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Education

Emory University (US)	
Ph.D. in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	2028
Bowling Green State University (US)	
M.A. in American Culture Studies	2023
Thesis: <i>A Herstory of #EndSARS: Nuances of Intersectionality in Nigeria's Movement Against Police Brutality</i>	
- Graduate College Best Thesis Award winner	
University of Ibadan (Nigeria)	
M.A. in African Studies	2022
B.A. in English	2018

Research Interests

African Feminist Digital Cultures; Hashtag Activism; Platform Governance; Digital Colonialism, Surveillance & Necropolitics; Feminist Political Communication; Digital Humanities

Academic and Research Roles

Emory University:	
Admin & Graduate Researcher	Current
Atlanta Interdisciplinary Artificial Intelligence Network / Digital Humanities Lab PI & Director: Dr Lauren Klein	
Bowling Green State University:	
Research Assistant to Dr Radhika Gajjala:	2022-2023
Fembot Collective & Research Lab for Situated Data Analytics, Digital Humanities, Digital Archiving and Data Feminism	
University of Ibadan:	
Research Assistant to Dr Sharon Omotoso:	2019-2021
Women's Research and Documentation Centre (WORDOC) Institute of African Studies	

Grants and Fellowships

Publicly Active Graduate Education (PAGE) Fellow, Imagining America (\$1500 PDS funds)	Current
Co-I, Feminist Africa (Project: "Sòrò Sóke: Women at the Heart of Nigeria's EndSars Movement", PI: Sharon Omotoso, \$6000)	2021- 2024

Data Fellow, Summer 2023
 Mellon Foundation/Freedom on the Move Project, Cornell University
Freedom on the Move is a multi-institution database of North American freedom-seeking slave ads.

Teaching Experience

Emory University
 Teaching Assistant, Fall 2024
 WGS 100 - Gender Trouble

Bowling Green State University
 Teaching Assistant (Volunteer), Fall 2022
 COMM 4080/MC 5080 - Intercultural Communication

Invited Guest Lectures

Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan Sept 2024
 GST 715 - Philosophies of Feminism
 Topic: African Feminism(s)/ Feminism(s) in Africa

Bowling Green State University
 WGS 3000 - Gender, Race and Data Activism Spring 2024
 Topic: Unpredictable Digital Intimacies of Nigerian Twitter

MC 5670 - Gender, Media and Culture Summer 2022
 Topic: Feminists and Feminist Activism

Texas Tech University
 COMS 6308 - Graduate seminar in Cultural Communication Fall 2023
 Topic: Intersectionality in Global South Digital Publics

Publications

Selected Refereed Articles

1. **Faniyi, O.** (2024). Unpredictable Digital Intimacies and Virtual Backstabbing: The Feminist Coalition's Political Effect in Nigeria. *Communication, Culture & Critique*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ccc/tcae008>
2. Omotoso, S. A., & **Faniyi, O.** (2024). The End SARS Women's Coalition: Exploring the Persistence of Women's Movements through Feminist Generations. *Feminist Africa*, 5(1), 125–151.
3. Gajjala, R., **Faniyi, O. M.**, Rahut, D., & Bonham, T. A. (2024). Uncovering Right-Wing Digital Enclaves and Reactionary Politics: A Feminist Multi-Method Examination of a Transplatform Campaign. *Communication Studies*, 1–18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10510974.2024.2349401>
4. Gajjala, R., **Faniyi, O.**, Rahut, D., Edwards, E., & Ford, S. (2024). Get the hammer out! Breaking computational tools for feminist, intersectional “small data” research. *Journal of Digital Social Research*, 6(2), Article 2. <https://doi.org/10.33621/jdsr.v6i2.193> (Lead Article)

5. **Faniyi, O.**, & Omotoso, S. (2022). Young Feminists Redefining Principles of Care in Nigeria. *WSQ: Women's Studies Quarterly* 50(1), 49-67. [doi:10.1353/wsq.2022.0004](https://doi.org/10.1353/wsq.2022.0004).

Book Chapters

1. **Faniyi, O.**, & Gajjala, R. (2024). “Digital Archives and Unexpected Crossings: A Data Feminist Approach to Transnational Feminist Media Studies and Social Media Activism”. In S. Ramasubramanian, an O. O. Banjo (Eds.). *The Oxford Handbook of Media and Social Justice* (pp. 141-152). Oxford University Press.
2. **Faniyi O**, Nduka-Nwosu A., Gajjala, R. (2023). “#SayHerNameNigeria: Nigerian Feminists Resist Police Sexual Violence on Women’s Bodies”. In B. Wiens, M. MacArthur, S. MacDonald, and M. Radzikowska (Eds.). *Stories of Feminist Protest and Resistance: Digital Performative Assemblies* (pp. 51-66). Lexington Press.
3. Ariyo, E. S., **Faniyi, O.**, & Turcott, R. (2021). “Utterly Ashamed of Their Behavior”: Examining the Media Coverage of Cameroon Versus England in the 2019 FIFA Women’s World Cup. In M. Yanity and D. Sarver Coombs (Eds). *2019 FIFA Women’s World Cup* (pp. 27-51). Palgrave Macmillan.
4. Omotoso, S., & **Faniyi, O.** (2020). “Introduction: Women’s Recipe for the African Policom Stew”. In S. Omotoso (Ed). *Women's Political Communication in Africa* (pp. 1-8). Springer.

Commentary/Forum

1. **Faniyi, O.** (2023). Intersectionality in/through Nigeria’s feminist hashtag activism. *Communication, Culture and Critique*, 16(2), 110–112. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ccc/tcad009>

Selected Conference Papers and Presentations

1. Unpredictable Digital Intimacies: The Feminist Coalition's Political Effect in Nigerian Networked Election and Socio-Political Discourse. *Global Digital Intimacies Conference. University of Amsterdam. June 2024.*
2. Transnational “Black” Social Movements, Performative Activism and the Nigerian Diasporan. *Lagos Studies Association Conference 2024. University of Lagos. June 2024.*
3. “You Can't Even See Your Own Tweets”: The Nigerian Activist, Platform Researcher, and Digital Archivist amid X’s Data Territorial Enclosure. *Researching Social Media after the API-pocalypse. University of Liverpool. June 2024.*
4. Embodied Digital Technologies and the Transmodal Affordances of Nigerian Feminist/Queer Hashtag Activism. *Resilience and Resistance: Gender & Sexuality in Digital Culture Conference, University of Exeter. May 2024.*
5. African Feminism in Big Social Data (plus AI): Why we must advance Radical Care in Digital Activism Engagement (with Holland, K.). *Healthy*

Internet and Trustworthy AI. Mozilla - MozFest House: Kenya. September 2023.

6. Fighting with predefined Algorithms for Feminist Intersectional “small data” research: Being accountable to and re-centering marginalized communities (with Gajjala, R. et al.). *Algorithms for Her? University of Sheffield, UK.* March 2023.

Public Scholarship

1. Faniyi, O. (2024, February 27). An African Feminist Manifesto: Toward Decolonial WorldMaking. The Republic.
<https://republic.com.ng/february-march-2024/an-african-feminist-manifesto/>

Other Professional Roles

ResearchRound Nigeria:

Research Programs Lead

A research fellowship program equipping Nigerian students with interdisciplinary research skills and mentor-mentee connections.

Service

Editorial Service

Co-Editor (with Prof. Radhika Gajjala and Dr. Maitrayee Basu) Exp. Spring 2026
Feminist Encounters Spring 2026 Special Issue on
Digital Activisms and Intersectionality in Context

Ad Hoc Reviewer 2024
Popular Communication: The International Journal of Media and Culture
Feminist Media Studies

H-Africa Network Editor Current
H-Net: Humanities and Social Sciences On-Line

Editor-in-Chief, *KUJUA* (Graduate Journal of African Studies), 2021-2022
Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
Volume on [Social Movements and Protest Actions in Africa](#)

Service to Community

West, East, South, Central Africa (WESCA) Advisor, Current
FRIDA, The Young Feminist Fund

Other Service to Academy

Co-Facilitator (with Dr Sameena Mulla) Fall 2024
WGSS x STEM - Emory University

Co-organizer (with Prof. Gajjala R., Rahut, D. et al). October 2023
Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR) Online Doctoral Colloquium

Skills

Social Network Analysis; Algorithmic Ethnography; Digital Ethnography; Digital Archiving; Qualitative Interviewing; Email Newsletters; Listserv Management; Descriptive Metadata for Digital Collections

Languages: English (Native/Bilingual); Yoruba (Native)

Affiliations

Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)
International Communication Association (ICA)
National Communication Association (NCA)
National Women's Studies Association ((NWSA)
African Studies Association (ASA)
Lagos Studies Association (LSA)