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Employment history

Current:

Weekly columnist and Editorial Board member, NEXT Newspaper; Blogger, Huffington Post (UK); Freelance Journalist

August 2009 – September 2010

Features Editor, NEXT Newspaper (Lagos, Nigeria)

February 2008 – April 2009:

Public Relations (Corporate Communications) Officer, Visafone Communications Limited (Lagos, Nigeria)

September 2006 – January 2008:

Analyst, Resources Operating Group, Accenture (Lagos, Nigeria)

(Selected) publication history:

NEXT, CNN.com; guardian.co.uk; Africa Confidential, The Economist (Baobab Blog), Arise, The Guardian (Nigeria), Think Africa Press, 3 Quarks Daily, London Independent, Harvard Africa Policy Journal, Wasafiri, Farafina

Awards / Fellowships / Courses

July – Sept 2011: The Singing Word, Royal Opera House, London (writing for opera)

June 2011: Reporting on International Security and Terrorism (Reuters Seminar; London)

2009: CNN Multichoice African Journalism Prize (Arts & Culture)

2009: Cadbury Writing Fellowship, Centre for West African Studies, University of Birmingham, England

2008: Guest Writing Fellowship, Nordic Africa Institute, Sweden

Education:

2004: Bachelor of Pharmacy (B. Pharm), University of Ibadan (Nigeria)

2011: Masters (MA) in Creative Writing, University of East Anglia (UK)

- *References available on request*