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### **A. BRIEF BIO**

Lady Adaina Ajayi (nee Yartey) is a faculty and researcher in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Covenant University, Nigeria. She earned her doctoral degree in International Relations with a focus on the effectiveness of homegrown versus transplanted human rights regimes in protecting women's rights. Specifically, her work examined the impact of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in the United States, and the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women CEDAW) in Ghana in combatting the pervasive influence of culture and patriarchy. Dr. Ajayi was recently awarded the African-German Network of Excellence in Science (AGNES) 2018 Junior Researcher Grant. She was a member of the research team awarded an Academic Challenge Grant by the Office of the Provost Ithaca College, New York, United States, titled "Mutating Patriarchies and the Struggle against Domestic Violence: Decoding the Politics of Silencing and Disbelief in West Africa and the United States". She was also awarded a three (3) weeks Visiting Fellowship in the Department of Politics, Ithaca College, New York, United States, 7-28 June, 2016 which led to a symposium on "Evaluating International Collaboration in Struggles for Rights and Justice: Gendered Violence and other Challenges". Dr. Ajayi was an active participant in the "Classrooms Beyond Borders" (CBB) Program between Ithaca College (USA), Covenant University (Nigeria), UNISA (South Africa) and An Najah University (West Bank) in 2011. She is a member of the International Political Science Association, Lagos Studies Association and currently serves as the Chair, Standing Committee on Projects of the African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF). Dr. Ajayi has published articles in several peer-reviewed journals and continues to work as a scholar-practitioner engaged in advocating and advancing the quest for an effective regime of human rights and the protection of vulnerable populations. She is currently the Head of Research and Outreach at Solution 17 for Climate Action at Covenant University

### **B. EDUCATIONAL HISTORY**

Ph.D., International Relations, 2013-2018, Covenant University, Nigeria.

**Thesis: International Regimes and Local Realities: Examining Gendered Violence in Ghana and the United States.**

M.Sc., International Relations, 2010-2012, Covenant University, Nigeria.

**Dissertation: Women in Ghanaian Politics: A Case of the Fourth Republic.**

B.Sc., International Relations, 2004-2008, Magna Cum Laude, Covenant University, Nigeria.

**Dissertation: Arms Race and its Prospects for International Security: The North Korea and Iran Cases.**

## C. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### Lecturer II

Department of Political Science and International Relations,  
Covenant University, Nigeria

August 2017-till date

### Assistant Lecturer

Department of Political Science and International Relations,  
Covenant University, Nigeria

September 2012-July 2017

### Graduate Assistant

Department of Political Science and International Relations,  
Covenant University, Nigeria

October 2010-June 2012

## D. MAJOR AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

**Research Focus:** Gender Studies, International/ Homegrown Human Rights Instruments, Feminist Theory and Policy, Gendered Migration and Cultural Diversity.

**Courses Taught:** Introduction to Political Science (POS111), Gender Issues in Politics (POS 413), Developing Countries in International System (IRL 212), Gender and Racism (HMD 411), European Diplomatic Scene, 1300-1945 (HIS/IRL 211), Foreign Policies of the Powers (IRL 424), Foreign Policy Analysis (IRL313), Elements/Organs of Government (POS224), Theory and Practice of Diplomacy (IRL 814).

## E. PUBLICATIONS (JOURNALS /BOOK CHAPTERS)

1. \***Lady Adaina Ajayi**, Anijesushola Ajayi, Sheriff Folarin, Oluwaseyi Tiamiyu, Chioma Nnajidema and Oluwaseyi Ogunnowo (2020). African Migrant Narratives, Modern Slavery and Human Rights Violations in Libya. *Handbook of Research on the Global Impact of Media on Migration Issues-IGI Global Publishers*, 48-67 DOI: 10.4018/978-1-7998-0210-5.ch004
2. \*Olanrewaju, F.O., **Ajayi, L.A.**, Olanrewaju, A., Deinde-Adedeji, T., Loromeke, E (2020) Displacement and Children's Rights: Advancing Media Advocacy for Inclusive Education for Sustainable Development in Nigeria. *Handbook of Research on Media and the Rights of Children in Africa-IGI Global Publishers*, 202-230.
3. \***Ajayi, L.A.**, Olanrewaju, F.O., Olanrewaju, A., & Nwannebuife, O (2019). Gendered violence and human rights: An evaluation of widowhood rites in Nigeria. *Cogent Arts and Humanities*, 6 (1) DOI: [10.1080/23311983.2019.1676569](https://doi.org/10.1080/23311983.2019.1676569).
4. \*Olanrewaju, F.O., **Ajayi, L.A.**, Loromeke, E., Olanrewaju, A., Allo, T.A., & Nwannebuife O. (2019). Masculinity and men's health-seeking behaviour in Nigerian academia. *Cogent Social Sciences*, 5(1) DOI: [10.1080/23311886.2019.1682111](https://doi.org/10.1080/23311886.2019.1682111)

5. \*Faith Olanrewaju, Adekunle Olanrewaju, Femi Omotoso, Joshua Alabi, Emmanuel Amoo, Ejiroghene Loromeke & **Lady Ajayi** (2019) Insurgency and the Invisible Displaced Population in Nigeria: A Situational Analysis. *Sage Open*,1-12, DOI: 10.1177/21582440198462
6. \*Tolulope Allo, David Imhonopi, Emmanuel Amoo, Tunde Iruonagbe, Ajibade Jegede, **Lady Ajayi**, Faith Olanrewaju, Mofoluwake Ajayi and Adebanke Olawale-Isaac (2019). “Moderating Role of Demographic Characteristics in Breast Cancer Awareness and the Behavioural Disposition of Women in Ogun State, Nigeria”.*Open Access Macedonia Journal of Medical Sciences*, 7(19),3281-3286.
7. \***Lady Ajayi** & Peyi Soyinka-Airewele (2018) Key triggers of domestic violence in Ghana: A victim centered analysis. *African Population Studies*, 32 (1), 4097-4108.
8. **Lady Ajayi**, Faith Olanrewaju, Joshua Segun & Christian Ehiobuche (2017). Ideology and African Unity: A Case of the African Union. *Feature Edition Journal: Critical Thinking Series. Volume 2017 Issue 3*.
9. **Lady Ajayi**, Tobi Njoaguani, Bankole Olorunyomi, & Sheriff Folarin (2015). Nigeria’s Foreign Policy and Codification of National Interest: A Prescriptive Analysis. *Covenant University Journal of Politics and International Affairs (CUJPIA)*.3(2), 68-81.
10. Oluyemi Fayomi, Dominic Azuh, D & **Lady Ajayi** (2015). “The Impact of Remittances on Nigeria’s Economic Growth: A Study of Nigerian Diasporas in Ghana”. *Journal of South African Business Research* Article ID 598378, DOI: 10.5171/2015.598378.
11. Azuh Dominic, Oluyemi Fayomi, and **Lady Ajayi**, (2015). “Socio-cultural influence of gender roles in women’s health care utilization in South West Nigeria”. *Open Journal of Social Sciences (OJSS)*. 3(4), 105-117.
12. Fayomi, O. O, Chidozie, F. C & **Ajayi. L.A** (2015). “Nigeria’s National Image and her Foreign policy: An Exploratory Approach”. *Open Journal of Political Science (OJPS)*.5 (3), 180-196.
13. Folarin, S.F, **Ajayi, L.A** & Olanrewaju, F.O (2014). “Rethinking Nigeria’s Strategic Relationship with its Immediate Neighbours”. *European Journal of Social Sciences. (EJSS)*.44 (4), 451-463.
14. Folarin, S.F, Olanrewaju, I.P & **Ajayi, L.A** (2014). “Cultural Plurality, National Integration and the Security Dilemma in Nigeria”. *Covenant University Journal of Politics and International Affairs (CUJPIA)*.2(1), 81-92.
15. Folarin, S.F., Ogundeji, B., & **Yartey, L.A** (2012). “Interrogating Nigeria’s International Role Conceptions in an Age of Global Climate Change”. *African Journal of Social Policy and Administration*. 5 (1), 178-186.

16. Agbude, G. A and **Yartey, L.A** (2012) “Rethinking Good Governance: African Politics at a Cross Road. *The Nigerian Business Journal*, 2(1), 8-19. Publication of Law Faculty, Ebonyi State University and Heirloom Educational Services.
17. Gloria Ogungbade, Chris Ehiobuche & Lady Ajayi (2017) Paradox of Sustainable Development Expectations and Realities of the Role of Mega Oil Companies in Niger Delta Area of Nigeria. *Ethics Journal Volume 2017 Issue 3*.
18. Duruji, M., Olanrewaju, F. O & **Ajayi, L.A** (2015). *Politics in South Africa* in Ojukwu, C. C. & Alumona, I.M. (eds) Comparative Politics: An African Viewpoint (Theory and Select Country Studies). Enugu: Rhyce Kerex Publishers.
19. Oviasogie, O. F & **Ajayi, L.A.** (2013). *Post-Conflict Peace- Building* in Soremekun Kayode, Folarin Sheriff, Gberevbie Daniel & Duruji Moses (eds) Readings in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution. Ogun State: Covenant University Press.

#### **F. MANUSCRIPT ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION.**

20. Joshua, S., Olanrewaju, Faith and **Ajayi, Lady** (2020) Information and Communication Technology and Cyber Conflict: Rethinking the Role of the UN in World Peace (**In-Press-International Electronic Journal and Governance**)

#### **G. CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

21. **\*Ajayi, L.A** and Soyinka-Airewele, P. (2018). *Narratives of domestic violence survivors in Ghana and the United States*. Abstracts & Proceedings of ADVED 2018 - 4th International Conference on Advances in Education and Social Sciences, 15-17 October 2018- Istanbul, Turkey ISBN: 978-605-82433-4-7.
22. **\*Lady Adaina Ajayi**, Peyi Soyinka-Airewele and Moses Duruji (2018). A Fractured Existence: Gender Policy Implementation and the Culture of Patriarchy in Nigeria’s Tertiary Institutions. Abstracts & Proceedings of ADVED 2018 - 4th International Conference on Advances in Education and Social Sciences, 15-17 October 2018- Istanbul, Turkey ISBN: 978-605-82433-4-7.
23. **\*Lady Adaina Ajayi (2018)**. “Mutating Patriarchies, Rights Regimes and the Crisis of Silencing in the Struggle against Domestic Violence” in a colloquium at the 22nd Annual Conference of the African Studies and Research Forum convened at the University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia, from March 29 to 31, 2018. Other members of the colloquium are Professor Peyi Soyinka-Airewele and Dr. Anta Sane.

**24.** \*Peyi Soyinka-Airewele, **Lady Ajayi**, and Tessa Lewis-Polsky (2018). “Combating Domestic Violence: The Politics and Impact of Affective Public Disbelief”. Third Annual 4W Summit on Women, Gender and Well-Being and 41st Wisconsin Women and Gender Studies Conference held April 12-14, 2018 at the Pyle Center on the University Wisconsin Madison campus, themed “*Our Bodies, Our Earth: Voice, Violence, and Peacemaking*”.

**25.** \*Faith Olanrewaju, **Lady Ajayi** and Olive Onwuli (2018) Narratives of Widowhood: Conversations with Widows in Southeastern Nigeria. XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology-Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities (July 15-21, 2018) Toronto Canada.

**26.** **Lady Ajayi** and Ogungbade Gloria (2017). Domestic Violence and the Political Economies of Culture in Ghana. Proceedings of the 2017 Bi-ennial International Conference on Gender and Security: Shifting Perspectives, Transforming Communities held in Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife by the Centre for Gender and Social Policy Studies (CGSPS), 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, 40-50.

**27.** Soyinka-Airewele, P and **Ajayi, L.**, (2016). “Reframing Human Security, borders and Gendered Violence in the Shadows of Chibok”. 2016 International Conference of the Association of Third World Studies held in the Indiana University Southeast, New Albany, USA.

**28.** **Ajayi, L.A.**, Fayomi, O.O., Abasilim, U.D & Adepoju, O (2015). Girl-Child Education and Nigeria’s National Development: A Study of selected Private and Public Secondary Schools in Ado-Odo Ota Local Government Area, Ogun State. 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation (ICERI2015) held in Seville, Spain, 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. Conference Proceedings Citations Index (CPCI), Thomson Reuters, 4819-4831.

**29.** Fayomi, O.O., Ndubuisi, O. N, Ayo, C.K., Chidozie, F., **Ajayi, L.A.**, and Okorie, U. (2015). Cyber- attack as a Menace to Effective Governance in Nigeria. 15th European Conference on e-Government – ECEG 2015 University of Portsmouth, UK, 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> June, 2015. Reading – UK at the University of Portsmouth, Portsmouth – United Kingdom. Conference Proceedings Citations Index (CPCI), Thomson Reuters/Scopus, 107-116.

**30.** Fayomi, O., Ayo, C., **Ajayi, L** & Okorie, U (2015) The Impacts of E-learning in Facilitating Academic Performance among Private Secondary Schools and Tertiary Institutions in Ota, Ogun State, Nigeria. The 9<sup>th</sup> International Technology, Education and Development (INTED) Conference, Madrid, Spain, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> March, 2015. Conference Proceedings Citations Index (CPCI), Thomson Reuters, 7441-7447.

31. Fayomi, Oluyemi and **Ajayi, Lady** (2015). An Exploratory Study of Women in Political Leadership in Nigeria. *In: World Academy of Science Engineering and Technology, May 2015, Tokyo, Japan.*

32. Fayomi, O.O., **Ajayi, L. A.**, and Azuh, D., (2014) Famine meets with conflicts in West Africa Sahel Region: A Retrospective Study. XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology: Facing an Unequal World Challenges for Global Sociology, Japan, Yokohama, July 13-19, 2014. p. 271.

33. Gloria Ogungbade, Oche Ogaba, Duruji Moses, M & **Lady Ajayi (2017)** The Challenges of Women's Development and Oil Politiking in the Niger Delta Area of Nigeria. Redeemer's University GSP Conference, 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May, 2017.

34. Folarin, S.F., **Ajayi, L.A.**, Olorunyomi, B.R & Babatunde, T (2014) Making Foreign Policy Intelligible: A Case for the Codification of Nigeria's National Interest. International Conference on 100 Years of Nigerian Nationhood: Governance, Foreign Policy and Development, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.

35. Olanrewaju, I.P., Folarin, S., and **Ajayi, L.A.** (2012), Multiculturalism, National Integration and the Security Dilemma: Searchlights on the External Context. Fulbright Alumni Association of Nigeria (FAAN) 11<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Multiculturalism, Citizenship and National Integration, Covenant University, September 13-15, 2012.

**H. B.Sc. SUPERVISION (Undergraduate Project Supervision from 2012 till date)**

<b>Year of Supervision</b>	<b>No. of Projects Per Session</b>
2012/2013	2
2013/2014	3
2014/2015	3
2015/2016	3
2016/2017	4
2018/2019	5
2019/2020	8

## **I. WORKSHOPS /SEMINARS/TRAININGS**

- Career and Professional Women Conference with the theme: Beyond the Glass Ceiling which held @ the African Leadership Center (ALDC) in Covenant University, Nigeria, May 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- Digital Bridge Institute “Data Analysis Using SPSS 23” (ADAPTI) at Covenant University, Nigeria, 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Lagos Studies Association (LSA) Research and Academic Writing Seminar for Postgraduate Students and Junior Scholars which held @ the University of Lagos (UNILAG), Lagos State, Nigeria, May 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> , 2017.

## **J. SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Guest speaker at the “Freedom from Gender-Based Violence: Prevention, Protection, and Prosecution in the African Diaspora.” Held Saturday, June 1st, 2019, at the Cornell University Africana Center (310 Triphammer Road, Ithaca, NY 14850) organised by the Politics Department, Ithaca College and the African Women’s Initiative, United States of America. The title of the presentation is *The Reality of Intimate Partner Violence in West Africa: From a Survivor’s Standpoint*.
- Symposium on International Collaboration in Struggles for Rights and Justice held June 24, 2016 @ the Politics Department, Ithaca College in the United States of America. Paper presented is titled “*Evaluating International Collaboration in Struggles for Rights and Justice: Gendered Violence and other Challenges*”.

## **K. ACADEMIC GRANTS/ AWARDS/ FELLOWSHIPS**

- Recipient of the African-German Network of Excellence in Science (AGNES) 2018 Junior Researcher Grant.
- Academic Challenge Grant from Ithaca College, New York, United States. "Mutating Patriarchies and the Struggle against Domestic Violence: Decoding the Politics of Silencing and Disbelief in West Africa and the United States" (Collaborative Project).
- Three (3) weeks visiting Fellowship in the Department of Politics, Ithaca College, New York, United States, 7- 28 June, 2016.
- Doctoral Grant from the School of Postgraduate Studies, Covenant University, Nigeria, 2017.
- M.Sc. Thesis Report Writing Grant from School of Postgraduate Studies, Covenant University, 2011.

## **L. PROFESSIONAL BODIES/ COLLABORATION AND LINKAGES**

- Chair, Standing Committee on Project in the African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF).
- Member of the Editorial Board, Journal of International Women’s Studies (JIWS).
- Member and participant of the Classrooms Beyond Borders Program and an International Communications and Negotiations Simulation with Ithaca College (USA), Covenant

University (Nigeria), UNISA (South Africa) and An Najah University (West Bank), 2011 till date.

- Member of International Political Science Association (IPSA).
- Member of African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF).
- Member of the Association of Global South Studies (AGSS).
- Member of the Lagos Studies Association (LSA).

#### **M. COURSERA AND IBM CERTIFICATES AND BADGES**

**Introduction to Project Management by Coursera**

**Introduction to Artificial Intelligence from IBM**

#### **N. ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW**

- "It's my responsibility to take care of him and the household": Gendered Roles and the COVID-19 Outbreak.
- "Hungry People are Angry People": The Realities of Poverty and COVID-19 in Africa.
- Fake News and the 2019 General Elections: A Media Analysis on Patterns and Frames of Misleading Information on Nairaland.Com.
- Gendering Historiography of Women in Nigerian and Ghanaian Societies.

#### **O. OTHER ON-GOING RESEARCH / LEARNING ACTIVITIES WITH COURSERA and IBM INCLUDE**

- Matrilineality and Domestic Violence in Ghana: The Triumph of Patriarchy.
- Mobile Learning Acceptance and the Moderating Effect of Gender in Nigeria's Accounting Education.
- Gender and Sexuality: Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace-University of Pittsburgh (Coursera Online Learning).
- International Migration from SciencesPo
- Queering Identities: Sexuality and Gender Identity-University of Colorado (Coursera Online Learning).
- Design Thinking with IBM

#### **P. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS (since joining Covenant University)**

- Convocation Planning Committee 2010/2011, Hospitality and Welfare Unit (Member)
- Faculty Support Program Committee 2011/2012, (Member)
- Convocation Planning Committee 2011/2012, Decoration Unit (Vice Chairman).
- Community Development Initiative ( Member, 2011-2013).
- Covenant University Chaplaincy (Chaplain Assistant 2011 till date).



- Local Organising Committee for the Conference on E-Governance in Nigeria: Prospects and Challenges for Civic Engagement and Participation, Covenant University, June 9-11, 2014. Decoration/Welfare Committee (Head).
- Chair, Clean and Green Committee 2014-till date.
- Local Organising Committee for the Conference on E-Governance in Nigeria: Prospects and Challenges for Civic Engagement and Participation, Covenant University, June 10-12, 2015 (Member).
- Local Organising Committee for the Covenant University Conference on E-Governance in Nigeria. Theme: Information and Communication Technologies for Governance in Nigeria: Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities, June 8-10, 2016.
- Local Organising Committee for the All-Nigeria Universities Debating Championship (ANUDC, July 9-15, 2016 (Theme: Expressions).
- Local Organising Committee for the Covenant University Conference on E-Governance in Nigeria. Theme: Governance and Public Service Delivery in Nigeria: The Role of Information and Communication Technologies, June 7-9, 2017.
- Local Organising Committee for the Covenant University Conference on E-Governance in Nigeria. Theme: Governance and Public Service Delivery in Nigeria: The Role of Information and Communication Technologies, June 7-9, 2018.
- Chair, Departmental Town and Gown Committee, 2018 till date.
- Local Organising Committee for the Covenant University Conference on E-Governance in Nigeria. Theme: Governance and Public Service Delivery in Nigeria: The Role of Information and Communication Technologies, June 7-9, 2019.
- College of Leadership Development Studies (CLDS) Representative for Faculty Women Advance (FWA).
- Local Organising Committee for the Covenant University Conference on E-Governance in Nigeria. Theme: Innovation and Sustainable Development in a Digital Age, May 7-9, 2020.
- Head, Awards and Souvenirs Committee, United Nations @ 75 International Conference. Theme: The Future We Want: The UN We Need: Reaffirming Our Collective Commitment to Multilateralism, October 22-25, 2020.
- Local Organising Committee for the Covenant International Model United Nations (CIMUN), April 26<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

## **N. REFEREES**

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