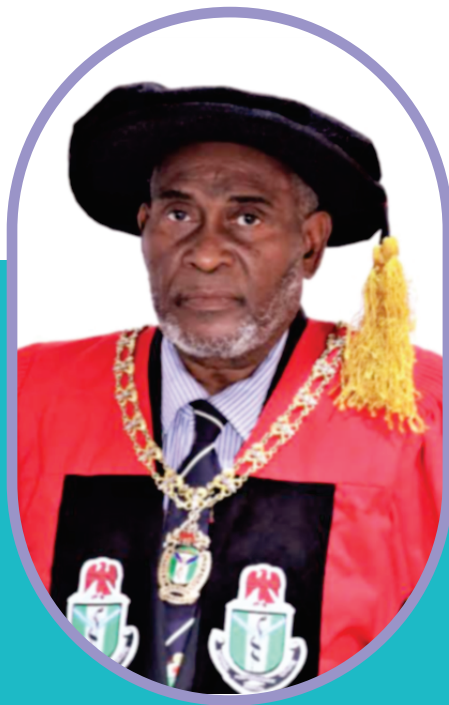




BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO

CITATION OF Emeritus Professors



Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare Prof. Musa Muhammad Borodo Prof. Julius Afolabi Falola

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THE EMERITUS PROFESSORSHIP AWARD

Introduction

In renowned universities around the world, the Emeritus Professorship has become an established tradition. This is because some professors may, even at the point of their retirement, be found to be leaders in their academic field and of immense value to their university such that keeping them on the university's roll call would help raise the institution's name and image around the world. Giving such retired professors some form of recognition therefore becomes greatly desirable. Candidates for the Emeritus Professorship in Bayero University are considered: (1), when they have had a distinguished record of service with Bayero University, Kano, before retirement at the professorial position, (2) after becoming professors, they have remained active in academics, research and publications, supervision of PG students, administration, clinical activities, professional interactions, and community service, (3) at the mandatory age of retirement, the candidates have become prominent scholars in their field or have made immense contributions to their disciplines thereby gaining national and/or international recognition, and (4) that during active service, the candidates have attracted immense support to Bayero University (academic, technical, infrastructural, financial, professional, etc.) thereby contributing to the overall development of the institution, or to their respective faculties, departments, research centres, or institutes.

It is in this regard that three candidates are being honoured with this award today. The citations of the candidates are presented below.

CITATIONS OF THE EMERITUS PROFESSORSHIP AWARDEES

Professor Garba Dahuwa Azare

Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare of the Department of Education joined the services of Bayero University, Kano as a Graduate Assistant in 1978. He rose through the ranks to attain the exalted rank of Professor in 1995. He retired in June 2022, having attained the mandatory retirement age of 70 years.

Professor Azare spent 43 years of meritorious service to Bayero University, Kano. During this period, he supervised 10 PhD theses, 50 M.Ed. dissertations, and over 450 undergraduate projects. He served as External Examiner to several universities and other institutions of higher learning. He also served as a Visiting Scholar to various universities, including the University of West Virginia, in the United States. He has published several articles in academic journals around the world, as well as chapters in books and technical reports. He also served as Editor of several academic journals in various universities in Nigeria.

In addition to his academic responsibilities, Prof. Azare has contributed to the administration of Bayero University. He served as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Member of the Governing Council, Dean, Faculty of Education, and Head of the Department of Education. He has also served as Chair of several committees, including the University Bookshop Management Committee, Board of Bayero University Community Bank, and Bayero University Fellowship and Awards Committee.

In addition to these, Prof. Azare has served in various capacities outside the University. He was Director-General/CEO, National Teachers' Institute (NTI); Commissioner of Education, Bauchi State; Pioneer Chairman, Bauchi State Primary Schools Management Board; Member, Committee to Work out Modalities for the Accreditation of Higher Institution of Learning in Bauchi State; and so on.

As a result of his hard work and commitment, Prof. Azare was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Commonwealth University and a fellowship award by African Academics Network, Awka, Anambra State. He is a member or fellow of several professional bodies, including Fellow, College of Education (COE) Azare, Bauchi State; Fellow, Institute of Corporate Executives of Nigeria (FICEN); Member, Nigerian Academy of Education (NAE); Member, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD); Member, International Council on Education for Teaching (ICET); Vice-President, International Association of Research Scholars and Administrators; as well as Chairman, badminton association of Nigeria, Kano State Chapter. Prof. Azare was a member of Bayero University Senate since 1995, and was regular at its meetings until his retirement in 2022.

Mr. Vice-Chancellor, Sir I present to you Prof. Garba Dazuwazare for the award of the Emeritus Professorship of Bayero University, Kano.

Professor Julius Afolabi Falola

Professor Julius Afolabi Falola of the Department of Geography joined the services of Bayero University as an Assistant Lecturer in 1980, and rose through the ranks to the position of Professor in 1995. He retired from active service in the year 2020 at the age of 70 years, after 40 years of service to Bayero University, Kano.

Prof. Falola has taught numerous courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, including Research Methods, Qualitative and Quantitative Techniques in Geography, Natural Resource Management and Climate Change, Land Resources Development and Administration, Project Planning and Evaluation, Land Policy and Agrarian Transformation, Land Resources and Development Theory, Energy and Environment, as well as Drylands in Geographical and Historical Perspectives. He has supervised numerous undergraduate projects and Master's dissertations. He has also supervised 37 PhD theses, out of which 16 were supervised after his retirement, while serving as a contract staff. Prof. Falola is still engaged in seminar presentations in Bayero University even though he is currently a contract staff at Northwest University, Kano, where he continues to supervise Master's and PhD candidates.

While in active service in Bayero University, Prof. Falola has served in various capacities as Level Coordinator, and Head of Department of Geography. He was an active member of Bayero University Senate, and a member or Chairman of several committees, such as Faculty Research Committee, Senate Business Committee, University Prize Award Committee, Senate Standing Committee on Examination Regulations, Senate Standing Committee on Examination Administration and Reporting, University Public Lecture Committee, Fees and Charges Committee, University Scheduling Committee, etc.

Prof. Falola was Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of Bayero University Press, as well as Editor of many books and academic journals within and outside Bayero University. He was an External Examiner to many institutions comprising Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, Usmanu Danfodio University Sokoto, University of Jos, Federal University Kashere, Gombe State, University of Maiduguri, and Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna.

Prof. Falola was also Chairman or Member of visitation panels to many institutions. He had served in many capacities in the Nigerian Geographical Association before he ultimately became its National President. Prof. Falola is a recipient of several national and international scholarships and awards, including the European Economic Community's Fellowship for Postgraduate Diploma in Rural Policy and Project Planning at The Hague.

Mr. Vice-Chancellor, Sir I present to you Prof. Julius Afolabi Falola for the award of the Emeritus Professorship of Bayero University, Kano.

Professor Musa Muhammad Borodo

Prof. Musa Muhammad Borodo is a Professor of Medicine and Honorary Consultant Physician and Gastroenterologist. He joined the services of Bayero University Kano as a Senior Lecturer in 1990 and attained the prestigious rank of Professor of Medicine in 2013. He served the University in various capacities as Head, Department of Medicine, Acting Head, Department of Pharmacology, and Dean, Faculty of Medicine. He also served as Acting CMD, Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Kano.

Prof. Borodo chaired various committees in the University, including Bayero University Security Committee, Health Services Committee, Faculty of Medicine Committee on the Review of the MBBS Curriculum and Examination Regulations, Faculty of Medicine Committee on Integrated Teaching, Strategic Planning Committee, Medical Advisory Committee, as well as University Health Services Consultative Committee. He also served as Member of Bayero University Journals Committee, Faculty of Medicine ECFMG Verification Officer, Bayero University Committee on the Collegiate System, and University Honorary Degrees Award Committee.

In addition to University responsibilities, Prof. Borodo held numerous positions at the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria, where he ultimately became its National President. As a Professor, he had supervised three part II Fellowship dissertations and 40 dissertations for the Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria. While serving Bayero University, he continued to attend to his clinical duties at Murtala Muhammed General Hospital. And even after his retirement, he has continued to supervise postgraduate students. At the moment, he is supervising six dissertations. He has also served as External Examiner to various universities as well as authored 66 academic journal articles and 34 commissioned papers.

At the state level in Kano, Prof. Borodo contributed to community service in various capacities, including as Chairman, Technical Sub-committee on Health and Environment of the Government Transition Committee, Chairman, Committee on the Establishment of the MBBS Programme at Northwest University, Kano, Chairman, Kano State Science and Technical Schools Board, Chairman, Technical Committee on the Rejuvenation of Ethical Professional Health Standards, Member, Kano State Advisory Committee of Clinicians on the Way Forward for Polio Vaccination Initiative, as well as Member, Zakat Committee.

Prof. Borodo is a member of 12 professional bodies and has 21 awards to his credit, both at national and international levels. As a mark of honour, some places have been named after Prof. Borodo, including a street in Kano, a medical students' hostel, and a male medical ward at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH). He has travelled to all the continents of the world, with the exception of Australia.

Mr. Vice-Chancellor, Sir I present to you Prof. Musa Muhammed Borodo for the award of the Emeritus Professorship of Bayero University, Kano.