



2020/2021 Writing Fellows



Bernice Mwaura is completing her Bachelor of Arts in African Studies at Carleton University. She has merged multidisciplinary knowledge from her education and her unique migrant experiences to forge an online repository that highlights African and black experiences in the diaspora. Currently, she serves as the President of the Institute of African Students' Association under which she organizes the only African Studies undergraduate research conference in Canada. Bernice aims to embark on a Masters in Global Affairs as she pursues a career in public policy and international development.

Institution: Carleton University

Country: Kenya

Interest: African History, African Social and Cultural Anthropology



Theophilus Oladipo is a law graduate of the University of Ilorin. He writes mostly on issues of governance and how African businesses can adopt suitable intellectual property models. Besides being obsessed with speaking truth to power, he also engages in active advocacy and social entrepreneurship through his community development project.

Institution: University of Ilorin

Country: Nigeria

Interest: Government, Business



Mariam Ileyemi is a recent graduate of Mass Communication from the Lagos State University, School of Communication. She served as the Deputy Editor of the Association of Campus Journalists, Lagos State University Chapter. Mariam is also a member of the Global Young Journalist Association, a global platform for international journalists across the world. She won the 2019 Mamman Marshall Scholarship for Women in Journalism (MMSWJ). Her works have been published both in print and online media including TJTWorld, News Digest, and The Nation.

Institution: Lagos State University

Country: Nigeria

Interest: Education, Development Studies



Kennedy Nyavaya is a multi-award winning, enterprising and hardworking communications practitioner with over half a decade of experience in mainstream media and public relations for civic organizations. He has a strong zeal for developmental issues and this plays an integral role in his reportage. He also has excellent communication, writing, and editing skills. In a journalism career spanning over half a decade, he has reported on a variety of events including those officiated by government officials as well as international

diplomats.

Institution: Christian College of South Africa

Country: Zimbabwe

Interest: Human Rights, Environment



Rodiyah Mikail studies Common and Islamic Law at Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto. She is a student journalist playing editorial roles at The Pen Press and Ad-Daleel Press. She recently co-founded a book club named Book O'clock, UDUS. She is a Local Coordinator at Student For Liberty.

Institution: Usmanu Danfodiyo University

Country: Nigeria

Interest: Government, Education.



Abdulwasiiu Mujeeb is a law student, writer and a serial volunteer. He is a former editor of News Digest press club, and the current regional coordinator of Changemakers Youth Empowerment Initiative.

Institution: Usmanu Danfodiyo University

Country: Nigeria

Interest: Government, Education

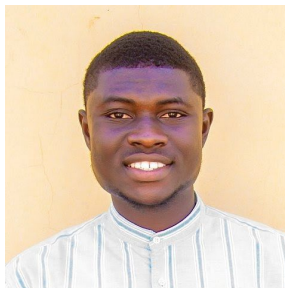


Daniel Whyte is a development communications practitioner and freelance journalist. He holds a BA in English and Literary Studies and his writings have appeared in Stears Business, HumAngle Media, International Centre for Investigative Reporting, The Cable Newspaper, among others. He is a Future News Worldwide 2019 Fellow with British Council Scotland.

Institution: Federal University, Oye-Ekiti

Country: Nigeria

Interest: Government, Development Studies

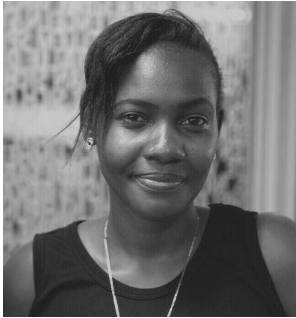


Qosim Suleiman is news editor with Vision FM, Sokoto. A Student of Adult Education with a major in Economics, at Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto. Qosim is also the Editor of a campus based news outlet, Gamji Press Board.

Institution: Usmanu Danfodiyo University

Country: Nigeria

Interest: Economy, Development Studies



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Institution: KCA university

Country: Kenya

Interest: African History, Development Studies



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Institution: Usmanu Danfodiyo University

Country: Nigeria

Interest: Government, Human Rights



Timothy Mwangi's experience on the journey to libertarian ideology began with an exploration of geopolitics. As he watched YouTube videos elaborating the geopolitical concerns in the Middle East through alternative media, he came across the Ron Paul Liberty Report. Ron Paul was instrumental in Timothy's internalization of non-interventionism (not isolationism), the effectiveness of free markets (Austrian economics), personal liberty and limited government. Timothy was driven to explore the ideals of liberty in the African continent and came across George Ayittey and the rest, as they say, is history.

Institution: Kenya Methodist University

Country: Kenya

Interest: Economy, Libertarianism



Kayode Ajomole is an award winning essayist. He is head of opportunities at iStudio, a growth consulting firm focused on business and education Development.

Institution: University of Ilorin

Country: Nigeria

Interest: Business, Education

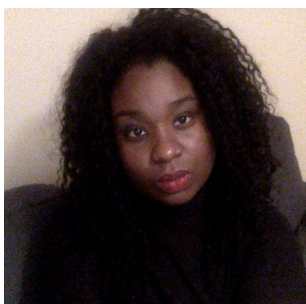


George Ocen is a Uganda writer. In 2018 he was published for fiction in the Writivism Anthology, Odokonyero. In 2015 George was also published in the Makerere Law Journal. He is currently a lex:lead ambassador for Uganda, and he has won several African essay contests since 2009.

Institution: Makerere University

Country: Uganda

Interest: Government, Development Studies



Abbiba Ivy Princewill is a Lawyer, Gender Equality, and Free-market advocate. Abbiba's work has featured on Breaking Times Nigeria, Daily Maverick South Africa, and L'Osservatorio. She holds a Bachelor of Law degree from King's College London and an LLM from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Institutions: University of California, Los Angeles

Country: Nigeria

Interest: Economic Freedom, Rule of Law



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Institution: University of Ilorin
Country: Nigeria
Interest: Government, Media



Uzochukwu Gerry is a graduate of Geology and Law. He works as a Regional Coordinator at Students For Liberty. He is passionate about 'freedom with responsibility.' He started his entrepreneurial journey in 2018 with Longrich International Bioscience and he is an authorized stock broker in Nigeria. Uzochukwu is currently studying for his PhD at the Nnamdi Azikiwe University in Awka.

Institution: Nnamdi Azikiwe University
Country: Nigeria
Interest: Economics, Rule of Law



Odewale Abayomi is a graduate of Civil Engineering, an Assistant Lecturer, a passionate writer and founder of Globe Opportunities blog – which shares fully and partially funded local and international conferences and training. He graduated from Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria. Abayomi's opinion pieces have been published on African Students For Liberty's blog, EnviroNewsNigeria, Business Day, Modern Ghana and Peace Child International's blog. He was part of 2017 ICFJ–UN Foundation Climate Reporting and Migration Fellows.

Institutions: Obafemi Awolowo University
Country: Nigeria
Interest: Economic Freedom, Human Rights



Bishoy Sadek holds a bachelor's degree of science in Political Science from the British University in Egypt. He is currently pursuing a postgraduate degree jointly from University College Dublin and Uppsala University. He has experience in research and humanitarian work in different research and field organizations. Bishoy is a recipient of four long-term awards and programmes, degree scholarships and career fellowships.

Institution: University College Dublin

Country: Egypt

Interest: Development Studies



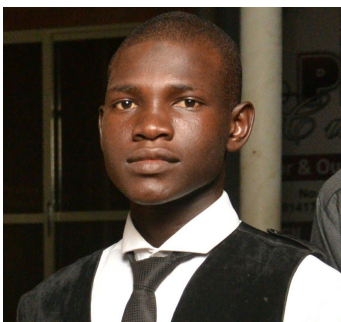
Ifeanyi Chidi is a masters student majoring in International Business at Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing, China. He holds a first degree in History and International studies from Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Nigeria. He is a 2020 YALI RLC West Africa Emerging Leader and an Ambassador for the World Literacy Foundation. His professional skills include research, translation (Chinese to English), business development, product management, among others. He has working, volunteering, and learning experiences with

organizations including Citi Global Consumers Bank, UNICEF China, and China Africa Investment Management Company.

Institution: Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing

Country: Nigeria

Interest: Government, International Business



Hammed Sulaiman is a poet, writer, and freelance journalist in his final year studying law at the Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto. Due to his passion for social activism, Hammed is with African Students For Liberty as a Local Coordinator. His portfolio includes: principal editor, PEN Press UDUS; public relation officer for Campus Journalists, UDUS; media manager and content creator at Know COVID-19; PR and communication officer at Upskill Writing. Hammed has volunteered for different organizations.

Institution: Usmanu Danfodiyo University

Country: Nigeria

Interest: Government, Education.



Marvellous Oyebanjo is a content writer several articles on various niches over the years. He served as the editor-in-chief for the Redeemed Christian Fellowship editorial board during his freshman year at the University of Ibadan. He is also a poet and published author.

Institution: University of Ibadan
Country: Nigeria
Interest: Government, Education



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Institution: University of Nigeria, Nsukka
Country: Nigeria
Interest: Economic Freedom, Development Studies



Kimberly Rimber is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya with a passion in human rights implementation in Africa. She fights for the rights of minorities who are often left out of critical conversations.

Institution: University of Cape Town
Country: Kenya
Interest: Human Rights, Gender Studies



Abdullah O. Bility is a young diplomat, libertarian, and peace builder. He is the current national coordinator for Liberia at African Students For Liberty. He is the provost of Global Institute of Peace, Justice and Liberty, where he provides education in peace building and freer world. He is the executive director of Peace Agents Network (PAN), where he focuses on peace building and conflict prevention through dialogue.

Institution: United Methodist University
Country: Liberia
Interest: Individual Freedom, Rule of Law



Justice Eyo is an Educational Development Enthusiast, an Ambassador at the World Literacy Foundation, and a Radio Director for a Community Development Service group in Minna, Nigeria. He believes that quality education via competency-based training and self-sufficiency programs for Africa's youth population is key to increasing social mobility on the continent. Justice has demonstrated proficiency in communications with Search FM Campus Radio (Futminna), volunteering, and leadership with Students For Liberty and YALI. He holds a B. A. from the

University of Ilorin and is pursuing post-graduate studies in Educational Development and Leadership.

Institution: University of Ilorin
Country: Nigeria
Interest: Sustainable Development, Education



Riaan Salie is studying for a Bachelor of Arts in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. He is interested in influencing the next generation to value the ideals of liberty by creating relevant contents on social media. He is an avid debater and public speaker. Riaan also writes on issues such as free speech and private property ownership.

Institution: University of South Africa
Country: South Africa
Interest: Government, Human Rights



Ebisan Petra Wilkie is an engineering geophysicist. In 2009, she won the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) University Scholarship Award. She is a researcher at Arayuwa Concepts International Limited. Her vision channels to gender equality, poverty eradication and technological innovation to support economic development in Africa.

Institution: University of Lagos
Country: Nigeria
Interest: Development Studies, Education



Ephrahim Modise won the 2019 World Bank #Blog4Dev competition in Botswana. His essays have been published on the official World Bank website and other several local newspapers in Botswana.

Institution: University of Botswana
Country: Botswana
Interest: Technology, Government



David Adewusi is a young creative based in the city of Ibadan. He is a one-time invitee to the United Nations Economic and Social Council's Youth Forum, and an alumnus of Spring Literary Movement. His works have appeared in Kalahari Review, African Writer, Praxis Magazine, Naked Convos, and others.

Institution: University of Ibadan
Country: Nigeria
Interest: Free Speech, Gender Studies



Lomuthando Nthakomwa is a political scientist currently working in the development sector with focus on renewable energy. She is an award-winning poet with experience in government, gender and legal policies. She is also a public administration fellow with the Young African Leaders Initiative.

Institution: Catholic University of Malawi
Country: Malawi
Interest: Politics, Public Sector Reforms



Ibraheem Abdullateef is a writer and freelance journalist with three years of experience and several publications in reputable newspapers such as TheCable, The Nation, and Daily Trust, to show for it. Trained by the Premium Times Center for Investigative Journalism (PTCIJ), his specialties involve human rights, child education, and policy development and government. From the year 2014 - 2016, he obtained a Diploma in Mass Communication. He is a Nigerian student presently studying for a degree in Mass Communication at Kwara state university, Malete.

Institution: Kwara State University
Country: Nigeria
Interest: Human Rights, Development Studies



Joyce Abuk Demajak holds a bachelor degree in economics and once worked as finance officer for an oil and gas company in her native South Sudan. She is currently pursuing a master degree in economics at the University of Pisa.

Institution: University of Pisa
Country: South Sudan
Interest: Economic Freedom, Trade Policy



Ailly Sheehama hails from Namibia and holds a LLB honours degree. She is a legal practitioner. In her previous role at the Office of the Prosecutor-General, she was a public prosecutor before pursuing her LLM in oil and gas law and policy at the University of Dundee in Scotland.

Institution: University of Dundee
Country: Namibia
Interest: Energy Policy, Rule of Law



Nathanael Bakare is a creative who possesses a genuine interest in dismantling the tools of oppression in the society and their dynamics. He believes in the advancement of the rule of law, and individual liberty. He is a tech enthusiast.

Institution: National Open University of Nigeria
Country: Nigeria
Interest: Technology, Gender Studies



Myles Bilong is a staunch supporter of everyone everywhere having equal access to quality education. His profound commitment to education landed him a position as a Global Schools Advocate with the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network - Youth where he is working towards the implementation of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in schools across his country. As a skilled educator and writer, Myles has served as a Global Ambassador with The Better Tomorrow Movement and Digital Grassroots among several other organisations worldwide. Myles is knowledgeable and skilled in areas like education, governance, and technology, having been certified by several renowned institutions including Google, the Internet Society, and APCEIU.

Institution: University of Buea
Country: Cameroon
Interest: Government, Education