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EDUCATION

Ph.D Information Science Anticipated

Department of Library and Information Science
Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria
Kaduna State

Master of Library Science (ALA Accredited) December 2005.

School of Library and Information Management (SLIM)
Emporia State University , Emporia , Kansas

A+ Certification May 2002

Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA), USA

Bachelor of Technology in Mathematics and Computer Science May 1994

Department of Mathematics and Computer Science
Federal University of Technology, Minna , Nigeria

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

*Department of Library and Information
Science
Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. Kaduna
State, Nigeria*

Lecturer

August 2006 – date

I conduct research on meeting the information needs of patrons in an online environment particularly using Open Source, Open Access resources and other related web technologies application in the Library. I also teach postgraduate and undergraduate students web technology courses like database construction and management, online information industries, ethics for information works, digitization and information services, systems analysis and design, web design, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Information management and Management Information System. I am also responsible for the day-to-day running of the ICT laboratory at the library school.

Raymon H. Mulford Library
University of Toledo Health Science
Campus, Toledo. Ohio State, USA

Digital Services Librarian
December 2005 – August 2006

As the Digital Services Librarian, I provided leadership, management and support of the Library's Web-based services. I worked with library department managers to enhance existing online services and to integrate new technologies and software into the Library's service array. I also troubleshoot and solve problems relating to the daily operation of the Library's digital environment, website and serves as the primary liaison and advocate for the Library to other campus technology entities.

William Allen White Library
Emporia State University, Emporia,
Kansas State. USA

School Practicum Experience
May 2005 – July 2005

Assist the Systems Administrator of the Library with the Innovative Millennium Integrated Library System, website and database maintenance.

Learning Support Services Center
School of Library and Information
Management. Emporia State University,
Emporia, Kansas State. USA

Graduate Assistant
August 2004 – December 2005

Create numerous websites for faculty members, conduct on-line searches using DIALOG database and other electronic databases. Assist three faculty members per semester with coordination of face to face and on-line courses. Develop and maintain content of the Emporia-Nigeria project website. Responsible for maintaining SLIM's listserv, database driven web site, and hardware troubleshooting. Diagnose technical support needs for faculty and students on-site and remotely, using telephone and online collaborative tools.

Department of Library & Information Science
Ahmadu Bello University , Zaria , Nigeria

Graduate Assistant
March 2000 – August 2004

Taught information and communication technology courses to undergraduate students and conducted research on Internet use by teaching staff. Responsible for setting up and maintaining the departmental computer network laboratory and conducted technology training for faculty and students. Conduct computer hardware trouble shooting and maintenance.

CONSULTANCY SERVICES AND TRAINING

Sharon Bella Computer Consultants
Zaria , Nigeria

Owner/Principal
2000 – till date



Nasarawa State University, Library Website at www.nsuklibrary.org

Ahmadu Bello University Library Website - www.abu.edu.ng/library/index.html

- ✚ Build and Implement an Institutional Repository using Dspace for Ahmadu Bello University, Library.
- ✚ Arewa House Kaduna Website – www.arewahouseabung.org
- ✚ Nigerian University Libraries Consortium – www.nulib.net
- ✚ Ahmadu Bello University Press Ltd – www.abupress.com
- ✚ Nigerian Institute for Trypanosomiasis Research – www.nitr.org
- ✚ **June 3- 9th 2007.** Digital Records and Archive Management Workshop for Members Federal Capital Territory Abuja, Archives and History Bureau Committee and Liaison Officers. Held at Arewa House Kaduna
- ✚ **November 6th-10th 2006.** Application of Virtual Systems in the provision of Library and Information Services Workshop. Held at Department of Library and Information Science Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria
- ✚ **August 2006.** Deigning and developing Ahmadu Bello University Library Website.
- ✚ **July 2004.** Computer Application Packages training for British-American Tobacco Company Nigeria.
- ✚ **June 2004.** Designed, developed training manual and served as the Resource Person for series training programs on *Effective Internet Search” For Academic Staff of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.*
- ✚ **August 2004.** Set up local area networks for Department of Library and Information Science Ahmadu Bello Zaria, IJMB Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and Demonstration Secondary School Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.
- ✚ **January 2004.** Developed in-house software (banking software for ABU Community Bank (examination software package for higher learning commission) using Microsoft Access.
- ✚ **August 2003.** Develop Course Material on *Introduction to the Internet* for National Open University, Nigeria.
- ✚ **July 2003.** Developed in house software for hostel allocation for Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria using Microsoft Access.
- ✚ **October 2002.** Maintained and updated the payroll software and provided in-house training for staff of the Bursary department. Designed, developed and implemented other in-house software packages.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- ✚ **Gbaje E.S. (2008). Basic Web site design.** Presented at the 2nd Library and Information Technology Today, Nigerian Library Association National Workshop held at ABU, Zaria from 21st – 26th September, 2008.
- ✚ **Gbaje E.S (2008). Internet skills for the academia.** Presented at Petroleum Technology Development Fund Induction Workshop for 2008/2009 PTDF Overseas Scholars. 6th August 2008. Abuja
- ✚ **Gbaje E.S. (2007). Challenges for Implementing a National Virtual Library for Higher Institutions in Nigeria.** Presented at National Conference /Annual General Meeting at Uyo, Akwa Ibom State 9th – 4th September 2007.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- ✚ **Gbaje E.S. (2008) Open Access Initiatives in Nigeria: A Case Study of Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria.** Presented at an International workshop on “Using Open Access Models for Science Dissemination. Held at the International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy. 7-16 July 2007, ICTP, Italy
- ✚ **Gbaje E.S. (2005).** Global Access to Information in Academic Library; Poster session at Tri-Conference Overland Park, March 30 – April 1st. Organized by Kansas State Library Association. Kansas, USA.

AWARDS

- ✚ Sponsorship by the International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy, to attend a training programme on “Using Open Access Models for Science Dissemination”
- ✚ Dr. James O. Daniel Award: For The Most Innovative Library–Based ICT Project Of The Year 2006. September 2007.
- ✚ Sponsorship by eIFL to attend the workshop on Open Access and Institutional Repository. Ghana. June 11 – June 13th. Awarded
- ✚ Sponsorship by Open Society Institute, New York USA, to attend the workshop on **Open Access Initiatives 5: Innovations in Scholarly Communication.** CERN, Geneva, Switzerland. April 18th – 20th 2007.

INTERNATIONAL GRANT

I was awarded a grant of \$9,701.00 by the Electronic Information for Libraries Network (www.eIFL.net) to organize an International Workshop at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, in April 2007. – Workshop website www.nulib.net/oai

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- ✚ **July 7th – July 16th, 2008.** Using Open Access Models for Science Dissemination workshop held at International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy.
- ✚ **June 11 – June 13th 2007.** Open Access and Institutional Repository: New Models for Scholarly Communication Workshop held at Accra, Ghana Organized by eIFL.net
- ✚ **April 18th – 20th 2007.** **Open Access Initiatives 5: Innovations in Scholarly Communication** Workshop, held at CERN, Geneva, Switzerland. Organized by Open Society Institute, New York USA,
- ✚ **May 19th – 24th 2006.** American Medical Library Association Annual Conference at Phoenix Arizona USA
- ✚ **May 19th 2006.** Introducing Interactivity Into Your Web Design. Continuing Education Course at the American Medical Library Association Annual Conference at Phoenix Arizona USA
- ✚ **May 6th 2006.** Innovative Integrated Library System Administration Training at Bowling Green University, Ohio State USA
- ✚ 2005. Tri-Conference at Overland Park, Kansas, USA.

PROFICIENT IN THE FOLLOWING WEB AUTHORING SOFTWARE AND TOOLS:

Microsoft Access, MySQL, Dreamweaver, Fireworks; Micromedia flash, Frontpage, Coldfusion, CGI, HTML, XML, CSS, PHP, UNIX, Java, Javascripts, exproxy and Apache.

Proficient in Digital Library Software

Eprint, DSpace, Fedora and Greenstone

Operating Systems:

Expert: Windows 2000/NT/XP; DOS, UNIX, and LINUS 9

Other Software and Tools:

Expert: Microsoft Office 2000; Access 2000 programming; Internet Utilities (browsers, FTP, collaboration software, electronic mail); Blackboard and WebCT online coursewares; Millennium Integrated Library System; DIALOG database searching; other electronic databases.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- ✚ Nigerian Library Association (2006 – date)
- ✚ The American Society for Information for Information Science & Technology (2006-date)
- ✚ America Medical Library Association (2005 – 2006)
- ✚ Beta Phi Mu – International Library and Information Studies Honour (March 2006 – present)
- ✚ Kansas Library Association (2004 – 2006)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- ✚ **Gbaje E.S. (2007).** Provision of Online Information Services in Nigerian Academic Libraries. Nigerian Libraries: *Journal of Nigerian Library Association*. Vol. 40.
- ✚ **Gbaje E.S.(2007).** Implementing a National Virtual Library for Higher Institutions in Nigeria. *LIBRES Library and Information Science Research Electronic Journal* Vol. 17 (2). Retrieved on 22/10/2007, from <http://libres.curtin.edu.au/libres17n2/index.htm>.
- ✚ **Gbaje E.S.(2007).** Dublin Core and Electronic Information retrieval. *Samaru Journal of Information Studies*, Vol. 6(1&2), 13-18.
- ✚ **Gbaje E.S. (2005).** Digital Portfolio “Meeting the Information Needs of patrons in an online environment. Available online from <http://studentaccess.emporia.edu/~egbaje/index.htm>
- ✚ **Gbaje E.S. (2005).** Setting up and Managing ICT Lab in Nigerian Library School : Ahmadu Bello University , Zaria Experience. *African Journal of Library, Archives and Information Science*. Vol.15(1), 51-58.
- ✚ **Gbaje E.S. (2002).** Use of Internet Facilities by the Teaching Staff of Ahmadu Bello University , Nigeria . *The Information Manager* Vol.2(1), 47-57
- ✚ **Gbaje E.S. (2002).** Towards an Effective Internet Search. *Samaru Journal of Information Studies*, Vol. 1(1), 15-18.

ON GOING RESEARCH WORK

- ✚ *Gbaje E.S (2008)*. Effective Website Design for the Library
- ✚ *Gbaje E.S (2008)*. Open Access: Dissemination of Scholarly Information In Nigeria

Universities

INTERNATIONAL/LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Open Access eIFL.net Country Coordinator for Nigeria
- Secretary ABU, Zaria ASUU IT Committee

Ezra Shiloba Gbaje
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