doi: 10.1093/geronb/gbad106
17. **Esiaka, D.** Nwakasi, C., Nnamele, V., Idu, A., Egwuonwu, J.^{UG} & Mahmoud, K.^G (2023). Pathways to health outcomes after cancer diagnosis: A systematic review of cancer survivorship in Nigeria. *Psycho-Oncology*. 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pon.6167>
18. Booker, S., Baker, T., **Esiaka, D.**, Minahan, J., Engel, I., Banerjee, K & Poitevien, M. (2023). A historical review of pain disparities research: Advancing toward health equity and empowerment. *Nursing Outlook*, 71(3), 101965. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.outlook.2023.101965>
19. Chidebe, R.C.W.,^G Leibel, L., Orjiakor, T., Shrestha, A., Agha, A.A., Dindar, A.D., Kisakol, B., Ipiankama, C., Okoye, I., Malcom, M., Auguste, A., & **Esiaka, D.**^{*} (2023). Promoting cancer prevention through World Cancer Day in Nigeria. *The Lancet Oncology*. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S1470-2045\(22\)00692-1](https://doi.org/10.1016/S1470-2045(22)00692-1)
20. Nwakasi, C., **Esiaka, D.**,[†] Pawlowicz, A., Chidebe, R., Oluwagbemiga, O., & Mahmoud, K. (2022). "[The doctor] said I should go and wait for my death:" Dualities in care and support access among cancer survivors. *Journal of Cancer Policy*, 100374. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcpo.2022.100374>

Books

1. **Esiaka, D.** & Abidogun, J. (2024). *The narrative of Africa rising: Changing perspectives*. Baltimore: Lexington Books.

Peer-reviewed Book Chapters

1. **Esiaka, D.K.** (2024). Introduction: Is Africa Rising: Competing Narratives. In Esiaka, D., Abidogun, J. *The narrative of Africa rising: Changing perspectives*. Baltimore: Lexington Books.
2. **Esiaka D.** (2021) Obligation of Eldercare in the Context of Pentecostal Charismatic Churches. In: Abidogun J.M., Recker S. (eds) *Africa and the Diaspora*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-73415-2_6
3. Baker, T.A., Minahan, J.A., & **Atakere, D.** (2019). Pain and Men. In R.J. Thorpe (Ed.). *Annual Review of Gerontology and Geriatrics: Men's Health and Aging*. (Vol 39, pp. 95-106). New York: Springer Publishing.
4. Baker, T., **Atakere, D.** & Minahan, J. (2018). Chronic illnesses. In M. Bornstein (Ed.), *The SAGE Encyclopaedia of Lifespan Human Development* (pp. 351-353). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications Ltd. doi: 10.4135/9781506307633.n132
5. Baker, T. A., **Atakere, D.**, Minahan, J., Kuofie, A. A., & Dirth T. (2017). Diversity in Aging Community. In D. Maller (Ed.) & K. Langsam (Ed.), *The Praeger Handbook of Community Mental Health and the Aging Community* (pp. 93-112). Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger/ABC-CLIO.

Non-peer-reviewed Publications

1. **Esiaka D.** (2025, May 8). Grit' and relentless perseverance can take a toll on brain health – particularly for people facing social stresses like racism. The Conversation. <https://theconversation.com/grit-and-relentless-perseverance-can-take-a-toll-on-brain-health-particularly-for-people-facing-social-stresses-like-racism-251585>
2. Nkimbeng, M. & **Esiaka, D.** (2021, June). “Silence supports the system”: Practical Strategies to Address Issues of Diversity and Social Justice in Aging Research, Practice and Education. Gerontological Society of America's Newsletter. https://issuu.com/gerontologynews/docs/june_2021

SAMPLE INVITED TALKS

Colloquium/Panel/Keynote

1. **Esiaka, D.** (2025, April). Ageism and ableism at the intersections. [Panel discussion] American Society on Aging (ASA) DEI Upstanders.
2. **Esiaka, D.** (2024, September 5). Perspectives on the job: One year after. [Café]. IRACDA-INSPIRE. Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Rutgers University.
3. **Esiaka, D.** (2024, August 15). Academic Writing panel. [Workshop Panelist]. UNITE Predoctoral Research Enhancement Program. Lexington, KY.
4. **Esiaka, D.** (2024, July 31). Carving out career paths and transitions. [Workshop Panelist]. International Society to Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment (ISTAART)' Professional Interest Areas (PIA) to Elevate Early Career Researchers (PEERs). Philadelphia, PA.
5. **Esiaka, D.** (2024, June 06). Rising above the traditions in a rootless *academic* world: The courage to be YOU. [Guest speaker]. International Society to Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment (ISTAART)' Diversity Professional Interest Areas (PIA)—Neuroscience Mentoring Club. Zoom.
6. **Esiaka, D.** (2024, March 25). Justice Lens in Aging Equity: Moving Toward a Holistic and Transformative Approach to Aging Equity. [Guest speaker]. American Society on Aging. San Francisco, CA.
7. **Esiaka, D.** (2024, March 25). The Black aging summit fireside chat. [Guest panelist]. Organized by Aging while Black at the annual conference of American Society on Aging. San Francisco, CA.
8. **Esiaka, D.** (2024, February). Contextualizing Brain Health Equity: A Justice-Oriented Reframing in Equity Research [Keynote]. Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology. Boston University. Boston, MA.
9. **Esiaka, D.** (2023, February). Leveraging secondary data as an early career researcher. [Virtual presentation]. Center for Translation and Implementation Research (CTAIR). Enugu, Nigeria.
10. **Esiaka, D.** (2023, February). Differences in sleep quality mediate the relationship between genetic risk and cognitive decline. University of Texas, Houston School of Public Health. TX.
11. **Esiaka, D.** (2023, January). Sleep and genetic risk for Alzheimer's disease in African Americans. Department of Applied Psychology. Fordham University. NY.

12. **Esiaka, D.** (2022, December). Can Sleep modulate the genetic risk for Alzheimer's disease in African Americans? Department of Community Health. Tufts University. MA.
13. **Esiaka, D.** (2022, November). Sleep and Alzheimer's disease in African Americans. Department of Psychology. Baylor University. TX.
14. **Esiaka, D.** (2022, November). Determinants of Health Outcomes among Older Black men. College of Nursing and Professional Health. Drexel University. PA.
15. **Esiaka, D.** (2022, June). The neuroprotective effect of sleep against the genetic risk for Alzheimer's disease in African Americans. University of North Texas Health Science Center, Fort Worth. TX.
16. **Esiaka, D.** (2022, April). Quality vs. Quantity: Sleep and Cognitive Decline in older African American men. Department of Psychology. Siena College, Loudonville. NY.
17. **Esiaka, D.** (2022, February). Factors associated with support for government actions against COVID-19. Universitas Islam Negeri Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta. South Tangerang, Indonesia.
18. **Esiaka, D.** (2021, March). But, was it for me?: Effectiveness of cancer control and prevention programs among food insecure Black/African Americans. The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice.
19. **Esiaka, D.** (2021, February). Reducing the incidence of chronic illness(es) in older minorities. The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice's Journal Club.
20. **Esiaka, D.** (2020, December). For Those I Love: Early Cancer Detection Behaviors Among Black Men. Department of Psychology. Providence College. Providence, RI.

Community Engagement and Public Scholarship

1. **Esiaka, D.** (2025, April 24). Aging Smart and Healthy. Co-organized by Lexington Senior Center.
2. **Esiaka, D. & Sankayi, G.** (2025, March 15). From seed to table: A Natural Approach to Reducing Alzheimer's Risk. Co-organized by Empucate International.
3. **Esiaka, D.** (2024, October 26). Educating immigrants and refugees about voting rights and dementia risk. Co-organized by Global Lex, Mayor's Office.
4. **Esiaka, D.** (2024, June 12 & 13). Leveraging SPSSI membership to advance research on social issues as international member. [Discussant] Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues. Washington, DC.
5. **Esiaka, D.** (2023, November 29). Participatory inclusion and community-centered research design. [Zoom Panel Discussion] American Society on Aging. Washington, DC.
6. **Esiaka, D.** (2022, June 22). Community-engaged research as a tool for social justice in ADRD research. [Panel Discussion] Alzheimer's Association Addressing Health Disparities conference. Washington, DC.
7. **Esiaka, D.** (2022, May 13). Alzheimer's Disease: Aging smart for improved brain health. [Webinar discussion]. Women and the Alzheimer's Crisis Script. Alzheimer's Association, Tennessee Chapter.
8. **Esiaka, D.** (2022, April 15). In conversation: Aging healthy and happy [Radio Broadcast]. 89.3 WFPL News. <https://wfpl.org/this-week-in-conversation-aging-healthy-and-happy/>
9. Wilson, G. & **Esiaka D.** (2021, November 13). "Aging Smart: Six steps to brain health" [Live Discussion]. Visions of God Family Worship Centre. Plainfield, New Jersey

10. **Esiaka, D.** (2021, November 11). "Sleep and Brain Health: How better sleep habits can reduce your risk for Alzheimer's disease" [Live Discussion]. Elmwood Church. East Newark, New Jersey.
11. Wilson, G. & **Esiaka D.** (2021, November 4). "Healthy aging and brain health" [Live Discussion]. Elmwood Church. East Newark, New Jersey.
12. Wilson, G. & **Esiaka D.** (2021, October 1). "Brain health in the era of Covid" [Webinar discussion]. Church Women United. Newark, New Jersey
13. Mann, M., Narayanan, S., Walker, E., & **Esiaka, D.** (2021, June 16). "Black Family Cancer Awareness: Engaging the Generations to Reduce Health Disparities" [Webinar discussion]. The Society for Integrative Oncology.
14. Diaz, A., Lynn, T., **Esiaka, D.**, Brown-McClure, F., Greaves, T., & Gamble-Eddington, T. (2021, March). "Social Determinants of Health" [Webinar discussion]. The Student National Medical Association of Union College and Union College Caribbean Students Association. Schenectady, NY.
15. **Esiaka, D.**, Orunmuyi, A., Balogun, O., & Osiegbu, F.A. (2021, February). "Exploring key factors hindering effective cancer treatment in Nigeria: Implication for cancer survivorship" [Webinar discussion]. Bundies Care Support Initiative in commemoration of the World Cancer Day on the 4th of February 2021.
16. **Esiaka, D.**, Walker, E., Narayanan, A., Banks-Harold, M., & Fatai-Banwo, K. (2021, February). "Strategies to prevent and reduce the risk of cancer" [Webinar discussion]. Society for Integrative Oncology and Project PinkBlue, Abuja, Nigeria.
17. **Esiaka, D.** (2021, February). "1-Hour Mentoring Session on Navigating Academia and the US Job Market as an International Student" [Webinar discussion]. Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) annual conference.
18. **Atakere, D.**, Johnson, R., McFatrish, M., & Turner, M. (2017, October). [Live Discussion]. "Dr. Atul Gawande: "Being Mortal's Village: The Value of Community and Choice as we Grow Older." Community Village, Lawrence, KS. USA.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES/PARTICIPATION

Conferences and Pre-conference Workshops Organized/Co-organized/Planning Committee

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| 2024 | Decolonizing Aging Research & Practice: Building an Ethical, Impactful, and Inclusive Future. Preconference workshop co-chair/co-organizer. Seattle, WA. November 12-13. |
| 2023 | Bringing focus to minoritized and HBCU-trained scholars in the field of aging. Preconference workshop co-chair/co-organizer. Tampa, FL. November 7-8. |
| 2023 | Alzheimer's Association International Conference Advancements: Toward Health Equity in Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias conference. Scientific Planning Committee Member. San Antonio, TX. October 30-31. |
| 2022 | Pathways to equity-based aging research and practice. Preconference workshop chair/organizer. Annual conference of Gerontological Society of America. Indianapolis, IN. November 2. |
| 2022 | The annual engagement week of the Black in Gerontology and Geriatric Inc. Organizer. Virtual. October 30-November 2. |

- 2021 The inaugural engagement week of the Black in Gerontology and Geriatric Inc. Organizer. Virtual. September 27-October 1.
- 2019 The Narrative of Africa Rising: Real or Fiction. Annual conference of the Mid-America Alliance for African Studies. Co-Organizer. Lawrence, Kansas. September 13-14.
- 2019 Paradigm Shift: Recalibrating Diversity and Inclusivity. Diversity Pre-Conference co-chair/organizer. Annual conference of the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI). San Diego, California. June 20.
- 2018 Embracing Innovation: Rigorous Research in our Community. Conference Organizer. Planning committee member. Annual Graduate Student Research Conference KU Professionals for Inclusion and Social Justice. Lawrence, Kansas. February 2.

Conference Panels/Symposium Organized

- 2024 Caring for Health and Culture: Insights into Disease Management, Caregiving, and Well-being in Black Communities. (Chair) Annual conference of the Gerontological Society of America. Seattle, WA. November 24.
- 2019 Self-exploration or broad maintenance: Relationality in the context of neoliberal modernity. (Chair) Annual conference of Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues. San Diego, CA. June 22.

Roundtable Discussant

- 2025 Expanding SPSSI's global reach: Member expectations and future visions. Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues annual conference. Portland, Oregon. June 28.
- 2025 Hard to reach or failure to Reach? A decolonized approach to inclusion in clinical trials. American Society on Aging (ASA) annual On Aging conference. April 24.
- 2023 The Meaning of Dementia: How Cultural Narratives Shape Experience, Expectations, and Social Change. Health Humanities Consortium Conference. Cleveland, OH. March 17.
- 2020 Critical Approaches to Internationalizing Teaching and Learning in Psychology. Co-discussant. Annual conference of the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI). June 29. *Conference cancelled due to COVID.

Invited Sessions/Panel and Session Chair/Moderator/

- 2025 Dissertation, Grant, and Academic Writing. UNITE Predoctoral Retreat. University of Kentucky College of Medicine. Lexington, KY. August 21.
- 2025 The Double-Edged Sword of Perseverance: Active Coping, Grit, and Cognitive Health in Black American Men. A&D Journal family session at Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC). Toronto, Canada.
- 2024 Datablitz: New findings on sex & gender in AD. Panelist. Alzheimer's Association ISTAART's Professional Interest Area (PIA) to elevate early research career researchers (PEERS). Webinar, April 29.
- 2024 Examining prevention to advance health equity. Panelist. The 2024 UNITE Research Showcase. Lexington, KY. April 18.

- 2023 Working with and within communities. Moderator. The annual AAIC Advancements: Toward Health Equity in Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias meeting. San Antonio, TX. October 30.
- 2023 Sex and gender specific risk factors for cognitive decline and neurodegeneration. Chair. Annual Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC). Amsterdam, Netherlands. July 19.
- 2022 Community-engaged research as a tool for social justice in ADRD research. Panelist, Lightning Rounds: Panel of Early Career Researchers. Annual Addressing Health Disparities Conference. Washington, DC. June 21.
- 2019 Shifting Narratives of Politics, Ethnicity and Religion in Africa. Chair. Annual conference of Mid-America Alliance for African Studies. Lawrence, Kansas. September 14.
- 2018 Images, Performance, Production and Historical Intersections: Constructing Facts and Fictions. Chair. Annual conference of Mid-America Alliance for African Studies. Ames, Iowa. October 20.

Sample Podium/Paper Presentations and Published Abstracts

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1. Fariduddin, O.,^U Clark, M.,^G **Esiaka, D.**⁺ (2025, June). Sleep Fragmentation and Visual-Spatial Working Memory in Nigerian Immigrants: Implications for Cognitive Aging. Presented at the annual Nigerian Psychological Association Conference, Nsukka, Enugu. Nigeria.
2. Ipiankama, S.,^G Chidebe, R.,^G Onyedibe, M., Okoye, I., Aruah, S., Asogwa, O., Ahmadu, O., Alabi, A., Eriba, L., **Esiaka, D.**, Biyi-Olutunde, O., Maurice, N., Zubairu, I., Mampak, N., Ugwu, E., Omenukor, K., Obi, D., Mustapha, M., & Chukwuorji, J.^P (2025, June). Estimating the access to psychotherapy and psychological support for cancer patients in Nigeria: A national study. Presented at the annual American Society of Clinical Oncology. Chicago, IL. [10.1200/JCO.2025.43.16_suppl.e24068](https://doi.org/10.1200/JCO.2025.43.16_suppl.e24068)
3. Chidebe, R.,^G Alabelewe, R., Sapkota, K.,^G **Esiaka, D.**, Nwakasi, C., Okwu, G., Emejulu, J., Adamu, A., Okwuegbunam, N., David, F., Adepoju, T., Agha, A., Ugwu, E., Aruah, S., Mshelia, R., Duncombe, R., Wannang, N., Harvey, D., O'Bryant, C., & Odedina, F. (2025, June). Investigating the educational and practice needs of oncology pharmacists in West Africa: A case study of Nigeria. Presented at the annual American Society of Clinical Oncology. Chicago, IL. [10.1200/JCO.2025.43.16_suppl.e21021](https://doi.org/10.1200/JCO.2025.43.16_suppl.e21021)
4. Odo, O.,^G Nwatu, U., **Esiaka, D.**, & Kinney, J. (2025, March). "Comparative synthesis of risk factors associated with the progression of subjective cognitive decline to cognitive impairment and ADRD: A scoping review" [Paper presentation]. Presented at the 2025 Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education (OAGE) at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio.
5. Nwakasi, C., & **Esiaka, D.** (2024, November). Examining the association between active coping, grit, and subjective cognitive decline in aging Black American men. Presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference. Seattle, WA. *Innovation in Aging*, 8(Supplement_1), 489-489.
6. **Esiaka, D.** & Luth, E (2024, November). Exploring how diverse interpretations of "Honor Your Parents" influence caregiving obligation. Session: Journal of Gerontology

- Psychological Sciences: Featured 2023 Editor's Choice Articles. Presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference. Seattle, WA.
7. **Esiaka, D.**, Odo, O.,^G & Udeh, K.^G (2024, November). Food Insecurity and Cancer Screening Behaviors Among Black Men Living in Food Deserts. Session: Black Men's Health and Aging Across the Life Course. Presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference. Seattle, WA.
 8. Mahmoud, K.,^P Baker, T. A., **Esiaka, D.**, & Balogun, S. (2024, November). The Need to Appear Healthy: Concealment of Chronic Illness, Privacy, and Self-Sufficiency Among Older Nigerians. Session: Aging in Sub-Saharan Africa. Presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference. Seattle, WA.
 9. **Esiaka, D.** (2023, November). Determinants of ADRD risk in older Black men. Presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference. Tampa, FL.
 10. **Esiaka, D.** Nwakasi, C. & Chidebe, RW.^G (2023, November). The role of social determinants of health on cancer risk behaviors among older Nigerian men. Presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference. Tampa, FL.
 11. **Esiaka, D.** & Luth, E. (2023, November). Do sleep quality and social cohesion mediate the association between neighborhood disorder and cognitive decline? Presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference. Tampa, FL.
 12. Nwakasi, C., **Esiaka, D.**, & Nweke, C.^G (2023, November). HIV knowledge and information access among female cancer survivors in Nigeria. Presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference. Tampa, FL.
 13. Morris, E.P., Grant, J., Clark, A.L., **Esiaka, D.**, Ajrouch, K., & Tarraf, W. (2023, November). Do Depressive Symptoms Mediate Segregation's Impact on Cognitive Aging in Older Mexican Americans? Presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference. Tampa, FL.
 14. **Esiaka, D.**, & Nwakasi, C (2023, July). Association between sleep difficulties, bodily symptoms, and subjective cognitive decline in urban Black men. Presented at the annual Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC). Amsterdam, Netherland.
 15. **Esiaka, D.** (2023, March). A pilot study to identify correlates of brain health and cognitive health in urban African American men. Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) annual meeting. Los Angeles, CA.
 16. Berlinger, N., Bowen, L., de Medeiros, K., **Esiaka, D.K.**, Mercer, G., Nwakasi, C., & Rose., D. (2023, March). The meaning of dementia: How cultural narrative shape experience, expectations, and social change. Health Humanities Consortium Conference. Cleveland, OH.
 17. Leibel, L. L., Chidebe, R. C., Ipiankama, C., Altinok Dindar, D., Auguste, A., Agha, A. A., Shrestha, A., Kisakol., B. & **Esiaka, D.** (2022, June). Step up to health, Nigeria! utilizing information from Abuja's world cancer day walks for equity-based cancer prevention interventions. American Society of Clinical Oncology annual meeting. e22508-e22508.
 18. Arciero, P., Ferguson, I., Sadek, S., **Esiaka, D.**, Arciero, J.P., Saulnier, T., Merrill, D., Panos, S., & Anderson-Hanley, C. (2022, April) Lower protein, fiber intake and physical activity are associated with more impaired cognitive status among enrollees in the trial of the interactive Physical and Cognitive Exercise System (iPACES) for mild cognitive

impairment (MCI). Virtual presentation at the International Conference on Frailty & Sarcopenia Research (ICFSR).

19. Arciero, P., **Esiaka, D.**, Ferguson, I., Merrill, D., Panos, S., & Anderson-Hanley, C. (2021, December). Neuro-exergaming for mild cognitive impairment (MCI): Nutrition and diversity status of pilot enrollees in the interactive Physical and Cognitive Exercise Study (iPACES). Virtual presentation at the International Conference on Neuroprotection by Drugs, Nutraceuticals, and Physical Activity.
20. Eze, J.E, **Esiaka, D.**, Chukwuorji, C.J., Ibeagha, I., Nwonyi, S., & Echee, S. (2020, November). Adverse life experiences and commercial sex work in context of climate change. Presented at the 7th Annual University of Nigeria's Department of Psychology Conference on Climate Change, Mental Health & Well-being. Nsukka, Nigeria.

Sample Posters and Published Abstracts

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1. Nwakasi, C., Briggs, A & **Esiaka, D** (2025, July). Health and subjective cognitive decline among Nigerians living with HIV: Does perseverance moderate this relationship?. 2025 Alzheimers Association International Conference. Toronto, Canada.
2. Fariduddin, O.,^U Clark, M., Nyakor, A.^G Luth, E. & **Esiaka, D.*** (2025, July). Broken Sleep, Broken Memory? Neurocognitive Consequences of Sleep fragmentation in Older Black Americans. 2025 Alzheimers Association International Conference. Toronto, Canada.
3. Clark, M.,^G Jiang, Y., Abner, E., Jicha, G. & **Esiaka, D.*** (2025, July). Sex Differences in APOE Variation and Neurocognitive Health in Older Black Americans. 2025 Alzheimers Association International Conference. Toronto, Canada.
4. Jackson, Y.,^G Clark, C.,^G Odo, O,^G Nwakasi, C., **Esiaka, D.*** (2025, July). Gender Differences in the Effect of Grit and Resilience on Subjective Cognitive Decline Amongst Black Americans. 2025 Alzheimers Association International Conference. Toronto, Canada.
5. Bragg, T. & **Esiaka, D.K.** (2025, July). Low hanging fruit: Racial and ethnic terror as a global structural and social determinants of brain health. 7th Pacific Rim Conference. Queensland, Australia.
6. Fariduddin, O.^{UG} & **Esiaka, D.*** (2025, April). Diabetes Interacts with APoE4 to Predict Cognition in African Americans Alter Dementia Summit. Atlanta, Georgia.
7. Nyarko, A.^G & **Esiaka, D.** (2024, November). Sex Differences in the Association Between Comorbidities and Cognitive Status in Older Black Americans. Presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference. Seattle, WA.
8. Nyarko, A.^G & **Esiaka, D.** (2024, October). ApoE Status Modulates the Relationship Between Sex, Comorbidities, and Risk of Cognitive Decline in Older Black Americans. Presented at the 14th annual Markesberry Symposium on Aging and Dementia. Lexington, KY.
9. **Esiaka, D.**, Powell, D, Willis, E., Broster, L.S., Huang, H., & Ding, M., Jicha, G, & Jiang, Y. (2024, July). Sex differences in the association between amygdala volumes and non-emotional memory retrieval performance. Presented at the annual Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC). Philadelphia, PA.

10. **Esiaka, D.**, Abner, E., Powell, D., Jicha, G., & Jiang, Y. (2024, July). Education correlate with hippocampus volumes in African American males but not in females. Presented at the annual Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC). Philadelphia, PA.
11. Nwakasi, C., **Esiaka, D.**, & Luth, E. A. (2024, June). Grit And Subjective Cognitive Decline In Black Men. In *Psychosomatic Medicine* (Vol. 86, No. 5, Pp. A38-A38). Two Commerce Sq, 2001 Market St, Philadelphia, Pa 19103 Usa: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.
12. Nwakasi, C., Odo, O.,^G & **Esiaka, D.** (2024, February). Effect of active coping and grit on subjective cognitive decline in Black men. Presented at the Black Men's Brain Health Conference. Las Vegas, NV.
13. Chidebe, R.W.C.,^G Agha, A.A., Nwakanma-Akanno, O., Akwiwu, C.O., Nwakasi, C., Aruah, S., **Esiaka, D.**, & Cummins, P. (2023, November). Women supporting women: Peer support group for older women with metastatic breast cancer. Presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference. Tampa, FL.
14. **Esiaka, D.** & Luth, E. (2023, November). Neighbourhood disorder moderates the effect of sleep difficulties on cognitive decline among older Americans. Presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference. Tampa, FL.
15. **Esiaka, D.** Westrick, A., Rooks, R., Meier, H., Manning, M., & Tarraf, W. (2023, November). Longitudinal association of cognitive impairments with late-life wealth changes among older Americans. Presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference. Tampa, FL.
16. Clark, A., Grant, J., Morris, E., **Esiaka, D.** Aljrouch, K., & Tarraf, W. (2023, October). The Impact of Segregation on Cognition and Everyday Functioning of Hispanic Older Adults Enrolled in HEPSE. Presented at the annual AAIC Advancements: Toward Health Equity in Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias meeting. San Antonio, TX.
17. Nwakasi, C., Mahmoud, K.,^G & **Esiaka, D.** (2023, November). A systematic review of enablers and barriers to cancer survivorship in Nigeria. Presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference. Tampa, FL.
18. **Esiaka, D.** (2023, July). Recalibrating narratives of gender differences in ADRD research: Lessons and opportunities from the Global South. Presented at the annual Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC). Amsterdam, Netherland.
19. Egwuonwu, J.,^{UG} & **Esiaka, D.**⁺ (2023, July). Neighborhood contextual factors and sleep measures as predictors of subjective cognitive decline in Black American men living in urban areas. Presented at the annual Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC). Amsterdam, Netherland.
20. Brown, M., **Esiaka, D.**, & Viswanathan, J. (2023, July). Gender differences in the mediational pathway between trauma, depression and subjective cognitive decline. Presented at the annual Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC). Amsterdam, Netherland.

PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Academic Journals/Conference Ad Hoc Reviewer

- SSM - Population Health
- Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association

- Journal of Gerontology: Social Science
- Qualitative Health Research
- Alzheimer's & Dementia: Behavior & Socioeconomics of Aging
- Journal of Participatory Research Methods
- Journal of cross cultural gerontology
- Alzheimer's & Dementia: Diagnosis, Assessment & Disease Monitoring
- Journal of Aging and Health
- Global Mental Health
- Journal of Multidisciplinary Healthcare
- Journal of Alzheimer's Disease
- Journal of Gerontology: Biological Sciences
- Alzheimer's & Dementia: Translational Research & Clinical Interventions
- Nigeria Implementation Science Alliance
- Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities
- AAIC Advancements: Toward Health Equity in Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias.
- Journal of Aging and Longevity
- Alzheimer's Association International Conference
- International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health
- Group Processes & Intergroup Relations
- Nigerian Journal of Psychological Research
- Scientific African
- Ethnicity & Health
- Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved
- Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference
- Journal of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine
- Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference
- Journal of the National Medical Association
- Journal of Geriatric Nursing
- Society for Psychological Studies of Social Issues (SPSSI) Conference
- Journal of Social and Personal Relationships (as Reviewer in Training)
- International Association of Gerontology and Geriatric Conference

Grant Reviewer

- Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI).

- Health Disparities, Policy and Ethics in Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Research (HPE-ADRD), Alzheimer's Association Supporting Research Grant.
- International Travel Award. Society for Psychological Studies of Social Issues (SPSSI).
- Researchers in the Global South Grant. Society for Psychological Studies of Social Issues (SPSSI).
- SPSSI-SASP Small Group Meeting grant. Society for Psychological Studies of Social Issues (SPSSI).
- International Collaborative Research Grant. Rutgers Global Health Institute. Rutgers University.
- Travel Grant Reviewer – Graduate Student Committee. Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI).
- Jack Brehm Graduate Research Grant. Department of Psychology, University of Kansas,

Editorial services

- Associate Editor, Journal of Alzheimer's Disease
- Reviewing Editor, Alzheimer's & Dementia: Behavior & Socioeconomics of Aging (A&D:BSEA)
- Guest Editor, Special section on the psychosocial consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic in Nigeria. Nigerian Journal of Psychological Research (NJPR).
- Associate Editor, Nigerian Journal of Psychological Research

Other services

- Paper award reviewer, Alzheimer's Association ISTAART's Professional Interest Area (PIA) for Diversity and Disparities in ADRD.
- Voting member. Chief-Editor Search Workgroup for Public Policy & Aging Report (PPAR) journal.

Positions in Professional Organizations

2025 – 2027	General Committee Member of the Neurophysiology Professional Interest Area (PIA) Executive Committee of the Alzheimer's Association International Society to Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment (ISTAART).
2022 – 2024	Council member, Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI).
2022	Lead, Webinar Task Force, Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization, Gerontological Society of America (GSA).
2021	Member, Policy/Governance Board, Black in X Network (www.blackinx.org).
2021 – 2022	Member, Health Equity and Inclusion Task Force, Society for Integrative Oncology (SIO).
2021	Co-lead, Webinar Task Force, Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization, Gerontological Society of America (GSA).

- 2021 Webinar Liaison Officer, International Task Force, Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization, Gerontological Society of America (GSA).
- 2020 Member, Webinar Task Force, Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization, Gerontological Society of America (GSA).
- 2020 Member, International Task Force, Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization, Gerontological Society of America (GSA).
- 2020 – 2024 Co-chair, Internationalization Committee. Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI).
- 2018 – 2019 President, Mid-America Alliance for African Studies (MAAAS).
- 2018 – 2019 Member-at-Large Diversity Focus, Graduate Student Committee. Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues, APA Div. 9.
- 2017 – 2018 Vice-President, Mid-America Alliance for African Studies (MAAAS).
- 2017 – 2018 Campus Representative, Association of Psychological Sciences (APS) Graduate Committee.
- 2017 – 2018 Member at Large, Graduate Student Committee. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, APA Div. 8.

Services – University of Kentucky

- 2025- date Member, Outreach Subcommittee for Working in Medicine and Science (formerly Women in Medicine and Science).
- 2025 – date Member, Council on Community, Education, Research, and Training (CONCERT)

Services – Union College

- 2020 Member, Becker Career Centre's Internship Funding Committee
- 2019 – 2021 Member, Women of Color affinity group *Recipient of INSIGHT into Diversity magazine's 2020 Inspiring Affinity Group Award.
- 2019 – 2021 Participant, Union Coalition for Inclusiveness and Diversity (UCID)

Services – University of Kansas

- 2018 – 2019 Co-Chair, Diversity Committee. Department of Psychology, University of Kansas.
- 2017 – 2018 International Graduate Senator, University of Kansas Student Senate.
- 2017 – 2018 Member, Multicultural Affairs Committee.
- 2017 – 2018 Member, University Awards Committee.
- 2015 – 2019 President, Graduate Association of Social Psychology Students (GASPS).

Services – Arkansas Tech University

- 2013 – 2015 Coordinator, Association of African Students.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Research

1. Travis, L. (2024). UK researcher selected to work with Nnamdi Azikiwe University in Nigeria. <https://uknow.uky.edu/research/uk-researcher-selected-work-nnamdi-azikiwe-university-nigeria>

2. National Institute on Aging (2022, November 28). Recruit & Retain Participants. A mini-review of strategies for recruiting older African Americans to Alzheimer's disease research. https://www.nia.nih.gov/research/alzheimers-dementia-outreach-recruitment-engagement-resources/mini-review-strategies?utm_source=nia-eblast&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=adore-20221228
3. Oguntade, S. (2022, July 7). Study To Compare Risk Factors For Alzheimer's Disease Among Africans Starts In Nigeria. Nigerian Tribune. <https://tribuneonline.ng/study-to-compare-risk-factors-for-alzheimers-disease-among-africans-starts-in-nigeria/>
4. Stelter, C (2022, June 8). Rutgers-Newark Research Team Compares Risk Factors for Alzheimer's Disease Among African Americans and the Yoruba of Nigeria. Rutgers Newark News. <https://sasn.rutgers.edu/news-events/news/rutgers-newark-research-team-compares-risk-factors-alzheimers-disease-among-african-americans-and-yoruba-nigeria>
5. Rutgers News (2022, February 2). The Aging Brain and Health Alliance to Distribute \$25,000 Award to Community Churches. <https://www.newark.rutgers.edu/news/aging-brain-and-health-alliance-distribute-25000-award-community-churches>
6. Ohene, S. (Host, 2021). The management of chronic conditions is not a one size fits all process. Chronicity care Africa's Researcher of the Month series (Audio Podcast). <https://chronicitycareafrika.com/2021/07/01/the-management-of-chronic-conditions-is-not-a-one-size-fits-all-process/>
7. Obokor, A. (2019, May 29). Many Nigerian men ignorant of prostate cancer risk...as 82.1% men shun screening. BusinessDay. <https://businessday.ng/health/article/many-nigerian-men-ignorant-of-prostate-cancer-risk/>
8. Obokor, A. (2018, February 11). Nigerian men doubt possibility of personal cancer diagnosis – Survey. BusinessDay. <https://businessday.ng/health/article/nigerian-men-doubt-possibility-personal-cancer-diagnosis-survey/>
9. Owoseye, A. (2020, January 28). Why men above 50 years need to know symptoms of prostate cancer – Experts. Premium Times. <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/health/health-features/374725-why-men-above-50-years-need-to-know-symptoms-of-prostate-cancer-experts.html>
10. Owoseye, A. (2019, May 23). Nigeria: 82% of Nigerian Men Not Screened of Prostate Cancer – Study. All Africa. <https://allafrica.com/stories/201905240160.html>
11. Tsanni, A. (2019, May 23). Project PINK BLUE presents research findings on prostate cancer in Nigeria. Africa News. <https://www.africannewspage.net/2019/05/project-pink-blue-presents-research-findings-on-prostate-cancer-in-nigeria/>

HISTORY OF PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

2025 – present	Society for the Study of Human Development (SSDH)
2025 – present	American Association of Cancer Researchers (AACR)
2022 – present	International Society to Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment (ISTAART)
2021 – 2024	Society for Integrative Oncology (SIO)
2020 – present	Black in Gerontology and Geriatrics (BIGG)
2017 – present	National Association of Professional Gerontologists (NAPG)

2017 – 2021	Mid-America Alliance for African Studies (MAAAS)
2017 – 2019	African Studies Association (ASA)
2017 – 2018	Association for Psychological Sciences (APS)
2016 – present	Gerontological Society of America (GSA)
2016 – present	Society for Psychological Studies of Social Issues (SPSSI)
2016 – 2021	Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
2014 – 2016	Society for Health Psychology (SHP)
2013 – 2017	American Psychological Association (APA)
2013 – 2015	South Western Psychological Association (SWPA)
2009 – 2011	British Psychological Society (BPS)
2008 – present	Nigerian Psychological Association (NPA)
2008 – 2011	Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)
2004 – 2011	Chartered Institute for Personnel Management of Nigeria (CIPM)