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Brief Biography

Dr Kingsley Chinedu Daraojimba is an Environmental Archaeologist. He obtained his degrees (B.Sc 2007; M.Sc 2010 and Ph.D 2017) from the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Ibadan.

Dr Daraojimba is a 2020 African Humanities Program (AHP) Postdoctoral Fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). Prior to his appointment at UNN, he occupied a University of Ibadan Postgraduate School Teaching and Research Assistant Position (2013-16). He obtained Certificates in Global Social Archaeology, Kyushu University, Japan (2016) and Community Archaeology, University of Cambridge (2019).

Kingsley has received several academic awards and research grants, some of which include: Prof. Nwanna Nzewunwa Prize for the Best Graduating Student in African Archaeology (2007); Dr Liman Ciroma Prize for the Best Graduating Student in Archaeology (2007); Laureate, Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), (2017); Laureate, Early Career Academic Grant, Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), (2018); Society of Antiquaries of London (SAL) Research Grant (2020); Cambridge-Africa Alborada Research Grant (2020-2021); African Humanities Program Postdoctoral Fellowship (2020-2021).

His research interest straddles Nigerian archaeology and ethnohistory; Melissopalynology; human-environment relationship; palaeoenvironment and vegetation history of the Quaternary

period; community archaeology and public engagement. He has several book chapters and journal articles published to his credit. He directs archaeological projects in eastern and western Nigeria including Igbo-Ukwu and Owu Archaeology Projects, respectively. He is also the Assistant Business Manager of the West African Journal of Archaeology (WAJA). He is a member of several learned archaeological and related societies.

Education

PhD., (Archaeology) University of Ibadan, Nigeria, 2017

M.Sc., (Archaeology) University of Ibadan, Nigeria, 2010

B.Sc., (Archaeology) University of Ibadan, Nigeria, 2007

Employment History

- Lecturer of Archaeology, Department of Archaeology and Tourism, 2017- date
- Teaching and Research Assistant, University of Ibadan, 2013-2016.

Research Interest

Region: Nigerian archaeology and ethnohistory; human-environment relationship; Melissopalynology; palaeoenvironment and vegetation history of the Quaternary period; community archaeology and public engagement.

Awards and Grants

2020-2021	Cambridge-Africa Alborada Research Grant (with Dr Babatunde Babalola)
2020-2021	African Humanities Program (AHP/ACLS) Early Career Postdoctoral Fellowship
2020-2021	Society of Antiquaries of London Research Grant (with Dr Pamela Smith)
2019	Seed grant from Professor Paul Lane, McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, University of Cambridge, UK
2018	Early Career Academic Grant, Association of Commonwealth Universities
2017	CODESRIA College of Academic Mentors Institute, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya
2013-2016	University of Ibadan Postgraduate School Teaching and Research Assistant Award
2007	Prof Nwanna Nzewunwa Prize for the Best Graduating Student in African Archaeology
2007	Departmental Prize for the Best Graduating Student in Archaeology
2007	Dr Liman Ciroma Prize for the Best Graduating Student in Archaeology

Publication:

Book chapters:

1. “Africanism”, in A.K, Bangura (ed) *African Isms: Africa and the Globalised World* (New York: Peter Lang Publishing Inc, 2021), 11-33.
2. “Brief Descriptions of Qualitative Research Methods”, in A. K. Bangura, J. A. Obando, I. I. Munene, and C. Shisanya (eds.). *Conducting Research and Mentoring Students in Africa:*

CODESRIA College of Mentors Handbook, (Dakar, Senegal: CODESRIA Publications, 2019), 59-116.

3. “Archaeological deposit in Motako, southwest Nigeria, investigated by pollen analysis” in: A. M. Mercuri et al. (Eds.): *Plants and People in the African Past*, (Springer Nature Switzerland AG, 2018), 246-270.
4. “A study of pollen rain in Oke-Eri, southwest Nigeria”, in P.A. Oyelaran, R.A. Alabi and P.A Adeonipekun (eds) *Human Palaeoecology in Africa: Essays in Honour of Professor M. Adebisi Sowunmi*, (Published by Palynological Association of Nigeria, 2016), 72-91.

Journal articles:

1. “Environmental and vegetation dynamics in the forest of Orile-Owu, Osun State (Nigeria) during the last ~ 1,36k cal. yr BP”, *Hoehnea*. <https://doi.org/10.1590/2236-8906-41/2021>
2. “Methodological Protocols of Understanding Decomposed Mud Wall Residential Structures in Oyo-Ile (C. 1570–1837), Nigeria”, *South African Archaeological Bulletin* 76, no. 214 (2021): 43–56.
3. “Archaeology Education in Igbo-Ukwu, south east Nigeria”, *Archaeologies*. DOI10.1007/s1175902109426-x (2021).
4. “Short Notes on the 2019 Igbo-Ukwu Research Project”, *West Africa Journal of Archaeology* 49 (2019): 177-184.
5. “Humans and oil palm (*Elaeis guineensis* Jacq.) exploitation in Orile-Owu, Southwest Nigeria Ca. 1450-1640 A.D: Archaeo-botanical evidence”, *Dig It*, 3 (2016):14-23.
6. “Archaeological reconnaissance, cultural documentation and archaeo-tourism possibilities of Orile-Owu, southwest Nigeria” *West African Journal of Archaeology* 46 no. 2 (2016): 203-217.
7. Sediment analysis of a 500-year old Archaeological deposit in Central Yorubaland, Southwest Nigeria. *Nyame Akuma* 84 (2015):107-114.

Conference proceedings:

1. Palynological and archaeological evidence of land use and vegetation changes during the past 1375 cal YBP in Awerele, southwest Nigeria. Annual meeting of the Institute of Botany, Brazil (2018).
2. Palynological and archaeological evidence of land use by the Owu people in Motako, Southern Nigeria. Proceedings of the XVI Congress of the Brazilian Association of Quaternary Studies (ABEQUA), 2 no. 1 (2017): 262.
3. A palynological study of an archaeological deposit in Motako, South-western Nigeria. Conference proceedings of the 8th International Workshop of African Archaeobotany, Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy, 2015, 163-166.

Selected Public Presentations

1. “New Developments on the Archaeology of Igbo-Ukwu”. A paper presented at the symposium in honour of Professor Caleb Adebayo Folorunso, visiting Professor, at the University of Cambridge, June 11, 2021.
2. “Geospatial Analysis of the Impact of Charcoal Production on Plant Heritage in Old Nsukka Division, Southeast Nigeria”. Paper Presented at the 1st Multidisciplinary Conference hosted

by the Department of Archaeology and Tourism, University of Nigeria, Nsukka on May 11, 2021.

3. "New Excavations at Igbo-Ukwu, south east Nigeria". Paper presented at the African Archaeology Research Day, hosted by the Royal Agricultural University and University of Leicester, United Kingdom on December 11, 2020.
4. "Revisit to Igbo-Ukwu on the anniversary of its first excavation: issues and prospects". 16th West African Archaeological Association Conference, University of Ghana, Legon 9-13 July, 2019.
5. "Making Sense of Rubbish: A Palyno-phosphate Interpretation of a Last Century Household Garbage Dump in Southern Nigeria". 24th Archaeological Association of Nigeria Conference in Honour of Prof Alex Okpoko, University of Nigeria, Nsukka 13-16 October, 2019.
6. "A peep into the palaeoenvironment of Lankan, south eastern Jos Plateau, Nigeria: palynological perspectives". Paper presented at the Celebrating 50 years (1967-2017) of Doctoral Scholarship of Prof M. Adebisi Sowunmi, held at the Dept. of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Ibadan, June 2, 2018.
7. "The Mejiro Double Courtyard Complex IV: Plant resource use in a domestic context". Paper presented at 24th Biennial Meetings of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists (SAfA), Toronto, Canada, 18-21 June, 2018.

Invited talk:

Pre-colonial polities: Igbo-Ukwu Civilization (800-1200 C.E.). Invited talk for Re-rooting in African History (RIAH) Course Series on June 6, 2021. Invited by Dr Chizoba Imoka-Ubochioma (organiser).

Professional service and assignments:

1. Departmental facilitator, National Universities Commission (NUC) resource verification exercise, UNN (2021)
2. Member, Department of Archaeology and Tourism (UNN) collaboration and linkage programme (2020-Date)
3. Member, Faculty of Arts (UNN) Committee on Research and Grant proposal and Publication Writing (2020-Date)
4. Assistant Business Manager, West African Journal of Archaeology (WAJA) 2019-Date