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POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

PHD HUMANITIES (RESEARCH-CREATION)/JUNE 2029

Concordia University

THESIS: FILM AS MEDIUM, DANCE AS LANGUAGE FOR BLACK BODIES

MFA FILM PRODUCTION/JUNE 2024

Concordia University

THESIS: INTERDISCIPLINARY ON VARIANCES OF AFRICAN QUEER SEXUALITY AND LOSS

Graduated with Highest Honors (CGPA of 4.08 of 4.3)

BSC BANKING AND FINANCE/JUNE 2011

Babcock University

Graduated with Second Class (Upper Honors)

CGPA of 4.19 of 5

POST-SECONDARY DIPLOMA FILM PRODUCTION/JUNE 2015

The Toronto Film School

Graduated on the President's list.

ACADEMIC CERTIFICATIONS

Graduate Seminar in University Teaching Certificate

Concordia University

2024

Inclusive Syllabus Development Workshop

Concordia University

2024

Golden Key International Honor Society Membership

Golden Key

2024

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

FFAR TUTORIAL LEADER/CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

2024 – present

Working as a tutorial leader for the FFAR 248 and FFAR 249: "Engaging Across Disciplines in the Fine Arts" course at the Faculty of Fine Arts. As part of my role as tutorial leader, I prepare tutorials for both sections, hold office hours for students, grade all coursework while providing feedback, and attend bi-weekly pedagogy training sessions for the tutorial leaders.

TEACHING ASSISTANT/CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

2021 – 2024

Worked as teaching assistant at the Mel Hoppenheim school of cinema at Concordia University assisting course professors by researching, filming, grading, preparing course material and teaching students. I was a Teaching Assistant for courses in English and French.

Courses include:

- Introduction to Film producing,
- Writing for Film I and II,
- Scénario I et II (Including a full session teaching the course).
- Filmmaking I and II.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

OWN SSHRC-funded research on Reclamation of Queer Black Bodies using Dance and Movement, captured and exhibited by immersive cinema

September 2024 – present

RESEARCH ASSISTANT on Concordia University's Black Studies @ Concordia Speaker Series to promote Black scholarship at the University.

June 2025 – May 2026

RESEARCH ASSISTANT on SSHRC-funded Community Centred Knowledges on Black Wellness in Montreal

June 2025 – December 2025

ACADEMIC AND ARTISTIC WORK EXPERIENCE

FILM CURATOR AND PROGRAMMER/TËNK CANADA

May 2024 – present

Working as a programmer and film curator for the non-fiction film streaming platform Tënk Canada, I curate African and Black non-fiction film content and spotlight the filmmakers.

ACCESS CENTRE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (ACSD) MENTOR/CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

October 2024 – May 2026

Worked as a mentor at the ACSD Concordia, mentoring students with disabilities to help eliminate barriers in their learning and in achieving academic success at Concordia University.

FILM CURATOR IN-RESIDENCE/CONCORDIA VISUAL COLLECTIONS REPOSITORY

March 2024 – December 2025

Worked as the film curator-in-residence at Concordia University's VCR, where I am curating BIPOC and Indigenous films for pedagogy to help decolonize the film curriculum at Concordia.

GRADUATE AMBASSADOR/CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

2024 – 2025

Worked as a graduate ambassador at Concordia University to support prospective Concordia students all around the world to make informed choices regarding their graduate studies.

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**PRODUCER, DIRECTOR, VIDEO EDITOR/BORN REGAL FILMS**

2015 – present

Founded the production company, Born Regal Films where I have produced, edited, and directed short films, feature films, documentaries and commercials, winning several awards.

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT/RODEOFX

2023 – 2024

Worked in the Editorial department at the Visual Effects company, RodeoFX in Montréal. Assisting in the editing, logging and processing of material needed for visual effects.

VIDEO EDITOR, LAB TECHNICIAN/BLINK STUDIOS LTD

2016 – 2021

Edited feature films, short films, documentaries, commercials, promo videos, TV shows, telenovelas. Digitized on feature film sets and commercials in various parts of Nigeria.

ACADEMIC AWARDS**Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Doctoral (CGRS-D)**

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

2026

Concordia Black Student Doctoral Entrance Award

Concordia University

2024

Value: \$120,000 CAD

Black Excellence Academic Achievement Award

Noula Black Student Centre at Concordia University

2024

Details: Graduating Black graduate student with the highest CGPA

Elsbeth McConnell Fine Arts Award

Concordia University

2022/2024

Value: \$10,000 CAD

Mel Hoppenheim Graduate Cinema Award

Concordia University

2023

Value: \$1,500 CAD

Graduate Film Production Thesis Grant

Concordia University

2023

Value: \$1,500 CAD

Concordia Fine Arts Scholarship

Concordia University

2021/2022

Value: \$20,000 CAD

Concordia International Tuition Award of Excellence

Concordia University

2021/2022

Value: \$30,000 CAD

Campaign for Concordia Graduate Award

Concordia University

2021

Value: \$5,000 CAD

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS FROM FILM EXHIBITIONS

Winner

Best Short film – *PIED-À-TERRE*

WILDSOUND BLACK FILM & SCREENPLAY FESTIVAL JUNE 2025

Winner

Best Short Film (Diaspora) – *PIED-À-TERRE*

INTERNATIONAL BLACK AND DIVERSITY FILM FESTIVAL 2025

Winner

Best International Short film – *CHEZ. DR BELLO*
INTERNATIONAL BLACK AND DIVERSITY FILM FESTIVAL 2024

Winner

Best Original Nigerian Short Film – *EJA ARO*
EKO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2019

Winner

Best Innovative Storytelling – *EJA ARO*
AFRICA SMARTPHONE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2018

Nominated

Best Feature Documentary – *COLONIALISM AND YORUBA TRADITIONAL RELIGION: THE OSUN DEITY*
TORONTO INFF 2023, WIBFF 2024

Nominated

Best International Feature Documentary – *COLONIALISM AND YORUBA TRADITIONAL RELIGION: THE OSUN DEITY*
INTERNATIONAL BLACK AND DIVERSITY FILM FESTIVAL 2024

Nominated

Best Short Film – *JUMPER*
AFRICA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2021
REALTIME INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2024
TORONTO INTERNATIONAL NOLLYWOOD FESTIVAL 2021

PORTFOLIO

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eFnlgHUfdc99WTC5qh8lYXjEftN3F9kj/view?usp=sharing>

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CITINGS

- <https://www.concordia.ca/cuevents/finearts/fofa/2026/05/07/black-arts-series-screening.html>
- <https://www.concordia.ca/news/stories/2026/03/02/concordians-in-the-spotlight-at-the-44th-festival-international-du-film-sur-lart.html>
- <https://africanfilmny.org/directors/badewa-ajibade/>
- <https://www.quibdoafricafilmfestival.com/copie-de-directores-2020?lightbox=dataItem-klwa055a>

- <https://lefifa.com/en/catalog/carte-blanche-badewa-ajibade-montreal>
- https://www.concordia.ca/news/stories/2023/11/21/concordia-artists-delve-into-black-aliveness-and-consciousness-in-new-fofa-gallery-film-screening.html?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=graduate&utm_campaign=newsletter&_cldee=vPy6ceEwSv8N0v5-aDU82cmxJDQ0t-kaBuBV59tG1WL1fEDF2IEauJMYU-wszrt_y8Budkw_85a45ZHPVURcnQ&recipientid=contact-155309f7c344eb11a812000d3af33e95-ac26ca7f217c4105b089e22f077cfb86&esid=13b5960f-a588-ee11-8178-0022483d34ca
- <https://expoartist.org/profile.cfm?mode=1&divid=72866&profileid=45723>
- <https://www.concordia.ca/finearts/research-creation/visual-collections-repository.html>
- <https://www.okayafrica.com/shorts-program-naija-stories-25th-new-york-african-film-festival-2017/>
- <https://www.publicnow.com/view/26D54BFC7BD5D2442B1E2184124CF4FCE3C7F653?1700592435>
- <https://theconcordian.com/2023/11/december-films-at-concordia/>
- <https://www.tenk.ca/en/layovers/de-traumatizing-afro-sub-saharan-realities>

LANGUAGES (SPOKEN AND WRITTEN)

- English (Native)
- French (Professional)
- Yoruba (Intermediate)