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Profile:

I am an applied sociologist who is interested in the bases of order in society. My many years of sociological training, lived experience in three continents – Africa, Europe, and America – and consistent professional application of learned skills, helps to illuminate the deep complexities involved in understanding disorder and armed conflict, especially in Africa. My research skills, native intelligence, and ability to interrogate contextual and non-contextual elements of order has helped organizations and researchers to forge understanding of the social ecology of conflicts in diverse societies; knowledge useful for planning, designing, implementing, and evaluating conflict interventions.

Education

Ph.D.	Georgia State University (Soc./Race/Urban)	2007 - 2011
M.Sc.	University of Benin (Soc. & Anth./Criminology)	1995 - 1997
B.Sc.	University of Jos (Sociology)	1988 - 1992

Non-Academic Appointments

Senior Social Scientist Global Cultural Knowledge Network (GCKN) US Army North (ARNORTH)	2014 - Present
Senior Social Scientist Human Terrain Element (HTE) TRADOC G2 - US Army Africa (USARAF)	2013 - 2014
Senior Social Scientist (Post-Doctoral Fellow), Behavioral and Social Health Outcomes Program (BSHOP), US Army Public Health Command (USAPHC)	2012 - 2013
Senior Social Scientist, CGI Federal – US Army	2012 – 2012
Executive Director, African Center for Conflict Transformation www.acctinc.org	2011 - Present

Program Director,
CrimeWatch International 2000 - 2011

Program Officer (Research),
Women's Health and Action Research Center, Nigeria 1996 – 1999

Academic Appointments

Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
University of Benin, Nigeria 2003 – 2014

Assistant Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
University of Benin, Nigeria 2002 – 2003

Assistant Lecturer, Department of Sociology
Ambrose Alli University, Nigeria 1999 - 2001

Selected University Service

Member representing the Faculty of Social Sciences
University of Benin Press Management Committee
University of Benin, Nigeria 2004 - 2006

Member representing the Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Faculty of social Sciences Exam Malpractices Committee
University of Benin, Nigeria 2004 - 2006

Examination Officer,
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
University of Benin, Nigeria 2004 - 2006

Staff Adviser,
2nd Year Sociology and Anthropology Students
University of Benin, Nigeria 2002 - 2006

Staff Adviser,
4th Year Sociology students
Ambrose Alli University, Nigeria 1999 - 2001

Course Coordinator,
Executive Bachelors in Criminology Program
Ambrose Alli University, Nigeria 1999 - 2001

Research/Analytic Interests

Armed Conflict	Bases or armed conflict, Sources of and effect of armed conflict on health and socio-economic opportunities; Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding; Intervention – monitoring/assessment/evaluation
Social Conflict Methodologies/ Software Application	Content Analysis, Cultural Domain Analysis, Social Network Analysis, Qualitative Meta-Synthesis, Grounded Theory methodology, SPSS, NVIVO, STATA/GEODA
Urbanization/Urbanism	Structural inequities, Racism/Ethnicism, Urban Sprawl, Gentrification, Population Legibility/Illegibility, Poverty, Congestion, Complex catastrophes, Crimes, Violence, Social Deviance, Political Contestation
Migration	Theory, Transformations, Transitions, Trend Analysis, Challenges, Conflicts

Core Competencies

Intelligence analysis	<p>Researched, collected, and aggregated classified and unclassified sources to identify trends and gaps in the data available;</p> <p>Combined OSINT with original quantitative and qualitative data to provide analytic and actionable intelligence on populations in the OE;</p> <p>Used independent judgment and Subject Matter Expertise to provide to provide time-sensitive analytic insight for USARAF and ARNORTH as well as TRADOC exercise planners;</p> <p>Developed an analytical approach for identifying, conceptualizing, and predicting early risk signals for violence associated with resource and political contestation for USARAF;</p> <p>Developed a meta-analysis technique for parsing large number of analytical conclusions about the drivers of conflict in resource-rich and divided societies in support of USARAF</p> <p>Provided analytic insight into the main effects as well as the 2nd and 3rd order effects of strategic terrorist messaging based on empirical data;</p> <p>Creatively utilized GTM, SPSS, NVIVO, STATA/DEODA, GEOINT, MAP-HT, TIGR, ASIS-PRO, ARC-GIS, ICEWS, ICENT, etc. to analyze OSINT data and to provide actionable intelligence to USARAF;</p>
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In the process of creating a theoretical model for analyzing and predicting the adaptive capacity of a combination of large US-Mexico border cities (pseudo-megacities) to complex catastrophes (i.e. nuclear attack, pandemic disease outbreak, bombing, earthquake, etc.) in support of ARNORTH.

Briefing

Provided Subject Matter Expertise through command-level briefs and CG briefs; Briefed the USARAF CG multiple times to share information or to explain occurrences within the USARAF OE; Briefed senior Army leaders including General David Perkins, CG TRADOC; Conducted multiple briefs via VTC and telephone with RAND analysts to discuss data and analytical/methodological considerations for their study on suboptimal partners sponsored by OSD/Policy, OSD/CAPE, and Joint Staff (J-S); Briefed analysts of the Joint Knowledge Online at the TRADOC Culture Center in FT Huachuca to support the creation of the West Africa Virtual Cultural Awareness Trainer; Conducted multiple desk briefs on various topics with command staff at USARAF

Teaching

Taught the following college-level classes: Introduction to Sociology; Contemporary Social Problems; Sociology of Deviant Behavior; Crime and Delinquency; Criminology; Research Methods; Sociological Theory and Analysis; Sociology of Knowledge, Science, and Technology; Sociology of Violent and Non-Violent Change; Political Sociology; Urban Sociology; Social Movement; Ethnography of Nigeria

Publications

Books, Monographs, and Edited Volumes

Okonofua, B. A. (*Forthcoming*). *This Troubled Land: Understanding the Structural Bases of the Niger Delta and Boko Haram Insurgencies in Nigeria*, Page Publishing.

Patrick E. Igbinovia, Benjamin A. Okonofua, Kingsley U. Omoyibo, Omoruyi O. Osunde, and Ogaga A. Obaro. *Sociology and the Study of Social Problems*. Benin City: Kryme Monitor Books, 2005.

Patrick E. Igbinovia, Benjamin A. Okonofua, Kingsley U. Omoyibo, Omoruyi O. Osunde. *Deviance*. Benin City: Kryme Monitor Books, 2004.

Patrick E. Igbinovia, Benjamin A. Okonofua, Kingsley U. Omoyibo, Omoruyi O. Osunde. *Crime and Delinquency in Nigeria: Theories, Patterns and Trends*. Benin City: Kryme Monitor Books, 2003.

Journal Articles

Okonofua, B.A. (*forthcoming*). "A Theoretical Analysis of the Fracturing of Boko Haram." *Nigerian Defense Academy*.

Okonofua, B.A. 2013. "Triangulation, Emotional Reactivity, and the Niger Delta Violence." *Sage Open*, Vol. 3, No. 2, pp 1-14, doi: 10.1177/2158244013483758

Okonofua, B.A. 2013. "I am Blacker than you": Theorizing conflict between African immigrants and African Americans in the United States." *Sage Open*, Vol. 3, No. 3, pp 1-14, doi: 10.1177/2158244013499162.

Okonofua, B.A. 2013. "Who Rules Papa's Land: C. Wright Mills and Nigeria's Power Elite." *Sage Open* Vol. 3, No. 3., pp, 1-11, doi: 10.1177/2158244013502494.

Okonofua, B.A. 2011. "Paths to Peacebuilding: Amnesty and the Niger Delta Violence." *Sociology Dissertations*. Paper 62. http://scholarworks.gsu.edu/sociology_diss/62

Aghemelo, A.T. and Okonofua, B.A. 2005. "Adolescent Transitions and Alcohol Use Prevention in Contemporary Nigeria," *Journal of History and International Studies*, 4 (1): 95-105.

Aghemelo, A.T. and Okonofua, B.A. 2003. "Crime in a Capitalist Society: Challenge to Good Governance." *International Journal of Governance and Development*, Vol. 10(2): 166-177.

Aghemelo, A.T., Okonofua, B.A. and Ugiagbe, E.O. 2003. "The Police and Crime Prevention in the Fourth Republic: Issues, Trends and Prospects." *Ekpoma Journal of Religious Studies*, 5(1), 63-77.

Otoghile, A. Ehizuelen, A.E. and Okonofua, B.A. 2003. "Basic Forms and Organizations of Government: An Orientation," *Nigerian Journal of Policy and Development*, 2(1), 295-313.

Edomwonyi, N.P., Okonofua, B.A. Weerasinghe, A.S. and Dangnan, F 2001. "A Comparative Study of Induction and Recovery Characteristics of Propofol and Midazolam." *Nigerian Postgraduate Medical Journal*, 8(2): 81-85.

Book Chapters

Okonofua, B.A. (*Forthcoming*). "Faure Gnassingbe and Democratic Governance in the "New" Republic of Togo." In *Ruling on the Margins: Democratic Performance in Small African Countries*, Rowman & Littlefield.

Okonofua, B.A. 2004. "The State, Power, Authority and Leadership in Nigeria: An Overview." In Patrick E. Igbinovia, Kingsley U. Omoyibo, and Ernest O. Ugiagbe (eds.), *Social Psychology of Change and Diversity in Nigeria*. Lagos: Ababa Press, 183-205.

Okonofua, B.A. 2004. "The Concept of the Socialized Man: A Social Psychology Perspective." In Patrick E. Igbinovia, Kingsley U. Omoyibo, and Ernest O. Ugiagbe (eds.), *Social Psychology of Change and Diversity in Nigeria*. Lagos: Ababa Press, 15-49.

Okonofua, B.A. 2004. "Attitude." In Patrick E. Igbinovia, Kingsley U. Omoyibo, and Ernest O. Ugiagbe (eds.), *Social Psychology of Change and Diversity in Nigeria*. Lagos: Ababa Press, 50-65.

Okonofua, B.A. and Ugiagbe, E.O. 2003. "Corruption and Democratic Governance in Nigeria: A Conceptual Overview." In Osuntokun, A., Aworawo, D., Akpan, N., Masajuwa, F. (eds.), *Issues in Nigerian Government and Politics*. Ibadan: Rex Charles Publications, 261-285.

Other Peer-Reviewed Publications (U.S. Army Africa (USARAF))

Okonofua, B.A., Loucks, T. and Laster, N.M. 2015. "U.S.-Cuba Relations: Understanding how 'Normalization' impacts Cuba to U.S. Migration." *Global Cultural Knowledge Network/U.S. Army North*.

Okonofua, B.A. 2014. "'Framing War': Boko Haram versus the Government of Nigeria." Available from: https://htsknowledgecenter.army.mil/conus/fuops/USARAF/Final Products USARAF/2014Products/HTS_USARAF_CK_FramingWar_20140509_U.docx.

Okonofua, B.A. 2014. "Election in Malawi: The Socio-Economics of Politics." *HTS USARAF*. Available from: https://htsknowledgecenter.army.mil/conus/fuops/USARAF/Final Products USARAF/2014Products/HTS_USARAF_CK_MalawiPaper_20140326_U.docx.

Okonofua, B.A. 2014. "Guinea: History of Authoritarianism and Impunity Threatens State-building, Security, and Stability under President Alpha Conde." *HTS USARAF*. Available from: https://htsknowledgecenter.army.mil/conus/fuops/USARAF/Final Products USARAF/2014Products/HTS_USARAF_CK_GuineaPaper_20140212_U.docx.

Okonofua, B.A. 2014. "National Conference: The Ethno-Politics of Recreating Nigeria." *HTS USARAF*. Available from: https://htsknowledgecenter.army.mil/conus/fuops/USARAF/Final Products USARAF/2014Products/HTS_USARAF_CK_National_Conference_ethnopolitics_of_recreating_Nigeria_20131231_U.docx.

Okonofua, B.A. 2013. "Boko Haram: The Framing of an Islamist Insurgency." Available from: <https://htsknowledgecenter.army.mil/conus/fuops/USARAF/Final Products>

USARAF/2013 Products/HTS_USARAF_CK_Boko_Haram_framing of an Insurgency_20131031_U.docx.

Okonofua, B.A. 2013. "Ghana MEDRETE." *HTS USARAF*. Available from: https://htsknowledgecenter.army.mil/conus/fuops/USARAF/Final Products USARAF/2013 Products/HTS_USARAF_IP_Ghana MEDRETE Paper_20131003_U.docx.

Okonofua, B.A. 2013. "Nigeria – 2015 Presidential Election: Recipe for (Dis)Integration?" *HTS USARAF*. Available from: [https://htsknowledgecenter.army.mil/conus/fuops/USARAF/Final Products USARAF/2013 Products/HTS_USARAF_CK_Nigerian 2015 Presidential Election - Recipe for National \(Dis\)Integration _20130923_U.docx](https://htsknowledgecenter.army.mil/conus/fuops/USARAF/Final Products USARAF/2013 Products/HTS_USARAF_CK_Nigerian 2015 Presidential Election - Recipe for National (Dis)Integration _20130923_U.docx).

Okonofua, B.A. 2013. "A Fragile Equilibrium: Stability and Conflict in Senegal." *HTS USARAF*. Available from: https://htsknowledgecenter.army.mil/conus/fuops/USARAF/Final Products USARAF/2013 Products/HTS_USARAF_CK_Senegal_Stability and Conflict_20130910_U.docx.

Okonofua, B.A. 2013. "This Troubled Land: Understanding Conflict in Cote d'Ivoire." *HTS USARAF*. Available from: https://htsknowledgecenter.army.mil/conus/fuops/USARAF/Final Products USARAF/2013 Products/HTS_USARAF_CK_Cote d'Ivoire Paper_20130703_U.docx.

Okonofua, B.A. 2013. "Niger Delta Conflict: Resolution or Escalation?" *HTS USARAF*. Available from: https://htsknowledgecenter.army.mil/conus/fuops/USARAF/Final Products USARAF/2013 Products/HTS_USARAF_TR_Niger Delta Conflict-Resolution or Escalation_20130507_U.docx.

Okonofua, B.A. 2013. "Boko Haram: Insurgency or Insurgencies?" *HTS USARAF*. Available from: https://htsknowledgecenter.army.mil/conus/fuops/USARAF/Final Products USARAF/2013 Products/HTS_USARAF_TR_Boko Haram and its Factions_20130426_U.docx.

Adhoc Book/Journal Manuscript Reviewer/Editor

Journal of Conflict, Security and Development; Sage Open; Rowman & Littlefield;
African Journal of Peace and Conflict review; Sage Open

Recognition

Best graduating post-graduate student in Sociology and Anthropology, University of Benin, Nigeria, 1997.

National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Award for “selfless and meritorious service to the government and people of Taraba State,” Nigeria, 1993.

Honorary Life Patron, National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS), 1992.

Life Grand Patron, Students Representative Council, University of Jos, 1992.

Presentations at Professional Meetings

Benjamin A. Okonofua. “Triangulation, Emotional Reactivity, and the Niger Delta Violence.” African Student’s Association Conference, University of Alberta, Canada, February 10-11, 2012.

Benjamin A. Okonofua. “Boko Haram Insurgency: Understanding the Political Economy of Terrorism.” CrimeWatch International Conference on the “the New Face of Terrorism,” Lagos, Nigeria, January 12-14, 2012.

Benjamin A. Okonofua. “This House Cannot Stand: Understanding how Corruption Ruins Nations, 1960-2011” (Invited Panel Presentation). Wither Nigeria Conference, Edo Activists for Change, Urhokpota Hall, Benin City. September 2012.

Benjamin A. Okonofua. “This Victory is Pyrrhic: Understanding how Elections Won through Fraud and Violence are Losses.” CrimeWatch International Workshop on “Electoral Violence and National Insecurity,” Kaduna, Nigeria, February 22-23, 2011.

Benjamin A. Okonofua. “Principles of One Man, One Vote.” CrimeWatch International launch of the Citizens Action for Safe Elections (CASE) Program. Port Harcourt, Nigeria June 12, 2010.

Benjamin A. Okonofua. “Domestic Violence (how should the Law Respond?): Espousing Defiance Theory in Nigeria,” Nigerian Sociological Society, 2005.

Benjamin A. Okonofua. “Wild, Wild Campuses: Secret Societies and Campus Cult Violence in Nigeria. CrimeWatch International Conference on “Campus Cult Violence,” Delta State University, Abraka, Nigeria. 2005.

Benjamin A. Okonofua. “This Old Tree is Dead: Felling Trees that Threaten our Forests.” CrimeWatch International Workshop on “EFCC and the Corruption Industry in Nigeria: The Way Forward,” Benin City, Nigeria, 2004.

Other Meetings

North American Aerospace Command (NORAD) and U.S. North Command (NORTHCOM) “Evolve the Command: 2015 and Beyond” Future Operations Conference at Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 18-19 February, 2015.

U.S. Army Unified Quest (UQ) “Deep Futures” Wargame at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, 17-22 August, 2014. Presented: (1) "U.S. 'Boots' in Megacity AOR: Second and Third Order Effects," and (2) "Global/Regional Outlook: Scale and Scope Problems with this Megacity Scenario."

U.S. Army Unified Quest (UQ) “Deep Futures” STAFFEX at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, 10-15 May, 2014.

Additional Training

Certificate of Completion, 37 hours of Afghan Language and Culture Training at Ft Leavenworth, Kansas, 15 June, 2012.

Certificate of completion, Human Terrain Systems, Ft Leavenworth, 16 April to 2 July, 2012

Memberships

American Sociological Association
Nigerian Sociological Society
Nigerian Institute of Industrial and Labor Relations
Nigerian Institute of Management
International Sociological Association
International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners
Golden Key International Honor Society

Clearances

Active U.S. Top Secret/SCI Clearance

Analytical Skills and Capabilities

Quantitative data analysis/ Multivariate Regression Analysis , Grounded Theory Methodology, Cultural Domain Analysis, Content Analysis, Social Network Analysis, Meta-Synthesis

Software Application

SPSS; NVIVO; Dedoose; STATA/GEODA; DCGS-A; MAP-HT; TIGR; ASIS-PRO; ARC-GIS; ICEWS; ISENT; MS Office

Languages Spoken

English; Hausa; Yoruba; Igbo; Edoid languages