**PERSONAL DATA**

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**EDUCATION**

* University of Nigeria, Nsukka

B.A (Hons) (2nd Class Upper Division)

Linguistics and Igbo 2015

* Zenith International Secondary School, Okposi

Senior Secondary School Certificate 2011

* Community Primary School, Umuka Okposi

First School Leaving Certificate 2005

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

* Prime College of Immaculata, Okposi

Igbo Language and Literature teacher 2011-2013

* Zenith International Secondary School, Okposi

Igbo Language and Literature teacher 2013-2014

* American Sign Language instructor from 2009 till date.
* Igbo Language, Linguistics and Literary researcher and writer of books used by the Department of Linguistics, University of Nigeria Nsukka, both for the undergraduate and postgraduate studies, 2012 till date.
* A translator of several works from English to the Igbo Language.
* Translator of BBC Editorial Guides for Journalists in Igbo.
* Igbo Language and Literature, Translation and Interpretation, Culture and Language, Literary and Publishing consultant, from 2011 till date.
* Igbo book editor and writer, Pacific Publishers Ltd, Obosi, 2012 till date.
* Igbo book editor and writer, Perfect Image Publisher, Onitsha, Nigeria 2013 till date.
* Igbo writer for the Varsity Publishers Ltd, Onitsha, Nigeria
* English Language and Literature teacher, National High School, Okobo, Akwa Ibom State during the National Youth Service, 2016-2017.
* Igbo teacher, "Igbo Master's Institute" an online teaching platform.
* Igbo/American Sign Language coach of Onyeka Nwelue's Film "Island of Happiness, 2017.
* Igbo Language translation and Linguistic Validation Consultant, Mapi Translation and Language Agency, France, 2017.

**SKILLS AND COMPETENCE**

* Good interpersonal skills.
* Integrity and Honesty.
* Self-motivational, creative and target-oriented.
* Excellent oral and written communication skills (Igbo and English)
* Excellent in teaching Igbo language and literature.
* Excellent in research and literary writing: poem, drama and prose.
* Excellent in communication skill and teaching of the American Sign Language (ASL).
* Excellent in translation, interpretation stylistics and literary criticism.
* Excellent in broadcasting and news editing.
* Well grounded in the knowledge of African culture, history, polity and Language.
* Good in Microsoft packages and Internet services.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT**

A novelist, literary critic, playwright, poet, interpreter, translator, American Sign Language instructor, dramatist credited with the following published books.

* *Nwata Tichaa Akị Tufuo Nkume*… *(a prose 2012)*

Onitsha, Ezeh Press.

* *Nwata Kpata Ego*…  *(a prose 2013*)

Onitsha, Perfect Image Publishers.

* *Uwa Na-Amighari Amighari*  (a play 2015)

Onitsha, Perfect Image Publishers.

* *Onye Buru Chi Ya Ụzọ… (a play 2015)*

Onitsha, Perfect Image Publishers.

* *Ịbuchim (a play 2015)*

Obosi, Pacific Publishers Ltd.

* *Ihe Onye Tụrụ N’ahịa… (a play 2015)*

Obosi, Pacific Publishers Ltd..

* *Ọchụpụrụ Onwe Ya N’ụgbọ… (a prose 2015)*

Obosi, Pacific Publishers Ltd.

* *Onye Rere Nkịta Zụta Enwe… (a prose 2015)*

Obosi, Pacific Publishers Ltd.

* *Onye Na Nke Ya… (an anthology verse 2017)*

Obosi, Pacific Publishers Ltd.

**IGBO AND ENGLISH BOOKS SIGNED TO BE PUBLISHED ARE:**

* *Chimamanda (a play)*
* *Onye Gbakaa Ute Ya… a play)*
* *Ukwu Jie Agu… (a prose)*
* *Ọchọ Ihe Ukwu… (a play)*
* *Obodo Bụ Igwe (a prose)*
* *Ihe Agwọ Mụrụ… (a prose)*
* *Ụwa Bụ Kọleji (a prose)*
* *A Tufuo Nkịrịka Nkata… (a play)*
* *A Kpanye Nwa Nkịta N’ahụ… (a prose)*
* *Mkpụrụ Onye Kụrụ… (a play)*
* *Ewi Soro Ebule Gaa Ohi… (a play)*
* *Onye Tara Akwa Udele (a play)*
* *Echi Dị Ime (a play)*
* *Ụwa Dị Omimi (a play)*
* *Ọchụ Nwa Ọkụkọ Nwe Ada… (a play)*
* *Ihe Na-Esi Nwa Mkpị Isi… (a play)*
* *Onye Akarụla Ụbọchị… (a play)*
* *Mmadụ Abụ Chukwu (a play)*
* *E jide Ibe Ji N’Aka… (a prose)*
* *Nze Nwata Chiri… (a play)*
* *Ije ụwa Na-Atụ Jonjoloko (a play)*
* *Chinecherem (a play)*
* *Egoụwa (a play)*
* *Ọnwụdiwe (a play)*
* *Ebubedike (a play)*
* *Nka bụ Ndụ (a poem)*
* *Ọnwụ na Ndụ (a poem)*
* *Amandịanaeze (a play)*
* *The Prodigal Daughter (a play)*
* *The Wise Revenge (a prose)*
* *The Rise of Insurgency (a play)*
* *Path To Adulthood (a play)*
* ***Akwụkwọ Amamihe Igbo***

 **(The Book of Igbo Wisdom)**

* *There Was A Time (a prose), etc.*

**BOOKS RECOMMENDATION**

Below are books I have published that have been approved and recommended for students in different levels of academic environments throughout the Igbo land.

* *Nwata Kpata Ego* was recommended for the undergraduate students of Igbo (1st year, 2nd year and 3rd year), University of Nigeria Nsukka in the following academic sessions: 2013/2014, 2014/2015. And also, it is approved by the Enugu State Ministry of Education to be used as a recommended text for SS1 students of the state, 2015-2018.
* *Nwata Tichaa Akị Tufuo Nkume* was recommended for the undergraduate students of Igbo, University of Nigeria Nsukka in the following academic sessions: 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015. It was also recommended for the Igbo students of the Federal College of Education Eha-Amufu, 2012/2013 academic session. It is equally approved by the Ebonyi State Ministry of Education to be used as a recommended text for JSS2 students of the state, 2015-2018.
* *Ụwa Na-Amịgharị Amịgharị*: It was recommended for the postgraduate students of Igbo literature (Masters students), University of Nigeria, Nsukka, 2014/2015 academic session.
* *Onye Buru Chi Ya Ụzọ* is approved by the Anambra State and Ebonyi State Ministry of Education as a text for JSS1 students of both states and for SS1 students of Anambra State.
* *Ọchụpụrụ Onwe Ya N’ụgbọ* was recommended for the second year undergraduate students of Igbo, University of Nigeria, Nsukka (2014/2015 academic session). And it is also approved by the Enugu State Ministry of Education as a text recommended for Junior WAEC in Enugu State, 2015-2018.
* *Ihe Onye Tụrụ N’ahịa* is approved by the Ebonyi State Ministry of Education as a recommended text to be used for Junior WAEC in 2017/2018. It is also approved for the JSS2 students of the state, 2015-2018.
* *Ịbụchim* is approved by the Ebonyi State Ministry of Education for the JSS2 students of the state, 2015-2018.
* The Vice-Chancellor, University of Nigeria Nsukka, in the person of Professor Benjamin Chukwuma Ozumba recommended these published books with attestation letter as a source of inspiration to other Students in the University.

**AWARDS/CERTIFICATES OBTAINED**

* Award of Educational Excellence by the Umuka Educational Foundation Okposi, as a role model for the youths, 19th January, 2013.
* Certificate of Educational Excellence by the Umuka Educational Foundation, Okposi, January, 2013.
* The Vice Chancellor’s (Prof. Chukwuma Ozumba) recommendation and attestation letter for book production, presented by the Deputy Registrar, University of Nigeria, Nsukka in the person of Dr. (Mrs.) M.E Odukwe, May 25, 2015.

**ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES ACQUIRED**

* Senior Secondary School Certificate, 2011
* B.A (2nd Class Upper Division) 2015.

**ARTICLES**

* Nwaanyị Ịgbakwuru Nwoke Dịka Nsọala, Mpụtara ya na *Nwata Rie Awọ*. Published in ***OLU****:* The Journal of National Association of Linguistics and Languages Students, University of Nigeria, Nsukka 2015 Volume 8. Page 91-101.
* Omenka. A poem portraying socio-cultural organization of students known as Omenka Cultural Group. Published in ***OLU:*** The Journal of National Association of Linguistics and Languages Students, University of Nigeria, Nsukka 2015 Volume 8. Page 102-104.
* Gender Projection in African Literature: Example of Four Igbo Texts. A researched paper proposed to be presented at the Linguistics and Language National Conference, Nassarawa State University, Keffi, 2015.

**RESEARCH WORKS IN PROGRESS**

* The Igbo medicinal plants.
* Why the Igbo hate the Igbo.
* Degradation of Igbo Folktales: Its Consequences on the Moral Behaviours of the Contemporary Igbo Youths.
* The Problems, Challenges and Prospects of Sign Language Linguistics in Sub-Saharan Africa.

**HOBBIES**

* Reading
* Writing
* Story-telling
* Watching educative videos
* Listening to educative music.

**REFEREES**

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