

## **NOMINEE FOR SECRETARY: African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA)**

### **Biosketch: Ọbádélé Bakari Kambon**

Current Title/Position, Institution: Research Fellow, University of Ghana

PhD Linguistics: University of Ghana

MA Linguistics: University of Wisconsin-Madison

MA African Languages and Literature: University of Wisconsin-Madison

BA African American Studies: Morehouse College

Relevant Experience: I have served as Acting Secretary of ASAA since the 1<sup>st</sup> Biennial ASAA conference at Ìbàdàn in 2015. In this capacity, I took minutes for the ASAA 2015 EXCO meeting and the AGM. In the interim I presented via streaming as a representative of ASAA at ASA 2016, Washington, DC. Further, I composed and collated various ASAA-related documents before, during and after ASAA 2017. During ASAA 2017, I served as chief rapporteur and took minutes for the ASAA AGM. My experience would be helpful in moving ASAA forward.

### **Vision Statement**

As Secretary of ASAA, I will continue to work to facilitate communication between the ASAA secretariat and current members. I will also use my position to bring in more individual and institutional members via strategic and targeted invitations and communications. I have already started to do this by reaching out to the African Heritage Studies Association, which has a similar history to ASAA in terms of breaking from ASA to chart an independent course.

I will continue to serve as the repository of ASAA documents, for which I have hard copies, soft copies and backups to cloud services for security and redundancy in the event of any unforeseen issues. I will continue to work with the ASAA secretariat, based at UG-Legon, Institute of African Studies to sustain the organization via effective information management. I will continue to assist other executives of the organization by means of timely communications and responsiveness to the needs of the organization including maintaining databases (of standing committees, etc.), composing correspondence and other organizational duties.