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EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

Seminar on Multi-variate Analysis & Applications, The Institute for Professional Education, June, 1997.

Seminar on Forecasting Methods & Applications, The Institute for Professional Education, June, 1994.

Seminar on Economic Modeling and Forecasting, The Institute for Professional Education, April, 1993.

Doctoral Study: Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Ph.D. in Economics; August, 1984. Specialized in International Economics, Economic Development, Investment Analysis, and Financial Markets.

Strategic Teaching: A Seminar on Effective Teaching of Economics Principles at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 1983.

Master's Study: Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky. Masters of Arts in Economics, August, 1979. Academic emphasis in International Trade and Finance.

Bachelor's Study: Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky. Bachelor of Arts in Economics, with a minor in Data Processing, August, 1978.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT:

1998: Professor of Economics, Department of Managerial Economics & Finance, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Duties include teaching, undergraduate and graduate courses in economics and finance, advising and research.

1992 to 1998: Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Finance, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Duties include teaching, student advising and research. Courses taught are: Principles of Economics I, Basic Economics, Managerial Economics, Quantitative Economics, and Economic Development.

1989 to 1992: Assistant Professor of Economics & Finance, Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Duties included teaching, student advising and research. Courses taught were: Principles of Economics I & II, Money & Banking, Investment Analysis, Personal Finance, Statistic, International Economics, Managerial Economics, and National Income & Employment Theory.

1984 to 1989: Assistant Professor, School of Business & Economics, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Duties included teaching and student advising. Taught undergraduate and MBA courses, and assisted in the development of courses in economics. The courses taught were: Principles of Economics I & II, International Economics, Intermediate Micro and Macroeconomics, Economic Development, Economics for Managers, and Investment Analysis.

1980 to 1984: Research Assistant, Center for Economic Research, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Assisted in the development of research studies and grant proposals. Taught a course on Consumer Economics, and helped in the gathering and analyzing of some demographic data of Mexico City.

1978 to 1979: Teaching Assistant, Economic Department, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky. Taught the beginners course in Statistic.

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES:

Served on the following committees at Fayetteville State University: Faculty Grievance Committee 1992-1995, Ad Hoc Faculty Development Committee 1993-1995, Library Committee 1985-1989, Title III Coordinator 1984-89, Faculty Advisor, Economics & Finance Club, 1994/1995, Faculty Senate 1995-97, Tenure, Promotion & Reappointment Committee 1996/97, Governance Committee 1994-96, Committee on Committees 1994-96, and Budget Committee 1995/96. Currently serving on the following committees Faculty Welfare Committee, Academic Credits Committee, Faculty Recruiting Committee, MBA Committee, and Curriculum Committee.

WSSU - Served on the Educational Committee and Teaching Outcomes Committee for the Division of Business and Economics. Also served as an Alternate - Faculty Grievance Committee and member, Merit Appeals Committee.

PROFESSIONAL & SCHOLASTIC HONORS:

Award for excellence in Economics, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. Honors award for outstanding academic achievement, Western Kentucky University, Bowling

Green, Kentucky. Award for outstanding academic achievement in Mathematics, Community Secondary School, Nnobi, Nigeria.

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS:

Amon O. Okpala, Comfort Okpala & Richard Ellis, "Academic Efforts and Study Habits Among Students in a Principles of Macroeconomics Course," *Journal of Education for Business*, vol 75, #4, March/ April 2000, pp.219 - 224.

C. U. Okoye, & **Amon O. Okpala**, "The History of Community Banking and its role in Nigerian Rural Economic Development," *The Review of Black Political Economy*, (Forthcoming)

Pender Gbenedio, Felix Ayadi & **Amon O. Okpala**, "Money Supply Variability and Interest Rate Spread in a Developing Economy," *International Journal of Commerce & Management*, vol. 9, #1 & 2, 1999, pp. 35 - 44.

Petur Jonsson & **Amon O. Okpala**, "On Economic Instability in African Economies," *Atlantic Economic Journal*, vol. 25, # 4, (December, 1997).

Amon O. Okpala & Comfort Okpala, "Faculty Adoption of Educational Technologies in Higher Learning," *Journal of Instructional Psychology*, vol. 24, # 4, (December, 1997), pp. 262-267.

Amon O. Okpala, Felix Ayadi & Pender Gbenedio, "Poverty & Childhood Survival Rates in Sub-Saharan Africa," *Journal of Applied Business Research*, vol. 13, # 1, (Winter, 1996/97), pp. 1-8.

Amon Okpala & Marion Gillis-Olion, "Individualized Learning: Macroeconomic Principles," *Journal of Instructional Psychology*, Vol. 22, #1, (March, 1995), 40-44.

Amon Okpala. "Resources, Environment and Economic Development in Nigeria," *Journal of Developing Societies*, Vol. 22, #1, (January/June, 1995), 153-160.

Amon O. Okpala, "The Nigerian Economic Development Under SAP," *Scandinavian Journal of Development Alternatives*, Vol. XI, #3 & 4, September/December, 1992, pp. 119-125.

Amon O. Okpala, "Nigerian Population Growth and its Implications for Economic Development," *Scandinavian Journal of Development Alternatives*, Vol. IX No.4 (December, 1990), 63-75.

Amon O. Okpala, "Child-Care and Female Employment in Urban Nigeria," in *Black Families; Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, ed., H. E. Cheatham and J. B. Stewart, (New Jersey: Transaction Publishers, 1990), 287- 299.

Book review of Sex Roles, Population and Development in West Africa: policy-related studies on work and demographic issues, ed., C. Oppong, et al., *The Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 28, (March, 1990), 156-157.

Amon O. Okpala, "Female Employment and Family Size Among Nigerian Urban Women," *Journal of Developing Areas*, (April, 1989), 439-456.

Amon O. Okpala, "Child-Care and Female Employment in Urban Nigeria," *The Review of Black Political Economy*, Vol. 17, (Winter, 1988), 87-99.

Amon O. Okpala, "Economic and Non-Economic Determinants of Family Size Among Nigerian Urban Women," *The Kentucky Journal of Economics and Business*, Vol. 8, (1987/88), 54-71.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROCEEDINGS:

Comfort Okpala & **Amon Okpala**, "Do Family Income, Instructional Expenditures, & Parental Involvement Impact Student Learning," *Papers & Proceedings, Academy of Economics & Finance*, 2000 (Forthcoming).

Petur Jonsson & **Amon Okpala**, "Social Attributes and Economic Instability in Africa," *1999 Association of Third World Studies Proceedings*, pp. 56 - 60.

Amon Okpala & Pender Gbenedio, "Sustaining Agricultural Productivity in Nigerian Economy," *1996 Association of Third World Studies Proceedings*, pp. 111-116

Pender Gbenedio & **Amon Okpala**, "Accounting Dimensions of Emerging Capital Markets: The Case of Sub-Saharan Africa," *1996 Association of Third World Studies Proceedings*, pp. 38-44.

Petur Jonsson & **Amon Okpala**, "On Business Fluctuations and Economic Instability in the Economies of Africa," *Papers & Proceedings, Academic of Economics & Finance*, 1996

Amon Okpala, "Ecology and Sustainable Development in Sub-Saharan Africa," *1994 Association of Third World Studies Proceedings*, pp. 217-220.

Amon Okpala, "Instructional Improvements in the Principles of Macroeconomics: The PSI Approach," Title III Study

REVIEW & PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARLY PAPERS:

"Social Attributes and Economic Instability in Africa," (presented during the 16th Annual Meeting of Third World Studies, Inc., October 8-10, 1998).

"Sustaining Agricultural Productivity in Nigerian Economy," with Pender Gbenedio, (presented during the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of Third World Studies, Inc., October 3-5, 1996).

"Accounting Dimensions of Emerging Capital Markets: The Case of Sub-Saharan Africa," with Pender Gbenedio, (presented during the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of Third World Studies, Inc., October 3-5, 1996).

"Household Income, Education & Infant-Child Mortality Rates in Sub-Saharan Africa," with Ayadi & Gbenedio, (presented during the Eighth World Congress of Social Economics, July 31 - August 3, 1996).

"Measuring the Benefits of Migration to Urban Areas: A Case Study in the Dominican Republic," (reviewed during the Eighth World Congress of Social Economics, July 31 - August 3, 1996).

"Transitions Into and Out Of Poverty," (reviewed during the Eighth World Congress of Social Economics, July 31 - August 3, 1996).

"Household Income, Education & Childhood Mortality Rates in Sub-Saharan Africa,"(presented during the Eighth World Congress of Social Economics, July 31-August 3, 1996; Charleston, SC.).

Reviewed "Economic Development Strategies in Africa: Dissent on Orthodoxy," for The Review of Black Political Economy, (January, 1996).

"On Business Fluctuations & Economic Instability in the Economies of Africa," (presented during the 23rd Annual Meeting of Academy of Economics & Finance, Feb. 7-10, 1996 Atlanta, GA).

Reviewed, "An Analysis of Male & Female Earnings in the Caribbean Economy of Barbados," for The Review of Black Political Economy, (March, 1996).

"Man Resources, Environment and Economic Development in Nigeria," (presented at the Twelfth Annual Meeting of Third World Studies, Inc., October 6-8, 1994).

Reviewed "Autocracy vs. Popular Aspirations for Democracy in Nigerian Politics," for The Review of Black Political Economy, May, 1994.

Reviewed "A Review of Economic and Political Reforms in Tanzania: What Prospects for Democratic Transition?" for The Review of Black Political Economy, November, 1993.

Reviewed "The State and Academic Freedom in Africa: How African Academics Subvert Academic Freedom," for The Review of Black Political Economy, July, 1993.

Reviewed "Problems and Prospects of Writing Off the Debt of Developing Countries: Using Debt Relief as a Possible Change Agent in Countries of Sub-Saharan Africa," for The Review of Black Political Economy, April, 1993.

Reviewed "Theoretical Determinants of Water Services Delivery Pattern: The Case of Festival Town, Nigeria," for The Review of Black Political Economy, September, 1992.

Reviewed "Political Violence and Economic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Cross-National Analysis," for The Review of Black Political Economy, April, 1991.

Reviewed "Agricultural Exports and the Agenda for Accelerated Development in Sub-Saharan Africa," for The Review of Black Political Economy, June, 1990.

Reviewed "The OAU, The World Bank, and the Agenda for Accelerated Development in Africa," for The Review of Black Political Economy, September, 1989.

Reviewed "Exploitation and Inefficiency in African Food Marketing Systems - Myth or Reality?: Some Evidence from West Cameroon," for The Review of Black Political Economy, June, 1989.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

Comfort Okpala, & Amon Okpala, "Instructional Resources and Student Achievement,"

Comfort Okpala, & Amon Okpala, "The Influence of Family Income, Instructional Supplies Expenditures and Parental Involvement on Student Achievement,"

C. U. Okoye & Amon Okpala, "Employment and Income Effects of Biotechnology in Nigeria: The Case of Cocoa Butter Substitutes,"

AREAS OF PROFESSIONAL INTEREST:

Applied Microeconomics, International Trade & Finance, Economic Development - with emphasis on demographic issues, Investment Analysis, Personal Finance, and Financial Institutions.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

The National Economic Association (reviews papers for the NEA);
Association of Third World Studies (reviews papers for the ATWS);
Mid-south Academy of Economic & Finance; and
Association for Social Economics.

PERSONAL:

HEALTH: Excellent

MARITAL STATUS: Married with two sons and a daughter

INTERESTS: Music, racquetball, tennis and cycling