Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Peter Haruna

Dr. Peter Fuseini Haruna is a tenured Associate Professor of Public Administration/Political Science and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Texas A&M International University. He is a well-recognized international scholar and researcher in the Department of Social Sciences where he has taught a variety of government courses for ten years.

In addition to his master’s and doctoral degrees in Public Administration from the University of Akron in Ohio, he holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Management and Administration from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration and a bachelor’s degree from the University of Ghana.

Prior to being named Associate Dean in 2007, he served as the Director of the Master of Public Administration Program from 2003-2007, one of the most successful graduate programs in our university.

He is an active researcher, scholar, and educator on public management and governance.

He has authored several peer-reviewed articles which have been published in prestigious journals including Public Administration Review, African Studies Review, Public Integrity, International Journal of Public Administration, Public Administration Annual Editions, Administrative Theory & Praxis, among others. He is both a reviewer and an Editorial Board Member of the Journal of Public Performance and Management Review.

He was awarded the College of Arts and Sciences Scholar of the Year Award and became a finalist for the International Scholar of the Year Award (2007) here at Texas A&M International University. In 2010 he was awarded the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship grant to do research and teach in the Ghana Institution of Management and Public Administration for 10 months.

Dr. Haruna has been involved in different aspects of the civic sector for a long time, both in the United States and abroad.
Lamar Bruni Vergara Educational Fund

Scholarships
Tuition up to $3,000 per year ($1,000 each semester, including summer).

Fellowships
Tuition up to $6,000 per year. A fellowship is a financial award to a graduate student for part-time work (10 hours per week) in teaching or research while pursuing an advanced degree.

Assistantships
Tuition up to $18,000 per year. An assistantship is a benefits eligible financial award to a graduate student for part-time work (20 hours per week) in teaching or research while pursuing an advanced degree.

Eligibility Requirements
1. You must be a fully admitted graduate student working towards a master’s or doctoral degree.
2. You must enroll in six graduate hours each semester (or summer) while receiving LBV funding.
3. You must maintain an overall GPA of 3.5.

Application Deadline:
March 15

(Late Applications are accepted based on the availability of funds.)

TAMIU Ph.D. Students Earn Best Paper Award in Nashville

Collins Okafor and Nacasius Ujah both second year TAMIU Ph.D. students in Dr. Murphy Smith’s International Business and Finance class were recently recognized at an academic conference.

They participated in the American Business World International Conference which took place in Nashville, Tenn., from May 30-June 2, 2010. Candidates who participated in the conference consisted of both faculty and students where the majority of these were university faculty members. Both students submitted a paper for their Seminar in International Accounting class titled “Unleashing the Cracken: Does Internet Financial Reporting Matter in Africa?” After an approximate three month waiting period, they were notified of their selection to participate in the conference. They competed with another estimated 150 students from among 250-300 universities. Collins and Nacasius received two awards at this conference. They were presented with the “Best Paper Award” and the “Presentation Excellency Award.” Their paper will be published in the Fall issue of the International Journal of the Academic Business World.

The students, who call Nigeria home, consider themselves to be “aggressive researchers.” “We regard ourselves as ambassadors of TAMIU and hope to continue to represent the university in future endeavors”, Collins said. They would also like to acknowledge their TAMIU professors for their gains in the classroom.

“Unleashing the Cracken: Does Internet Financial Reporting Matter in Africa?”
New Enrollment Changes

There are two new enrollment changes which will affect graduate students. Effective Fall 2010, there will be a Repetition of a Course and a Scholastic Deficiency Rule.

The Repetition of a Course Rule states that courses applicable to a graduate degree may not be repeated for course credit, unless prescribed during the admissions process.

The Scholastic Deficiency Rule states:

If either a student’s cumulative GPA or the GPA for courses listed on their degree plan falls below the minimum of 3.000 or if a student receives a course grade of C, he or she will be considered to be scholastically deficient.

If the minimum GPA is not attained by the end of next semester of enrollment, the student will be dropped from graduate studies.

Students who receive a D, or more than two Cs for coursework listed on their degree plan will also be dropped from graduate studies.

The procedures for dismissal and expulsion are explained in the TAMIU Student Handbook, available at: tamiu.edu/gradschool/handbookmanuals.shtml

For more information contact the Office of Graduate Studies at 956.326.3020.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I apply?
A: Pick up an application in the Office of Graduate Studies or Office of Admissions. You may also fill out the application by clicking tamiu.edu/gradschool/documents/gradapplicationsinglepagFall09.pdf

Last, you may apply at Texas Common Application: applytexas.org

Q: What funding is available for graduate students?
A: OGS offers assistantships, fellowships and scholarships through the LBV Educational Fund. For more information call: 956-326-3020

E-mail: LBV@tamiu.edu or click on tamiu.edu/gradschool/lamar_bruni_vergara

Q: When will the new GRE Test launch?
A: The New GRE will launch on Aug. 1, 2011.

Useful Links

Admissions:
tamiu.edu/gradschool/admissions.shtml

GRE:
et.org

LBV:
tamiu.edu/gradschool/lamar_bruni_vergara.shtml

Handbooks/Manuals:
tamiu.edu/gradschool/handbookmanuals.shtml
### Dates to remember

- **Oct. 20**
  Graduate and Professional Fair.

- **Oct. 22-23**
  8th Annual Pathways Symposium at West Texas A&M

- **Nov. 1**
  Spring registration opens

- **Nov. 11**
  Graduate Studies Open House

- **Nov. 30**
  Admissions Application Deadline for Spring

### Upcoming Events

- **Graduate & Professional Fair.**
  Students are invited to attend the TACRAO Graduate and Professional School Fair. Graduate Admissions Counselors from TAMIU & other universities will be available to visit with students in the Student Center Ballroom.

- **8th Annual Pathways Student Research Symposium.**
  The Pathways Student Research Symposium will be hosted by West Texas A&M University on October 22 & 23. Students are invited to compete in Oral or Poster Undergraduate & Graduate student presentations. Registration period April 1 - Oct. 1, 2010. Students may register at: wtamu.edu/pathways.

- **Graduate Studies Open House.**
  The Office of Graduate Studies will host an Open House at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, in the Student Center Ballroom. For more information call 956.326.3020.