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Education

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| Emory University (US) | | |
| Ph.D. in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies | | Exp. 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 Feminisms; Feminist Technology Studies; Critical Data Studies; Digital Ethnography; Platform Governance; Digital Activism and Social Movements; Digital Cultures

Academic and Research Roles

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| Emory University: | | |
| Graduate Researcher | | Current |
| Atlanta Interdisciplinary Artificial Intelligence Network | | |
| PI: 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

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| Publicly Active Graduate Education (PAGE) Fellow, | | Current |
| Imagining America (\$1500 PDS funds) | | |
| 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

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.**, 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)
4. **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/wsqr.2022.0004](https://doi.org/10.1353/wsqr.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.

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. Remix, Shapeshift, Bridge: The Transmodal Affordances of Nigerian Feminist/Queer Activisms. *National Women's Studies Association 44th Annual Conference*. Detroit, Michigan. November, 2024
2. Tech Saviourism and Digital Colonialism: An African Feminist Decolonial Approach to Reframing Digital Futures. *African Studies Association*, Chicago, Illinois. December 2024.
3. 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.
4. “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.
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.

Selected 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 for Nigerian students encouraging capacity building and mentor-mentee connections in low-resource settings.

The Republic:

Gender and Feminisms Sub-Editor

A Nigerian and pan-African digital publishing platform: Works as Subject Matter Expert and Commissioning Editor on “African Feminisms in Context.”

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
Feminist Media Studies

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, 2020-2024
FRIDA, The Young Feminist Fund

Other Service to Academy

Co-Facilitator (with Dr Sameena Mulla) Current
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)