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Career Milestones & Achievements

- **2017**
 - University of Alberta Alumni Horizon Award Recipient
- **2015**
 - First poet to speak at a Nigerian inauguration ceremony at the inauguration ceremony of President Muhammadu Buhari in Abuja, Nigeria
 - Ambassador for Intel Corporation's She Will Connect Program in Nigeria
 - Lagos International Poetry Festival Organizing Committee
 - Shortlisted for the Africa Centre Artists' In Residency Program
- **2014**
 - Tedx Edmonton Conference Speaker
 - 2014 YWCA Woman of Distinction Award Nominee
 - Collection of poems, Abscess published by Geko Publishing (South Africa)
- **2013**
 - National Black Coalition of Canada (NBCC) Fil Fraser Award for outstanding achievement in the arts
 - Recognizing Immigrant Success in Edmonton (RISE) Arts, Culture & Athletics Award winner
 - Published in The Great Black North, the first anthology of Black Canadian poetry
 - Launch of Spoken Word Album, Mother Tongue
 - Women of the World Poetry Slam – Canadian Prairies Representative (Minneapolis, MN)
- **2012**
 - Female Voices of the Prairies Slam Champion (Saskatoon, SK)
 - Winner Edmonton Journal's Poetry Contest (meeting with Maya Angelou)
- **2011**
 - Canada Council for the Arts Professional Development Travel Grant for Culturally Diverse Artists - Recipient for Writers' Residency in Cape Town, South Africa
 - Brown University – Chinua Achebe Colloquium on Africa Spoken Word performance and panel discussion
 - Canadian Authors Association Emerging Writer Award for Down To Earth
- **2010**
 - Edmonton Poetry Festival Board of Directors
 - Spoken Word Canada (SpoCan) Board of Directors
 - Down to Earth, Poetry Collection
 - Edmonton Poetry Slam Team – 5th place finish nationally

- **2009**
 - Created Rouge Poetry; a weekly spoken word night in the heart of the city of Edmonton.
 - Founded the Breath In Poetry Collective, a group that unites poets and poetry lovers through the continued promotion of spoken word through live performances, school workshops and community outreach.

Previous Residencies

- 2015
 - OSIWA Poets' Residency – Goree Island, Senegal
- 2011
 - Yemoya Artists' Residency (D'bi Young) – Cape Town, South Africa

Past Awards/Nominations

Award	Date	Location	Details
University of Alberta Alumni Horizon Award	2017	Canada	Early Career Achievements
YWCA Women of Distinction (Nominee)	2014	Canada	Achievement in the Arts
National Black Coalition of Canada (NBCC) Award	2014	Canada	Achievement in the Arts
EMCN RISE Award	2013	Canada	Achievement in the Arts
Canadian Authors Association Award	2011	Canada	Emerging Writer Award

Notable Publications & Interviews

Publication	Date	Location	Details
WRITTEN PUBLICATIONS			
Soaring Africa	2015	Senegal	Anthology
Abscess	2014	South Africa	Geko Publishing
Sun and Snow Anthology	2012 – 2014	Canada/Africa	Anthology
Jozijols Magazine	July, 2014	South Africa	Interview
Sunday World Newspaper	April, 2014	South Africa	Feature/Interview
Diaspora Wazobia	April, 2014	Nigeria	Feature/Interview
Edmonton Journal	January 2014	Canada	Feature/Interview
The Great Black North	February, 2013	Canada	Anthology
Edmonton Journal	October, 2012	Canada	Feature
Avenue Magazine	April, 2012	Canada	Feature/Interview
Abreast and The Rest	May, 2011	Canada	Feature
ONLINE PUBLICATIONS			
www.brittlepaper.com	May, 2017	US	3 Poems
www.el-ghibli.org	July, 2014	Italy	3 Poems (translation)
www.lapkat.com	May, 2014	Australia	Feature
www.canadianpoetries.com	October, 2013	Canada	Feature

Workshops Facilitated

Organization	Event
Sister Circle	Workshop (Nigeria)
Put It In A Poem	Online Workshop (Canada, Nigeria, US)
Reel Kids Lagos	Workshop
Alberta Education - International Education Services	Classroom Workshop
Baldwin School	Intercultural Awareness Day
Canadian Author's Association	Workshop
Council of Canadians of African and Caribbean Heritage	Anti-Racism Workshop
East Glen High School	Classroom Workshop
Edmonton Poetry Festival	Poets In The Schools Program - Workshop
H.E Beriault	Classroom Workshop
Junior High at A. Blair McPherson School	Classroom Workshop
London Poetry Slam	Workshop
Ottawa Youth Project	Workshop
St John Bosco	Classroom Workshop
St. Rose Junior High	Classroom Workshop
University of Alberta - Faculty of Engineering	Engineering Arts Showcase & Workshop
University of Alberta - Music Department	Showcase & Workshop
Victoria School for the Arts	Classroom Workshop
Vimy Ridge Academy	Classroom Workshop

Education

- University of Alberta, Bsc Civil Engineering (2003 – 2008)