CURRICULUM VITAE

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Title: Professor

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Education

2005: Ph.D. Linguistics: The University of Texas at Austin, TX. USA
1998: Magister Artium; Auslandsgermanistik\DAZ, Anglistik, & Erziehungswissenschaften, Friedrich-Schiller University-Jena, Jena Germany

RESEARCH AREAS

- ***Phonetics***: Speech production, coarticulatory processes, and suprasegmentals
- ***Socio- Cultural Linguistics***: Habitual linguistics practices and societal organization
- ***Peoples and Cultures of Africa***: Socio-cultural dynamics in the interaction of language, culture and society

Academic and Scholarly Positions

2017-Current: Professor
2018-2019: Visiting Professor, Kisii University, Kenya
2018: Honorary Professor of International Studies, Texas State University
2011-2017: Associate Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, Texas State University
2006-2011: Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, Texas State University
2010-Spring: Lecturer, Center for Africa and African American Studies, UT at Austin
2005 – 2006: Lecturer, Dept. of Anthropology, Texas State University
2004-Fall: Instructor, Dept. of Anthropology, Texas State University
2001-2005: AI, Center for Africa and African American Studies, UT at Austin
2000-2001: Instructor, Germanic Studies, The University of Texas at Austin

Grants and Fellowships

2025: Conference Grant: International African Institute (SOAS)
2025: Research Travel Grant: Honorary professor of International Studies
2023: Research Grant: Honorary professor of International Studies
2023: Fellowship: KFG: German Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Leipzig, Germany
2022: Travel Grant: Honorary professor of International Studies
2021: Fellowship: Erich Auerbach Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Cologne, Germany

Awards and Honors

2013: Alpha Chi Favorite Professor 2013
2012: Alpha Chi Favorite Professor 2012
2011: Alpha Chi Favorite Professor 2011
2011: Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching
2011: Dean's Award for Excellence in Scholarly and Creative activities
2007- 2015: Annual Recognition for significant contributions to the academic career of Graduating & Transfer Students

MONOGRAPHS:

2016: Augustine Agwuele. *The Symbolism and Communicative contents of Dreadlocks in Yorubaland*. (Palgrave Macmillan)

SOME RECENT EDITED BOOKS:

2025: Agwuele, A, Ogeto, E. M & Akinyi, B. (eds.) *Everyday Echoes Among African Scholars and Raconteurs: Essays, Short Stories and Poems.* Cambridge Scholar Press. New Castle.
2018: Augustine Agwuele and Adams Bodomo (eds.). *Handbook of African Linguistics*. (NY. London: Routledge.)
2016: Augustine Agwuele and Andrew Lotto. *Essays in Speech Processes: Language Production and Perception*. (Sheffield, Equinox Publishing)
2015: Augustine Agwuele. *Body Talk* and Cultural Identity *in the African World* (Sheffield, Equinox Publishing)
2012: Augustine Agwuele. *Development, Modernism and Modernity in Africa*. (NY. Routledge)

SOME CHAPTERS IN REFEREED BOOKS

2025: Agwuele, A. and Bonface Nyamweya. "Case of Mental Health and Witchcraft in Kisii" in Agwuele, A., Ogeto, E & Okinyi, B.O. (2025) (Eds). Everyday echoes among African scholars and raconteurs: Essays, Short Stories and Poems.119-141 (Newcastle, Cambridge Scholar Publishing).

2025: Agwuele, A. & Eucabeth Ong'au-Mong'are. "Singing AbaGusii Life". In Agwuele, A., Ogeto, E & Okinyi, B.O. (2025) (Eds). Everyday echoes among African scholars and raconteurs: Essays, Short Stories and Poems. 142-159. (Newcastle, Cambridge Scholar Publishing).

2023: Agwuele, Augustine. 'Mwaghavul language and culture" in Beale-Rosano-Rivaya, Y.C. (ed.). Minority and Minoritized Languages and Cultures: A resource for teaching about language in the Humanities" Publisher: Texas State University Press

2022: Agwuele, Augustine. "*"Igboro ni mo wa"*: Popular Linguistic Innovation among Yoruba youth in urban cities" In, Deborah Pellow and Suzanne Scheld (eds.) *Africa and Urban Anthropology: Theoretical and methodological contributions from contemporary fieldwork*. NY. *Routledge*

2021. Agwuele, Augustine & Tafesse, Matewos Karo. "Fichee- Cambalaalla (ፍቼ ጫንባላላ) of the Sidaama People s" In Akinyemi, Akintunde & Falola, Toyin (eds.) *Handbook of Oral Traditions and Folklore*. NY. Palgrave

2021. Barasa, Margaret & Agwuele, Augustine. "A repertoire of Bukusu nonverbal communicative system: Some gender differences" In Akinyemi, Akintunde & Falola, Toyin (eds.) *Handbook of Oral Traditions and Folklore*. NY. Palgrave

2021. Agwuele, Augustine and Nyamwange, Alfred Nyagaka. "Oral Poetry: Monyoncho's Orature and AbaGusii Culture of non-violence" In Akinyemi, Akintunde & Falola, Toyin (eds.) *Handbook of Oral Traditions and Folklore*. NY. Palgrave

2018: Augustine Agwuele & Adams Bodomo. "Introduction: Handbook of African Linguistics). In Agwuele, Augustine and Bodomo, Adams (eds). *Handbook of African Linguistics* (pp. 1-12). NY. London: Routledge.

2018*:* Augustine Agwuele "Coarticulation: Segmental and Suprasegmental Interaction in Yoruba," In, Agwuele Augustine and Bodomo, Adams (eds). *Handbook of African Linguistics* (pp.121-149). NY. London: Routledge.

2018. Augustine Agwuele. "Intensification and Attenuation: Colonial influences on Yoruba Culture." In, Shanguhyia, Martin and Falola, Toyin (eds.): *Palgrave Handbook of African Colonial and Postcolonial History*. (p.451-498). NY. Palgrave.

2016: Augustine Agwuele and Celeste Domsch. "The Animal-to-Human Speech Connection- Harvey Sussman's conjectures" Augustine Agwuele and Andrew Lotto (eds.) *Essays in Speech Processes: Language Production and Perception* (Sheffield, Equinox Publishing): 20-29

2016: Augustine Agwuele. "Research Notes: Yoruba tones across VCV units of voiced stops." In, Augustine Agwuele and Andrew Lotto (eds.) *Essays in Speech Processes: Language Production and Perception* (Sheffield, Equinox Publishing): 344-366

2015: Augustine Agwuele "Non-verbal communication in some African Societies and Institutions." In, *Body Talk and Cultural Identity in the African World*, Augustine Agwuele (ed.). (Sheffield, Equinox Publishing): 1-13

2015: Augustine Agwuele. "Nonverbal Message: Yoruba view of 'deviant' male hairstyles." In, *Body Talk and Cultural Identity in the African World*, Augustine Agwuele (ed.). (Sheffield, Equinox Publishing): 162-180

2012: Augustine Agwuele. “From Village Square to Internet Square: Language and Culture at the USA-Africa Dialogue Series.” In, *Development, Modernism and Modernity in Africa*. (NY. Routledge): 1-12

2012: Augustine Agwuele. “Introduction: Betwixt Modernism and Modernity”, in *Development, Modernism and Modernity in Africa*. Augustine Agwuele (NY. Routledge): 79-107

2009: Augustine Agwuele. “Popular Culture of Yoruba Kinship Practices.” In, *Africans and the Politics of Popular Culture*. Toyin Falola & Augustine Agwuele (eds.): 41-63. (NY. University of Rochester Press)

2009: Augustine Agwuele & Toyin Falola. “Introduction” in, *Africans and the Politics of Popular Culture*. Toyin Falola & Augustine Agwuele (eds): 1-15. (NY. University of Rochester Press)

2008: Augustine Agwuele. “Language Use and Culture: Implication for Self-Reliance,” in, *Global African Spirituality, Social Capital and Self Reliance in Africa.* Tunde Babawale & Akin Alao (eds.): 33-47. (Lagos & Oxford Malthouse Press Limited)

SOME REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES:

2025: Agwuele, A. “Explicating Ohùn Igboro: A Yoruba agentive device for rapid social mobility. Accepted: Journal of African Cultural Studies(1-19)

2024: Agwuele, A. “Greyness Is Aged, Bearded Is Adult: Yoruba Age and Seniority”. *Nordic Journal of African Studies*, *33*(4), 269-285

2024: Agwuele, A. “Some Popular and Quotable Ethiopian Emblems in Their Communicative Situations”. *Journal of Ethiopian Studies*, *57*(1), 1-34.

2023*:* Agwuele, A. “Ohùn-Yoruba anti-archy youth attitude and expressions*”. The Mouth: Critical Studies on Language, culture and society.* Vol 10. Chapter 9.140-158

2021: *Agwuele, A. “‘*Exertions is not connected to success: everyday Yoruba discourse of work and success’”. *Africa 91 (5): 810-831. doi:10.1017/S0001972021000590*

2020: Nyamwange, A., Nyamwaka, E., Mongare, E., & Agwuele, A. “Construction of AbaGusii cultural image and identity in Christopher Monyoncho’s popular poetry: The Prevalent Theme of Marriage Blues.” Hybrid *Journal of Literature and Cultural studies*.

2017: Mong’are, Eucabeth Ong’au and Augustine Agwuele. "Identity Construction in three AbaGusii Bewitchment narratives." To appear, *International Journal of Society, Culture & Language (IJSCL)*

2016: Augustine Agwuele. "Culture trumps fact: 'race' in the language of educated American Elites.” *Social Analysis* 60 (2): 97-115

2016: Augustine Agwuele. “Popular Culture and the Study of Africa.” In *Oxford Bibliographies Online: African Studies*. Ed. Thomas Spear. New York: OUP.

2014: Augustine Agwuele. “Repertoire of Yoruba hand and facial Gestures.” *Gesture, 14 (1): 70-96.*

2012: Augustine Agwuele. “Indexicality of Wọ́n: Yoruba Language and Culture” *Journal of African Cultural Studies*. Volume 24, (2): 1-13

2009: Lindblom, B., Sussman, H.M., Agwuele, Augustine."A duration-dependent account of coarticulation for hyper-and hypoarticulation." *Phonetica* 66: 188-195.

2009: Augustine Agwuele, Harvey Sussman, Björn Lindblom. "The Effect of Speaking Rate on Consonant Vowel Coarticulation." *Phonetica* 65: 1-16.

2008: Augustine Agwuele. "Practice of Historical Linguistics and Language Codification in Africa" *History Compass* 6 (1): 1–24.

2007: Björn Lindblom, Augustine Agwuele, Harvey Sussman, Elisabet Eir Cortes. "The effect of emphatic stress on consonant vowel coarticulation." *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*. 121: 3802-3813

Conference Proceedings

REFEREED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS:

2015: *Augustine* Agwuele. "Coarticulation of Tone and CV segment in citation and sentence forms." In *Proceedings of the 18th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*. The Scottish Consortium for ICPhS 2015 (Ed.). Glasgow, UK: the University of Glasgow.
ISBN 978-0-85261-941-4 Paper number 0190. Glasgow. University of Glasgow:

2011: Augustine Agwuele & Harvey Sussman. "CV Coarticulation in Yoruba- A tonal language." *17th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences,* Wai Sum Lee & Eric Zee (eds.): 204-207

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

2025: "Yoruba Secularity": To be presented at ECAS 2024: June 25-25

2024: "Language socialization in the process of decolonization and secularization of Christianity" Paper presented at: Decolonizing Secularity in Africa Point Sud Workshop, Stellenbosch, 9–13 December 2024

2023: "Research, scholarship and intellectual advancement": Paper presentation: Imali Meet and Meat. Imali, Kenya. December 7-9, 2023

2023: "Grayness is aged, bearded is adult: Yoruba age and seniority". Paper presentation: Becoming (un)equal in age. Aga Khan University, Arusha Campus, September: 14-15, 2023

2023: "From Gestural Communication of the Religious and Secular to Functional Amalgam of the Religious and Secular" Paper presentation: Eight Years CASHSS Multiple Secularities: Outcome and Prospects through the Eyes of our Interlocutors October, 12–14

2023: "Gesturing Sacredness" Paper presentation: The Shared future of Afropean world". Panel in Anthropology jointly coordinated with Thomas Widlok. At European Conference on African Studies (ECAS). University of Cologne, Germany. May 31-June 3, 2023.

SOME INVITED TALKS, LECTURES AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

2025: Gesture and Expressive Actions: University of Kara, Togo, June 24, 2025

2023: Workshop: Material Secularities: "Spatial and materiality of gestures among Aladura movement in Nigeria, June 22, 2023.
2023: "Regionalization and Secularization of communicative gestures among Yoruba people", Colloquium: Multiple Secularities. June 14, 2023.
2023: Talk: "Mwaghavul language and Culture": Minority and Minoritized Languages and Cultures: A resource for teaching about language in the Humanities
2021: Challenging 'patriarchy?': Yoruba popular and youth expressions. Colloquium: Institute of African Studies, University of Cologne 12\1.
2021: 'Culture Trumps Scientific Fact: 'Race' in US American Language' colloquium: Decolonizing knowledge. November 17, Department of social and cultural anthropology, University of Cologne
2021: Deictic and verbal gestures in (Yoruba) construal of time: Auerbach Lectures, November 15, Cologne
2018: "Gestures Across Africa". Paper presented at the 8th International Conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies. July 4-8. Cape Town. South Africa

Teaching Experience

LINGUISTIC COURSES

- Language, Culture and Society (Doctoral)
- Linguistic Anthropology (Doctoral)
- Speech Analysis (Graduate Phonetics)
- Sociolinguistics (Graduate Seminar)
- Seminar in Linguistic Anthropology (Graduate)
- Language and Linguistics (Upper Division UG Intro to linguistics)
- Human Speech Sounds\Phonetics (Upper Division-The Honors College)
- Language, Culture & Society (Upper Division Undergraduate Seminar)
- Introduction to linguistic Anthropology (Undergraduate)
- Theory in Linguistic Anthropology (Undergraduate & Graduate Capstone)
- Language and Linguistics (Undergraduate)

ANTHROPOLOGY & AFRICA COURSES

- Peoples and cultures of Africa (Upper Division Undergraduate\Graduate)
- Field Methods in Cultural Anthropology (Upper Division Undergraduate)
- Cultural Anthropology (Undergraduate)

EDITORIAL POSITION & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- 2022- present: Editorial member: Africa Journal: International African Institute

Recent Peer Reviewer: Journal articles and books

- *Journal of African Cultural Studies*
- Journal of Religion in Africa
- Journal of Intercultural Communication Research

- Journal of West African Languages
- Journal of African Studies
- *Phonetica* Journal of phonetics
- Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

2025: Agwuele, A & Ukah, A: "Lifeworld: Secularities, Immanence and Governance". Panel session at ECAS 2025: Prague, June 25-28
2023: with Thomas Widlok Panel convenor: The shared future of Afropean world. European conference on African Studies (ECAS) Cologne
2019: Organizer, Conference on African Studies: "Recovering, digitizing and practicalizing Africa's indigenous knowledge'. July 15-20, Kisii, Kenya.
2018: Panel Chair: Innovations in Leadership: Africa Conference on Leadership and Institutions in Africa. University of Texas at Austin, March 30-April.

INSTITUTIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

University Services

2019-current: Chair at large: Research Enhancement Program
2018- 2021 Academic Governance Committee (Chair 2020-2021)

Department Level Services

2025-2026: Search Committee: Medical Anthropologist position.
2025: PhD Selection Committee
2019- current: Undergraduate Coordinator

Professional Membership

The Acoustical society of America.
African Studies Research Forum
West African Research Association.