

## **PROFILE OF PROFESSOR AMOS OYESOJI AREMU**

Amos Oyesoji was born on 27 March, 1964 in the city of Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Amos Oyesoji Aremu whose first language as a child was French was enrolled at Baptist Day School (Ecole Primaire Baptiste), Ajame, Ivory Coast in 1971 for his primary education. He was in the school till June, 1975 when he was brought to Nigeria with two of his siblings by his father. He subsequently attended Baptist Modern School, Ola between 1975 and 1978. After obtaining his Modern School Certificate, Amos Oyesoji Aremu travelled to Ivory Coast and became the youngest teacher ever at the age of 14 in his Alma mater, Baptist Day School, Adjame. Amos Oyesoji Aremu returned to Nigeria in 1979 and got admitted into Form II at Baptist High School, Iwo between 1979 and 1983. He completed his secondary education in June 1983 by making all his papers at one seating. He had his Higher School Certificate also at Baptist High School, Iwo between 1983 and 1985 and graduated with 10 Advanced level points. He was admitted to the University of Ibadan in 1985 to study Guidance and Counselling in the Faculty of Education and graduated with honours in 1988. After his one-year national service at the Juvenile Unit, Ministry of Social Development, Youth and Sports, Kwara State, Oyesoji Aremu returned to the University of Ibadan for his Master's Degree in Counselling Psychology and graduated in 1990 with a Ph.D grade and ahead of his class. He commenced his Ph.D in 1992 and defended his thesis on the 22nd December, 1997 as a part-time student while working as a School Counsellor in Oyo and Osun states.

Professor Oyesoji Aremu joined the Department of Guidance and Counselling, University of Ibadan, on the 11th of November, 1998 as a Lecturer Grade II. He was promoted to the position of Lecturer Grade I in 2002, Senior Lecturer in 2005, Reader in 2008 and Professor in 2011.

Professor Oyesoji Aremu won several academic laurels in and outside Nigeria. They are as follows:

- Two Senate Research Grants of the University of Ibadan.
- Commonwealth Fellowship, 2007 to 2008 obtained at the Institute of Criminal Justice Studies, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom.
- Africa Institute of South Africa Grants on Triumph and Prosperity of Education in Africa, 2011. Professor Aremu was the only Nigerian scholar in that project in Pretoria, South Africa in 2011.
- And several others.

Professor Oyesoji Aremu who is a member and fellow of the following professional bodies:

- Counselling Association of Nigeria.

- Nigerian Psychological Association.
- International Police Executive Symposium.
- Commonwealth Scholars Association.
- British Society of Criminology (No. 1874)
- Fellow, Society for Peace Studies and Practice.

Professor Aremu has also been contributing to scholarship as either as Editor in Chief or member of the Editorial Team of the following journals:

- Nigerian Journal of Clinical and Counselling Psychology.
- Police Practice and Research: An International Journal.
- Ibadan Journal of Peace and Development.
- Nigeria Journal of Social Work.
- Ibadan Journal of Distance Education.
- Ife Journal of Behavioural Research.
- International Journal of Continuing Education and Development Studies; and
- Journal of Educational Research in Natural and Social Sciences.

Professor Oyesoji Aremu has been an external examiner and assessor of Ph.D students and professional candidates to the following universities:

- Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife.
- University of Lagos, Akoka
- University of Ilorin.
- Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago Iwoye.
- Ekiti State University, Ado Ekiti.
- Osun State University, Osogbo.
- Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso; and
- Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo.

He was also between 2006 and 2007 a visiting lecturer to the Department of Counselling Psychology, Delta State University, Abraka, Visiting Commonwealth Fellow, Institute of Criminal Justice Studies, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom. 2007/2008; and in 2009, a part-time lecturer, Bells University, Ota, Ogun State.

Prof. Aremu holds a joint appointment in the University of Ibadan in the Department of Guidance and Counselling (1998 till date) and the Institute for Peace and Strategic Studies

(2016 till date). He is also an adjunct Lecturer in the Faculty of Law of the University of Ibadan. Professor Aremu has attended and participated in International conferences in the following countries: United Arab Emirates, India, Ghana, United States of America, United Kingdom, Singapore, South Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Israel, Ethiopia Ivory Coast, and Egypt. Professor Oyesoji Aremu has supervised over 90 Master's Degree projects and 25 Ph.D theses. Some of his past Ph.D students are now Associate Professors in Nigerian universities.

Professor Aremu has served the University of Ibadan in the following capacities:

- Sub-Dean (Undergraduate), Faculty of Education, University of Ibadan: 2001–2003.
- Faculty of Education Student Adviser (2003 to 2005).
- Assistant Warden, Nnamidi Azikiwe Hall, University of Ibadan: 2003–2005.
- Sub-Dean (Postgraduate), Faculty of Education, University of Ibadan: 2007–2008.
- Warden, Nnamidi Azikiwe Hall, University of Ibadan: 2010–2011.
- Member, Senate Representative on Council Search Committee of the Appointment of the Vice Chancellor, May/June, 2015.
- Deputy Director (Academic), Distance Learning Centre, University of Ibadan: February 22, 2011 to 11 February, 2017.
- Coordinator, Strategic Studies Unit, Institute for Peace and Strategic Studies (2016 till date)

- Director, Distance Learning Centre of the university (February 12, 2017 till date).

Outside the University, Professor Aremu is contributing to human development and Kingdom growth as follows:

- Member, the Nigerian Baptist Convention Mission Schools Board (2014 till date).
- Member, Appointments and Promotions Committee of the Nigerian Baptist Convention's tertiary institutions.
- Deaconate of Jubilee-Life Baptist Church, Orita-basorun (August, 2003 to 2014).
- Sunday School Teacher (1995 till date).

Professor Aremu who has presented numerous papers in workshops and conferences has 115 papers in non-predatory journals. He has three books (When God 'Ceases' to be God: A Psych Spiritual Tonic for People in Distress, Understanding Nigerian Police: Lessons from Psychological Research and Policing and Terrorism: Challenges and Issues in Intelligence). He is globally cited and also well rated as a Google Scholar.

Professor Amos Oyesoji Aremu is married to Olajumoke Aremu and blessed with children.