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EDUCATION

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

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

POSITIONS

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

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

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

GRANTS

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

AWARDS

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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

Omigbule, A. O., Akogun, M. O., Orijemie, E. A., & Ogunfolakan, A. B. (2026). Aspects of garden-based agroforestry at Igbó-Orítàá, Ìwó, southwest Nigeria (c. 14th-17th centuries CE). *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*, 72, 105768. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jasrep.2026.105768>

Akogun, M. O., Szpak, P., Oelze, V. M., Leishman, K., Hilsden, J., Speller, C., ... & Ogundiran, A. (2026). Multiproxy stable isotope analysis provides insights into diet, animal management, and residential mobility in Old Bara, a metropolitan suburb of the Oyo Empire, West Africa. *PLoS One*, 21(4), e0345981. <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0345981>

Janz, L., Odsuren, D., Akogun, M., Molor, A., & 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

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 Khalkhgol Sum, Eastern Province, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.*

INVITED TALK

- 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., Bukhchuluun, 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

- 2025 The 27th Biennial Meetings of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists, Crossroads through Time. University of Algarve in Faro, Portugal (21-26, July)
- 2025 90TH 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

- 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

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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- 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

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

2020	Industrial Training at the National Museum Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria
2020	QGIS Training Program, Department of Geography, School of Earth Sciences, Central University of Karnataka and State Institute of Urban Development, Karnataka, India

INSTRUMENTATION

- 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)