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Ernest E. Uwazie holds both the BA (1984) and MA (1985) in Criminal Justice from St Edward's University, Austin, Texas, and a Ph.D. degree (1991) in Justice Studies from Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, with a specialization in comparative (African) justice and conflict resolution. He is a Professor and Chair of Criminal Justice, and

Director/Founder of the Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution (since 1996) at California State University, Sacramento, USA. He teaches courses on comparative justice, dispute resolution and restorative justice, minorities and justice, and the justice system and community; he is a renowned ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution)/mediation trainer, practitioner, scholar and system designer. He has conducted over 100 ADR training workshops and seminars in US and Africa since 1996, for over 5000 people representing various agencies in criminal justice, law, education, public health, social services, traditional rulers, human rights, youth leaders and community based organizations, including the Annual Summer Conflict Resolution Training Workshop at CSUS, with its 20th year in 2016. He served the Chair of the Faculty Rights Committee of the California Faculty Association at CSUS(2006-17), with leadership role in representation, advise, consultation, education and general support in addressing faculty grievances and work place conflicts, and Chair (20012-15) of the Annual Criminal Justice Convocation at CSUS—of the Division of Criminal Justice. He also served as a member of the Sacramento Community Police Commission(2015-17), including chair of its committee on diversity and inclusion.

Since 1991, he has directed and organized the renowned Annual Africa/Diaspora conference at CSU-Sacramento, a signature event at CSUS. The Conference is a recognized forum in the Western United States that examines critical issues of strategic importance to Africa and the African Diaspora. Some of the conference guests/speakers are Archbishop Desmond Tutu, former Zambia President Kenneth Kaunda, Ghana Chief Justice Georgina Woods, Prof. Cornel West, formerly of Harvard University, Dr. Maulana Karenga(founder of the African American Kwanzaa project), Prof. Judith Byfield(President of the African Studies Association), Mr. John Prendergast(former US National Security Adviser on Africa to President Clinton; Dr. George Ayittey formerly at American University in Washington, DC, Ms. Winnie Mandela of South Africa, and Ghana Chief Justice Georgina, among others.

Prof. Uwazie has served as project director and Principal Investigator of numerous projects funded by the US Dept. of State and US Institute of Peace on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in Africa, including Ethiopia (2007-10); 4 US Dept. of Education Fulbright-Hays Groups Projects Abroad (GPA) Seminars on peace and development in Uganda (2002), cultural heritage and modernization in Ghana (2001) and Nigeria (1993), and ethnicity and national reconciliation in post-genocide Rwanda (2004). He also directed a youth mentoring/ tutoring program(2001-2005)in the Oak Park area of Sacramento, with 20 students from CSU-Sacramento serving as mentors/tutors for at-risk youth in 3 high schools, plus 12 youth peace

and cultural education programs to Africa between 1999-2012, involving 100 high school students and university student mentors. He has served as a project reviewer for the US Dept. of Education Fulbright-Hays Groups Project Abroad program, the World Bank ADR project in Nigeria, and the US Institute of Peace conflict resolution programs in Nigeria, Liberia, and Ghana. He has received, directed and administered over US \$5 million dollar grant projects on Africa from 1993 to present. He is currently working on peace education project in Nigeria, development of the Sacramento Africa Peace Committee for the resolution of conflicts in African communities in Sacramento, California, and the Africa Peace Fellows initiative—for training the next generation of peace leaders in Africa.

In 2008-10, he served as Social Scientist Consultant and Lead Trainer for the ADR Center-Italy for a World Bank project on commercial ADR in Nigeria, where he developed the curricular and materials, presented both basic and ToT training workshops for lawyers, judges, community leaders, educators, bankers and various members of the chamber of commerce from 3 pilot states in Nigeria. He also was part of the Needs Assessment team on the Nigeria Commercial ADR project, with field visits to Nigeria. Further, he developed and provided proper orientation training/ materials for the first Mediation week of the Lagos-Nigeria Multi-door Courthouse in 2009, and he supervised the actual mediation of nearly 100 cases mediated over 5 days by 25 mediators. In 2012, an independent Consultant, he developed an extensive mediation manual, including ToT guide and specialty/advanced modules on restorative justice, land, land-lord tenant, human rights, commercial/small claims, and Mediation Code of Ethics, for use in community conflict mediation for the Ministry of Justice, Lagos, Nigeria; he also tutored 20 senior mediation trainers on the use of the manual, including 5 different assessment instruments for participants, mediators, and disputants, under a project funded by the DFID and organized by the Lagos Multi-door courthouse.

Some of his publications include a dissertation on "disputing modes and strategies among the Igbos of Eastern Nigeria: perspectives on legal pluralism," published by UMI press, Ann Arbor, Michigan (1991), "indigenous disputing modes," published in the Journal of Legal Pluralism(1994); he co-edited a book (with Professor G.N. Uzoigwe & Dr. Isaac Albert) on Interethnic & Religious Conflicts Resolution in Nigeria, by Lexington Books in 2000. Other publications include *social relations and peacekeeping among the Igbo* in I. W. Zartman Ed(1999) Traditional Cures for Modern African Conflicts by Lynne Reiner, *Lessons from the Training on Interethnic/religious Conflict Resolution in Nigeria* in Peaceworks(1999) by US Institute of Peace, and *Political Parties and National Integration in Nigeria* in Robert Dibia(ed.) The Politics and Policies of Sub-Saharan Africa, 2001, University Press of America; Conflict Resolution and Peace Education in Africa, 2003, Lexington Books; *Cotemporary Studies African Studies: A Reader*(ed.), (2011); "*the role of higher education in conflict resolution and peace challenges and prospects for African universities*" in Journal of International Politics and Development(2010, vol. 8, no. 2), *Alternative Dispute Resolution in Africa...*(2011)in Africa Security Brief No. 16, by the Africa Center for Strategic Studies of the National Defense University-Washington, DC, *Alternative Dispute Resolution and Peacebuilding in Africa*(2014), and *Peace & Conflict Resolution in Africa: Lessons & Opportunities* by Cambridge Scholars Publishing. He has made numerous presentations on professional conferences, and reviewed many journals and papers for the African crime and justice Association, Journal of Social Justice in Context, Sage, etc. He is the recipient of the CSUS's 2010 Outstanding Scholarly Achievement

Award, 2016-17 Outstanding Community Service Award, & the 2010 Judge Warren Knight Award of JAMS Foundation—for promoting peaceful settlement of conflicts in Africa.

Prof. Uwazie is a graduate of the Harvard Law School Mediation and Negotiation Program and has been a mediator since 1988. He is on the UN Roster of Eminent Mediators, and 2008 Fellow of Society of Peace Studies and Practice-Nigeria. He worked as a judicial supervision officer with Superior Court of Arizona, Phoenix. He is a recipient of the 1999 Sacramento Peacemaker of the Year Award, plus other numerous awards for his community services and scholarship, and he belongs to many professional and African community development organizations, e.g. the African Studies Association, Law & Society Association, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, American Bar Association-ADR section, President of the African Criminology and Justice Association (2000-'03), former Board member of the California Dispute Resolution Institute, former consultant/adviser to the Placer Dispute Resolution Services and Sacramento Mediation Center, former Vice-Chair of Leadership Council of the Nigeria Igbo Catholic Community, board member of the Black Catholic Ministry of the Sacramento Diocese, and director of the Sacramento Africa Peace Committee, President/founder of Afripeace Foundation, USA, etc. He is the founding chair of the board of governors of the Comprehensive Secondary school, Umuezeala Ogwara, Ehime-Mbano, Imo State, Nigeria and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Victor Uwazie Memorial Library at the school, in honor of his father who was killed during the Nigeria-Biafra civil war.

Prof. Uwazie is married to Nnenna Uwazie, a California pharmacist, and they have a daughter (Ijeoma) and son (Chima). Prof. Uwazie's hobbies include reading, dancing, soccer, and traveling.