

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
The University of Michigan-Flint
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Africana Studies
Department of Political Science

Approved by the
Regents
May 21, 2015

Dauda Abubakar, assistant professor of Africana studies, Department of Africana Studies, and assistant professor of political science, Departments of Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of Africana studies, with tenure, Department of Africana Studies, and associate professor of political science, with tenure, Department of Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	1986	University of Wisconsin-Madison
M.A.	1982	University of Wisconsin-Madison
B.Sc.	1978	Ahmadu Bello University, Samaru-Zaria, Nigeria

Professional Record:

2010 – Present	Assistant Professor of Africana Studies and Political Science, University of Michigan-Flint
2003 – 2009	Visiting Assistant Professor, Ohio University, Athens
1998 – 2002	Reader, University of Maiduguri, Nigeria
1996 – 1998	Senior Lecturer, University of Maiduguri, Nigeria
1994 – 1995	Lecturer I, University of Maiduguri, Nigeria
1991 – 1993	Lecturer II, University of Maiduguri, Nigeria
1987 – 1990	Assistant Lecturer, University of Maiduguri, Nigeria

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Abubakar divides his teaching responsibilities between the Departments of Africana Studies and Political Science. His syllabi are well constructed, evidencing his continued involvement in the field of African studies. Observations of Professor Abubakar’s teaching suggest well-organized, substantive, and engaging classroom teaching. They point to his poise, depth of theoretical approaches, and innovative ways of interpreting traditionally complex issues such as racism, nationalism, and ethnic conflicts. He is well received by the students and is an extremely competent teacher for the students at the University of Michigan-Flint.

Research – Professor Abubakar is an accomplished scholar who has made significant contributions in a variety of inter-related fields that were analytic and theory-informed, as well as rich in descriptive detail, and constitute a sustained and ongoing research agenda. Professor Abubakar has contributed 18 chapters in books and 10 articles in various journals. His body of work makes contributions to knowledge in three areas: identity formation (cultural, legal and political) and the crisis of the African state; state sovereignty, humanitarian intervention, and human rights protection; and political transitions from authoritarian to democratic regimes in post-colonial states. Professor Abubakar has published book chapters in volumes issued by Nigerian and British publishers, as well as written articles that appear in highly regarded peer-reviewed journals. *Africa Today* and *African Conflict and*

Peace-Building Review are peer-reviewed journals published by Indiana University, and the *Journal of African Elections* and *African Issues* also well-respected peer review journals.

Recent and Significant Scholarly Activity:

Work in Progress -- Book:

Abubakar, Dauda. Identity Politics, Citizenship and the Crisis of the African State.

Recent Book Chapters:

Abubakar, Dauda (2014). "Africa in World Politics and the Political Economy of Postcoloniality." In Omeje, K (ed), The Crisis of Postcoloniality. London: Zed books.

Abubakar, Dauda (2010). "Perils of Identity Politics and the Crisis of the African State." In Dlakwa, H. D. and Bazza, H. I. (eds), Peace, Security, Human Rights and Development in 21st Century. Volume 1. Pyla-Mak Press, Kaduna, Nigeria, pp. 12-46.

Abubakar, Dauda (2010). "Identity Politics, Violent Conflicts and the Challenges of Human Security in Africa." In Abubakar, J. Jennifer, et al. (eds), Conflict of Securities: Reflections on State and Human Security in Africa. London: Adonis and Abbey, pp. 65-86.

Refereed Journal Articles:

Abubakar, Dauda (*Revised and resubmitted* 2014). "Humanitarianism Reframed: R2P and the New Landscape of Intervention in African Conflicts," *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review*, Indiana University Press.

Abubakar, Dauda (*Submitted under review* 2014). "Democratic Diffusion and the Perils of Political Violence: Lessons from Africa," *Africa Today*.

Abubakar, Dauda (2012). "The Legal and Constitutional Framework of the 2011 Elections in Nigeria," *Journal of African Elections*, Volume 11, No. 1, pp. 8-30.

Recent Professional Conference Papers:

Abubakar, Dauda (2014). "Humanitarian Intervention and the Challenges of Sovereignty in Postcolonial Africa." Accepted for panel presentation at World International Studies (WISC) Annual Conference, Goethe University, Institute of Political Science, Frankfurt, Germany.

Abubakar, Dauda (2014). "Globalization and the Paradox of Humanitarian Intervention: Lessons from Africa." Paper presented at 55th International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada.

Abubakar, Dauda (2013). "Democratic Diffusion and the Perils of Political Violence: Lessons from Africa." Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, California.

Service – Professor Abubakar has been an active member of both the Departments of Africana Studies and Political Science, joining in the regular meetings, assessment, and other tasks of the departments. His major standing committee service has been on the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, from 2010-2013. He has advised the African Student Association (ASA) and helped integrate these international students with the academic culture at the University of Michigan-Flint campus in ways that increase local students' exposures to more diverse populations. Professor Abubakar is an excellent academic citizen who contributes effectively to the campus in a variety of ways.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A): "...I am favorably impressed with his [Professor Abubakar's] scholarship and the excellent research agenda in which he increases our nuanced understanding of African politics, in particular; and the global south in general."

Reviewer (B): "Dr. Abubakar's scholarly writing on Nigeria is very important because he brings an important perspective to the literature – one that is informed by his intimate knowledge of Nigeria and Nigerian politics and society."

Reviewer (C): "Dauda's work reflects the Africana Studies scholarly trend while also making a distinctive contribution to traditional comparative politics themes including democracy and elections, and violence and security policy themes."

Reviewer (D): "The research of Professor Abubakar is consistently of a high scholarly quality, and readily available to Africanists and Political Scientists in the international community."


Reviewer (E): "Dr. Abubakar's work makes notable contributions, especially in the area of ethnic conflicts. His analysis of the indigene and settler identity constructs in Africa's inter-identity conflicts is, for example, very enlightening."

Reviewed (F): "In sum, A/Prof Abubakar has a research track record comprised of consistently high quality analyses produced with an admirable grasp of conceptual and methodological issues."

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Abubakar has established that he is an excellent teacher, scholar, and colleague who is well received by the students and the faculty in the Departments of Africana Studies and Political Science. I fully concur with the Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences and enthusiastically recommend that Dauda Abubakar be promoted to associate professor of Africana studies, with tenure, Department of Africana Studies, and associate professor of political science, with tenure, Department of Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences.

Recommended by:



Albert C. Price, Interim Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

Recommendation endorsed by:



Barbara B. Dixon, Interim Provost and
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



Susan E. Borrego, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

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