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Associate Professor, Division of Social Research and Public Policy, New York University,
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EDUCATION

- 2011 Ph.D. Sociology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
Dissertation Title: *The Second Generation in the United States and Britain: Identity Work among Adults of Nigerian Descent*
Committee: Mary C. Waters (chair), Orlando Patterson, Christopher Winship.
- 2008 M.A. Sociology, Harvard University.
Thesis: *Why Bother with US Education? The Influence of Source of Education on Wages of Highly Educated Immigrants in the United States.*
Chair: Mary C. Waters. Readers; Chris Winship and Mariko Chang
- 2002 Masters in Philosophy (M.Phil.), Modern Society and Global Transformations
Cambridge University, United Kingdom.
Thesis: *Gender Segregation in the Nigerian Workplace: A Case Study of the Alcoholic Beverage Industry*
Thesis Advisor: Jackie Scott. Second Reader; Robert Blackburn
- 1999 Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Sociology, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria.
First Class Honors (equivalent to a summa cum laude)
Thesis: *Socioeconomic Factors in Child Health*

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019 – Associate Professor, Social Research and Public Policy, New York University, Abu Dhabi
- 2019 – 2020 Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation, New York
- 2012 – 2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2003 – 2004 Instructor Sociology, Naugatuck Valley Community College, Waterbury, Connecticut.
- 2003 (fall) Adjunct Faculty, Sociology, Manchester Community College, Manchester, Connecticut.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

International Migration and Immigrant Incorporation. Race and Ethnicity. Racial and Ethnic Minorities with a special focus on first- and second-generation Africans in the British and American Diasporas; Migration and Development; and Immigration and Education.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Imoagene, Onoso (forthcoming 2023). *Lucky Migrants? The US Diversity Visa (DV) program and Structured Luck* (under contract with Russell Sage Foundation, New York)

Book manuscript is completed and currently under review. Plan is to finish revisions by May 2022.

Imoagene Onoso. 2017. *Beyond Expectations: Second Generation Nigerians in the United States and Britain*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

It has so far been reviewed in *International Migration Review*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Sociological Forum*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Canadian Journal of African Studies / Revue Canadienne des études Africaines*, *African and Black Diaspora: An International Journal*.

Peer reviewed articles

Imoagene, Onoso. 2019. "The Nigerian Second Generation at Work in Britain: Ethnoracial Exclusion and Adaptive Strategies." *Sociology* 53 (2): 264-279.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2019. "Gauging Panethnicity: Affirmative Action, African Americans, and Children of Black Immigrants." *African and Black Diaspora: An International Journal* 12 (2): 156-170.

This article is also published in an edited volume – *Identity and Transnationalism: The New African Diaspora Second Generation in the United States* edited by Kassahun K. Kebede.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2018. "Stepping Up Your Game: Workplace Experiences of Second-Generation Nigerians in the United States." *Journal of International Migration and Integration*. 19 (2): 497-512.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2017. "Affecting Lives: How Winning the US Diversity Visa Impacts DV Migrants Pre-and Post-Migration." *International Migration* 55 (6): 170-183.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2015. "Broken Bridges: An Exchange of Slurs between African Americans and Africans and its Impact on Identity Formation among the Second Generation of Nigerian Ancestry." *Journal of Language Sciences*. 52: 176-186.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2012. "Being British vs. Being American: Identification Choices among the Nigerian Second-Generation." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 35 (12): 2153-2173.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2018. "Achieving a Win-Win: Tweaking the U.S. Diversity Visa Lottery (DV) Program to Maximize Immigrants' Potential and Improve Immigrant Quality." *University of Pennsylvania, Institute of Urban Research World Forum Urban Series*.

Book chapters

Imoagene, Onoso. *In press* 2022. “Nigerians Abroad: Migrants, Immigrants, and the New Diaspora” in Toyin Falola and Matthew M. Heaton (eds) *Oxford Handbook of Nigerian History*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2020. “Gauging Panethnicity: Affirmative Action, African Americans, and Children of Black Immigrants” in Kassahun K. Kebede (ed) *Identity and Transnationalism: The New African Diaspora Second Generation in the United States*. New York: Routledge.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2008. “Comparing Educational Outcomes of Second Generation Immigrants to Natives from Kindergarten to Fifth Grade,” in Karin Hallden, Elias Le Grand and Zenia Hellgren (eds) *Ethnicity and Social Divisions: Contemporary Research in Sociology*. Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Articles in Progress

Imoagene, Onoso. “Invisible Remittances: Emotional, Venture and Seed Remittances.”

Imoagene, Onoso and Elizabeth Jacobs “The dark side of a golden ticket: US migration policies and the experiences of lottery winners from Nigeria, and Ghana and India.”

Imoagene, Onoso and David Kirui. “A Longitudinal Analysis of Immigrants Earnings: Testing the Impact of Admission Categories.”

Imoagene, Onoso and David Kirui. “A Longitudinal Analysis of U.S. Legal Immigrants Occupational Mobility”.

Imoagene, Onoso. “Conceptualizing Remittances as Bidirectional: Venture, Seed, and Emotional Remittances from Sending to Receiving Countries.”

Imoagene, Onoso. “The Diversity Visa Program in Ghana: Downstream effects on Ghanaian Society.”

Book reviews

Imoagene, Onoso. 2018. Book Review: Citizen Outsider: Children of North African Immigrants in France in *Contemporary Sociology* 48 (3): 280-281.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2017. Book Review: A Century of Transnationalism: Immigrants and Their Homeland Connections in *Contemporary Sociology* 47 (1): 72-74.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2017. Book Review: Getting Respect: Responding to Stigma and Discrimination in the United States, Brazil, and Israel in *Sociological Forum* 32 (4): 912-915.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2012. The New African Diaspora in Vancouver: Migration, Exclusion, and Belonging in *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 35 (10): 1840-1841.

INVITED TALKS

Imoagene, Onoso. 2019. “Lucky Migrants? The US Diversity Visa (DV) program, Its Immigrants and Migration Industry Actors” Presented November 7. Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality Workshop. Columbia University.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2019. “Seed and Emotional Remittances: Two Forms of Bidirectional Remittances.” Presented October 30. Studies on the Global South Series, University of Southern California.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2019. "Broken Mirrors and Reflections: The US Diversity Visa (DV) program, Its Immigrants and Migration Industry Actors." Presented September 25. 2019 Sociology colloquium series, New York University.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2019. "Broken Mirrors and Reflections: The US Diversity Visa (DV) program, Its Immigrants and Migration Industry Actors." Presented February 27, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2018. "Dreams Fulfilled, Dashed, or Recast: West African Diversity Visa Lottery Winners in the United States." Presented April 12. 2018. Colloquium series at Center for Migration and Development, Princeton University.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2017. Beyond Expectations: Second Generation Nigerians in the United States and Britain. October 4, Public Lecture School of Arts and Sciences, Sociology Department, University of Cambridge, England.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2017. "The Impact of the Diversity Visa Lottery on Winners Pre and Post Migration." Invited on ASA Panel on Culture and Immigration, at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2017. "Beyond Expectations: Second Generation Nigerians in the United States and Britain." Presidential Session: Immigration outside the U.S. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, February 26, Philadelphia.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2015. "On the Horns of Racialization: " Presented on March 9th, 2015 at the Maryland Population Research Center Colloquium, University of Maryland, College Park.

Imoagene Onoso. 2015. Invited Panelist on Panel titled Engaging Black Diversity: A conversation with UMD students. Organized by the African American Studies Department, University of Maryland, College Park.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2014. "Some Difference but Many Similarities: Workplace Experiences of the African Second Generation in the United States." Presented in the Thematic Session titled Invisible Work in the Black Middle Class at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Baltimore, Maryland.

INVITED BOOK TALKS

a) In the United States

2017 Beyond Expectations: Second Generation Nigerians in the United States and Britain. December 2, 2017 Sociology Colloquium series, University of Iowa.

2017 Beyond Expectations: Second Generation Nigerians in the United States and Britain. October 18, 2017 Africana American Studies Department, Penn State.

2017 Book Talk, Monday October 9th at Penn Bookstore, University of Pennsylvania.

2017 Beyond Expectations: Second Generation Nigerians in the United States and Britain.

- Presented April 7, 2017 Public Lecture at Temple University.
- 2017 Beyond Expectations: Second Generation Nigerians in the United States and Britain. Presented March 29, 2017, Proseminar, Africana Department, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2017 Beyond Expectations: Second Generation Nigerians in the United States and Britain. March 9, 2017 at the sociology department colloquium series, Brandeis University.
- 2017 Beyond Expectations: Second Generation Nigerians in the United States and Britain. Presented February 27, 2017 at the Sociology department Race and Ethnicity Workshop, Columbia University.

b) In Britain

- 2017 Beyond Expectations: Second Generation Nigerians in the United States and Britain. October 4, Public Lecture School of Arts and Sciences, Sociology Department, University of Cambridge, England.
- 2017 Book Talk, October 3rd Clapham Library Mary Seacole Centre, London, England

IN THE NEWS

I have been mentioned and cited in the New York Times, Financial Times, Philadelphia Inquirer, and Fusion magazine on my work on first and second generation Africans.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/24/theater/african-plays-danai-guirira-jocelyn-bioh.html>
<https://www.inquirer.com/philly/news/cynthia-erivo-harriet-tubman-movie-luvvie-ajayi-american-descendants-of-slaves-20181018.html>

TV and Radio Shows

- Friday June 16 2017: The Josh Tolley Show
- Wednesday June 14 2017: Alvin Jones FM Talk Radio, Show The Business of Wisdom
- Wednesday June 14 2017: George Kilpatrick Show & Inspiration For the Nation
- Thursday June 15 2017: Late Afternoons with Mike Schikman
- Friday June 16 2017: Larry Whitler Show
- Sunday June 18 2017: Conversations with Peter Solomon
- Wednesday July 5 2017: Ted Ehlen WBEL Morning Show
- Wednesday July 5 2017: Alexander Lim, AuthorStory/YouTube
- Tuesday July 25 2017: Louie B. Free, Brainfood from the Heartland
- Monday Sept 18 2017: Sheryl Glick and Healing from within, Dreamvisions Radio Network & Web Talk Radio
- Thursday October 5 2017: The Woman Show – BEN TV, England

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

December 2020. Panelist on *African Immigrants & Their American Children: A Discussion on Race & Identity* hosted by the Africa Center, New York.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Imoagene, Onoso. 2020. “Seed and Emotional: Two Forms of Bidirectional Remittances.”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting
- Imoagene Onoso and Elizabeth Jacobs 2019. "The Darkside of a Golden Ticket. The Sub-Optimization of Immigrant Potential among US Migration Lottery Winners from India, Nigeria, and Ghana" Paper presented at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York. August 10-13.
- Imoagene Onoso 2018: Authors Meets Critics Panel for my book *Beyond Expectations: Second Generation Nigerians in the United States and Britain* at 2018 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
Panelists: Prof Natasha Warikoo, Graduate School of Education Harvard University; Van Tran, Columbia University; Kevin JA Thomas, Penn State University; and Oyeronke Oyewumi (Stony Brook)
- Imoagene, Onoso 2017. Panelist on Author-Meets-Critics Session for Michele Lamont, Graziella Moraes Silva, Jessica S. Welburn, Joshua Guetzkow, Nissim Mizrachi, Hanna Herzog & Eliza Reis, *Getting Respect: Responding to Stigma and Discrimination in the United States, Brazil, and Israel* (Princeton University Press, 2016)
- Imoagene, Onoso. 2016. "Racial Pragmatists, Coalitionists, and Conservatives: Affirmative Action Views as a Lens to understand Racial Identities among the Black Second Generation." Presented at Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting
- Imoagene, Onoso. 2014. "Studying Second Generation Africans in the UK and US." Presented in the session titled *Post-Colonial Resurrections: Methodological Issues in the Study of African and Caribbean Im/Migration in Europe* at the International Conference of Europeanists (CES). Washington D.C.
- Imoagene, Onoso. 2013. "A Success Story: Inter-generational Mobility of the African Second Generation in the United States and United Kingdom." Presented in the International Migration Section Session titled *Education, Social Mobility and the Second Generation* at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Manhattan, New York
- Imoagene, Onoso. 2013. "Stepping Up Your Game: Experiences of Workplace Discrimination in the U.S. and U.K." Presented in the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section Session titled *Interrogating Integration across Institutions and Organizations* at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Manhattan, New York
- Imoagene, Onoso. 2010. "Layered Identities" Accepted for Presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. Session on International Migration.
- Imoagene, Onoso. 2010. "Layered Identities: The Identities, and Boundary Making Processes Among Adult Second Generation African Immigrants in the US and UK." Presented at Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Annual Meeting Boston, MA. Regular Session *Assimilation and the New Second Generation* presided by Nazreen S. Bacchus
- Imoagene, Onoso. 2007. "Are African Immigrants out-performing African Americans in School? A Study of both groups in First Grade." Presented at The Aage Sorensen Memorial Conference -Harvard Oxford Stockholm Conference in Oxford, UK.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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| 2019-2020 | Russell Sage Foundation Visiting Scholar |
| 2017-2018 | UPENN University Research Fund Grant |
| 2017-2018 | UPENN Research Opportunity Grant |
| 2010 | Harvard University Graduate Prize Fellowship |

- 2009 Center for American Political Studies Seed Grant
- 2004, 2005 Summer Research Award, Department of Sociology, Harvard University
- 2004-2008 Harvard University Graduate Prize Fellowship.
- 2002 Research Grant from UAC of Nigeria
- 2002 Research Grant from the Bottom Levy Foundation, Christ College, Cambridge, United Kingdom
- 2002 African Educational Trust Masters Research Grant, United Kingdom
- 2001 Christ's College Bursary Award, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
- 1999 Best Graduating Student in the Department of Sociology, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
- 1999 Best Graduating Student in the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2019-2023 Secretary/Treasurer, Section on Race and Ethnic Minorities (SREM), American Sociological Association
- 2019-2022 Member of Alumni Council for Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS), Harvard University
- 2018-to date Member of Contemporary Sociology Editorial Board
- 2017-to date Member of the Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award Selection Committee, American Sociological Association.
- 2018 Member of ASA International Migration Mini-Conference 2018
- 2018 Member of Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Program Committee
- 2013 Session Organizer Roundtable of Assimilation and Multiculturalism in the International Migration Mini-Conference “Shaping our Future”, CUNY New York.
- 2006-2008 Co-Coordinator of Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Workshop, Department of Sociology, Harvard University.
- 2006 Conference organizer for “Embracing Diversity: Latino Immigration and the Transformation of the American Society Conference.” Held Oct 13 – 14th, 2006 at the Center for Government and International Studies, Harvard University. (Funded by the Committee on Ethnic Studies, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, the W.E.B Du Bois Graduate Society, the Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Workshop and the Graduate Student Council.)

Occasional Manuscript Referee for

American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, British Journal of Sociology, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Journal of Children and Poverty, Race and Social Problems, Language Sciences, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Identities, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, African and Black Diaspora: An International Journal.

Occasional Reviewer for University Presses:

Temple University.]

University of California Press

Routledge Press

NYUAD University Wide Service

- Member of the Faculty Council Steering Committee (FCSC) Social Science Rep, 2021 to date
- Member of the Work Smart Program – Co-lead of the User Journeys Working Group 2021 to date
- Member of the Dean of Social Sciences Search Committee, 2020-2021.
We are searching for a new dean, so the work involves reviewing applications and interviewing shortlisted candidates to create a short list that will be sent to the Provost
- Member of the Faculty Awards Committee
- Mentor of Assistant Professor Rana Almutawa

NYUAD Division wide service

- Co-Chair Faculty of Social Sciences search committee for scholar in gender in the MENASA region.
Co-leading the search process from writing the job ad, reviewing candidates, interviewing working with a team members
- Member of the Arts and Humanities faculty search committee for Gender, Governance and Society position
- Third Year Review Committee member for SRPP Faculty Laure Assaf.
- Chair of Third Year Review Committee member for Dr Zeynep Ozgen

University of Pennsylvania – Department Service Sociology

2012 - 2018	Member of the Executive Committee
2012/2013, 2014-17	Member of the Graduate Committee
2016	Member of Website Committee
2015 Fall	Member of Junior Faculty Search Committee
2013/2014	Sociology Colloquium Co-Coordinator
2012/2013	Co-Faculty sponsor Race, Ethnicity and Immigration Workshop

University of Pennsylvania – University Service

2015-2018	Member of SAS Planning Group on Global Inquiries
2015-2018	Member of SAS Africa Planning Group
2013/2014	Member of the Strategic Initiative Committee on Transnational Inquiries
2013-2015	Member Advisory Committee of Africa Center.
2013-2015	Member of the FLAS Applications Committee, Africa Center
2013	Faculty panelist on the College's Penn Preview faculty panel for incoming prospective students.
2013	Faculty Panelist on Rhodes, Marshall, and Mitchell Scholarship Interview Panels

Harvard University

Student Services, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS), Harvard University

2006-2008	Residential Adviser, GSAS Graduate Residential Halls
2006-2008	GSAS Residential Adviser Liaison officer to Graduate Student Council (GSC)
2005-2007	Treasurer, GSAS Graduate Dormitory Council (GDC)

2007-2008 Presidential Instructional Fellow (Website and IT support), Harvard University
(Worked on course websites and web-based instructional applications. Also offered support to Faculty members)

Naugatuck Valley Community College, CT – Department Service
2003 Member of the Community Survey Team for the Strategic Planning Committee

COURSES TAUGHT

New York University, Abu Dhabi

- Interview Methods
- Issues in African Societies

University of Pennsylvania

- Introduction to Sociology
- Sociology of Immigration: The Changing Face of America—New Course
- Contemporary Issues in African Societies—New Course
- American Society

Naugatuck Valley Community College

- Contemporary Social Problems
- Introduction to Sociology

Manchester Community College

- Introduction to Sociology

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Head Teaching Fellow, Department of Sociology 2007, 2009

- Led a team of 4 teaching assistants and taught sections of 38 students for department course: Social Interaction led by Prof. Timothy Nelson.
- Led a team of 3 teaching assistants and taught sections of 31 students for Harvard core course: Foreign Cultures: Caribbean Societies led by Prof. Orlando Patterson

Teaching Fellow, Department of Sociology, 2006-2009

- Taught additional course sections in Immigration and the Transformation of American Society, American Society and Public Policy, Introduction to Sociology

Senior Thesis Grader, Sociology and Social Studies 2007, 2008, 2010

Read, graded, and provided comments on five undergraduate senior theses
Participated in and graded oral defenses of three theses in Social Studies

Senior Thesis First Reader, Sociology, Harvard University 2008

STUDENT ADVISING:

Past Dissertation Committees (department and date completed and current position)

- Maryann Erigha, Sociology, University of Pennsylvania. 2014. Currently, Assistant

Professor of Sociology and Institute of African American Studies. Previously was Assistant Professor, Sociology, University of Memphis.

- Shantee Rosado. Sociology, University of Pennsylvania. 2019. Currently Afro-Latinidades Fellow, Latina/o Studies, Williams College. Assistant Professor of Latin American Studies, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (as of Fall 2020).

Dissertation Committees in Progress

- Elizabeth Jacobs, Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
- Andrea Kauffman-Berry, Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
- Xuemeng Li, Sociology, CUNY and Hunter College, New York.

M.A. Theses

- Elizabeth Jacobs, Sociology, University of Pennsylvania.
- Andrea Kauffman-Berry, Sociology, University of Pennsylvania.

Undergraduate Students

- Ebehireme "Ebe" Inegbenebor, University of Pennsylvania.
- Elizabeth Powers, Harvard University. Thesis Adviser. Project Title: "South Asian Immigrant Women in Boston and Toronto: The Role of Government Policy on Support Networks."

Special Field Exam Committees, University of Pennsylvania
Race, Ethnicity, and Migration

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Eastern Sociological Society
Association of Black Sociologists
African Studies Association

OTHER PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2010 Attended ATLAS.ti Boot Camp: Advanced Workshop, Harvard University
2007 Immigration and Social Change in Britain and the U.S., Workshop, Manchester
 UK. Organized by Mary Waters, Robert Sampson, and Robert Putnam; two-
 week workshop.
2007 Graduate Writing Fellows Program. Derek Bok Center for Teaching and
 Learning, Harvard University
2006, 2007 Teaching Conference, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning Harvard
 University

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY: STATA, SPSS, and Atlas.ti

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

2000 – 2001 Business Analyst (Solutions Engineering and Strategy), Accenture, Lagos Office,
 Nigeria

1999 –2000 Account Executive (Customer Business Development) Procter & Gamble, Lagos Nigeria. Supervised a multi-million naira P&G distributorship (1USD = 162 naira)

REFERENCES

Available on request