



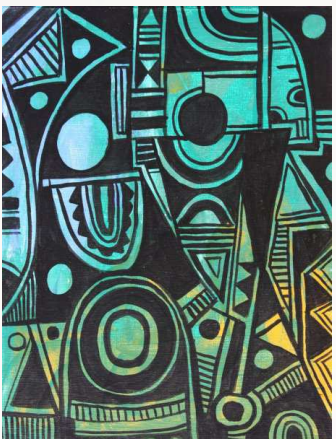
Ellis Oyekola (Nigeria), (Painting, graphic)



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I was born in 1954 to a family of Yoruba wood carvers called AJIBOGUNDE in the western part of Nigeria, Ogbomoso. I had my elementary and part of my secondary education in Ghana, between 1966 and 1969. I came to Nigeria in 1970 to further my secondary and tertiary education. I am currently a painting lecturer in the department of art, design and printing technology, The Polytechnic, Ibadan Oyo State, Nigeria. I bagged my first degree in Painting from The Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in 1985 and a master degree in African studies (visual art) from The University of Ibadan in 1991. I was the pioneer art teacher at the Local Authority Teachers College, Osogbo, before I joined the Polytechnic, where I am now a senior principal lecturer of painting and the Head of Department. I was made a justice of Peace of Oyo State in 2000.

Between 1999 and 2001 I was the Head of Department. In 2006, I participated in art workshop in Egypt and in 2008 was artist in residence at Air Le Parc, Pampellon, France.

I have participated in different art exhibitions, art fairs and biennale such as PANAFEST

1997 AND 1999 and SIAO in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso 1998 and 2000. I have many articles in academic journals, twenty group exhibitions and six solo. I was in Atlanta, Georgia for artist in residence programme in 2009/10 and in Zambia for art workshop in 2010. My works are seen in private and public places which include World Bank Washington DC, USA. I am the chairman Oyo State society of Nigerian artists and director, Centre for Afrikan Art and Designs Ibadan. I am happily married and blessed with children.