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PROFILE

Doctoral Researcher in Media and Conflict Studies, with research interests in political violence, media narratives, and the ethics of representation in conflict reporting. My work explores how ambiguity, labeling, and silence function as tools of power in contexts of insecurity, particularly in Nigeria and the broader Sahel. I am also interested in the intersections of journalism, identity politics, and state discourse, focusing on how language shapes accountability and public perception during crises. My research engages with questions of postcolonial knowledge production, epistemic responsibility, and the reflexive challenges of studying violence from both an academic and lived perspective.

EDUCATION

Nov. 2021 – Jan. 2026	Doctoral Researcher/PhD Candidate- Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies, Germany
Oct. 2019 – Sep. 2021	Joint Master's Degree: Global Studies: A European Perspective: University of Leipzig, Germany; and University of Vienna, Austria
Aug. 2012 – May 2006	Bachelor of Arts: Politics and International Relations: Concentration: Religious and Political Conflicts- American University of Nigeria (AUN). Course Degree Honors

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

May 2025– On-going	Co-Founder/Chief Operating Officer (COO): Truva Intelligence- a fully registered research, consulting, and advisory firm that partners with organizations and leaders across the private, public, and social sectors to build a more prosperous and equitable future, through collaborative research, evidence-based insights, and strategic frameworks, combining world-class data analytics and tactical rigor with a nuanced understanding of the 'glo-cal' context. With a presence in key economic hubs across North America, Europe, and Africa, Truva Intelligence combines research-based global reach with deep local expertise.
Oct. 2020 – May. 2021	Intern – United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Vienna: At the UN-HQ in Vienna, I served as a researcher for the UNODC, providing data analysis on regional and local organized crime, corruption, and governance issues. I assisted in the drafting of reports, briefs, and background papers for policy meetings and publications; contributed to project coordination, monitoring, and/or evaluation under specific thematic areas. I helped organize and document conferences, expert meetings, and capacity-building workshops; conducted literature reviews and compiled statistics on crime trends, regional security, and drug control efforts.
May 2018 – Sep. 2019	Broadcast Journalist/News Anchor, Viewer Communications Limited: Produced a series of investigative pieces and in-studio interviews on the origin and effect of criminality, terrorism, and banditry in Northern Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin. Organized media events and press conferences on Nigeria's political, economic, and security challenges, where senior Nigerian politicians, activists, diplomats, and aspirants were interviewed.

Jan. 2017 –
Dec. 2017

Mandatory National Youth Service Corp (NYSC): High school teacher and Form Master: Government Day Secondary School, Mafindi, Taraba State, Nigeria. As a Civic Education high school teacher, I was responsible for teaching classes, developing curricula about good governance, the rule of law, and active citizenship for students between the ages of 16-21. I conducted specialized lectures and organized student debates on topical issues, including human trafficking and transnational crimes.

Sept. 2016 –
Dec. 2017

Information and Communications Intern: The Atiku Center, American University of Nigeria (AUN): Served as a Graduate Intern at the Atiku Center, working in collaboration with Human Rights Watch, USAID, UNHCR, and other humanitarian organizations to advance the welfare and protection of vulnerable populations in Adamawa State, Nigeria. I was responsible for monitoring, evaluating, and reporting on the Center's research initiatives, as well as governance and development projects in Northeast Nigeria. These projects were designed to analyze the root causes of underdevelopment, exploitation, and vulnerability. The projects were implemented by the Center on behalf of Human Rights Watch, USAID, UNHCR, and other international and national organizations.

June 2016 –
Aug. 2016

Graduate Intern- Marketing and Recruitment Department (Admissions office), AUN. Assisted in developing and implementing student recruitment strategies, including outreach to prospective students and partner institutions within Nigeria and abroad. I also supported the design and execution of marketing campaigns, both online and offline, to promote AUN's academic programs. I conducted data analysis and reporting on admissions trends, applicant demographics, and campaign effectiveness.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Nov. 2021

Class Speaker, Universities of Leipzig and Vienna: Presented a graduation speech on behalf of the graduating class of 2021- (YouTube link available)

May 2016

Class Speaker, American University of Nigeria: Presented a commencement speech on behalf of all graduating seniors- Class of 2016 (YouTube link available)

Sep.2015- April 2016

Secretary: Society for Ethics and Leadership

Aug. 2015- April 2016

Director of Transport: AUN Student Government Association

May 2015- May 2016

Public Relations Officer: Gabrielle Volpi Residence, AUN

Apr. 2015- Apr. 2016

Fire Drill Coordinator: Students' Safety and Security Council- AUN

Apr. 2014- Apr. 2015

President: Rotaract Club of the American University of Nigeria

Nov.2014-Nov.2015

Mr. Congeniality: American University of Nigeria

Sep. 2014-Sep.2015

President: Students' Team Advocating Regional Sustainability (STARS). AUN

Aug. 2015-Dec.2015

Peer Mentorship Trainer: Qualified Mentor-Academic Advising and Retention

Aug. 2013-Aug.2014

Public Relations Officer: Students' Team Advocating Regional Sustainability

Sep.2012-Aug. 2013

Best Song Master of the Year- Rotaract Club of the AUN

Sep. 12-Sep. 2013

Secretary: International Relations Club- AUN

PRIZES, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS:

- July 2012- May 2016** Four-year Presidential Scholarship, American University of Nigeria (AUN) — Fully funded, merit-based national award granted to six students, each representing one of Nigeria’s six geopolitical zones. The Scholarship fund: ₦120 million, covered full tuition, accommodation, and meals for all six awardees throughout our undergraduate studies, renewable with a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0. [Single applicant].
- July 2019- July 2021** Two-year Erasmus Mundus Joint Master’s Scholarship — Awarded to pursue *Global Studies* at the Universities of Leipzig (Germany) and Vienna (Austria); €42,000 fully funded program covering tuition, accommodation, living expenses, health insurance, books, and student fees. [Single applicant].
- Sept. 2021- Sept 2025** Four-year PhD Fellowship, Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS) — Fully funded under the “*Africa Multiple*” Cluster of Excellence; €157,182 award covering tuition, accommodation, living expenses, health insurance, books, and student fees. [Single applicant].
- May 2016** Award for **Most Talented** Graduating Senior (Class of 2016) Nominated and won.
- April 2025** **Stallions’ Award Winner:** for Exemplary Leadership- Award of Merit, AUN
- March 2015** Head Delegate, Model United Nations Conference, New York (2015) — Led the American University of Nigeria delegation, which was recognized as the *Most Outstanding Delegation*.

LANGUAGES



PUBLICATIONS/MENTIONS

1. Kingsley Jima and William Hansen (Accepted for publication: July 29, 2025): “Banditry, Terrorism and State Failure: The Politics of Religion, Identity and Tradition in Northern Nigeria.” *International Critical Thought*.
2. Kingsley Jima (Forthcoming- Book Chapter) “Gendered Abductions: Women and the Girl Child in Mobility Crimes in Nigeria:” Edited Volume- *Cartographies of Kidnapping. Mapping crimes against (Im)mobility in the XXI Century*.
3. Kingsley Jima (2021). Northern Nigeria’s Protracted Social Deprivation and Violent Extremism: The “Almajiri” Phenomenon and the Recruitment of Dissident Groups in Post-colonial Northern Nigeria. DOI: 10.25365/thesis.70424
4. Kingsley Jima., Hansen, William W, Nurudeen Abbas, and Basil Abia. “Poverty and ‘Economic Deprivation Theory’: Street Children, Qur’anic Schools/Almajirai and the Dispossessed as a Source of Recruitment for Boko Haram and Other Religious, Political and Criminal Groups in Northern Nigeria.” *Perspectives on Terrorism* 10, no. 5 (2016): 83–95. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/26297656>.
5. Kingsley Jima (Forthcoming- Book Chapter Project): *On the Construction of Ambiguity in Journalistic Accounts of Violence in North-Western Nigeria- Politics of the Unknown: Conspiracism and Conflict- University of Bayreuth*
6. Research Assistant: JAAS (*Journal of Asian and African Studies*) publication Volume 52: April issue 2016 *Boko Haram: Religious Radicalism and Insurrection in Northern Nigeria*. DOI: 10.1177/0021909615615594 https://www.researchgate.net/publication/314550216_Boko_Haram_Religious_Radicalism_and_Insurrection_in_Northern_Nigeria.

Conferences, Workshops, and Panel Participations

Kingsley Jima, Eldoret, Kenya- November 2025: 2nd Moi University International Conference on African Studies, Africa: Multiple (Inter) Actions, Movements, Worlds. Presented on “Contested Identities and the Politics of In(Visibility): Rethinking Fulani Representations in Nigeria’s Media and Conflict Discourses.

Kingsley Jima, Convener/Participant: Bayreuth- November 2025: Workshop and Research Colloquium- Crossing Areas, Crossing Stories, Crossing Theories- Towards New Shores Within Practices of Critique and Conviviality.

Kingsley Jima, University of Hamburg: November 2025- Paper Presentation “Captive Bodies and Silent Voices: Gendered Abductions and Mobility Crimes in Nigeria.”

Kingsley Jima, Augsburg- August 2025: Presented on “Politics of the Unknown Gunmen: Reexamining the Journalistic Use of Labels and the Construction of Identity around Violence Cases.” Workshop for PhD candidates in Peace and Conflict Studies.

Kingsley Jima, Bayreuth- May 2025: Convenor and Moderator- Panel Discussion- entitled (Dis)Continuity and Transformation: African Knowledge Tradition and Contemporary Youth Enactment. Cluster Annual conference.

Kingsley Jima, Bayreuth- October 2024: Convenor: Panel Discussion- entitled How does Information Circulate in Disruptive Situations? The Cases of Military Takeovers in West Africa. VAD Conf. 2024, Reconfigurations in Africa.

Kingsley Jima, Munich- September 2024: Attended and presented a paper titled “Violent Extremism: The function of the “Unknown Gunmen” label in Television Media Reporting on the 2023 Attacks in Boko Haram, Nigeria” at the workshop “Narratives of Violence as Political Tools.” The University of Bundeswehr.

Kingsley Jima, Dakar Senegal- January 2023: Attended and presented on “Understanding and Governing Uncertainty in Crisis Contexts.” International Conference, organized by the Sociology Department of UCAD- Anta Diop University, Dakar Senegal.

Kingsley Jima, Bayreuth- July 2022: Moderated and Presented at the roundtable discussion on “Overheated Medialities” Conference of the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence. Germany.

Kingsley Jima, Freiburg- June 2022: Attended the Africa-Europe: Reciprocal Perspectives Conference and presented a paper entitled “The Philosophy of Insignificance and Insouciance” at the Africa Centre for Transregional Research (ACT) of the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg

Kingsley Jima, Washington DC- January 2016: Led the delegation that represented the American University of Nigeria at the African American Students’ Leadership Experience (AASLE), Washington DC. United States of America. Fully sponsored/ all-expense paid conference by the AUN Administration.

Kingsley Jima, New York- March 2015: Led the delegation that represented the American University of Nigeria at the National Model United Nations Conference, New York. United States of America. Fully sponsored/ all-expense paid conference by the AUN Administration.

Kingsley Jima, Mentor: Emerging Leaders Academy, American University of Nigeria: February-December 2015- Selected by the Dean of Students’ Affairs, and the Office of Students’ Activities to participate in a leadership development program featuring renowned global leadership coaches who facilitated sessions on diverse dimensions of leadership aimed at preparing participants for future leadership roles.

Kingsley Jima, New York- April 2014: Attended and Represented the American University of Nigeria at the National Model United Nations Conference, New York. United States of America. Fully sponsored/ all-expense paid conference by the AUN Administration.

Positions of trust and Membership.

Alumni Association: American University of Nigeria (AUN), Nigeria
International Erasmus Mundus Alumni- European Education and Culture Executive Agency
Association of African Studies (USA)
Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (Germany)
African Studies Association of Africa ASAA (Ghana)
Association for African Studies in Germany (VAD).
European Conference on African Studies (ECAS).

SKILLS/KEY COMPETENCES

- Communication Skills: Strong written and oral communication from academic research, teaching, and policy work.
- Organizational/Managerial skills: Leadership in coordinating research projects, experience with conference/workshop organization, and teamwork across international institutions.
- Job-related skills: Expertise in media, peace and conflict studies, African politics, and gender issues; experience in data collection, analysis, and reporting.

Digital competence: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), qualitative data tools (Max QDA), online collaboration platforms (Zoom, MS Teams, Google Meet)

References

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