

## Profile

Kunirum Osia has been an adjunct instructor at Coppin State University since 2001. He has degrees in the humanities and social sciences: BA in Philosophy and BA in Religious Studies from Major Seminary, Ibadan (affiliated to Urban University, Rome); MA in Social Anthropology/African Studies from Howard University, Washington, DC; M. Phil. & Ph.D. in Political Science from The George Washington University, Washington, DC. He has advanced diplomas in English Language and Literature, Latin, European History and Economics from London University. He has cumulative professional training in rehabilitation counseling and rehabilitation administration from Virginia Commonwealth University, West Virginia University, The George Washington University and US Civil Service Commission.

Dr. Osia has more than thirty five years of professional work experience in the field of rehabilitation progressively as a rehabilitation counselor, rehabilitation district manager and currently as rehabilitation program evaluator/quality assurance for the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Rehabilitation Services. He has received numerous honors for his services to persons with disabilities in the State of Maryland. He received a citation from Governor Robert Ehrlich for his services in the Governor's Committee on Employment of Persons with Disabilities and was appointed by him to serve in the Statewide Independent Living Council. On the expiration of his term in this council he was reappointed by Governor Martin O'Malley. He serves in many committees that deal with persons with disabilities.

Dr. Osia has authored a book and many chapters in edited books. He has published many articles in national and international journals. He has presented papers in many national and international conferences. He was the Executive Editor of *World Review of Science, Technology and Sustainable Development* (a United Kingdom-based paper and electronic journal) from 2003 -2007. He was the Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Nigerian Studies and Development* (a Florida-based scholarly journal) for 15 years from 1991- 2006.

### Awards & Honors:

- Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding and Dedicated Service;
- Statewide Rehabilitation District Award for outstanding Performance;
- Statewide District of the Year Award;
- Regional District Team Performance Award;
- Certificate of Achievement for Successful Rehabilitation;
- Distinguished Achievement in Rehabilitation Management Award;
- Regional District Excellence Award;
- Statewide District Manager of the Year Award;
- Literacy Works Community Involvement Award;
- Citation from Governor Ehrlich for dedicated service as member of the Governor's Committee on Employment of persons with disabilities;
- Appointed by the Governor to serve as member of Statewide Independent Living Council;
- Certificates for Perfect Attendance Records for ten Consecutive years.

**Research Interest:** Multicultural Issues in Rehabilitation and Workplace