

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Full Name: Saheed Afolabi ASHAFa
2. Date and Place of Birth: 29/09/1977, Ibadan, Oyo State
3. Gender: Male
4. Nationality: Nigerian
5. State of Origin: Osun
6. Local Government Area: Iwo
7. Marital Status: Married
8. Names and Ages of Children (if any):  
Muadh Ashafa (19)  
AbdurRahman Ashafa (16)  
Mustapha Ashafa (14)  
AbdulSalam Ashafa (11)  
Yusuf Ashafa (4)
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Osun State
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12. Registration with Research Gate : Yes
13. If Yes, Provide the Link : <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Saheed-Ashafa-2>
14. If No Why : Not Applicable
15. Registration with Google Scholar : Yes
16. If Yes, Provide the Link : [https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=r6\\_4oyAAAAJ&hl=en](https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=r6_4oyAAAAJ&hl=en)
17. If No Why : Not Applicable
18. Cell Phone Number: 08028927422, 09152827912
19. College/Faculty/Unit: Humanities and Culture/Humanities
20. Department: Religions
21. Position on First Appointment: Lecturer II
22. Present Position and Salary: Lecturer I; CONUASS 4/4
23. Date of Present Position: October 1, 2023

24. Is your appointment confirmed? Yes
25. If No, why Not? Confirmed
26. Date of Confirmation of Appointment: May 04, 2023

**B. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

**1. Educational Institutions Attended with Dates:**

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| i. University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria           | 2012- 2016 |
| ii. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos             | 2009- 2011 |
| iii. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos            | 2002- 2006 |
| iv. Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education, Lagos | 1997- 2000 |

**2. Academic and Professional Qualifications with Dates:**

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|---|--------|
| i. PhD (Islamic Studies)  | (2016) |
| ii. M.A. (Islamic Studies)  | (2011) |
| iii. B.A. (Ed), (Islamic Studies), 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Upper. (2 <sup>1</sup> ) | (2006) |
| iv. N.C.E (Islamic Studies/Social Studies)  | (2001) |
| Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE)                                      | (1997) |

**3. Other Relevant Qualification:** Nil

**4. Honours, Awards and Distinctions:**

Fellow, Institute of Islamic Finance Professionals.

5. Research Fellowship With Dates: Nil

**C.WORK EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM:**

**i. Lagos State Universal Basic Education**

Assistant Education Officer 2003-2007

**ii. Gloryville College, Okokomaiko, Lagos,**

Islamic Studies Teacher 2001-2002

**iii. Lagos State Ministry of Education**

Islamic Studies Teacher 2009-Feb. 2018

**iv. Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education, Ijanikin**

Part-Time Appointment 2009 - 2019

**D. WORK EXPERIENCE IN OTHER UNIVERSITIES:**

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|---|--------------|
| i. Facilitator, National Open University, Apapa Study Centre, Lagos | 2017 to Date |
| ii. Adjunct (Senior Lecturer), University of Benin                  | 2023-2025    |

iii. Lecturer, Ekiti State University, (AOCOED Outreach, Contractual appointment),	2014-2018
iv. Lagos State University Foundation Islamic Studies Tutor	2018-2020
<b>E. WORK EXPERIENCE IN OSUN STATE UNIVERSITY:</b>	
i. Lecturer I	October 2023 to Date
<b>F. CO-CURRICULAR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:</b>	
Nil	
<b>G. MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES:</b>	
i. Nigerian Association for the Study of Religions (NASR)	2021 to Date
ii Fellow, Institute of Islamic Finance Professionals (IIFP)	2020 to Date
iii. National Association of Teachers Arabic and Islamic Studies (NATAIS)	2017 to Date
iv. Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN)	2007 to Date
<b>H. SERVICE:</b>	
<b>(i) University: (Department, Faculty/College, University)</b>	
a. Sub-Dean, Students' Affairs, CHC	2024 to Date
b. Member, College International Conference Committee	2022 to Date
c. Member, College Students Welfare Committee	2022 to Date
d. Member, College Examination Malpractices Committee	2022 to Date
e. Secretary, Budget Committee Department of Religions	2021 to Date
f. Examination Officer, Department of Religions	2022 - 2025
g. Member, Faculty Annual Lecture/Conference Committee	2022 -2024
h. Secretary, Department of Religions	2021-2022
<b>(ii) Community:</b>	
a. Imam, Lagos Secretariat Community Central Mosque, Alausa	2019 to Date
b. Incident Commander, Covid-19 Incident Volunteers	2020
c. President, Muslim Students' Society of Nigeria, Lagos State Area Unit	2015-2020
d. Member, Ulama of Lagos State Muslim Pilgrims Welfare Board Hajj Exercise	2018
<b>(iii) National:</b>	
a. Examiner II, West Africa Examination Council (WAEC)	2012 – 2022

(iv) **International:**

Nil

**I. COURSES TAUGHT DURING THE CURRENT ACADEMIC SESSION:**

**Harmattan Semester**

i. ISS 101: Early History of Islam and Jahiliyyah up to 632 CE	2 Units
ii. ISS 213: Islamic Literature in Indigenous Languages	2 Units
iii. FAC 201: Digital Humanities	2 Units
iv. ISS 313: Orientalism and Islamic Studies	2 Units
v. ISS 407: Advanced Study of the Qur'an II	2 Units
vi. ISS 413: Islamic Economic System	2 Units
vii. ISS 705: Research Methodology	3 Units
viii. ISS 709: History of Islam	3 Units
ix. ISS 803: Islam in the Modern World	3 Units
x. ISS 805: Heresiology	3 Units

**Total**

**24 Units**

**Rain Semester**

i. ISS 108: Islamic Education	3 Units
ii. ISS 306: Islamic Civilization in Medieval Period	2 Units
iii. ISS 314: Research Methods of Muslim Scholars	3 Units
iv. ISS 410: Advanced Study of the Creed of <i>Ahl al-Sunnah</i>	3 Units
v. ISS 706: Islamic Modern Development	3 Units
vi. ISS 710: Islamic Economic Thought	3 Units

**Total**

**17 Units**

**J. GRADUATE STUDIES SUPERVISION (if any):**

Nil

**K. PUBLICATIONS:**

**i. Books (authored/co-authored)**

Nil

**ii. Books (edited/co-edited)**

Nil

**iii. Monographs**

Nil

**iv. Chapters in Books**

1. Ashafa, S. A. (2025). "An Examination of the Growth and Potential of Halāl Certification in Nigeria: The Case Study of Halāl Certification Authority in Nigeria". In: Opeloye M. O. et al., (eds.) *Modern Trends in Arabic and Islamic Studies*, (In Honour of Professor Ismail

- Ayinla Babatunde Balogun), published by Nigeria Association of Teachers of Arabic and Islamic Studies (NATAIS), pp. 152-166.
2. Ashafa, S. A. (2025). "Islam and Human Health Development: A Review of Productive Health and Islamic Values of Abul Fadl- Mohsin Ibrahim. In A. K. Makinde et. al., (eds.) (A Festschrift in Honour of Professor Elisha Oladele Babalola), published the Department of Religious studies Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, pp. 175-184.
  3. Ashafa, S. A. (2025). "Contemporary Discourse of Shari'ah Perspective on Blue Economy for Halal Industry Sustainability. In: Salisu, M. A., Raimi, L., Bamiro, N. B., Elegbede, I. O. (eds) Green and Blue Economy Frameworks for Halal Industry Sustainability, Springer, Singapore. Pp. 73-88, [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-96-1729-6\\_4](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-96-1729-6_4) (Offshore)
  4. Ashafa, S. A. & Opeloye, M. O. (2024) "Current Literature on Islamic Studies: An Analysis of Works by Scholars in South-West Nigeria". In Opeloye, M. O. et. al, (eds) Ascendancy of Arabic and Islamic Studies in Nigeria, (In Honour of Late Professor M. O. A. Abdul), published by Nigeria Association of Teachers of Arabic and Islamic Studies (NATAIS), pp. 149-170.
  5. Ashafa, S. A. & BARUWA-ASHAFA, A. O. (2022) "A Literary Analysis of the Economic Themes in *Surat Al-Baqarah* Verses 275-280" In L. B. Ayeleru, R. Iyanda, and O. Wende (Eds.), *Linguistics, Civilization and Literature in the Service of Humanity* (A Festschrift in Honour of Professor Abayomi Kizito Folorunsho), published by Department of French, Osun State University, Osogbo, pp. 275-285.
  6. Ashafa, S. A. (2022) "Nigerian Muslims: Mapping Histories, Constructing Identities" In Oloyede, I. O. et al. (Eds), *Islam-Nigeriana – On Being Muslim in Contemporary Nigeria*, (In Honour of Professor Dawud Olatokunbo Shittu Noibi, Obe), published by Pan-African University, pp. 59-84. (Offshore)

#### v. Articles in Learned Journals:

7. Ashafa, S. A. & Opeloyeru, N. A. (2025) "Wealth Creation and Management in the Islamic Worldview", *Al-Sahwah International Islamic Journal*, (Kaduna State University), Series 11, pp. 127-138.
8. Ashafa, S. A. (2025). "Exploring the Concept, Implications, and Business Potentials of Halal Products and Services.", *Journal of Management and Social Sciences*, (Fountain University), Vol. 14(1), pp. 17-35  
<https://upgrade.fountainjournals.com/index.php/JMSS/article/view/936>
9. Ashafa, S. A. & Baruwa-Ashafa, A. O. (2023) "Examining Islamic Teachings and Persuasive Communication in Containing the Spread of Pandemic in Nigeria: A Case Study of ovid-19", *Degel: The Journal of the Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies*, (Usmanu Danfodiyo University), Sokoto, Vol. 20 (1-2), pp. 182-202.
10. Ashafa, S. A. (2022) "Administration of a Model Interest-Free Cooperative Society in Iwo Township of Osun State, Nigeria", *Kaduna Journal of Humanities*, (Kaduna State University), Vol.6 (1), pp. 180-192.
11. Ashafa, S. A. (2021) "An Appraisal of Localization of Zakat Disbursement in Lagos State, Nigeria", *Ilorin Journal of Religious Studies, (IJOURELS)*, (University of Ilorin), Vol. 11 (1), pp. 81-96

12. Ashafa, S. A. (2021) “Profiling a Model for *Waqf* in South-Western Nigeria through the Institution of the Mosque”, *Degel: The Journal of the Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies*, (Usmanu Danfodiyo University), Sokoto, Vol. 19 (1), pp. 201-215
13. Paramole, K. O. & **Ashafa, S. A.** (2020) “Adopting the Mosque Institution as a Strategy for National Security in Nigeria”, *Religions: Journal of the Nigerian Association for the Study of Religions*, Vol. 30 (1), 29-43
14. Ashafa, S. A. (2020) “Prophethood and Social Development in the Islamic Worldview: Lessons for the Nigerian Society”, *Alsun Journal of Humanities*, (Al-Qalam University), Katsina, Vol. III, NO. 1, pp. 72-86
15. Ashafa, S.A. (2018) “Economic Recession and Usury (*Riba*) in the Qur’an: Lessons for Fiscal Policy Makers in Nigeria” *Journal of Teachers of Arabic and Islamic Studies* (NATAIS), Vol.21, (24-38)
16. Ashafa, S.A. (2016) “Morality and Politics in Nigeria Context: The Islamic Perspective of Governance” *Journal of Religions & Peace Studies*, (Lagos State University), vol.2, NO.1 (pp 82- 95)
- vi. **Review Articles:** Nil
- vii. **Refereed Conference Proceedings:** Nil
17. Ashafa, S. A. (2023) “Sustainable Development Goals: Interrogating the Place of Decent Work and Economic Growth from the Islamic Perspective” In Sulaiman, A. A. (Ed), Proceedings of the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Nigeria Association of Teachers of Arabic and Islamic Studies (NATAIS) held at Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala, Borno State, between 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, December 2022.
- viii. **Un-refereed Conference Proceedings:** Nil
- ix. **Book Reviews:** Nil
- x. **Technical Reports:** Nil
- xi. **Patent and Inventions:** Nil
- xii. **Online Journal Article (Journals with no hard copies):**
18. **Ashafa, S. A.**, Akinnawo, Y. A., & Paramole, K. O. (2024) “Almsgiving and Interfaith Collaboration in Nigeria” *Ghana Journal of Religion and Theology*, (University of Ghana), 14(2), 65-81 <https://www.ajol.info/index.php/gjrt/article/view/285086> **(Offshore)**
19. Busari, J. M., **Ashafa, S. A.**, & Busari, S. A. (2024) “Challenges of Al-Farā’id Application in a Multi-Religious Society: The Case of Yoruba Muslims of Lagos and Oyo States, Southwestern Nigeria” *Shariah Journal*, (Universiti Malaya), 32(1), 158-199 <https://ejournal.um.edu.my/index.php/JS/article/view/52303> **(Offshore)**
20. Ashafa, S. A. (2024) “Waqf as a Tool for National Integration in Nigeria: An Exploratory Study”, *Journal of Studies in Language, Culture and Society*, (University of Bejaia), 7(1), 94-105 <https://www.asjp.cerist.dz/en/article/250268> **(Offshore)**
21. Ashafa, S. A. (2023) “Allocation of Zakāt to Debtors in Lagos State, Nigeria: Assessing a Neglected Categories of Recipients”, *Journal of Studies in Language, Culture and Society*, (University of Bejaia), 6(2), 77-88 <https://www.asjp.cerist.dz/en/article/239079> **(Offshore)**
22. Sidiq, U. O. & **Ashafa, S. A.** (2022) “An Appraisal of Climatic Change and its Effects on

- Ibādah* (Worship) in Islam”, *Sri Lankan Journal of Arabic and Islamic Studies*, (South Eastern University of Sri Lanka), Vol. 5 (Special Issue 1), pp. 1-9. <https://www.seu.ac.lk/sljaais/publication/volume5/no2/1.pdf> (Offshore)
23. Ashafa, S. A. (2021) “Ribā (Interest) Between Reason and Revelation in Islam”, *Journal of Islamic Economics and Business Research*, (Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta), 1(2), 180-192 <https://doi.org/10.18196/jiebr.v1i2.18> (Offshore)
24. Ashafa, S. A. (2021) Rebranding Islamic Studies in Universities in South-western Nigeria: Islamic Finance to the Rescue. *IIUM Journal of Religious and Civilisational Studies*, (International Islamic University, Malaysia), Vol. 4, Issue (1), pp. 5-28. <https://journals.iium.edu.my/irkh/index.php/ijrcs/article/view/179> (Offshore)

**On Shore Publications:** 15

**Off Shore Publications:** 9

#### **L. CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:**

- i. Funded Research : Nil
- ii. Non-funded/Self sponsored Research : Nil

#### **M. CONFERENCES ATTENDED (indicating titles of papers presented if any):**

- i. International Conference on Zakat Implementation and Impact in the Contemporary World, Centre for Islam in the Contemporary World at Shenandoah University, held at Huron University College, London, Canada. **February 21-22, 2025**. Presented a paper with the title: Modern Perspectives and Practices in the Implementation of *Ar-Riqab* Category by Zakat Administrators in Lagos State, Nigeria.
- ii 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference of Fountain University, Osogbo in Collaboration with NASFAT Missionary Institute (NMI) on Navigating the Dynamics of Religion, Politics, Ethnicity and Youth for Peace and Development. **November 20-23, 2024**. Presented a paper with the title: Exploring the Concept, Implications and Business Potential of Halal Products and Services.
- iii. International Conference Organized by Dawood Research Centre in collaboration with Muslim Philanthropy Initiative, Indiana University, USA, University of Jos, Nigeria, **April 27-29, 2023**. Presented a paper with the title: Allocating Zakat to Debtors (Ghōrimūn) in Lagos State, Nigeria: Assessing a Neglected Category of Beneficiaries
- iv. 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference of the College of Humanities and Culture, Osun State University, Osogbo, Osun State, Nigeria, **March 1-3, 2022**. Presented a paper with the title: Islam, Economic Justice and Peaceful Coexistence in Nigeria.
- v. 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Nigerian Association for the Study of Religions, Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko, Ondo State, Nigeria, **October 4-7, 2021**.

Presented a paper titled: Adopting the Mosque Institution as a Strategy for National Security in Nigeria.

vi. 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference of Islamic Studies, Riphah International University, Islamabad, Pakistan, **December 16-17, 2020.**

Presented a paper titled: Rebranding Islamic Studies in Southwestern Universities in Nigeria: Islamic Finance to the Rescue.

vii. 35<sup>th</sup> National Association of Teachers of Arabic and Islamic Studies (NATAIS), Lagos State University, Nigeria, **December 24-29, 2017.**

Presented a paper titled: Recession and Usury (*Riba*) in the Qur'an: Lessons for Fiscal Policy Makers in Nigeria

viii. 4<sup>th</sup> SIR Conference on Multidisciplinary Research and Global Development, Society for Inter-Disciplinary Research, Fountain University, Osogbo, Osun State, Nigeria, **June 22-24, 2011.** Presented a paper titled: Effects of the Climate on *'Ibadah*

#### **N. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

i. Reading and writing

#### **O. ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:**

Nil

#### **P. SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTION TO KNOWLEDGE**

My research has consistently sought to demonstrate the relevance and applicability of Islamic principles to contemporary socio-economic and developmental realities, particularly within the Nigerian context. Through my publications, I have examined key components of Islamic economic thought, such as zakāt, waqf, and the prohibition of ribā, not merely as theological concepts but as practical instruments for promoting financial inclusion, equitable wealth distribution, and economic stability. By situating these ideas within specific Nigerian case studies, I have contributed to the localisation of Islamic finance, showing how faith-based economic models can respond meaningfully to issues such as poverty, unemployment, and economic recession.

In addition, my work has explored Islam as a holistic framework for human development, engaging with themes of health, governance, morality, and social responsibility. I have highlighted how Islamic teachings can inform public policy and societal responses to contemporary challenges, including crisis situations such as the COVID-19 pandemic, thereby reinforcing the dynamic interface between religion and lived realities. My engagement with topics such as national security, interfaith collaboration, and identity construction further reflects an effort to position Islamic studies as an active participant in broader societal discourse.

I have also contributed to expanding the scope of Islamic scholarship by linking it with global development paradigms, including the Sustainable Development Goals and emerging concepts such as the blue economy. This integration underscores the compatibility of Shari'ah-based principles with modern sustainability frameworks.

Overall, my work advances a context-driven, interdisciplinary approach that bridges classical Islamic thought with contemporary socio-economic challenges, contributing to both academic scholarship and practical development discourse.

**Name:** Dr Saheed Afolabi ASHAFA

**Signature**..... **Date**.....