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PROFESSOR KOLAWOLE ADEREMI OLU-OWOLABI

(30 May, 1961 - 16 September, 2012)

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Isaac F. Adewole, FAS, regrets to announce the passing away of Professor Kolawole Aderemi Olu-Owolabi, on Sunday, 16 September, 2012.

Professor Kolawole Aderemi Olu-Owolabi was born on 30 May, 1961 at Ikenne-Remo, Ogun State to Chief Ezekiel Oludunni Owolabi of Igbogila, Yewa North Local Government of Ogun State and Mrs. Jarinat Rachel Ajoke Owolabi of Ayetoro, Yewa North Local Government of Ogun State. He had his primary education at Ansar-ud-Deen Primary School, Oke Ado, Ibadan. His secondary education was at St. Patrick's Grammar School, Ibadan, where he obtained his School Certificate in 1978. He, thereafter, proceeded to Comprehensive High School, Ayetoro, for his Higher School Certificate, which he obtained in 1980. The same year, he was admitted to the University of Lagos, for a degree in Philosophy. At the end of his first year, he won the prestigious Federal Government Merit Award Scholarship for being the best student in his class. He graduated in 1983 with a Second Class Upper Division, winning the Departmental Prize as the best student in his class. He was retained at the Department of Philosophy of his University, for his National Youth Service. He commenced his doctorate programme in September 1984, while he was also employed as a Graduate Assistant, to teach in the Department. He defended his Ph.D. thesis on 9 May, 1989, becoming the first person in the history of the Department to do so.

Professor Olu-Owolabi joined the Department of Philosophy, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, on 5 October 1989, as a Lecturer Grade II. He was promoted to the position of Lecturer Grade I in 1993, Senior Lecturer in 1996 and Professor in 2002. Professor Olu-Owolabi served as the Acting Head of Department of Philosophy of the University between 2002 and 2004. He also obtained the LL.B. Honours degree, with a Second Class Upper Division from the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. He was called to the Nigerian Bar as a Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria in 2007. During his Sabbatical Leave in the 2008-2009 session, he obtained an LL.M degree, with distinction from the same Obafemi Awolowo University.

Professor Olu-Owolabi was a member of the Nigerian Philosophical Association (N.P.A.), Nigerian Bar Association (N.B.A.), Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), Fellow of the Institute of United States Studies (IFUSS) Iowa University, Iowa City. He won many academic fellowships, which included Rockefeller Fellowship for American Studies, at the University of Iowa, Iowa in 1999, CODESRIA Governance Institute,

1999, British Council Travel Grant 1998, French Institute for Research in Africa, 1996 and 2000 and CODESRIA National Working Group Grant, 2010-2012.

Professor Olu-Owolabi was an External Examiner and Assessor of Ph.D and professorial promotions to the following Universities: University of Lagos, Lagos; Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye; University of Ado-Ekiti, Ado-Ekiti; Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko. He was at one time Part time or Visiting Lecturer at the Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye; Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba; University of Lagos, Lagos; Nigerian Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru-Jos, University of Iowa, Iowa-City, United States. He was also a Resource Person to the CODESRIA Governance Institute in 2006. He attended international conferences in countries such as the Democratic Republic of Congo; Ghana, Malaysia, Mozambique, Senegal, South-Africa, United Kingdom and the United States.

Professor Olu-Owolabi supervised over sixty Master's students, 10 Ph.D. graduates, both within his Department and at the Peace and Conflict Programme of the Institute of African Studies. He had over sixty publications in reputable outlets. He was until his death the Dean, Faculty of Arts.

Prof. Olu-Owolabi's death is a monumental loss to our University where he deeply touched the lives of his academic colleagues, students and staff. He was survived by his wife and children.

Burial Arrangements

Wednesday, 26 September, 2012 – **Service of Songs** - 4.30pm at his residence, 20 Sankore Road, University of Ibadan, Ibadan.

Thursday, 27 September, 2012 – **Lying-in-State** - 9.00am in the Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan, Ibadan

– Body leaves immediately for Igbogila, Yewa North Local Government, Ogun State

– Christian Wake - 5.00pm at Oke-Ede Quarters, Igbogila, Yewa North Local Government, Ogun State

Friday, 28 September, 2012 – **Funeral Service** – 10.00am at the First Baptist Church (The Progressive Church), c/o P.O. Box 77, Igbogila, Yewa North Local Government, Ogun State.

- **Interment:** This will take place immediately after the funeral service at Oke-Ede Quarters, Igbogila, Yewa North Local Government, Ogun State.

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