

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### PREVIOUS ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Visiting Professor, International Institute for the Sociology of Law (IISL), Onati, Spain (2014).  
Visiting Scholar, Center for Law, Science and Global Health, School of Law, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA (September – December 2015).  
Visiting Scholar, Vulnerability and Human Condition Initiative, Emory Law School, Emory University, GA, USA (2017).  
Scholar in Residence, Africana Studies Institute, UConn, Storrs, CT, USA (2019)  
Martin Flynn Global Law Professor, School of Law, University of Connecticut, Hartford, CT, USA (2018 – 2020).

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##### Academic Qualifications and Awarding Institutions:

**LLB (Bachelor of Laws)** University of Benin, Benin City, Nigeria  
**LLM (Master of Laws)** Faculty of Law, University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria  
**PhD** Faculty of Law, University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria

### **Professional Qualifications and Awarding Institutions:**

**Post Graduate Diploma**, International Protection of Human Rights, Institute for Human Rights, Abo Akademi University, Turku, Finland, 2001.

**Certificate**, Advanced International Programme on Human Rights, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, University of Lund, Lund, Sweden, 2001.

**Certificate**, International Human Rights Law, University of Nottingham Center for Human Rights, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, U.K. 2001.

**Certificate**, World Bank Institute Core Course on Poverty Reduction, Reproductive Health and Health Sector Reform, Turin, Italy, 2003.

**Certificate**, World Bank Institute Trainers National Course on Millennium Development Goals and Health Sector Reform, Abuja, Nigeria, 2004.

### **CURRENT TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

Reproductive and Sexual Health

Women's Human Rights and Gender Studies

Africana Studies

Post Colonial Feminist Theory

### **KEY ACADEMIC AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:**

**2003 Visiting Research Fellow**, Gender, Sexuality and Law Group, Department of Law, Keele University, Staffordshire, England 2003.

**2004 Trainer**, World Bank Institute National Course on Reproductive Health, Millennium Development Goals and Health Sector Reform, Abuja, Nigeria, 2004.

**2005 Country Representative**, World Health Organization Country Level Task Force on Maternal and Newborn Health, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, 2005.

**2005 Visiting Research Scholar**, AHRB Centre for Law, Gender and Sexuality, University of Kent, Canterbury, England, 2005.

**2005 Conference Speaker**, 3<sup>rd</sup> African Conference on Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS, SAHARA, Dakar, Senegal, October 2005.

**2006 Conference Speaker**, Center for Human Rights, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, March 2006.

**2007 Guest Ph.D Researcher**, International Development Studies, Roskilde University, Denmark, February - May 2007.

**2007 Research Fellow**, African Gender Institute, University of Cape Town, South Africa, November 2007.

- 2008 Research Fellow**, International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Onati, Spain, November 2008.
- 2009 Research Fellow**, GEXcel, Department of Gender Studies, Linkoping University, Sweden, 2009.
- 2010 Research Fellow**, Gender Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science, U.K. December, 2010.
- 2012 Conference Speaker**, Freedom of Religion and Gender Equality: Tensions and Unresolved Conflicts, University of Heidelberg, Germany, May, 2012.
- 2012 Conference Speaker**, College of Law, University of Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, October, 2012.
- 2013 Conference Speaker**, Linkoping University, Linkoping, Sweden, June, 2013.
- 2014 Participant**, International Symposium on Sexual and Reproductive Rights ‘Lawfare’ in International Tribunals, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, U.S.A., November, 2014.
- 2015 Presenter**, International Conference on Masculinities, Stonybrook University, New York, U.S.A. March 5 – 8, 2015.
- 2016 Presenter**, FLT (Vulnerability and Human Condition Initiative) Emory Law School, Emory University, GA, USA. 2016 – 2017.
- 2018 Presenter, University of Connecticut Law School, Hartford, CT, USA, March 2018.
- 2019 Presenter**, Africana Studies Institute, University of Connecticut, Storrs – Mansfield, CT, USA, August 2019.
- 2020 Lecturer**, Centre of Excellence in Reproductive Health Innovation, University of Benin, Nigeria, September 2020
- 2022 Lecturer**, Centre of Excellence in Reproductive Health Innovation, University of Benin, Nigeria, January 2022

## **RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS:**

### **Books:**

**ANIEKWU, N.I., Reproductive Health Law - A Jurisprudential Analysis of Gender Specific Human Rights for the African Region** (University of Benin, Nigeria, 2011).

**ANIEKWU, N.I., Legal Methodology and Research in Nigerian Universities** (2<sup>nd</sup> edition, University of Benin, Nigeria, 2019).

### **Book Chapter:**

**ANIEKWU N.I., (2011) Human Rights in Sexual and Reproductive Health Research**, Vol. XI, GEXcel Work in Progress Report, in **Gender and Violence – Mechanisms**,

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**Selected Articles:**

**ANIEKWU, N. I. (2002)** “*Gender and Human Rights Dimensions of HIV/AIDS in Nigeria,*” African Journal of Reproductive Health, Vol. 6. No.3, pps 30 – 47.

**ANIEKWU N.I. & OLOWU F. (2004)** “*The Legal Framework and Policy Environment for Health Sector Reform in Nigeria.*” Selected Background Paper, Special Publication, World Bank Institute on Poverty Reduction, Reproductive Health and Health Sector Reform, Abuja, Nigeria, Volume 1 No. 1, pps 24 – 35.

**ANIEKWU N.I. (2004)** “*Reflections on Initial Reactions and Transmission Patterns of HIV/AIDS among Adolescents in Sub-Saharan Africa*” Annals of Bio – Medical Sciences, University of Benin, Vol. 3 Nos 1& 2, pps 1 – 11.

**ANIEKWU N.I. (2004)** “*Mainstreaming Adolescent Reproductive Rights into Legal Education in Nigeria: A Proposal*” Nigeria Education Law Journal, Vol. 7 No. 1, University of Ibadan, pps. 50 – 65.

**ANIEKWU N.I. (2005)** “*Human Rights and Environmental Issues Relating to Oil Production in the Niger Delta*” Lesotho Law Journal, Faculty of Law, National University of Lesotho, South Africa. Vol. 15 No. 2, pps 208 – 223.

**ANIEKWU N.I. (2005)** “*Before Beijing and Beyond: A Reflection on the Emergence of Women’s Rights as Human Rights,*” KNUST Law Journal, University of Kumasi, Ghana. pps 1 – 16.

**ANIEKWU N.I. (2005)** “*CEDAW and the Status of Implementation on the Right to Health Care in Nigeria.*” Human Rights Brief, American University College of Law, Washington D.C., U.S.A Vol. 13, pps. 34 – 40.

**ANIEKWU N.I. (2006)** “*Health Sector Reform in Nigeria: A Perspective on Human Rights*” Local Environment: The International Journal of Justice and Sustainability, Vol. 11, No. 1 Northumbria University, Taylor & Francis, U.K. pps 128 – 140.

**ANIEKWU N.I. (2006)** “*Converging Constructions: A Historical Perspective on Sexuality and Feminism in Post Colonial Africa*” African Sociological Review, Faculty of Humanities, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, Vol. 10 No. 1, 143 - 160.

**ANIEKWU N.I. & ATSENUWA A.V. (2007)** “*Sexual Violence and HIV/AIDS: An Intimate Link*” Local Environment: The International Journal of Justice and Sustainability, Northumbria University, Newcastle, U.K., 313 – 324.

**ANIEKWU N.I. & UZODIKE E.N. (2008)** “*Legislating Gender, [Re] Producing Rights: An Analysis of African Case Law*” Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law, Vol. 30 No. 2, University of Liverpool, U.K., 117 - 126.

**ANIEKWU N.I. (2008)** “*Addressing AIDS in Africa: Rights and Vulnerabilities in the face of HIV*” Ife Juris Review, Faculty of Law, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile –Ife, Nigeria, 1 – 17.

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**ANIEKWU N.I. (2009)** “*The Additional Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People’s Rights: Indications of Capacity for African Municipal Systems*” Law, Democracy & Development, Journal of the Faculty of Law, Vol. 13, No. 2, University of the Western Cape, South Africa, 22 - 35.

**ANIEKWU N.I. & KARSTEDT S., (2010)** “*Private Contexts of Treaty Obligations in the United Nations Charter and International Bill of Rights*” Vol. 28 Journal of Private and Property Law, Faculty of Law, University of Lagos, Nigeria, 89 - 104.

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**ANIEKWU N.I. (2012)** *“Protecting Reproductive Health and Rights in Domiciliary Law: Strategies and Recommendations for Nigeria,”* Journal of Health Law and Policy, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Lagos, Nigeria, 91 – 120.

**ANIEKWU N.I., (2013)** *“Cultural Relativism and the Challenges for Human Rights in African Legal Systems,”* 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Publication, Council of Legal Education, Abuja, Nigeria, pps 381 - 399.

**ANIEKWU N.I., (2013)** *“Negotiating Litigation as an Alternative to Non – Adjudicatory Dispute Resolution,”* Law of Domestic Violence in Nigeria, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Lagos, Nigeria, pps. 263 - 285.

**AIGBOKHAEVBO V., ANIEKWU N.I., (2013)** *“Environmental Abuses in Nigeria: Implications for Health Law,”* Annual Survey of International and Comparative Law, Golden Gate University School of Law, California, USA, Vol. 19, 1, pps. 233.

**LANE JEFF, ANIEKWU NKOLI et al (2015)** *“Age of Consent for HIV Testing and Counseling in Nigeria”,* AIDS Law Brief, University of Washington & the US President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

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**ANIEKWU N.I. & EBOIGBE E. (2020)** *“Before COVID 19: Reviewing the Feminization of HIV/AIDS in Sub - Saharan Africa”* NIALS Health Law & Policy Journal, NHLPJ 2020 Vol 2 (Issue 1), Special Edition on COVID 19, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Lagos, Nigeria.

**ANIEKWU N.I. (2021)** “*The Globalization of African Studies: An Affirmative Approach*”  
Academia Letters, Article 3182.

**Accepted/Forthcoming Publications:**

**ANIEKWU N.I.**, *The Relevance of Roe v. Wade: Policy Guidelines and Legal Indications for Abortion Access in Nigeria*, Knowable Magazine, Annual Review of Public Health

**ANIEKWU N.I., OPARAKU U.**, *Progress and Opportunities for Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health in Nigeria*, NIALS Health Law & Policy Journal (NHLPJ), Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

**ANIEKWU N.I.**, *Gendered Violence and Insurgency: The Case of Boko Haram in North Eastern Nigeria*, Essays on Governance, Security, Co-Existence and Politics in Nigeria’s Emerging Legal Environment

**ANIEKWU N.I., & CHUKWUJINDU N.**, *Tracking the Trajectories: Cultural Relativism and the Realization of Women’s Rights in Africa*, Academia Letters

**AWARD WINNING PHD DISSERTATION:**

Domesticating Cairo and Beijing: Prospects and Opportunities for Reproductive Health and Rights in Nigeria

**HONORS & AWARDS:**

**NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES DOCTORAL THESES AWARD (NUDTAS) FOR BEST PHD THESES WITHIN THE NIGERIAN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM:** National Universities Commission, 2012.

**THE MARTIN FLYNN GLOBAL LAW CHAIR:** University of Connecticut Law School, CT, USA. 2018 – 2020.

**DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH AWARD:** Women’s Health and Action Research Centre, Benin City, Nigeria, 2005.

**DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD:** Distinguished Scholar, Class of 1988, Nigerian Law School, Lagos, Nigeria, 2012.

**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD**, FGGC Alumni Association, Federal Government Girls College Benin City, in Recognition of Outstanding Contributions to the Legal Profession, Lagos, Nigeria, 2017.

**CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & POSITIONS:**

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