

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. PERSONAL PARTICULARS

- 1.1 Full Name: Ethelbert Emmanuel KARI
- 1.2 Place and Date of Birth: Usokun-Degema, 6 September, 1964
- 1.3 State of Origin: Rivers
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2. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED (INCLUDING INSTITUTIONS AND DATES)

- a) Ph.D. (Linguistics), Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, 2003.
- b) M.A. (Linguistics and African Languages), University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, 1996.
- c) B.A. (Linguistics) (Second Class Honours, Upper Division), University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, 1991.

3. ACADEMIC AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS

- a) Postdoctoral Fellow (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science), Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, 2003-2004
- b) Japanese Government Scholarship, Japan, 1999-2003.

4. WORK EXPERIENCE

4.1. University of Port Harcourt

- a) Professor, University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, 2024 to date
- b) Senior Lecturer, University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, 2009-2013
- c) Lecturer I, University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, 2006-2009

- d) Lecturer II, University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, 2003-2006
- e) Assistant Lecturer, University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, 1996-2003
- f) Graduate Assistant, University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, 1995-1996

4.2. **Ignatius Ajuru University of Education**

- a) Professor and Visiting Scholar, 2022 to 2024

4.3. **University of Botswana**

- a) Professor, 2020-2021
- b) Associate Professor, 2016-2020
- c) Senior Lecturer, 2013-2016

4.4. **Visiting Appointments**

- a) Visiting Scholar, University of California, Berkeley, 2016
- b) Visiting Associate Professor, Kyoto University, Kyoto, 2008

5. **TEACHING**

5.1. **Courses Taught at the University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria**

(a) Undergraduate Courses

Course codes and Titles

LIN 105.1 Languages of the World

LIN 106.2 Morphology

LLA 116.1 Language and Literacy Education

LCS 100.1 Linguistics, Language & the Media

LCS 101.2 Study of a Nigerian Language

LCS 114.2 Introduction to Digital Mass Communication

LCS 201.1 Introduction to Morphology

LCS 207.1 Lexicography and Translation

LCS 425.2/LCS 426.2 Topics in General Linguistics

LCS 426.2 Topics in African Linguistics

(b) Graduate Courses

Course codes and Titles

LCS 521.2 Basic Syntax

LCS 606.1 Advanced Digital Mass Communication

LCS 643.2 Topics in Morphology

LCS 843.1/LLA 803.1 Advanced Morphology

LCS 901.1 Topics in Morphology

LLA 700.1 Language and Linguistics

LLA 920.2 Topics in Semantics and Pragmatics

5.2 Some Courses Taught at the Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Nigeria

(a) Graduate Courses

Course codes and Titles

ECA 810 Modern English Morphology and Syntax

ECA 905 Varieties of English

5.3 Some Courses Taught at the University of Botswana, Botswana

(a) Undergraduate Courses

Course codes and Titles

ALL 121 Introduction to the Study of Language and Linguistics

ALL 222 Structure of Words in African Languages

ALL 321 The Structure of the Sentence

ALL 323 Introduction to Stylistics and Discourse Analysis

ALL 422 A Sociolinguistic Study of Southern Africa

ALL 431 Introduction to Psycholinguistics

ALL 434 Introduction to Applied Linguistics

GEC 261 Languages of Botswana

(b) Graduate Courses

Course codes and Titles

ALL 612 Grammatical Theory and Analysis

ALL 654 Studies in Sociolinguistics

ALL 671 Computer-Aided Learning and Research

6. RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

6.1. Books

1. KARI, E.E. (2015). *Morphology: An introduction to the study of word structure*. Port Harcourt: University of Port Harcourt Press, xii+177pp. ISBN 978-978-52298-3-7.
2. KARI, E.E. (2009). *A grammatical description of the Odual language*. Osaka: Research Institute for World Languages, Osaka University, xvii+100pp. ISSN 1883-0633.
3. KARI, E.E. (2008). *Degema-English dictionary with English index*. Tokyo: Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, xlv+233pp. ISBN 978-4-86337-018-0.
4. KARI, E.E. (2004). *A reference grammar of Degema*. Köln: Rüdiger Köppe Verlag, xiv+430pp. ISBN 978-3-89645-047-6.
5. KARI, E.E. (2003). *Clitics in Degema: A meeting point of phonology, morphology, and syntax*. Tokyo: Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, xix+261pp. ISBN: 4-87297-850-1.
6. KARI, E.E. (2002a). *Cliticization, movement, and second position*. München: Lincom Europa, 41pp. ISBN 9783895863639.
7. KARI, E.E. (2002b). *The source of Degema clitics*. München: Lincom Europa, 54pp. ISBN 9783895864513.
8. KARI, E.E. (2000). *Ogbronuagum (The Bukuma language)*. München: Lincom Europa, iv+71pp. ISBN 9783895866180.
9. KARI, E.E. (1997). *Degema*. München-Newcastle: Lincom Europa, 67pp. ISBN 9783895862144.

6.2. Refereed Chapters in Books

1. KARI, E. E. (2023). Okrika dictionary by Dr Alfred S Abam (Ado IX). In Tamunoene Kingdom Abam (ed.), *Exposition of Published Works of Dr Alfred S Abam (Ado IX), Amanyanabo of Okrika, and Clan Head, Okrika Clan*. Port Harcourt: Touch of Excellence, pp. 9-23, 70-71. ISBN 97889781044878.
2. ROLLE, N. and E.E. KARI. (2016). Degema clitics and serial verb constructions at the syntax - phonology interface. In Doris L. Payne, Sara Pacchiarotti & Mokaya Bosire (eds.), *Diversity in African Languages: Selected Papers from the 46th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*. (Contemporary African Linguistics 1) Berlin: Language Science Press, pp. 141-162. ISBN 978-3-946234-70-8.
3. KARI, E.E. (2012). Endoclititicization and the Lexical Integrity Hypothesis: Insights from Degema. In Maria P. Larranaga and Pedro Guijarro-Fuentes (eds.), *Pronouns and Clitics in Early Language*. Berlin: Mouton De Gruyter, pp. 257-281. ISBN 978-3-11-023880-8.
4. KARI, E.E. (2010). Degema linguistics: Ben Ohiomamhe Elugbe's Contributions to Degema Linguistics. In Ozo-mekuri Ndimele (ed.), *Language Policy, Planning and Management in Nigeria: A Festschrift for Ben O. Elugbe*, pp. 747-755. Port Harcourt: M & J Grand Orbit Communications Ltd. ISBN 978-33527-064.
5. NDIMELE, O.-M., E.E. KARI and J.G.I. AYUWO. (2009). Language: Some historical implications. In E.J. Alagoa, T.N. Tamuno and J.P. Clark (eds.), *The Izon of the Niger Delta*, pp. 69-89. Port Harcourt: Onyoma Research Publications. ISBN 978-978-8195-00-9.
6. KARI, E.E. (2007). Noun class vestiges in Odual. In Ozo-mekuri Ndimele, (ed.), *Nigerian Languages, Literatures, Cultures and Reforms: A Festschrift for Ayo Bamgbose*, pp. 523-543. Port Harcourt: M & J Grand Orbit Communications Ltd. & Emhai Press. ISBN 978-33527-02-X.
7. KARI, E.E. (2006). Aspects of the syntax of cross-referencing clitics in Degema. In Ozo-mekuri Ndimele, Clara I. Ikekeonwu, & B. M. Mbah (eds.), *Language and Economic Reforms in Nigeria*, pp. 170-187. Port Harcourt: M & J Grand Orbit Communications Ltd. ISBN 978-33527-1-7.

8. KARI, E.E. (2005a). Clitic doubling: Insights from Degema. In Ozo-mekuri Ndimele (ed.), *Globalization and the Study of Languages in Africa*, pp. 329-342. Port Harcourt: M & J Grand Orbit Communications Ltd. & Emhai Press. ISBN 978-33527-8-4.
9. KARI, E.E. (2005b). The grammar of Degema auxiliaries. In Ozo-mekuri Ndimele (ed.), *Trends in the Study of Languages and Linguistics: A Festschrift for Philip Akujooobi Nwachukwu*, pp. 499-509. Aba: National Institute for Nigerian Languages. ISBN 978-33527-6-8.
10. KARI, E.E. (2003). Lexical borrowing in Degema. In Shigeki Kaji (ed.), *Dynamics of Borrowing Relationship between Local Languages and Lingua Francae, in Africa and Indonesia*, pp. 141-146. Osaka: Osaka Gakuin University. ISSN 1346-082X.
11. NDIMELE, O.-M. and E.E. KARI. (2003). A minimalist account of pro-drop in Degema. In Ozo-mekuri Ndimele (ed.), *In the Linguistic Paradise: A Festschrift for E. Nolue Emenanjo*, pp. 605-621. Aba: National Institute for Nigerian Languages. ISBN 978-2891-07-X.

6.3. Refereed Journal Articles

1. KARI, E.E. (2024). A cross-linguistic perspective on clitic blocking: The case of enclitics. *Journal of Linguistics and Communication Studies*, Volume 5, Number 1, pp. 1-25.
2. Rolle N. and E.E. Kari (2022). Tone and prosodic recursion in Degema nouns and noun phrases. *Journal of African Languages and Linguistics*, Volume 43, Number 2, pp. 249-283. DOI: 10.1515/jall-2022-8898.
3. KARI, E.E. (2021). Factative and perfect aspect markers in Degema and Kalabari. *Language Matters*, Volume 52, Number 1, pp. 113-138. DOI: 10.1080/10228195.2021.1879238
4. KOLOLO, P. and E.E. KARI. (2021). Politeness in language use at Tswana kgotla meetings. *Studies in Linguistics*, Volume 59, pp. 215-252.
5. KARI, E.E. (2019). The languages of Rivers State of Nigeria: An overview. *Marang: Journal of Language and Literature*, Volume 31, pp. 1-22.
6. KARI, E.E. (2018). On the morphology of Degema modifier, demonstrative and interrogative nominals. *South African Linguistics and Applied Language Studies*, Volume 36, Number 4, pp. 341-353.

7. ALERECHI, R.I.C. and E.E. KARI. (2018). Verb inflectional morphology in Ikwere. *Studies in Linguistics*, Volume 48, pp. 79-113.
8. KARI, E.E. (2017). Cognate objects constructions in Degema. *Linguistique et Langues Africaines (LLA)*, Number 3, pp. 29-53.
9. KARI, E.E. (2017). Central Delta languages: An Overview. *Stellenbosch Papers in Linguistics*, Volume 47, pp. 1-26.
10. KARI, E.E. (2017). On the status of subject markers in African languages. *Studies in Linguistics*, Volume 44, pp. 99-134.
11. MOGARA, B., E. KARI, M. KADENGE and D. MOLEFHI. (2017). Investigating Language Vitality in Some Parts of North Eastern Botswana. *Marang: Journal of Language and Literature*, Volume 29, pp. 9-30.
12. KARI, E.E. (2016). Word formation strategies in Degema. *South African Journal of African Languages*, Volume 36, Number 1, pp. 83-91 (Published in June 2016).
13. KARI, E.E. and B. MOGARA. (2016). The clitic nature of person-gender-number markers in Naro. *Language Matters*, Volume 47, Number 1, pp. 128-148.
14. KARI, E.E. (2016). Restrictions in the attachment of verbal extensions in Degema. *Studies in Linguistics*, Volume 39, pp. 399-429.
15. KARI, E. E. (2015). Second position clitics in Degema: A reanalysis. *Journal of West African Languages*, Volume 42, Number 2, pp. 15-30.
16. KARI, E. E. (2015). Parasynthesis in Degema: Simultaneous affixation or suffixation and concomitant prefixation? *Journal of the Linguistics Association for SADC Universities (LASU)*, Volume 4, Number 2, pp. 8-23.
17. KARI, E.E. and B. MOGARA. (2014). Strategies for naming tourist sites in Botswana. *Marang: Journal of Language and Literature*, Volume 24, pp. 3-26.
18. KARI, E.E. (2010). Further evidence in favour of the affixal origin of Degema clitics. *Journal of the Linguistic Association of Nigeria (JOLAN)*, Volume 13, Number 2, pp. 245-262.
19. KARI, E.E. (2008a). Vowel harmony in Degema, Nigeria. *Kiabara: Journal of Humanities*, Volume 14, Number 2, pp. 127-137.
20. KARI, E.E. (2008b). Behavioural asymmetry in affix-clitic attachment in Degema. *Kiabara: Journal of Humanities*, Volume 14, Number 1, pp. 13-22.

21. KARI, E.E. (2007). The pronominal system of Odual. *Studies in African Linguistics*, Volume 36, pp. 91-113.
22. KARI, E.E. (2005). Degema subject markers: Are they prefixes or proclitics? *Journal of West African Languages*, Volume 32, Number 1-2, pp. 13-20.
23. KARI, E.E. (2003). Serial verb constructions in Degema, Nigeria. *African Study Monographs*, Volume 24, Number 4, pp. 271-289.
24. KARI, E.E. (2002a). Distinguishing between clitics and words in Degema, Nigeria. *African Study Monographs*, Volume 23, Number 4, pp. 177-192.
25. KARI, E.E. (2002b). Distinguishing between clitics and affixes in Degema, Nigeria. *African Study Monographs*, Volume 23, Number 3, pp. 91-115.
26. KARI, E.E. (2002c). Inflection vs. derivation in Degema. *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, Volume 64, pp. 129-140.
27. KARI, E.E. (2002d). On Endoclitics: Some facts from Degema. *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, Volume 63, pp. 37-53.
28. KARI, E.E. (2001). On the grammar of clitics in Degema. *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, Volume 61, pp. 179-192.
29. KARI, E.E. (1998). Final close vowels in a sequence of vowels in Degema: A reanalysis. *Afrika und Ubersee*, Volume 81, pp. 113-118.
30. KARI, E.E. (1997). Dialectal variations, controversies and the way forward: The Degema example. *Afrikanistische Arbeitspapiere*, Volume 49, pp. 13-20.
31. KARI, E.E. (1995a). Extensional suffixes in Degema. *Afrikanistische Arbeitspapiere*, Volume 44, pp. 149-168.
32. KARI, E.E. Clitics in Degema. (1995b). *Nigerian Language Studies*, Volume 3, pp. 6-12.
33. FULOP, S.A., E.E. Kari and P. Ladefoged. (1998). An acoustic study of the tongue root contrast in Degema vowels. *Phonetica*, Volume 55, Number 1-2, pp. 80-98.
34. FULOP, S.A., E.E. Kari and P. Ladefoged. (1997). Further analysis of Degema vowel harmony. *UCLA Working Papers in Phonetics*, Volume 95, pp. 1-17.

6.4. **Other Publications (in Manuals)**

1. KARI, E.E. (2011a). Degema orthography. In Ozo-mekuri Ndimele (ed.), *Orthographies of Nigerian Languages Manual IX*, pp. 13-32. Abuja: National Educational Research and Development Council.
2. KARI, E.E. (2011b). Odual orthography. In Ozo-mekuri Ndimele (ed.), *Orthographies of Nigerian Languages Manual IX*, pp. 89-102. Abuja: National Educational Research and Development Council.
3. KARI, E.E. and K. J. JOSHUA. (2011). Abuan orthography. In Ozo-mekuri Ndimele (ed.), *Orthographies of Nigerian Languages Manual IX*, pp. 1-12. Abuja: National Educational Research and Development Council.

6.5. **Published Conference Proceedings**

1. KARI, E.E. (2008). Linguistic imperialism and the rise in linguistic consciousness: The Degema case. In Y. Takashina, H. Huziie, S. Yamane, J. Komori, S. Takeda and D. Furuya (eds.), *Dynamics of Language – “Foreign Languages” as Named by Others (Papers from the 1st LiCCOSEC International Symposium)*, pp. 25-35. Osaka: Research Institute for World Languages, Osaka University. ISSN 1883-0633.

6.6. **Dissertations and Theses**

1. KARI, E.E. (2003). *Clitics in Degema: A meeting point of phonology, morphology, and syntax*. Doctoral dissertation, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.
2. KARI, E.E. (1995). *The structure of the Degema verb*. M.A. thesis, University of Port Harcourt.
3. KARI, E.E. (1991). *The noun phrase in Degema*. B.A. long essay, University of Port Harcourt.

6.7. **Research Work in Progress**

1. The noun class system of Abureni (With Daniami Etire)
2. Morphological infixes in Abureni (With Daniami Etire)
3. Compounding and idiomatology in Degema
4. Negation in Degema

5. A reclassification of the noun class system of Degema: Insights from Bantu languages
6. Restrictions in the attachment of verbal extensions in Degema: Revisited
7. Inherent verb complements in Degema

7. COMPLETED DISSERTATIONS/THESES SUPERVISION

7.1. Completed Dissertations/Theses Supervision at University of Botswana

1. Kololo, Peggy: *Politeness in Kgotla meetings in Botswana*. PhD dissertation, University of Botswana, Botswana, 2024.

7.2. Completed Dissertations/Theses Supervision at University of Port Harcourt

1. EJEBA, Salem Ochala: *A Grammar of Igala*. PhD dissertation, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2016.
2. EFEMINI, Maryjane: *Clitics in Onicha Dialect of Igbo*. MA thesis, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2011.
3. EJEBA, Salem Ochala: *A Grammar of Igala Tones*. MA thesis, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2009.
4. AJIBOYE, Emuobonuvie Maria: *Inflectional Morphology in Urhobo Verbs*. MA thesis, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2012.
5. CYRUS, Smart Eziwho: *Negation in the Rumuolumeni Variety of the Akpo Dialect of Ikwerre*. MA thesis, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2012.

8. INTERNAL EXAMINATION OF DISSERTATIONS/THESES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA

Student name/ID	Pro-gramme	Year	Dissertation/Thesis Title
Ochu, Michael C.	Ph.D.	2018-2019	A Corpus Based Approach to Extracting Multiword Expressions in Igbo
Mogalakwe, Baagi, G.	M.A.	2014	The Consequences of Language Contact: A Case Study of the Setawana Dialect

9. CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP/SEMINAR/SYMPOSIUM PRESENTATIONS

1. KARI, E. E. (2023). *Abam's Okrika Dictionary: A Review*. A book review presented at the Symposium on the Review and Exposition of the Published Works of Dr. Alfred S. Abam (Ado IX), Amanyanabo of Okrika, and Clan Head, Okrika Clan on Tuesday, 12 December, 2023 at Everest Event Centre, Abam-Ama, Okrika, Rivers State, Nigeria.
2. KARI, E.E. (2022). A Review of *Ubi Uvire Omakinem Enu-Degema 1 (Degema Learner's Companion 1)*, Sir DOS Dabere (2021). A book review presented on the occasion of the launching of *Ubi Uvire Omakinem Enu-Degema 1 (Degema Learner's Companion 1)* by Sir DOS Dabere (2021) [Port Harcourt: Purity Concept, 2021. Pp. 80. ISBN 978-2517-99-2.], on Monday, 18 April, 2022, at Degema Market Square, Degema Town, Degema, Rivers State, Nigeria.
3. KARI, E.E. and B. GABANAMOTSE-MOGARA. (2020). *The state of language documentation in Botswana*. A paper presented at the Linguistic Dynamism Forum, Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan. 19th February, 2020.
4. KOLOLO, P. and E.E. KARI. (2019). *Politeness in language use at Tswana kgotla meetings*. A paper presented at the 10th International Conference of the Department of English, University Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana. 19th -20th June, 2019.
5. KARI, E.E. (2018). *Clitic blocking: A cross-linguistic perspective*. A paper presented at the 4th Department of African Languages and Literature International Conference, University Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana. 13th -15th June, 2018.
6. KARI, E.E. (2017). *On the morphology of Degema modifier nominals*. Paper presented at the 14th Linguistic Association of SADC Universities (LASU) Conference, University of Malawi, Malawi. 14-15 September, 2017.
7. KARI, E.E. (2016). The status of subject markers in African languages. Paper presented at the 18th Interim Conference of the Association of Languages of Southern Africa (ALASA), Namibia University of Science and Technology, Namibia. 29 June-1 July, 2016.
8. MOLEFHI, D., B. MOGARA, E.E. KARI and M. KADENGE (2016). An exploration of language vitality in some parts of eastern Botswana. Paper presented at the Departmental

- Workshop on Assessing the Patterns of Language Use, Culture and Identity in Botswana, University of Botswana, Botswana. 16 September, 2016.
9. KARI, E.E. (2015). Cognate object constructions in Degema. Paper presented at the 8th World Congress of African Linguistics, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan. 20-24 August, 2015.
 10. KARI, E.E. (2015). Restrictions in the attachment of verbal extensions in Degema. Paper presented at the XIII Conference of the Linguistic Association of SADC Universities (LASU), University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana. 25-27 June, 2015.
 11. KARI, E.E. (2014). *Second position clitics in Degema: A reanalysis*. A paper presented at the 3rd Department of African Languages and Literature International Conference, University Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana. 31 July-1 August, 2014.
 12. KARI, E.E. and B. MOGARA. (2014). *The clitic nature of person-gender-number markers in Naro*. Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya. 6-8 August, 2014.
 13. KARI, E.E. (2013). *Parasynthesis in Degema*. A paper presented at the 17 Biennial Conference of the African Language Association of Southern Africa. University of South Africa, Pretoria, 17-19 July, 2013.
 14. KARI, E.E. and B. Mogara. (2013). *Morphological analysis of names of tourist sites in Botswana*. A paper presented at the 3rd Workshop on Untranslatable Heritage, University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana, 14-16 March, 2013.
 15. KARI, E.E. (2010). *Endoclitization and the Lexical Integrity Hypothesis*. A paper presented at the 23rd Annual Conference of the linguistic Association of Nigeria, University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 29 November–3 December, 2010.
 16. KARI, E.E. (2007). *Linguistic imperialism and the rise in linguistic consciousness: The Degema case*. Paper presented at the International Symposium on Lingua-Culture Contextual Studies in Ethnic Conflicts of the World, Research Institute for World Languages, Osaka University, Japan, 18 – 19 March, 2007.
 17. KARI, E.E. (2006a). *Noun class vestiges in Odual*. A paper presented at the 20th Annual Conference of the linguistic Association of Nigeria, National Educational Research and Development Council, Sheda-Abuja, 13 – 17 November, 2006.

18. KARI, E.E. (2006b). *Tone in morphology: A basis for classifying words*. A paper presented at the Conference on Syntax-Phonology Interface in African Languages, University of Uyo, Nigeria, 13 – 16 February, 2006.
19. KARI, E.E. (2005). *Aspects of the syntax of cross-referencing clitics in Degema*. A paper presented at the 19th Annual Conference of the Linguistic Association of Nigeria, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, 25 – 28 September, 2005.

10. ENGAGEMENT

10.1. University of Port Harcourt Engagement

10.1.1. Departmental Level

1. Permanent Representative of the Head of Department, Department of Linguistics and Language Arts, University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2024 to 2026
2. Chairman, Departmental Graduate Studies Committee, University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2024 to date.
3. Editor, Special Edition of the Journal of Linguistics and Communication Studies (JOLINCS) in Honour of Professor Philomena Ekeikhomen Ejele, Volume 5, Number 1, 2024, Department of Linguistics and Communication Studies, University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2024 to 2025.
4. Reviewer, Academic programme, Department of Linguistics and Communication Studies, University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2012.
5. Coordinator, Departmental Ph.D. (Linguistics Option) Class Seminar Series, Dept. of Linguistics & Communication Studies, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2010-2012.
6. Member, Examination Malpractice/Disciplinary Committee, Dept. of Linguistics & Communication Studies, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2009-2013.
7. Coordinator, Departmental Seminar Series, Dept. of Linguistics & Communication Studies, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2009-2010.
8. Coordinator, Certificate Programme in Communication Studies, Dept. of Linguistics & Communication Studies, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2006-2008.

9. Secretary, Department of Linguistics & Communications Studies Committee on the Immortalization of Late Professor Kay Williamson, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2005-2013.
10. Secretary, Graduate Studies Committee, Dept. of Linguistics & Communication Studies, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2005.
11. Examinations Officer, Dept. of Linguistics & Communication Studies, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 1996-1999.

10.2.1. Faculty Level

1. Chairman, Faculty of Humanities Bookshop/Book Pricing Committee, University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2024 to date.
2. Secretary, Faculty of Humanities Research & Publications Committee, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2010-2013.
3. Member, Faculty of Humanities Lecturer of the Year Award Committee, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 1998.
4. Member, Committee on Faculty of Humanities Brochure, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 1995.

10.3.1. University Level

1. Associate Dean, Department of Student Affairs, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2012-2013.
2. Chairman, School of General Studies Quality Assurance & Control Committee, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2011-2013.
3. Member, Academic Board, School of Basic Studies, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2011-2013.
4. Member, University-Wide Quality Assurance & Control Committee, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2011-2013.
5. Assistant Director, School of General Studies, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2010-2013.
6. Member, Student Affairs Advisory Committee, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2010-2013.

7. Member, Degree Results Verification Committee, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2010.

10.2. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education Engagement

10.2.1. Departmental Level

1. Member, Postgraduate Board, Department of English and Communication Art, Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Nigeria, 2022--.

10.3. University of Botswana Engagement

10.3.1. Departmental Level

1. Coordinator, E-Learning, Department of African Languages and Literature, University of Botswana, 2020-2021.
2. Rapporteur, Seminar on the Introduction of Local Languages in the School Curriculum organized by the Ministry of Basic Education, Botswana in collaboration with the University of Botswana (March 2020).
3. Chair, Dissertation Verification Committee, Dept. of African Languages and Literature, University of Botswana, 2017-2021.
4. Coordinator, Website Content Creator, Dept. of African Languages and Literature, University of Botswana, 2017-2021.
5. Member, Organizing Committee, XIIIth Linguistics Association of SADC Universities (LASU) Conference, University of Botswana, 2015.
6. Member, Research Committee, Dept. of African Languages and Literature, University of Botswana, 2013-2021.
7. Member, Quality Assurance Team, Dept. of African Languages and Literature, University of Botswana, 2013-2021.
8. Member, Conference Funds Committee, Dept. of African Languages and Literature, University of Botswana, 2013-2014.
9. Member, Untranslatable Heritage Workshop Organizing Committee, Dept. of African Languages and Literature, University of Botswana, 2013.

10.3.2. Faculty Level

1. Member, Organizing Committee (Abstract Sub-Committee), International Conference on Race, Identity and Globalization in Southern Africa and Beyond (22nd – 24th February, 2019, Gaborone, Botswana), organized by the Department of French, University of Botswana, GRER-ICT, Paris – Diderot, and CREA, Paris – Nanterre, University of Botswana, 2018-2019.
2. Member, Faculty of Humanities Research and Publications Committee (Dept. of African Languages and Literature Representative), University of Botswana, 2017-2021.
3. Member, Faculty of Humanities Committee on Proposed M.A. Programme on Language Policy and Planning, University of Botswana, 2018.
4. Member, Faculty of Humanities Committee on Proposed B.A. Programme on Speech and Language Therapy, University of Botswana, 2018.
5. Representative of Faculty of Humanities, University of Botswana, to the Organizing Committee of the 13th Southern Africa Association for Educational Assessment (SAAEA) Conference (19th – 22nd May, 2019, Gaborone, Botswana), organized by the Botswana Examinations Council, 2018-2019.
6. Member, Faculty of Humanities Strategic Plan Implementation Team, University of Botswana, 2017-2021.
7. Representative of Faculty of Humanities to Faculty of Social Science Board, University of Botswana, 2017.
8. Representative of Faculty of Humanities to Faculty of Medicine Board, University of Botswana, 2017.
9. Representative of Faculty of Humanities to Faculty of Science Board, University of Botswana, 2016 - 2017.
10. Member, Faculty of Humanities Website Content Creator (Department of African Languages and Literature Representative), University of Botswana, 2013-2021.

10.4. Professional Engagement

10.4.1. Organizing of International Conference

1. Deputy Chair, 3rd International Conference, Dept. Of African Languages and Literature, University of Botswana, 2013-2014

10.4.2. Promotion Assessments (External)

1. Assessor for Associate Professorial Promotion (University of Zimbabwe), 2023.

10.4.3. Review of Papers for Academic Journals

10.4.3.1 Review of Papers for Local Academic Journals

1. Journal of Linguistics and Communication Studies, University of Port Harcourt. 2024-2025.
2. Marang: Journal of Language and Literature, University of Botswana, Botswana, 2013-2021.
3. Journal of the Linguistics Association of SADC Universities (LASU), University of Botswana, Botswana, 2014 & 2016.
4. BOLESWA Journal of Theology, Religion and Philosophy [BJTRP], University of Botswana, Botswana, 2014.

10.4.3.2 Review of Papers for International Academic Journals

1. Journal of Asian and African Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan, 2025.
2. Southern African Linguistics and Applied Language Studies, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, 2017-2020.
3. Studies in Linguistics, Kangwom National University, Republic of Korea, 2016-2017.
4. Journal of African Languages and Linguistics, University of Leiden, The Netherlands, 2017.

5. Journal of West African Languages, West African Linguistic Society/Summer Institute of Linguistics, Dallas, United States of America, 2015-2016 and 2019.
6. Africana Linguistica. Royal Museum for Central Africa, 2016.
7. African Study Monographs, Kyoto University, Japan, 2008.
8. Studies in African Linguistics, Ohio State University, United States of America, 2006.
9. Journal of Asian and African Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan, 2003.

10.4.4 Membership of Editorial Boards

10.4.4.1 Membership of Local Editorial Boards

1. (a) Member, Editorial Board, Marang: Journal of Language and Literature, University of Botswana, Botswana, 2016-2021.

10.4.4.2 Membership of International Editorial Boards

1. Consulting Editor, International Association of Language Education, Obafemi Ile-Ife, Nigeria, 2020 to date.
2. Member, Editorial Board, *Okwo: University of Port Harcourt Journal of Language and Literature*, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2020 to date.
3. Member, Editorial Board, Studies in Linguistics, Kangwom National University, Republic of Korea, 2016 to date.
4. Associate Editor, *Kiabara: Journal of Humanities*, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2010-2019.

10.4.5. Membership of Professional Associations

1. Member, World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL), 2015 to date.
2. Member, Linguistics Association of SADC Universities (LASU), University of Botswana, Botswana, 2015 to 2021.
3. Member, African Languages Association of Southern Africa (ALASA), 2013 to 2021.
4. Member, Linguistic Association of Nigeria (LAN), 1998 to date.

10.4.6. External Examination

1. External Examiner, University of Namibia, Namibia, 2016 - 2022.

10.4.7. Professional Visits

1. Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley, United States of America, 2016.
2. Visiting Associate Professor, Kyoto University, Japan, 2008.

10.4.8. Keynote Address

1. KARI, E.E. (2016). *On the Status of Subject Markers in African Languages*. Paper delivered at the Linguistic Fieldwork Forum, University of California, Berkeley, United States of America. 27 September, 2016.
2. KARI, E.E. (2008). *Linguistic Imperialism and Rise in Linguistic Consciousness: The Degema Case*. Paper delivered at the 1st Lingua-Culture Contextual Studies in Ethnic Conflicts of the World (LiCCOSEC), Osaka University Research Institute of World Language, Osaka University, Osaka, Japan, 18 and 19 March, 2008.

10.4.9. Book Reviews

1. KARI, E.E. (2023a). *Okrika Dictionary* (First edition) by Dr. Alfred S. Abam (Ado IX). Port Harcourt: SAMAG Stationery Limited, 2007. Pp. ix, 375. ISBN 978-052-278-8-X. (Ms.)
2. KARI, E.E. (2023b). *Okrika Dictionary* (Second edition) by Dr. Alfred S. Abam (Ado IX). Port Harcourt: Paragraphics Publishers, 2017. Pp. vii, 629. ISBN 978-978-2954-39-8. (Ms.)
3. KARI, E.E. (2022). *Ụbi Ụvire Ōmakinem Enu-Degema 1 (Degema Learner's Companion I)* by Sir DOS Dabere. Port Harcourt: Purity Concept, 2021. Pp. 80. ISBN 978-2517-99-2. (Ms.)

10.5. Community Engagement

10.5.1. Community Engagement Prior to Employment at University of Port Harcourt

1. Secretary, Usokun-Degema Patriotic Movement, Usokun-Degema, Nigeria, 1993-2012.

2. Financial Secretary, Ubura Imilev (Youth Association), Usokun-Degema, Nigeria, 1986-1987.
3. Secretary, Sim Group of Families, Usokun-Degema, Nigeria, 1983-1987

10.5.2. University of Port Harcourt

4. Internal Member, Board of Trustees, Our Saviour's Chapel, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2024 to date.
5. Chairman, Publicity and Publications Committee, Our Saviour's Chapel, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2012-2013.
6. Linguistic Editor, Rivers State Readers' Project, Rivers State Ministry of Education, Nigeria, 2009 to date.
7. Secretary, Chapel Management Council & Congregation, Our Saviour's Chapel, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2006-2010.
8. Coordinator, Ijaw History Project (Language Group), Nigeria, 2006-2010.
9. Chairman, Education and Publications Committee, Bless Ministries Inc. Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2005.
10. First Volunteer Contributor to the New Online Rosetta (Linguistic) Database, The Long Now Foundation, San Francisco, USA, 2001.

10.5.3. University of Botswana

10.5.3.1. Membership of Religious Organizations

1. Member, The Redeemed Christian Church of God Botswana Visitation/Welfare Outreach Team to Gaborone Boys' Prison, 2018.
2. Member, National Convention Planning Committee, the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Botswana, 2017.
3. Member, National Convention Planning Committee, the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Botswana, 2016.
4. Member, Pastoral Council, the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Abundant Life Parish, Mogoditshane, Gaborone, Botswana, 2013 - 2021.

10.5.3.2. Leadership in Religious Organizations

1. National Coordinator, Excellent Men's Fellowship, The Redeemed Christian Church of God, Botswana, 2017 - 2021.
2. Chairman, Excellent Men of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Botswana, Abundant Life Parish, Mogoditshane, Gaborone, Botswana, 2013 - 2018.
3. Sunday School Bible Teacher, the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Abundant Life Parish, Mogoditshane, Gaborone, Botswana, 2014 - 2021.
4. Secretary, The Redeemed Christian Church of God, Abundant Life Parish, Mogoditshane, Gaborone, Botswana, 2013.

10.5.3.3. Membership of Charity Organizations

1. Member, Monthly Visitation Team to Spring of Life Orphanage, Mmopane, Botswana, 2014 - 2021.

10.5.3.4. Designing of Class Attendance Template

1. Designer, UB Class Attendance Sheet Template (UB CAST) adopted by the Faculty of Humanities, University of Botswana, and included in the preliminary version of the Faculty of Humanities *Student Truancy Policy*, 2018), 2018.

11. ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

1. Permanent Representative of the Head of Department, Department of Linguistics and Language Arts, University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2024 to 2026
2. Chairman, Departmental Graduate Studies Committee, University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2024 to date.
3. Acting Head, Department of African Languages and Literature, University of Botswana (several times 2014-2020).
4. Member, Faculty Strategy Committee, Faculty of Humanities, University of Botswana, 2020-2021.
5. Coordinator, Graduate Studies, Department of African Languages and Literature, University of Botswana, 2020-2021.

6. Acting Chairperson, Faculty of Humanities Research and Publications Committee, University of Botswana, 2019 (Acted from 4 September-31 October, 2019).
7. Acting Graduate Studies Coordinator, Dept. of African Languages and Literature, University of Botswana, 2019 (Acted from 5-16 August, 2019).
8. Chair, 4th International Conference, Dept. of African Languages and Literature, University of Botswana, 2017-2018.
9. Departmental and Faculty Undergraduate/Graduate Programmes Review/Development in Line with the Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) Guidelines, 2017-2021.
10. Invited Contributor to a Book Project to Mark the 50th Anniversary of the Creation of the Rivers State of Nigeria (Title of Contribution to Book Project: *Rivers Languages and Classification*), 2017.
11. Chairperson, Faculty of Humanities Research and Publications Committee, University of Botswana, 2014 – 2015 (From April 2014-March, 2015)
12. Team Leader, Group C, Department of African Languages and Literature Research Field Trip to Kasane and Nata, and their Surrounding Communities, 25 July – 1 August, 2015.
13. Participant in the Writing of Research Proposal entitled “Assessment of the Current Patterns of Language Use, Culture and Identify in Botswana”, Department of African Languages and Literature, University of Botswana, 2014.

12. REFERENCES

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