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## CONTACT

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Toronto, Canada

Sept. 2022 - Present

Doctor of Philosophy, Anthropology

### University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Dec. 2021

Bachelor of Science, Archaeology (**First Class Honours**)

CGPA: **3.72** (4.0 Scale)

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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Zooarchaeology, isotope analysis, diet, mobility, pastoralism, hunter-gatherers, palaeoecology, archaeology of complex societies, cattle, horses, East Asia, and West Africa.

## POSITIONS

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2023 – Present	Visiting Scholar, Department of Anthropology, Trent University
2022 – Present	Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto
2022 – Present	Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto
2023-2024	Secretary, Anthropology Graduate Students' Union, University of Toronto (AGSU)
2021 – 2025	Anglophone Students' Representative, West African Archaeological Association (WAAA)
2021	Student Librarian, Bassey Wai Andah Library, Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Ibadan
2020 - 2021	Departmental Representative at the Faculty of Science Students' Representative Council (FSSRC), University of Ibadan

## SELECTED SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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2025-2028	Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS) - <b>\$150,000</b>
2022-2027	Connaught International Scholarships for Doctoral Students - <b>\$50,000</b>
2024-2025	University of Toronto Fellowship (UTF), Faculty of Arts and Science - <b>\$13,250</b>

2024-2025	University of Toronto Tuition Fellowship, Faculty of Arts and Science - <b>\$8,929</b>
2024	The Archaeology Centre Student Research Fellowship, University of Toronto - <b>\$1500</b>
2023-2024	Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) - <b>\$15,000</b>
2023	University of Toronto Fellowship (UTF), Faculty of Arts and Science - <b>\$6,072</b>
2023	The Hal Jackman Foundation Fellowship, Archaeology Centre, University of Toronto - <b>\$4,000</b>
2022-2023	University of Toronto Tuition Fellowship, Faculty of Arts and Science - <b>\$8,811</b>
2022	University of Toronto Fellowship (UTF), Faculty of Arts and Science - <b>\$10,104</b>
2022-2027	Offer of Admission (Ph.D.), Department of Anthropology, Cornell University – <b>US \$330,593</b> (Declined)*
2022-2025	Binford Recruitment Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico – <b>US \$42,808.26</b> (Declined)*
2022-2023	Chancellor's Fellowship, University of California, Santa Cruz – <b>US \$28,000</b> . Total Offer - <b>US \$67,628</b> (Declined)*
2021	Deacon Oluwole Ale Memorial Scholarship by Egbe Omo Oduduwa Inc. (EOOI) of South Florida - <b>N100,000</b>

## GRANTS

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2022-2027	Summer Research Grant from Dr. Lisa Janz, University of Toronto - <b>\$35,000**</b>
2025	University of Toronto, School of Graduate Studies (SGS) Conference Grant - <b>\$400</b>
2025	University of Toronto Scarborough Graduate Student Travel Grant - <b>\$500</b>
2024	University of Toronto Scarborough Graduate Student Travel Grant - <b>\$500</b>
2024	Research Expenses Fund, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto - <b>\$1000</b>
2024	University of Toronto, School of Graduate Studies (SGS) Conference Grant - <b>\$790</b>
2023	Pilot Research Grant, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto - <b>\$4,000</b>
2022	The Black Trowel Collective Microgrants – <b>US \$150</b>
2021	African World Heritage Fund Scholarship – West African Archaeology Association Conference Travel Grant

## AWARDS

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2023	Faculty of Arts and Science Program-Level Award, University of Toronto - <b>\$1,000</b>
2022	Doctoral Recruitment Award, Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Toronto - <b>\$10,000</b>
2022	Department of Anthropology Graduate Program Award, University of Toronto - <b>\$10,000</b>
2022	Recognition of Excellence Award, Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Toronto - <b>\$5,000</b>
2022	Faculty of Arts and Science Program-Level Award, University of Toronto - <b>\$1,000</b>
2018, 2019, 2022	Faculty of Science Dean's Roll of Honour Academic Award, The University of Ibadan – <b>N10,000</b>

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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2022	Best Graduating Student, Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Ibadan
2019	Most Outstanding Student Award, Archaeology and Anthropology Students' Association, University of Ibadan

## PUBLICATIONS

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Janz, L., Odsuren, D., **Akogun, M.**, Adiyasuren, M., & Bukhchuluun, D. 2025. "From Hunters to Herders in Eastern Mongolia: Long-Term Trends in Animal Hunting and Management." *Studia Archaeologica* 47(1): 91-103. <https://doi.org/10.5564/sa.v47i1.4347>

## TECHNICAL REPORTS

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Odsuren, D., Janz, L., Wolin, D., Adiyasuren M., **Akogun, M.**, & Sugar-Erdene, M. 2024. *Neolithic Research Project in the Gobi and Field Regions: Report on the 2023 archaeological excavations at the Tamsagbulag site of Khalkhgor Sum, Eastern Province, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.*

## INVITED TALK

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2025	Mapping Animal Provisioning in Old Bara, a Royal Mausoleum of the Oyo Empire, through Isotope Analysis. Undergraduate Class, ANT3152 Trent University, 6 March
2025	Zooarchaeology: What Did People Eat? Undergraduate Class, ANTB0H3 University of Toronto, Scarborough, 4 March

2025 Identity, Diet, and Ecology of Equids from Tamsagbulag Northeastern Mongolia. Faunal Interest Group (FIG), University of Toronto, Canada, 7 February

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

2025 Omigbule, A. O., **Akogun, M.**, Orijemie, E., & Ogunfolakan, A. "Women in Spaces and Times: Everyday Life in Igbó-Orítàá, Southwest Nigeria (14th–17th cc. CE)." Paper presented at the 27th Biennial Meeting of the **Society of Africanist Archaeologists**, *Crossroads through Time*, University of Algarve, Faro, Portugal, 21–26 July

2025 **Akogun, M.**, Szpak, P., & Ogundiran, A. "Stable isotope analysis from Old Bara: A contribution to the metropolitan political economy in the Oyo Empire." Paper presented at the 27th Biennial Meeting of the **Society of Africanist Archaeologists**, *Crossroads through Time*, University of Algarve, Faro, Portugal, 21–26 July

2025 **Akogun, M.**, Janz, L., Szpak, P., & Odsuren, D. "Hunting strategies and cattle management: Isotope data from Tamsagbulag, Mongolia (ca. 8500–6000 BP)." Paper presented at the 90th Annual Meeting of the **Society for American Archaeology**, Denver, CO, 23–27 April

2025 **Akogun, M.**, Janz, L., Szpak, P., & Odsuren, D. "Retracing foraging pathways and equine biogeography: A zooarchaeological and isotopic analysis of equids from Neolithic Tamsagbulag." Paper presented at the **Gobi-Steppe Neolithic (GSN) Project Conference**, Toronto, 10–12 January

2024 **Akogun, M.**, Janz, L., Szpak, P., & Odsuren, D. "Aurochs and the neolithization of Tamsagbulag: A view from stable isotope analysis." Paper presented at the **International Conference on a New Era of Mongolian Studies**, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 22 November

2024 **Akogun, M.**, Janz, L., Szpak, P., & Odsuren, D. 2024. "Isotopic perspectives on cattle management during the early and mid-Neolithic of Mongolia." Paper presented at the **UK Archaeological Sciences (UKAS) Conference**, York, United Kingdom, 3–5 April

2023 Janz, L., Odsuren, D., Buhchuluun, D., Molor, A., **Akogun, M.**, Littler, C., & Lambert, J.-P. "From hunters to herders: Hunting and management in eastern Mongolia." In *The Stone Age of Central Asia and Mongolia: Study and Conservation of Heritage Sites*. **Institute of Archaeology, Mongolian Academy of Sciences**, Ulaanbaatar, 24–26 August

2022 **Akogun, M.**, Odunbaku, J., & Alabi, R. "Diet and zootherapy: An insight from the fierce hunters of Ikija, southwestern Nigeria." Paper presented at the **World Archaeological Congress** – 9th Congress, Prague, Czech Republic, 3–8 July

2021 Okanlawon, D., & **Akogun, M.** "Archaeology beyond academics: A redefinition of archaeology in Nigeria." Paper presented at the 17th Conference of the **West African Archaeology Association**, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 5 November

#### CONFERENCES ATTENDED

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2025 The 27th Biennial Meetings of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists, Crossroads through Time. University of Algarve in Faro, Portugal (21-26, July)

2025 90<sup>TH</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology (SAA), Denver, Colorado (23-27 April)

2025 Gobi-Steppe Neolithic (GSN) Project Conference, Toronto, Canada (10-12 January)

2024 The International Conference on a New Era of Mongolian Studies. Ulaanbaatar Mongolia (22 November)

2024 UK Archaeological Sciences Conference, York, United Kingdom (3-5 April)

2023 The Stone Age of Central Asia and Mongolia: Study and Conservation of Heritage Sites, Institute of Archaeology, Mongolian Academy of Sciences, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (August 24-26)

2022 The World Archaeological Congress (WAC) - 9 Congress. Prague, Czech Republic (3 – 8 July)

2021 The 17th conference of West African Archaeology Association: West African Archaeology, A Factor of Social Cohesion Facing the Security Challenge. University of Joseph Ki-Zerbo, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (3 - 6 November)

2021 Society of Africanist Archaeologists 25th Biennial Meeting: African Archaeology – A 20:20 Vision for the future (17 August – 28 September)

2020 Humboldt Kolleg 2020, Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation, Bonn and University of Ibadan, Ibadan Nigeria (11 – 14 February)

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

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2022 Research Assistant - Osteoarchaeological Analysis of Graham Connah's 1964 Collection of Human Remains from Benin City, Nigeria (PI: Dr. Cécile Chapelain de Seréville-Niel, University of Caen Normandy, France)

2019 – 2022 Research Assistant - The Oyo Empire Archaeology and Heritage Project (PI: Akin Ogundiran Ph.D., Cardiss Collins Professor, Northwestern University, USA)

2021	Research Assistant - The Igbo-Olokun Archaeological Project, Ile-Ife (PI: Babatunde Babalola Ph.D., British Museum, UK)
2021	Fauna Analyst – Ikija Archaeological Project (PI: Dr. James Odunbaku, Olabisi Onabanjo University, and Prof. Raphael Alabi, University of Ibadan, Nigeria)
2019, 2021	Research Assistant - Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey of Rock shelters in Otan-Ile and Iba, Osun State, Nigeria (PI: Dr. A.O. Opadeji, University of Ibadan, Nigeria)
2021	Field Assistant - Department of Archaeology, Kwara State University, Nigeria, Field School

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCES

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2025	Teaching Assistant: <b>Introduction to Archaeology: Methods, Theories, and Practices</b> , Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto
2024	Teaching Assistant: <b>World Prehistory</b> , Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto
2023	Teaching Assistant: <b>Introduction to Biological Anthropology: Beginnings</b> , Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto
2022-2023	Teaching Assistant: <b>Introduction to Anthropology</b> , Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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2025-2026	Society for American Archaeology (SAA)
2021 – 2024	World Archaeological Congress (WAC)
2021 - Present	West African Archaeological Association (WAAA)
2020 – 2026	Society of Africanist Archaeologists (SAfA)
2020 - Present	Archaeological Association of Nigeria (AAN)

#### DISSERTATION

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2021	Undergraduate Thesis: Identification and Analysis of Faunal Remains from Ikija, Oyo State, Nigeria. (Advisor: Prof. Raphael A. Alabi)
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#### TRAINING

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2020	Industrial Training at the National Museum Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria
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## INSTRUMENTATION

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- Nu Plasma 1700 Multi-Collector Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (Nu Plasma 1700 MC-ICP-MS)
- Agilent 8800 Triple Quadrupole Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (Agilent 8800 Triple ICP-MS)
- Nu Horizon Elemental Analyzer – Isotope Ratio Mass Spectrometer (Nu Horizon EA-IRMS)
- Vario ISOTOPE Cube Elemental Analyzer – Isotope Ratio Mass Spectrometer (Vario ISOTOPE Cube EA-IRMS)