Curriculum Vitae

Patience Akpan-Obong, PhD
Associate Professor (with tenure)
Arizona State University Polytechnic
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Research and Teaching Interests

Information and communication technologies (ICTs) for development (broadly defined), e-governance in emerging democracies; technology and culture; women/gender and technology, development and technology; social change and ICTs, technology, innovation and organizational leadership; social media and gender-based violence

Education

Ph.D. Political Science   2003
Majors: Comparative Politics of Developing Countries and International Relations
Department of Political Science, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.
Dissertation: "Toward a Nigerian information society: Information and communication technologies as tools for socio-economic development – A case study."

MJ, Journalism   1996
Major: Print Journalism
St. Patrick's School of Journalism and Communication Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada.
Master's Research Project: "Newspapers Through the Window: Creation of the Online Newspaper."

Gordon N. Fisher Fellow   1995
Massey College, University of Toronto, Canada

National Diploma, Mass Communication
Major: Print Journalism   1984
The Polytechnic (now Cross River State University of Technology), Calabar, Nigeria

Academic Employment

	2012 to date
Associate Professor, College of Letters and Sciences (now College of Integrative Sciences and Arts), Arizona State University, Polytechnic Campus	
Assistant Professor, School of Letters and Sciences, Arizona State University Polytechnic Campus	2006-2012
Faculty Associate, East College, Arizona State University East	Spring 2004
Faculty Associate, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arizona State University West	Spring 2003
Lecturer/Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Alberta, Canada	1998-2002

Related Work Experience and Competencies

Quality Matters Certification	2018
Fulbright Teaching/Research Scholar, Covenant University, Nigeria	2015-2016
Channels TV Nigeria On-air Political Analyst	2015 (and as needed)
Reporter/Photographer, *Western Catholic Reporter*, Edmonton, Canada	1996-1998
Copy Editor, *Ottawa Citizen,* Ottawa, Canada	Summer 1996
Assistant Editor, *African Concord* magazine, Lagos, Nigeria	1991-1994
Journalist in various positions with the *National Concord* and *The Punch* newspapers, Lagos, and *The Nigerian Chronicle*, Calabar, Nigeria	1985-1990

Recent Awards, Research Grants and Recognition

Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program, 2022 (Host Institution, Trinity University, Lagos
Member, Nigerian Computer Society, 2020 to present
Member, Implementation Committee of the ICT University of Nigeria, 2017
Nigerian Information Technology Development Agency Conference and Publication Grant, Five million Nigerian Naira (**USD 18,000**), 2017
Member, Ministerial Forum on the Nigerian ICT Sector: Local Content Issues of Concern, 2016
Fulbright US Scholar Award, 2015/2016 (Host country, Nigeria; Host Institution, Covenant University, Ota)
Fulbright Specialist Roster Candidate, August 2013 — 2018

Nigerian Information Technology Development Agency E-government Research Grant, five million Nigerian Naira (**USD 18,000**), 2015-2016

Research and Creative Publications[1]

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

15. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2023). Folk Music, Tradition and Gender Stereotypes: Feminist Analysis of the Work of a Nigerian Folk Icon. *International Journal of Sociology and Anthropology.* Vol.15 (1), pp. 1-11. *DOI: 10.5897/IJSA2022.0951*

14. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2023). COVID-19 and African E-Learning Systems: Structural and Institutional Strategies for Resilience and Antifragility. *Journal of Information Policy.* doi: https://doi.org/10.5325/jinfopoli.13.2023.0001

13. Akpan-Obong, Patience I.; Trinh, Mai; Ayo, Charles K.; & Oni, Aderonke (2022) E-Governance as Good Governance? Evidence from 15 West African Countries.

12. Ette, Mercy & **Akpan-Obong, Patience** (2022). Negotiating Access and Privilege: Politics of Female Participation and Representation in Nigeria. *Journal of Asian and African Studies.* https://doi.org/10.1177%2F00219096221084253

11. Alozie, Nicholas; Thomas, Kathy; & **Akpan-Obong, Patience** (2017). Global liberalization on homosexuality: Explaining the African Gap. *The Social Science Journal*. Volume 54, Issue 2, June 2017, pp. 120–131.

10. Alozie, Nicholas, Kathy Thomas, & **Akpan-Obong, Patience** (2016). Mass Support for Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Quest for Sustainable Development. *International Journal of Economic Development.* Volume 10, Number 1, pp. 32-66.

9. Alozie, Nicholas and **Akpan-Obong, Patience** (2016). The Digital Gender Divide: Confronting Obstacles to Women's Development in Africa. *Development Policy Review.* Volume 35, Issue 2, pp. 137–160.

8. Tabuwa, M. E., Muluh, H.Z., Tanjong, E., **Akpan-Obong, P**. et al (2013). Gendering Technologies: Women in Cameroon's Pink-Collar ICT Work. *International Journal of Management & Information Systems,* Vol. 17 (4), 213-222.

7. Alozie, Nicholas O., **Patience Akpan-Obong**, & William A. Foster (2011). Sizing Up Information and Communication Technologies as Agents of Political Development in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Telecommunications Policy,* Vol. 35, No. 8: 752- 763.

6. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2010). Unintended Outcomes in Information and Communication Technology Adoption: A Micro-level Analysis of Usage in Context. *Journal of Asian and African Studies,* Vol. 45, No. 2: 181-195.

5. Akpan-Obong, Patience, Carlos A. Thomas, Kibily D. Samake, Moses Niwe, & Victor W. Mbarika (2009). An African Pioneer Comes of Age: Evolution of Information and Communication Technologies in Uganda. *Journal of Information, Information Technology, and Organizations*, Vol. 4: 147-171.

4. Akpan-Obong, Patience & Mary Jane Parmentier (2009). Linkages and Connections: A Framework for Research in Information and Communication Technologies, Regional Integration and Development. *Review of Policy Research*, Vol. 26, No. 3: 289-309.

3. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2008). Discourse as Practice in Nigeria's IT industry – A researchin progress. *Information Technology for Development,* Vol. 14, No. 4: 328-332.

2. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2003). Basic needs to globalization: Are ICTs the missing link? *Information Technology for Development,* Vol. 10, No. 23: 261-274.

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[1] Co-authored works assume equal distribution of load.

1. Akpan, Patience (2000). Africa in the age of a global network society: The challenges ahead. *African Studies Quarterly,* Vol. 4, No.1: 1-16.

Books

5. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2017). *Six Years of E-governance in Edo State, Nigeria: Study of the Edo State Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA), 2009-2015.* Ogun State, Nigeria: Covenant University Press. 109 pages. ISBN-978-978-954-500-1.
4. Akpan-Obong, Patience, Ayo, Charles K., & Adebiyi, Ayodele, editors (2017). *Issues and Concepts of E-governance in Nigeria – A Reader.* Ogun State, Nigeria: Covenant University Press. 305 pages. ISBN: 978-978-954-501-8.
3. Akpan-Obong, Patience & Alozie, Nicholas O. (2017). *Information Technologies in the Nigerian Public Sector: E-Governance Practice in Federal Government Institutions in Abuja.* Ogun State, Nigeria: Covenant University Press. 180 pages. ISBN: 978-978-955-072-2.
2. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2013). *Letters to Nigeria: Journal of an African Woman in America.* Charleston, S.C.: CreateSpace. 330 pages. ISBN: 978-1482608700.
1. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2009). *Information and Communication Technologies in Nigeria: Prospects and Challenges for Development.* New York: Peter D. Lang Publishing, Inc. 225 pages. 978-1433103100.

Peer-Reviewed Chapters in Edited Volumes

6. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2023). Invisible but Ubiquitous: Leveraging ICTs f o r Development in Gendered Systems of Exclusion -- Nigeria and Cameroon in *Handbookof Gender and Technology: Environment, Identity, and Individual Factors.* Trauth, Eileen& Quesenberry, Jeria (Eds.), pp-56-76. Edward Elgar Publishing, International Handbooks on Gender Series. https://doi.org/10.4337/9781800377929.00009
5. Akpan-Obong, Patience Idaraesit & Alozie, Nicholas O. (2017). ICTs and Administrative Processes as Measure of Willingness to Integrate Technology in Nigeria's Electoral Practices in Akpan-Obong, Patience; Ayo, Charles K.; & Adebiyi, Ayodele, editors (2017). *Issues and Concepts of E-governance in Nigeria – A Reader.* Ogun State, Nigeria: Covenant University Press.

4. Akpan-Obong, Patience & Parmentier, Mary Jane (2013). Hash Tags, Status Updates and Revolutions: A Comparative Analysis of Social Networking in Political Mobilization in Tu, Xin & White Ann Marie, Lu, Naiji, eds.*, Social Networking: Recent Trends, Emerging Issues and Future Outlook.* New York: Nova Science Publishers, Inc.
3. Akpan-Obong, Patience & Parmentier, Mary Jane (2010). Coordination, Convergence or Contradictions: Information and Communication Technologies for Integration and Development in Southern Africa and the Southern Cone in Fu, Xiaolan & Soete, Luc, eds., *The Rise of Technological Power in the South.* London, UK: Palgrave-Macmillan, pages 300-319.
2. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2006). Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) and African Development in Smith, Malinda S., ed., *Beyond the African Tragedy: Discourses on Development and the Global Economy*. London, UK: Ashgate Publishers, pages 247-268.
1. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2004). From the margins to the center: Information and communication technologies as tools for development in Kalu, Kelechi Amihe, ed., *Agenda*

Setting and Public Policy in Africa. London, UK: Ashgate Publishers, pages 115-150.

Peer-Reviewed Publications in a Trade Journal

Akpan-Obong, Patience & William Foster (2007). Africa's telecommunications giant awakes. *Computing & Communications Africa.* Volume 3 Number 2, Apr/Jun 2007, pages 12-16.

Selected Peer-Reviewed Publications in Conference Proceedings

19. Trinh, M. P., Noyes-Williams, C. V., & Akpan-Obong, P. (2022, June). *Digital information literacy expectations: Re-examination toward a more inclusive and equitable online classroom.* Roundtable discussion presented at the 49th Annual Conference of the Management/Organizational Behavior Teaching Society, Pomona, CA.
18. Noyes-Williams, C. V., Trinh, M. P., & Akpan-Obong, P. (2022, October). *Digital information literacy expectations: Re-examination toward a more inclusive and equitable environment.* Interactive roundtable discussion presented at the 24th International Leadership Association Global Conference, Washington, DC.
17. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2021). Variations in ICT Adoption in Africa and the Failed Promise of Development. *Conference Proceedings* of the 2021 African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 6–20, 2021.
16. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2021). COVID-19 and African E-Learning Systems: Structural and Institutional Strategies for Resilience and Antifragility. *Conference Proceedings* of the49th Research Conference on Communication, Information and Internet Policy organized by Telecommunications Policy Research Conference (TPRC), Sept 22-24, 2021.
15. Akpan-Obong, Patience I., Ayo, Charles K. & Oni, Aderonke (2019) E-Governance as Good Governance? Evidence from 15 West African Countries. *Conference Proceedings* of the 47th Research Conference on Communication, Information and Internet Policy organizedby Telecommunications Policy Research Conference (TPRC), Sept 20-21, 2019 at the American University Washington College of Law Washington, DC
14. Alozie, Nicholas; Thomas, Kathy, & Akpan-Obong, Patience (2016). Public Attitudes Toward Homosexuality in Africa. Presented at the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 1-2, 2016.
13. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2013). Local Content Development in Nigeria: Social Impact of Information Technology. E-Nigeria Conference, organized by the Nigerian Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) in Abuja, Nigeria, December 3-5, 2013.

12. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2013). Social Impact of Information Technology. 11th International Conference of the Nigerian Computer Society (NCS) in Iloko-Ijesa, The Stateof Osun, Nigeria, July 24-26, 2013.
11. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2012). Beyond Africa's Cellular Phone Euphoria. *Conference Proceedings* of the 40th Research Conference on Communication, Information and Internet Policy organized by Telecommunications Policy Research Conference (TPRC) in Arlington, Virginia, Sept. 21-23, 2012.
10. Akpan-Obong, Patience & Parmentier, Mary Jane C. (2012). Social Networking and Political Mobilization: A Comparative Perspective. Presentation at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Diego, California, April 1-4, 2012.
9. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2012). 'What's a married woman doing on Facebook?' Gender, Cultural Narratives and Social Networking in Sub-Saharan Africa. Presentation at the Southwest Social Sciences Association, San Diego, California, April 4-7, 2012.

8. Akpan-Obong, Patience & Alozie, Nicholas O. (2011). Broadband Technology and Development: Access Critical to African Economies? Conference Proceedings of the 39th Research Conference on Communication, Information and Internet Policy organized by Telecommunications Policy Research Conference (TPRC) in Arlington, Virginia, Sept. 23-25, 2011.

7. Alozie, Nicholas O., Patience Akpan-Obong & William A. Foster (2010). Cell vs. Internet: Impact on Democratization in Africa. *Conference Proceedings* of the 38th Research Conference on Communication, Information and Internet Policy organized by Telecommunications Policy Research Conference (TPRC) in Arlington, Virginia, Oct. 1-3, 2010.

6. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2008). The Emperor is Indeed Naked: Changing Attitudes to ICTs and Development Among University Graduates in Nigeria. *Conference Proceedings* of ICT Africa 2008 in Yaoundé, Cameroon, Dec. 19-21, 2008.

5. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2008). Build, and They Will Come: Significant Factors in the Growth of Information and Communication Technologies in Nigeria. Conference Proceedings of ICT Africa 2008 in Yaoundé, Cameroon, Dec. 19-21, 2008.

4. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2007). Unintended Outcomes in Information and Communication Technology Adoption: A Micro-level Analysis of Usage in Context. Conference Proceedings of the 35th Research Conference on Communication, Information and Internet Policy organized by Telecommunications Policy Research Conference (TPRC) in Arlington, Virginia, on Sept. 29-30, 2007.

3. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2007). Information and Communication Technologies in Development: Contextuality and Promise. Conference Proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Social Implications of Computers in Developing Countries in São Paulo, Brazil on 28-30 May 2007.

2. Akpan-Obong, Patience & Mary Jane Parmentier (2007). Information Communication Technologies and Regional Integration: Africa and South America. Conference Proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Social Implications of Computers in Developing Countries in São Paulo, Brazil on 28-30 May 2007. It is being prepared for publication.

1. Samake, Kibily D., Patience Akpan-Obong & Victor W. A. Mbarika (2007). The Internet in Mali: A Socio-Economic Change Engine. Conference Proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Social Implications of Computers in Developing Countries in São Paulo, Brazil on 28-30 May 2007. It is being prepared for publication.

Newspaper Articles and Media Appearances*

Akpan-Obong, Patience (2017). Remembering Osita Ike: Life's Unfinished Businesses. *The Guardian,* Nigeria.

Akpan-Obong, Patience (2007). Sao Paulo: A Massive City of Warmth and Want. *Saturday Punch,* June 30, 2007, pp. 18-19.

Akpan-Obong, Patience (2007-2015). "Medals," a weekly column for *Saturday Punch*, a nationally circulated newspaper based in Lagos, Nigeria. I contributed about 2,000 articles to the column between February 2007 and January 2015.

* I have contributed more than 2,000 articles on various social and political issues to newspapers since coming to Arizona State University. I have also been interviewed on radio and television on a variety of national and international issues.

Selected International, National, & Regional Conference and Paper Presentations

33. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2023). Unintended Benefits and Multiplier Effects of the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program (CADFP) (Invited panelist). African Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, Nov. 29-Dec. 2, 2023.

32. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2021). Variations in ICT Adoption in Africa and the Failed Promise of Development. Presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, held virtually Nov. 16–20, 2021.

31. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2021). Mixed Blessings and Unintended Consequences: Information Technology for Development in Sub-Saharan Africa, Panel chair and proposer. African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 16–20, 2021. Virtual.

30. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2021). Covid-19 and African E-Learning Systems: Structural and Institutional Strategies for Resilience and Antifragility. Presented at the 49th Research Conference on Communication, Information and Internet Policy organized by Telecommunications Policy Research Conference (TPRC), Sept 22-24, 2021. Virtual

29. Akpan-Obong, Patience; Ayo, Charles & Oni, Aderonke (2019). E-Governance as Good Governance? Evidence from 15 West African Countries. Presented at the 47th Research Conference on Communication, Information and Internet Policy Evaluation organized by Telecommunications Policy Research Conference (TPRC) in Washington, D.C., Sept.19-21, 2019.

28. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2018). Critical Factors for Women's Advancement: Perspective from Academia. Invited Keynote Speaker at the 2nd Covenant University Faculty Women Advancement Conference on Advancing Women in Academia and Industry: Strategies, Policies, and Emerging Issues in the 21st Century, Ota, Nigeria, Sept. 11-12, 2018.

27. Akpan-Obong, Patience Idaraesit (2018). Enabling Digital Inclusion Through Policy & Research: Current Landscape, Barriers & Opportunities. Presented at the 27th Annual Conference of the Nigerian Computer Society in Ibadan, Nigeria, July 17-19, 2018.

26. Akpan-Obong, Patience Idaraesit (2017). Reframing Public Service Laws and Regulationsto Promote Digital Services: The Case of Edo State Government. Presented at E-Nigeria Conference, organized by the Nigerian Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) in Abuja, Nigeria, Nov. 7-9, 2017.

25. Akpan-Obong, Patience Idaraesit (2017). 'Only Hard Copies Accepted Here:' E-governance and the Nigerian Public Sector. Presented at the School of Arts and Sciences Seminar Seriesat the American University of Nigeria, Yola, Nigeria on April 27, 2017.

24. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2016). E-governance in Nigeria: Introduction. Third Covenant University Conference on E-governance in Nigeria at Covenant University, June 10-12, 2016. I also served as the conference facilitator/convener.

23. Akpan-Obong, Patience & Alozie, Nicholas O. (2015). ICTs in Administrative Processes: Barometer of Willingness to Integrate Technology in Nigeria's Electoral Practices. E-Nigeria Conference, organized by the Nigerian Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) in Abuja, Nigeria, November 17-19, 2015.

22. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2015). E-government/E-governance in Nigeria: Connecting Assumptions with Realities. Second Covenant University Conference on E-governance in Nigeria: Prospects and Challenges for Civic Engagement and Political Participation, Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State, June 10-12, 2015. I also served as the conference facilitator/convener.

21. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2014). E-governance in Nigeria: Prospects and Challenges for Civic Engagement and Political Participation at Covenant University Conference on E-

governance in Nigeria, Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State, June 9, 2014. I served as the <u>conference facilitator and panel discussant</u>.

20. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2014). <u>Session Discussant and Conference Participant</u>. Fourth Annual Conference of Schools, Health and Libraries Broadband Coalition (SHLB), Washington, D.C. May 7-9, 2014.

19. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2013). Local Content Development in Nigeria: Social Impact of Information Technology. E-Nigeria Conference, organized by the Nigerian Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) in Abuja, Nigeria, December 3-5, 2013.

18. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2013). Social Impact of Information Technology. 11th International Conference of the Nigerian Computer Society (NCS) in Iloko-Ijesa, The State of Osun, Nigeria, July 24-26, 2013.

17. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2012). Beyond Africa's Cellular Phone Euphoria. 40th Research Conference on Communication, Information and Internet Policy organized by Telecommunications Policy Research Conference (TPRC) in Arlington,Virginia, Sept. 21-23, 2012.

16. Akpan-Obong, Patience & Parmentier, Mary Jane C. (2012). Social Networking and Political Mobilization: A Comparative Perspective. Presentation at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Diego, California, April 1-4, 2012.

15. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2012). 'What's a married woman doing on Facebook?' Gender, Cultural Narratives and Social Networking in sub-Saharan Africa. Presentation at the Southwest Social Sciences Association, San Diego, California, April 4-7, 2012.

14. Akpan-Obong, Patience & Alozie, Nicholas O. (2011). Broadband Technology and Development: Access Critical to African Economies? *Conference Proceedings* of the 39th Research Conference on Communication, Information and Internet Policy organized by Telecommunications Policy Research Conference (TPRC) in Arlington, Virginia, Sept. 23-25, 2011.

13. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2011). Access to Media and the Internet in Pursuit of the UN Millennium Development Goals. <u>Invited presentation</u> at the 2011 Pugwash Conference on Access: Resources, Information, and Technology for the World at Purdue University, April 1-2, 2011.

12. Akpan-Obong, Patience & Mary Jane Parmentier (2011). The Policy Stops Here: Civil Society, Internet, and Indigenous Politics in Ecuador. Presentation at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montreal, Canada, March 16-19, 2011.

11. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2010). Invisible Women: Gender and Nigeria's ICT Policy. Panel presentation on Engendering ICT Policy at ICTD London 2010, Dec. 13-16, 2010.

10. Akpan-Obong, Patience, Nicholas O. Alozie & William A. Foster (2010). Cell vs. Internet: Impact on Democratization in Africa. Presentation at the 39th Research Conference on Communication, Information and Internet Policy organized by Telecommunications Policy Research Conference (TPRC) in Arlington, Virginia, Oct. 1-3, 2010.

9. Akpan-Obong, Patience & Mary Jane Parmentier (2009). The Policy Stops Here: Civil Society, Information and Communication Technologies and Development in the Andean Region. Presentation at the 2009 annual conference of the Southwestern Social Sciences Association in Denver, Colorado, April 8-11, 2009.

8. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2008). The Emperor is Indeed Naked: Changing Attitudes to ICTs and Development Among University Graduates in Nigeria. Presented at ICT Africa 2008 in Yaoundé, Cameroon, Dec. 19-21, 2008.

7. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2008). Build, and They Will Come: Significant Factors in the Growth of Information and Communication Technologies in Nigeria. Presentation at ICT

Africa 2008 in Yaoundé, Cameroon, Dec. 19-21, 2008.

6. Akpan-Obong, Patience & Mary Jane Parmentier (2008). Coordination, convergence or contradictions: Information and Communications Technologies for Integration and Development in Southern Africa and the Southern Cone. Presentation at a conference on Confronting the Challenge of Technology for Development: Experiences from the BRICS, Oxford University, UK, May 29-30, 2008.

5. Akpan-Obong, Patience & Mary Jane Parmentier (2008). Linkages and Connections: A Framework for Research in Information and Communication Technologies, Regional Integration and Development. Presentation at the annual conference of the Southwestern Social Science Association in Las Vegas, March 12-15, 2008.

4. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2007). Unintended Outcomes in Information and Communication Technology Adoption: A Micro-level Analysis of Usage in Context. Presentation at the 35th Research Conference on Communication, Information and Internet Policy organized by Telecommunications Policy Research Conference (TPRC) in Arlington, Virginia, Sept. 29-30, 2007.

3. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2007). Information and Communication Technologies in Development: Contextuality and Promise. Presentation at the 9th International Conference on Social Implications of Computers in Developing Countries in São Paulo, Brazil, May 28-30, 2007.

2. Akpan-Obong, Patience & Mary Jane Parmentier (2007). Information Communication Technologies and Regional Integration: Africa and South America. Presentation at the 9th International Conference on Social Implications of Computers in Developing Countries in São Paulo, Brazil, May 28-30, 2007.

1. Samake, Kibily, Patience Akpan-Obong & Victor Mbarika and (2007). The Internet in Mali:A Socio-Economic Change Engine. Presentation at the 9th International Conference on Social Implications of Computers in Developing Countries in São Paulo, Brazil, May 28-30, 2007.

Current Research Projects (in various degrees of completion)

6. Akpan-Obong, Patience (2024). "Disempowering Technologies: Information Communication Technologies as an African Woman's Best Friend or Foe? In Sub-Saharan Africa?" (The first draft of the manuscript is completed.)

5. Akpan-Obong, Patience & Peterson, Avanlee (2024). "Gender and Power Dynamics in Virtual Meetings." (The research is completed.)

4. Akpan-Obong, Patience & Ekanade, Israel (2023). "Mobile Phones as Weapons Against Gender-Based Violence: Innovative Cell Phone Usage by Female College Students in Nigeria." (Field research has been completed.)

3. Akpan-Obong, Patience & Ekanade, Israel (2024). Technology and Elections Integrity in Nigeria: Prospects and Challenges for the 2023 Presidential Elections. (Field research is scheduled for summer 2023.)

2. Ette, Mercy & Akpan-Obong, Patience. Competing Narratives of Women in Politics: Interrogating Visibility on Legacy and Social Media (Field research is ongoing.)

1. Akpan-Obong, Patience. 'What's a married woman doing on Facebook?' Gender, Cultural Narratives and Social Networking in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Books in Progress

Akpan-Obong, Patience & Fields, Terri (2024). *Whispered Hearts* (Completed, pending publication contract). Co-authored with a leading Arizona children's book author, Terri

Fields. *Whispered Hearts* is a 37,000-word middle-grades novel that reveals the power of friendship and the unbreakable bonds that can be formed across cultures and countries. The issues raised in the book align with my secondary research interest in gender empowerment through education as interlaced with access to technology in developing countries.

Akpan-Obong, Patience & Fields, Terri (2023). *Stolen Childhood: Diary of a Girl in Captivity.* (Completed, pending publication contract). Co-authored with a leading Arizona children's book author, Terri Fields, this is a fictionalized narrative from the perspective of a girl kidnapped by terrorists on her way to school. The issues raised in the book align with my secondary research interest in gender security as interlaced with access to technology in developing countries.

Akpan-Obong, Patience (2024*). Politics of the Young in the Age of Social Media: A Case Study of Young People and Political Participation in Nigerian Politics.* A book proposal under preparation.

Akpan-Obong, Patience (2024**).** *She Leads IT: Gender, Leadership and Technological Development in Sub-Saharan Africa.* This is a book in progress: An overview of perspectives on gender, leadership and technological development in selected Sub-Saharan African countries; includes profiles of some leading women in the technological sector in the selectedcountries.

Recent Teaching-Related Activities, Mentoring and Professional Development

1. "Government Innovation Arizona: Transforming the Grand Canyon State Through Technological Collaboration and Empathetic Leadership," organized by the Public Sector Network, Nov. 9, 2023
2. ASU Professional Development Conference organized by the ASU Commission on the Status of Women, Oct. 11-12, 2023
3. Thesis Chair and supervisor – 4 MS Candidates, Organizational Leadership, 2022-2024 (**in progress)**
4. Thesis Chair – MS Candidate, Organizational Leadership: Amber Burg, 2023 (**graduated)**
5. Thesis Chair – MS Candidate, Organizational Leadership: Yassar Alzhouri, 2023 (**graduated)**
6. Thesis Chair – MS Candidate, Organizational Leadership: Aaron Cabalquinto, 2022 (**graduated)**
7. Thesis Committee Member – MS Candidate, Organizational Leadership: Christine Williams, 2022
8. Second Reader – MS Candidate, Global Technology and Development: Christian Kouassi Atse, School for the Future of Innovation in Society, 2021
9. Participant, "Quality Initiative Value Institute Training," hosted by the University Program Review & Accreditation (UPRA) of ASU Office of the University Provost, Nov. 21-22, 2019
10. Certification in Quality Matters: Independent Applying the QM Rubric (APPQMR): (Statewide Systems), 2018
11. Various certifications in online teaching and learning systems

Service to the University, College and School

Service to the University
1. Mentor, ASU FWA/ADVANCE Mentoring Program Pilot: Spring 2023 & AY 2023-2024
2. Member, ASU Graduate Council, 2023-

3. Member, Advisory Council on African American Affairs (serving on four sub-committees), 2020-2024
4. Member, General Studies Curriculum Ad Hoc Committee, 2021-2022
5. Member and Criterion 3B3 Lead, Higher Learning Commission Reaffirmation Committee, 2021-2023
6. Member/Reviewer, Committee for President's Crow's Postdoctoral Scholars Program, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023
7. Member, General Studies Committee (Literacy and Critical Inquiry Sub-Committee), from 2017-2021
8. Member, Academic Program Review Committee, 2017-2019
9. Campus Representative, Faculty Women of Color Caucus, Arizona State University, 2017-2018
10. Member, Provost's Working Group on General Education, 2013-2014
11. Member, University Senate Governance and Grievance Committee, 2013-2016
12. Member, Ad Hoc University Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2012
13. Member, Faculty Coordinating Committee for Women and Gender Studies, 2007-2010

Service to CISA
1. Member, CISA Policies and Procedures Committee, 2024
2. Member, Dean's Search Committee, College of Integrative Sciences and Arts, Arizona State University, 2020-2021
3. Member, College Personnel Committee, 2016-2022
4. Member, Dean's Search Committee, College of Integrative Sciences and Arts, Arizona State University, 2014

Service to the School/Unit
1. Member, APS Bye-Laws Committee, 2023-2024
2. Chair, FLIS Hiring Committee (non-tenure track), 2022-2023
3. Chair, FLIS Hiring Committee (tenure track), 2021-2022
4. Chair, Ad Hoc FLIS Personnel Committee, 2018-2020
5. Coordinator, FLIS Research Faculty Consortium, 2019-
6. Coordinator, FLIS Book Discussion Club, 2019-
7. Chair, 2 Hiring Committees, Social Science Faculty, 2017
8. Member, 3 Hiring Committees, Social Science Faculty, 2017

Service to the Profession

Journal and Conference Peer Reviews
1. Lead Convenor, Women's Caucus, African Studies Association, 2023-2024
2. Co-Convenor, Women's Caucus, African Studies Association, 2022-2023
3. Member, Steering Committee, Women's Caucus, African Studies Association, 2021-2022
4. Section Editor, *African Journal of Information Studies* (IT in Government and Conflict Resolution).
5. Editorial Board Member, *African Social Science Review*
6. Reviewer, *Gender, Technology and Development*
7. Reviewer, *Journal of Information Technology and Development*

8. Reviewer, *Electronic Journal of Information Systems*
9. Reviewer, *Social Sciences Journal*
10. Reviewer, *Text and Performance Quarterly*
11. Reviewer, *Sage Open*
12. Reviewer, journals and conferences for the Informing Sciences Institute

Community Engagements
1. President, CCC Old Girls Association, USA/Canada, 2015-2019
2. Invited Keynote Speaker at the 2nd Covenant University Faculty Women Advancement Conference on "Advancing Women in Academia and Industry: Strategies, Policies, and Emerging Issues in the 21st Century," Ota, Nigeria, Sept. 11-12, 2018
3. Invited Guest Speaker, E-Nigeria Conference, organized by the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), Abuja, Nigeria, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017
4. Facilitator and organizer for four editions of the Covenant University Conference on E-governance in Nigeria, in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. (I wrote the proposal for the establishment of the conference at Covenant University. It is now a major brand for the University.)
5. Member, Implementation Committee of the ICT University of Nigeria, 2017
6. Invited Guest Speaker, Nigerian Computer Society of Nigeria, 2013

Professional Memberships and Affiliations

Nigerian Computer Society
Women in Information Technology Forum
African Studies Association/Women's Caucus
Working Group 9.4 of the International Federation of Information Processing (IFIP)