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Education

Emory University (US)	
Ph.D. in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	Exp. 2028
Certificate in Digital Scholarship and Media Studies	
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> (Distinguished Thesis Award)	
University of Ibadan (Nigeria)	
M.A. in African Studies	2022
B.A. in English	2018

Research Interests

African Feminisms; Critical Technology Studies; Digital Ethnography; Platform Governance; Digital Activism/Cultures; Social Movements; Feminist Media Studies; Political Communication

Academic and Research Roles

Emory University:	
Graduate Fellow	Current
Atlanta Interdisciplinary Artificial Intelligence Network (PI: Dr Lauren Klein)	
<i>Managed monthly newsletter, website administration, and speaker series coordination</i>	
Bowling Green State University:	
Research Assistant to Dr Radhika Gajjala:	2022-2023
FemBot Collective & Research Lab for Situated Data Analytics and Data Feminism	
University of Ibadan:	
Research Assistant to Dr Sharon Omotoso:	2019-2021
Women's Research and Documentation Centre (WORDOC)	

Grants and Fellowships

Halle Institute Pre-Candidacy Graduate Global Research Grant (Award: \$5000)	2025
Emory Office of Faculty Pedagogy Mini-Grant (Award: \$350)	2025

Publicly Active Graduate Education (PAGE) Fellow, Imagining America (Award: \$1,500 PDS funds)	2024
Data Fellow, Mellon/Freedom on the Move Project, Cornell University (Award: \$10,000, including NY temp. relocation and living expenses) Project: Database development for North American freedom-seeking slave advertisements	Summer 2023
Co-Investigator (with Sharon Omotoso), Feminist Africa (Award: \$6,000) Project: 21st Century Feminist Movements and Social Histories	2021-2025

Teaching Experience

Emory University	
Instructor- WGS 200- Introduction to WGSS (Whose Feminisms, What Formations? Transnational Feminist Theorizings)	Fall 2025
Teaching Assistant- WGS 205- Introduction to Sexualities	Spring 2025
Teaching Assistant- WGS 100 - Gender Trouble	Fall 2024
<i>Designed syllabus, evaluated student work, mentored students through office hours, and provided detailed feedback on papers.</i>	

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

Publications

Selected Refereed Articles

1. Faniyi, O. (2025). The networks of feminist and queer organizing in Nigeria's #EndSARS. *Feminist Media Studies*, 25(6), 1433-1453. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14680777.2025.2514067>
2. **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>
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>.

4. 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. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/48778690>

Book Chapters

1. **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 Workshop and Conference Presentations

1. Foremothers of Nigerian Feminist Thought and the Legacy of Scholar-Activist Praxis. *Feminist Africa '21st Century Feminist Social Movements and Struggles' Research and Publishing Project Workshop*. Mombasa, Kenya. March, 2025.
2. Remix, Shapeshift, Bridge: The Transmodal Affordances of Nigerian Feminist/Queer Activisms. *National Women's Studies Association 44th Annual Conference*. Detroit, Michigan. November, 2024
3. Tech Saviourism and Digital Colonialism: An African Feminist Decolonial Approach to Reframing Digital Futures. *African Studies Association*, Chicago, Illinois. December 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.

Other Affiliated Roles

The Republic:

Gender and Feminisms Sub-Editor Current
A pan-African digital publishing [platform](#): Works as subject matter expert, in-house writer, and commissioning editor.

TechHerNG:

Consultant for the West African Young Feminist Fund (WAYFF) Framework Current

Imagining America:

Co-Director, Publicly Active Graduate Education Fellowship Current

ResearchRound:

Research Programs Lead Current
A research fellowship [program](#) for Nigerian students, encouraging capacity building and mentor-mentee connections in low-resource settings.

Service

Editorial

Ad Hoc Reviewer

Women's Studies in Communication

2025

Feminist Media Studies

2024

Editor-in-Chief, KUJUA (Graduate Journal of African Studies),
Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

2021-2022

Volume on [Social Movements and Protest Actions in Africa](#)

Other Service to the Academy

Co-Facilitator (with Dr Sameena Mulla)

Current

WGSS x Association of Women in Science Book Club - Emory University

Skills

Feminist (Digital) Ethnography; Digital Archiving; Email Newsletter Creation; Listserv Management; WordPress Creation and Management; Descriptive Metadata for Digital Collections

Languages: English; Yoruba

Affiliations

Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)

National Communication Association (NCA)

National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)

African Studies Association (ASA)

Lagos Studies Association (LSA)

Emory University Black Feminist Working Group