**Who is Semiu Bello?**

A young, energetic, visionary academic and astute researcher in media and communication field hails from Sagamu in Ogun State, South Western Nigeria. Semiu is a dodged character that grew up from a muddy background and has, over the years, with consistency, sharp focus and ever-green determination traversed the world to become an icon in the field of media and communication.

Semiu is a self-motivated and enthusiastic media and communication teacher, trainer, researcher and scholar whose research interest covers print journalism studies, health and development communication, media literacy, mass media and society, communication theories, mass media research, new/digital media and public relations. The young man, Semiu, has graciously enjoyed a successive and non-stop academic sojourn of reading, writing and researching in mass communication leading to the award of five higher academic degrees from 1997 to 2015 in Nigeria and abroad, namely: PhD, M,Sc, MMRM, B.A (Hons) and HND.

With determination and strong vitality, Semiu significantly proved his research ability and academic ingenuity during his PhD scholarship at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand when Semiu made the record of the first candidate to complete a PhD thesis in two years in the Department of Media and Communication and the entire College of Arts. More importantly, in about 12 years of his academic career, Semiu has successfully published about fortyfive (45) papers in reputable national and international journals. Semiu is widely cited nationally and internationally. Given the recognition he has enjoyed in the field, Semu currently serves as a member of the Editorial Board of two reputable international journals in Malaysia and India respectively and a reviewer for many journals in Nigeria and abroad; including a Sage journal: *Global Health Promotion.*

**EDUCATION**

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Media and Communication: University of Canterbury, Christchurch New Zealand 2013-2015

Master of Science (M.Sc), Mass Communication: University of Lagos, Akoka, Nigeria 2008-2012

Master in Media Resources Management (MMRM): University of Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria 2007-2010

Bachelor of Arts (B.A (Hons)), Mass Communication: Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago Iwoye, Ogun State 2004-2007

Higher National Diploma (HND), Mass Communication: Moshood Abiola Polytechnic Abeokuta, Ogun State 2000-2 002

National Diploma (ND), Mass Communication: Moshood Abiola Polytechnic Abeokuta, Ogun State 1997-1999

West African Secondary School Certificate: Ofin High School Sagamu, Ogun State 1989-1994

Primary School Leaving Certificate: Local Government Primary School 1 Ijagba Sagamu 1983-1988

**MY EXPERIENCE**

* Lecturer 1: Kwara State University Malete, Kwara State Nigeria 2018 till date
* Lecturer 11: Olabisi Onabanjo University, Department of Mass Communication, Ago Iwoye, Ogun State, Nigeria 2012-2018
* Senior Lecturer: International College of Health Sciences and Liberal Arts (ICHSLA)

School of Liberal Arts Studies (Adjunct Lecturer) 2015- 2016

* Lecturer: University of Canterbury, Department of Media and Communication 2015
* Lecturer 1 (Last Position held in 2012): Department of Mass Communication, Crescent University, Abeokuta, Nigeria 2008-2012
* Lecturer 1: Tai Solarin University of Education, Department of Sociological Studies, Mass Communication Unit: (Adjunct Lecturer) 2011-2012
* Lecturer and Researcher: International Institute of Journalism, Abeokuta Centre, (Affiliated to University of Maiduguri) (Postgraduate Class 2009-2010
* Lecturer and Researcher (Part Time): Department of Mass Communication, Moshood Abiola Polytechnic, Abeokuta Nigeria 2008- 2011
* Teacher: Sagamu High School, Sagamu

English Language, Literature in English and Oral English 2005-2008

* Lecturer: S-TEE Associates in Conjunction with OSU Consults 2004-2005

Department of Mass Communication (Sagamu and Ijebu Ode Study Centres)

* Community Secondary School Obeleagu Umana, Enugu State

Ezeagu Local Government, Enugu State English Language Teacher

(NYSC Place of Primary Assignment) 2003–2004

* Omolade Nur. and Primary School, Sagamu, Ogun State (Teacher) 1996-1997

**AWARDS, GRANTS AND DISTINCTION**

* Federal Government of Nigeria Scholarship accessed through Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago Iwoye: Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) for PhD Studies at the University of Canterbury Christchurch New Zealand. 2013
* University of Canterbury Contestable Research Grant to attend the Annual Conference of International Association of Media and Communication Researchers (IAMCR) held in Hyderabad India. 2014
* University of Canterbury Contestable Research Grant to attend the Annual Conference of Australia and New Zealand Communication Association (ANZCA) held in Queenstown New Zealand. 2015
* University of Canterbury Contestable Research Grant to attend the Annual Conference of Journalism Education Association of New Zealand (JEANZ) held at Massey University, Wellington New Zealand. 2015

**My key skills**

* Excellent pedagogical experience in teaching and research in media and communication
* Excellent experience in curriculum planning and development in media and communication
* Considerable experience in supervision of thesis at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels
* Considerable experience in reviewing articles for reputable journals
* Strong ability in networking, collaboration and team building
* Strong motivational skills and sound ability in mentoring students and other younger colleagues
* Strong ability in human and organisational management to achieve organisational goal and objectives in the face of scarce resources
* Excellent communication skills and interpersonal interaction among colleagues and people in general
* Excellent skills in public speaking, coaching and book review
* Excellent skills in social research and community development services
* Excellent skills in corporate identity of organisations, businesses and individuals
* Excellent skills in writing and packaging of biography, letters, position papers, business proposal
* Excellent skills in proofreading of manuscripts and book editing
* Considerable experience in managing marital crisis and relationship building.