

Chukwuma, Chiamaka Justina

EDUCATION

University of Illinois Chicago
Anthropology (Archaeology)

2024-present

University of Nigeria, Nsukka
Archaeology and Tourism (Bachelor of Arts).

2016-2021
First Class Honors (4.53/5.00)

- **Class Rank:** 1 of 65
- **Final Year Thesis:** Revitalization of Isuochi Carnival and Festivals
- **Dissertation Grade:** A
- **Supervisor:** Dr. M.O Aruomah (maureen.ukaegbu@unn.edu.ng)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Research Assistant, Igboukwu Archaeological Project

2021-2023

Coordinated by Dr Abidemi Babalola, British Museum, United Kingdom and Dr. Daraojimba Kingsley, University of Nigeria.

- Participated in archaeological surveys and excavation
- Collected ethnographic data
- Assisted in Glass beads, metals and ceramic (Igbo-ukwu potsherds) analysis recovered from the field

Final Year Thesis, "Revitalization of Isuochi Carnival and Festivals"

2021

- Drafted interview guide for ethnographic data collection
- Conducted participant observation, and focus group discussions at the field
- Reviewed literatures to ascertain statement of problems and study objectives
- Analyzed and Presented Data using Visualizations

Group Head, 4th Year Undergraduate Field-school.

2021

Coordinated by Dr. Itanyi E.I, and Dr. Uzuegbu J.O, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

"An Ethnographic Research and Archaeological excavation of Iron smelting sites in Ukehe, Enugu, Nigeria"

- Conducted site selection and mapping procedures
- Excavated two 80cm pits at two different iron-smelting sites
- Collected and documented finds
- Drafted interview guide for ethnographic data collection
- Analyzed artifacts collected from the field
- Produced a fieldwork report (Grade: A)

Group Head, 3rd Year Undergraduate Field-school.

2019

Coordinated by Dr. C.C Oguamanam, and Dr. Daraojimba, K.C. University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

“Archaeological Survey of Ishiugwu Obukpa abandoned settlement Site in Nsukka, Enugu state, Nigeria”

- Site surveying and recording of surface features and finds
- Excavated 40cm spits
- Analyzed complex stratigraphy
- Analyzed iron slag and potsherds artifacts collected from field
- Produced a fieldwork report (Grade: A)

Group Head, 2nd Year Undergraduate Field-school.

2018

Coordinated by Prof. Okonkwo, E.A, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

“Ethnography and socio-cultural study of Enugu Ezike, Enugu, Nigeria.”

- Drafted the interview guide for gathering social-cultural and socio-economic information of the study area.
- Conducted audio and video recording and transcription.
- Produced a fieldwork report (Grade: A)

SKILLS

Archaeological excavation techniques | Qualitative data collection skill | Strong technical and Report-writing abilities | Artifacts preservation and Cataloguing | Team work | Communication skill | Data analysis using computational and statistical modeling technique

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Christ the King Secondary School, Aba, Abia State

2021- Present

History and Geography Part-time Teacher

- Taught High school students in grade 7&8 History and Geography
- Integrate creative activities into daily lessons to increase students' zeal
- Design engaging contents for e-learning modules using authoring tools such as Adobe

Micheal Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Abia State

2022

Graduate Assistant, Department of Post-Graduate Studies

- Sorted students' documents and arranged files
- Assisted in students' thesis defense conduction

University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu State.

2017-2020

Student Tutor, Department of Archaeology and Tourism

- Organized Class Tutorials and revised coursework
- Planned and developed tutorial timetable for class

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND PAPER PRESENTATION

- Heritage Discussion, 2022 series of National Museum Jos.

2022

Theme: *“Return of Looted Nigeria Artifact; a public debate between the Nigerian and the European Team”*

- 1ST Multidisciplinary conference of the Department of Archaeology and Tourism,UNN. **2021**
Presented Paper: *Revitalization of Isuochi Carnival and Festival for Tourism Development”*

- Maiden “IGBOKACHA” lecture by Department of Archaeology, UNN.
Theme: *“Igbology and Zeitgeist of Akonauche in the 21st century Africa”*

2021

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

- LeafGreenAfrica **2022-date**
- Heritage Actors Hub **2023**
- Lion Reach Educational Foundation. **2022**
- Boys Champion **2022**
- Volunteer, Charity, and Gender, Community Development Service (NYSC) **2022**
- Heritage Discussion **2022**

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Corps platoon 3 leader, Mangu camp, Plateau state Batch A2 (NYSC) **2022**
- Coordinator Historical, Tourism and Political Club, CKC Secondary School **2022**
- Treasurer, Archaeology and Tourism Students Association (ATSA) **2019-2021**
- Secretary, Gospel Band, Nigerian Federation of Catholic Students (NFCS) **2019**
- Assistant Secretary, Archaeology and Tourism Students Association **2018-2019**

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Archaeological Association of Nigeria (AAN) **2022**
- Member, Association of Tourism Developers in Nigeria (ATDIN). **2022**
- Member, Association of Archaeology and Tourism Students (ATSA) **2017-2021**

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

- University Fellowship: University of Illinois Chicago **2024**
- Award of service "Corps Platoon Leader, Batch A2" Mangu camp, Plateau state. **2022**
- Professor Thurstan Shaw Prize Award **2021**
- Professor Nwanna Nzewunwa Prize Award **2021**
- Best Graduating Archaeology and Tourism Student Award **2021**
- Most dedicated final-year student **2021**
- Award of Excellence, 'Academic Icon of the Year', **2021**
- Own Your Stage, Africa Scholarship **2019**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

- Research Topic and Proposal Writing for Research Scholars **2023**
- Physical Education-coaching Styles and Techniques, Alison courses **2022**
- Soft-skills Training by Jobberman, LinkedIn **2019**
- Own your stage Africa **2019**
- Effective communication through writing **2018**

LANGUAGES

- English (Advanced)
- French (Basic level)
- Igbo (Native language)