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## Area of Specialisation/Research Interests

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I specialise in discourse analysis and pragmatics. My research interests lie in Igbo studies, translation, sociolinguistics and applied linguistics.

## Present Appointment

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University of Nigeria, Nsukka  
Department of Linguistics, Igbo and Other Nigerian Languages,  
Graduate Assistant, April 2019 – present

## Education

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| 2017 - 2019 | University of Nigeria, Nsukka <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Master of Arts</b> in Linguistics (Sociolinguistics)</li><li>- <b>Title of Project Report:</b> Political discourse analysis of hate speeches in Nigeria</li><li>- <b>Date of conferral:</b> June 2019.</li></ul>                                  |
| 2012 – 2016 | University of Nigeria, Nsukka <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Bachelor of Arts</b> in Linguistics/Igbo</li><li>- Graduated with <b>First Class Honours Division</b> (CGPA: 4.82 of 5.00)</li><li>- <b>Project:</b> A sociolinguistic study of Jega's speeches in the 2015 Nigeria's general elections</li></ul> |

## Publications

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### Edited books

1. Ahamefula, N. O. & **Aboh, S. C.** (2019). *Ogwumagala achakee: An Igbo-English bilingual anthology of poems*. Nsukka: University of Nigeria Press Ltd.

### Chapters in a book

2. **Aboh, S. C.** (2019). 'Ogwumagala achakee', 'Onukwube', 'Jon nwa Ekuma', 'Akuko Mike Ejeagha', 'Innocent Okoli', 'Ijeoma Iloene', and 'Saviour' in N. O. Ahamefula & S. C. Aboh (Eds.), *Ogwumagala achakee: An Igbo-English bilingual anthology of poems* (pp. 8, 104-108, 179). Nsukka: University of Nigeria Press Ltd.

3. Ahamefula, N. O., **Aboh, S. C.**, Ezemoka, A. & Onyegiri, C. (2018). Igbo leadership in folklores: Insights from Mike Ejeagha. In G. I. Nwaozuzu, P. U. Okpoko, B. M. Mbah & N. O. Ahamefula (Eds.) *Igbo institutions and leadership* (pp. 30-48). Nsukka: Centre for Igbo Studies.
4. **Aboh, S. C.** (2018). 'Diokpa' and 'Anwunta' poems published in C. N. Okebalama, C. C. Ezebube & C. M. Akaeze (Eds.), *Okebalama* (pp. 16-17). Enugu: Eagle Konzults Enterprises.

### Journal articles

5. **Aboh, S. C.**, Agbedo, C. U. & Ahamefula, N. O. (accepted). The ideology of post-truth in Nigerian cities: A discourse historical analysis. *Journal of Linguistic Association of Nigeria*, 22.
6. **Aboh, S. C.**, Ezema, C. A. & Awolor, M. T. (accepted). Cognitive semantic analysis of Shehu Sani's 'Poem for the Broom'. *Journal of Linguistic Association of Nigeria*, 22.
7. Bashorun, K. O., Eze, A. N., **Aboh, S. C.** & Odeh, B. E. (2019). An X-bar approach to aspects in Yoruba. *Ideal International Journal of Igbo Scholars Forum*, Nigeria, 12(2), 133-150.
8. Ahamefula, N. O., Udechukwu, C. N., **Aboh, S. C.**, Ezekiel, J. C., Okoye, C. L. & Onyegiri, C. D. (2019). Ntucha asusu ndinoru nke mkparita uka di n'etiti onye isi ala Muhammadu Buhari na Praim Minista David Cameron gbasara mpu. *Ekwe Jonal*, 12(1), 24-32.
9. Ahamefula, N. O., Odii, B. C., Udechukwu, C. N., Ezemoka, A., **Aboh, S. C.**, Okoye, L. C., Ozioko, E. & Nwachukwu, A. P. (2019). Intercultural communication and international cohesion: A study of Chinese and Igbo names exchange phenomenon. *Igbo Scholars International Journal of Igbo Scholars Forum*, Nigeria, 12(1), 47-65.
10. **Aboh, S. C.** & Ezika, C. G. (2018). Translation as a veritable tool for economic development in Nigeria: Any possibility? *NITI Journal of Translation and Interpreting Studies (NJTIS)*, 1(1), 34-40.
11. **Aboh, S. C.**, Ezebuilo, C. N. & Ibeneme, J. C. (2018). A comparative analysis of lexical prepositions in the Ibibio and Igbo languages. *Macrolinguistics*, 6(9), 36-45.
12. **Aboh, S. C.** & Ahamefula, N. O. (2018). Ntucha ububo nke okwu onu Jega na ntuli aka elu izugbe Najirija n'afu 2015. *Journal of Linguistic Association of Nigeria*, 21(3), 52-65.
13. Ezebuilo, C. N. & **Aboh, S. C.** (2018). Mkpoha na nnochiaha na-enweghi nnozo: Udidi na onodu odabere n'asusu Igbo. *Ekwe Jonal*, 10(1), 22-43.
14. Udechukwu, C. N., **Aboh, S. C.** & Ahamefula, N. O. (2018). The impact of world Englishes, new Englishes, Nigerian English, and Englishisation on TESOL model in Nigeria. *Igbo Scholars International Journal of Igbo Scholars Forum*, Nigeria, 11(1), 115-122.
15. **Aboh, S. C.** & Ahamefula, N. O. (2018). A discourse analysis of Jega's speeches in the 2015 Nigeria's general elections. *Journal of Linguistic Association of Nigeria*, 21(1), 1-13.
16. Ahamefula, N. O., **Aboh, S. C.**, Udechukwu, C. N., Okoye, C. L., & Ezekiel, J. C. (2018). Nnyocha ekwumekwu mgbanwe ndi All Progressive Congress (APC) site n'igbado ukwu n'atumatu nnyocha ububo kempuriche (An analysis of All Progressive

- Congress (APC) change slogan: A critical discourse analysis perspective). *Journal of the Linguistic Association of Nigeria (JOLAN)*, 21(1), 23-28.
17. Eze, C. N., **Aboh, S. C.** & Aruah, V. O. (2017). Uru asụsụ ámáàlà bara na mwulite, nchekwa na mbufe sayensị na nkanazụ: Dịka o si metụta Najjiri (The role of indigenous language in the development, preservation and transfer of science and technology: The Nigerian example). *The Creative Artist: A Journal of Theatre and Media Studies* 13(2), 158-169.
  18. Ukaegbu, N., **Aboh, S. C.** & Mbah, E. E. (2017). Nnyocha ndimiche mkpuru ụdaasụsụ Igbo na Berom (Contrastive analysis of Igbo and Berom phonemes). *Journal of Igbo Studies*, 12(1), 56-71.
  19. **Aboh, S. C.** & Mmakor, C. M. (2015). Language as a tool for societal development. *OLU: The Journal of National Association of Linguistics and Languages Students*, 1(8), 31-38.
  20. **Aboh, S. C.** (2015). An evaluation of ekwe: Its functional and aesthetic purposes. *OLU: The Journal of National Association of Linguistics and Languages Students* 1(8), 81-90.

## Awards/Certificates

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1. Reviewer Certificate for reviewing two manuscripts for *International Journal of Language and Communication Disorders*, 20th February, 2020.
2. Award received by the Traditional Council of the Department of Linguistics, Igbo and other Nigerian Languages, University of Nigeria, Nsukka as ‘A Promoter of the Igbo Language’ on 21st June 2018.
3. Award received from the National Association of Linguistics and Language Students (NALLS), University of Nigeria, Nsukka Chapter as an Icon of Excellence, 24th June 2017.
4. Best Graduating Student, Faculty of Arts, University of Nigeria, Nsukka for the 2015/2016 Academic Session; 26th January 2017.
5. Best Graduating Student, Department of Linguistics, Igbo and Other Nigerian Languages, 26th January 2017.
6. UNIJOS Igbo Women’s Cultural Association Prize as the Best Graduating Student in the Igbo Language, 26th January 2017.
7. The Dick Udensi Ogan Prize in Igbo Translation as the Best Performer in Igbo Translation in the Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages, 26th January 2017.
8. Certificate of participation in the British Broadcasting Cooperation workshop on ‘BBC and today’s Igbo broadcasting in Nigeria’, 31st January 2017.
9. Certificate of Excellence by the National Association of Linguistics and Languages Students (NALLS), University of Nigeria, Nsukka Chapter as the Best Researcher of the Year, 2nd July 2016.

10. Certificate of Merit by the Acoustical Society of Nigeria (ASON) as the 2nd Best Paper Presenter in the ASON International Conference at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, 14th October 2014.

### **Seminars/Conferences Attended and Paper Read**

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1. Aboh, S. C. & Ezeudo, C. O. (2020). Networking on Facebook and Twitter: A communicative action perspective. A Paper Presented at the 3rd Pragmatics Association of Nigeria Conference held at Anchor University, Lagos, 9th – 12th March, 2020.
2. Aboh, S. C. & Odeh, B. E. (2020). “Semantax of hate discourses in Nigeria”. A Paper Presented at the **Ist African Pragmatics Conference held at the University of Ghana, 6th – 7th February 2020.**
3. Udechukwu, C. N., Aboh, S. C. & Ahamefula, N. O. (2019). “A conversational analysis of dialogic engagement in Ubesie’s *Ukpana Okpoko Buuru*: Implication for general studies.” A Paper Presented at the 2019 Biennial Conference of the School of General Studies, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, 6 – 9 May 2019.
4. Eze, N. C., Aruah, V. O. & Aboh, S. C. (2017). “Uru asụsụ amaala bara na mwulite, nchekwa na mbufe sayensị na nkanazụ: Dịka o si metụta Najirija” (The role of indigenous languages in the development, sustenance and transfer of science and technology: The Nigerian perspective). A Paper Presented at the **2017 Annual International Conference on Humanities and Change Management, 10th – 13th May 2017**; Faculty of Arts Auditorium, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra State.
5. Ahamefula, N. O., Aboh, S. C., Onwuegbuchunam, M. O., Odii, B. C. & Ezekiel, J. C. (2016). “Assessment of Nigeria’s All Progressive Congress (APC) Change Mantra Slogan: A Critical Discourse Analysis Perspective.” A Paper Presented at the **29th Linguistic Association of Nigeria (LAN); 5th – 9th December 2016**, Faculty of Arts, University of Jos, Plateau State.
6. Aboh, S. C. & Ahamefula, N. O. (2016). “A Discourse Analysis of Jega’s Speeches in Nigeria’s 2015 General Elections.” A Paper Presented at the **29th Linguistic Association of Nigeria (LAN); 5th – 9th December 2016**, Faculty of Arts, University of Jos, Plateau State.
7. Ahamefula, N. O., Aboh, S. C., Udechukwu, C. N., Okoye, C. L., & Ezekiel, J. C. (2016). “Pragmatic Analysis of the Dialogic Engagement Between President Muhammadu Buhari and Prime Minister David Cameron on Corruption.” A Paper Presented at the **29th Linguistic Association of Nigeria (LAN); 5th – 9th December 2016**, Faculty of Arts, University of Jos, Plateau State.
8. Ahamefula, N. O., Aboh, S. C. & Ezemoka, A. (2016). “Igbo leadership in Folklores: Insights from Mike Ejeagha’s *Omekagu*.” A Paper presented at **The Centre for Igbo Studies and Faculty of Arts, UNN Multidisciplinary Conference in honour of Igwe**

**Alfred Achebe, Obi of Onitsha; July 17 – 19, 2016;** Princess Alexandria Auditorium, UNN with the theme: Celebrating Traditional Igbo Institutions and leadership.

9. Aboh, S. C. (2015). “The Effects of Politics and Noise on the Environment.” A Paper Presented at the **3rd International Conference of the Acoustical Society of Nigeria (ASON), 8th – 11th June 2015;** Niger Hall, CEC, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.
10. Aboh, S. C. (2014). “Ekwe as a Traditional Musical Instrument: An Evaluation of its Functional and Aesthetic Purposes.” A Paper Presented at the **2nd International conference of the Acoustical Society of Nigeria (ASON), 13th – 16th October 2014;** Princess Alexandria Auditorium, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

## **Work Experiences**

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1. English Language and Literature in English teacher in Community Secondary Commercial School, Esa Ekpo, Mkpato Enin LGA of Akwa Ibom State during one of National Service from May 2017 to April 2018.
2. Igbo-English/English-Igbo Translation consultant to ‘Such As I Have,’ a Media firm from August 2016 to October 2017.
3. Associate Editor, *OLU: Journal of National Association of Linguistics and Language Students*, University of Nigeria from June 2014 to September 2015.

## **Administrative Experience**

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1. Abak Zonal Coordinator of National Association of Catholic Corps Members (NACC) Akwa Ibom State from May 2017 to April 2018.
2. President, National Association of Linguistics and Languages Students, UNN Chapter from August 2015 – July 2016.
3. Administrator of the Omenka Cultural Group of the Department of Linguistics, Igbo and Other Nigerian Languages, UNN during the 2015/2016 academic session.
4. Acting Financial Secretary of the Youths in Acoustical Society of Nigeria (YASON) from May 2015 – June 2016.
5. President, Our Lady Cause of Our Joy Praesidium, Saint Peter’s Chaplaincy, UNN from January 2013 – April 2016.
6. Associate Editor of the *Olu Journal of the National Association of Linguistics and Languages Students*, UNN Chapter from September 2014 – June 2015.

## **Skills/Competencies**

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1. Editing, translating, writing and researching
2. Multi-tasking
3. Computer and internet literacy

## Professional Membership

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Associate Member, Pragmatics Association of Nigeria (PrAN)  
Associate Member, Nigerian Institute of Translators and Interpreters (NITI)  
Member, Nigeria Ecolinguistics Association (NEA)  
Member, Igbo Studies Association (ISA)  
Member, Acoustical Society of Nigeria (ASON)

## Service to the Discipline

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Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Borderland Studies*, 2019 - present  
Peer Reviewer, *Linguistics Vanguard*, 2019 – present  
Peer Reviewer, *International Journal of Language and Communication Disorders*, 2019 – Present

## Current Research Activities

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1. Semantic incongruity in Odumeje's canned humourous expressions
2. Indexicals in COVID-19 discourses on Twitter
3. The pragmatics of *Nwá á zùrù ázù*

## Referees

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