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## LIST OF APPENDICES

### Appendix A: Letter of informed consent

806 Gravelotte, 129 Troye Street  
Cnr Jorrissen Street Sunnyside  
Pretoria, South Africa  
10<sup>th</sup> January, 2009

To: The Respondent / Participants  
Department of Primary Education Studies  
Faculty of Education  
Lagos State University Ojo  
Lagos, Nigeria.

#### LETTER OF INFORMED CONSENT

Thank you for your willingness to participate in my research study. The focus of my study is to understand and explain the academic performance of married women students in higher education in Nigeria. More specifically I would like to understand whether the cultural context in which married women study has any discernable link to their academic performance. The research is undertaken as partial fulfillment for my doctoral studies in the Faculty of Education at the University of Pretoria, South Africa.

I would like to conduct a **survey** of married women students in year 3 in the Department of Primary Education Studies at your institution. This would mean that you will be requested to respond to a questionnaire. No personal details will be required on the questionnaire. I am selecting students in year 3 because their academic results for year 1 and year 2 would make it possible for me to compare two academic sessions and so help

me to understand and to explain their academic performance in relation to the research questions.

As a follow up to the questionnaire I would also like to **interview** you. The interview will last approximately one hour. In accordance with cultural practice an older woman will be present, as a third party, at the interview. She will not be from the area in which your institution is based and is unlikely to know you. However, you will have the space to terminate the interview at any time or to not respond to a particular question.

Participation in the study is voluntary. You may withdraw from the study at any time. Confidentiality of all participants is assured. No name(s) or any other data that could possibly identify participants will be used in the dissertation. Transcripts of interviews will be made available to you for comment before it is used.

Attached is a consent form. Should you be willing to participate in this study, please read and sign the consent form.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any question(s) or concerns. My contact details are:

Phone: +27763594537 or 08024466923

Email: [cpotokri@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cpotokri@yahoo.co.uk)

I look forward to working with you.

Yours faithfully,

.....

Potokri. O. Collins

## CONSENT FORM

I hereby agree to participate in this research project on the academic performance of married women students in Nigerian higher education.

I understand that I can withdraw at any time from the research as a participant.

I have received the contact details of the researcher should I need to speak about any issues which may arise from the research/study.

I understand that my response will be anonymous and will remain entirely confidential.

.....

Respondent / Participant sign

## Appendix B: Frequencies output from questionnaire

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### Appendix C: Statistical computation table

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| 4     | 173  | 240  | 29929          | 57600          | 41520  |
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| 6     | 236  | 281  | 55696          | 78961          | 66316  |
| 7     | 141  | 294  | 19881          | 86436          | 41454  |
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| 9     | 312  | 86   | 97344          | 7396           | 26832  |
| 10    | 208  | 181  | 43264          | 32761          | 37648  |
| 11    | 76   | 35   | 5776           | 1225           | 2660   |
| 12    | 54   | 59   | 2916           | 3481           | 3186   |
| 13    | 41   | 105  | 1681           | 11025          | 4305   |
| 14    | 67   | 53   | 4489           | 2809           | 3551   |
| 15    | 44   | 22   | 1936           | 484            | 968    |
| 16    | 36   | 25   | 1296           | 625            | 900    |
| 17    | 40   | 19   | 1600           | 361            | 760    |
| 18    | 22   | 105  | 484            | 11025          | 2310   |
| 19    | 19   | 105  | 361            | 11025          | 1995   |
| 20    | 35   | 62   | 1225           | 3844           | 2170   |
| Total | 2628 | 2530 | 534152         | 510080         | 408441 |

For the value of X and Y to be obtained, the points for response, i.e. SA (5 points), A (4 points), UD (3 points), D (2 points), SD (1 point) are made use of, i.e. multiplied to obtain the responses.

X = represents responses on cultural practices

Y = represents responses on academic performance



Appendix D: Attorney's attestation letter



# BASSEY EKPO & CO.

*Barristers & Solicitors*

ADDRESS:  
23, Bank Road,  
Ijanikin (Cele B/Stop)  
Badagry Exp.Way, Lagos.  
Tel: 08037128961.

Ref: BEC/UPMPD/01/09 ..... Your Ref: ..... Date 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 .....

The Head of Department,  
Management and Policy Studies,  
Groenkloof Campus,  
University of Pretoria,  
South Africa.

Sir,

**ATTORNEY'S ATTESTATION**

1. We hereby state that the bearer, **Onoriode Collins Potokri** who is studying Management and Policy Studies (PhD) in your Institution is well known to us. The said student has been our client for about 10years.
2. We understand that he is presently researching on the topic "The Academic Performance of Married Women Students in Nigeria Higher Education".
3. As a researcher, the bearer has been made to understand and is now aware and conversant with the law as it relates to right of privacy as enshrined in Section 37 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the numerous Intellectual Property Laws of the Federation.
4. The bearer has also been made to understand that the right of privacy is the basis of all research ethics and has been made a requirement for research by the National University of Commission and other bodies that regulate standards in Colleges of Education, Polytechnic and Monotechnics in Nigeria.
5. We assure your Institution that the bearer will adhere strictly to all the rules and regulations governing anonymity and confidentiality in his undertaking. He will also not misrepresent and or hide information, which should be disclosed to research Participants or Respondents.
6. The bearer will ensure that the research participants and respondents will verify their Data/Information before it will be finally used.
7. That the bearer will ensure that the Participants/Respondents will not be forced into participating or continuing in the research neither will they be exposed to any risk.

Yours faithfully,






## Appendix E: Letter of permission from Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education, Lagos Nigeria



### ADENIRAN OGUNSANYA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

OTTO/JANIKIN, KILOMETER 30, BADAGRY EXPRESSWAY

PROVOST: **A. O. K NOAH** B.Ed., M.Ed., Ph.D., MNAE.

REGISTRAR: **BOLA S. DISU** B.Sc., MCA (Ibadan), MBA (LASU).

P.M.B. 007  
FESTAC TOWN  
LAGOS.

Jur Ref: AUCOE/ACAD/38

January 16, 2009

four Ref: .....

Date: .....

Mr. Potokri O. Collins,  
+27763594537  
806 Gravelotto Flat,  
Troye Street Cnr Jorrisen Street,  
Sunny Side Pretoria,  
South Africa.

Dear Sir,

**PERMISSION TO USE ADENIRAN OGUNSANYA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION FOR A STUDY ON THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF MARRIED WOMEN STUDENTS IN NIGERIAN HIGHER EDUCATION**

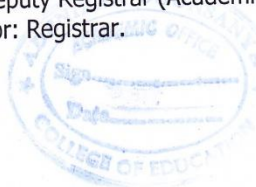
I am pleased to inform you that the Management of the Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education has approved your request to conduct your Ph.D Research Project in the College.

I am by this letter assuring you that the School will make available to you all the relevant materials and resources towards an effective research performance.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

**T. A. Uthman**  
Deputy Registrar (Academics)  
For: Registrar.





## Appendix F: Letter of permission from Lagos State University



### Lagos State University Office of the Director, School of Part-Time Studies ETF Building, Badagry Expressway, Ojo,

P. M. B. 0001 Festac, Lagos State, Nigeria. Tel: 234-1-7923540, 234-1-8547019, 234-1-8547270 Cables: LASU  
E-mail: [sptsdirector@lasunigeria.org](mailto:sptsdirector@lasunigeria.org), Website: [www.lasunigeria.org](http://www.lasunigeria.org)

Director: **Olaide A. Adedokun** Bsc (UNN) Msc (Ib.) PH.D (Lag.); . FDAN. FSS.

Our Ref: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Ref: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

LASU/ES/S/136

24th March, 2009

Chief M.O. Potokri  
1, Adams Street  
Opposite Police Station  
Ijanikin

Dear Sir,

**RE: APPLICATION FOR USE OF YOUR REPUTABLE UNIVERSITY FOR  
STUDY ON THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF MARRIED WOMEN  
STUDENTS IN NIGERIAN HIGHER EDUCATION**

Your application dated 2nd March 2009, forwarded to the University on behalf of your son Mr. Collins Onoriode Potokri, refers please.

I am directed to inform you that the Faculty of Education has approved your son's request to conduct his research in the University.

Yours faithfully,

**A.A. Adesunkanmi (Mrs)**  
Secretary, External System



## Appendix G: Interview protocol/research questions

# Interview Protocol: The Academic Performance of Married Women Students in Nigerian Higher Education.

Time of Interview:

Interviewee:

Date:

Place:

Kindly respond to the below questions

Questions:

1. Why did you choose to study in higher education institution?

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2. Are you married?

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3. What support do you get from your parents (if any)?

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4. What support do you get from your husband (if any)?

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5. What would you like them (either your parents or husband) to do for you?

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6. What are the challenges you face in your studies?

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7. Can it be true or false that cultural practices affect the academic performance of women students in higher education?

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8. How do cultural practices affect the academic performance of women students in higher education?

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9. Which category of women students (single or married) in higher education do cultural practices affect most?

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10. Which cultural practice affects you most as a woman student in higher education?

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11. As a woman student studying in higher education institution, are you satisfied with your present academic performance?

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12. Give reason(s) for your answer/opinion in question 11?

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13. Between married women students and single women students in higher education, which do you think perform better academically?

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14. Give reason(s) for your answer or opinion in question 13?

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15. Is there anything that I have not asked that you would like to share with me?

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16. Would you like to ask me any question?

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**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS INTERVIEW**

## Appendix H: Research assistance declaration letter (1)

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20<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.

To: Mr. Potokri O. Collins  
Dept. of Management and Policy Studies  
Faculty of Education  
University of Pretoria  
South Africa.

Sir,

### **RESEARCH ASSISTANCE DECLARATION**

I Mrs. Loveth R. Olufemi, a B.SC (Psychology) holder, residing at the above address and presently working with tenderland college, Coker Orile Lagos State, as the College's counselor hereby agree to be a research assistance to Mr. Potokri O. Collins, a PhD student of the University of Pretoria South Africa.

The research title for which I will be assistance is the academic performance of married women students in Nigerian higher education.

I shall only be assisting the researcher at the interviewing stage of the research.

The research site or venue where I will be assisting the researcher shall be the main campus (Ojo Campus) of the Lagos State University.

Being the research assistance, my presence at the interviewing venue will be to act as a witness or third party between the researcher and research participants whilst conversation takes place not as an interpreter.

My acceptance or participation in the research is voluntarily. Therefore, I am not entitle to any form of remuneration.

Through this medium, I declare that I will abide or conform to confidentiality as stipulated by the national university commission and the privacy act of the constitution of the federal republic of Nigeria.

I will not hesitate to contact the researcher if I have any question(s) or concerns.

I look forward working with you.

Yours sincerely,

Olufemi, L. R

## Appendix I: Research assistance declaration letter (2)

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To: Mr. Potokri O. Collins  
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Sir,

### RESEARCH ASSISTANCE DECLARATION

I Mrs. Chineyere Roberts, a B.SC/ED (Computer Science/ Mathematics) holder, residing at the above address and presently working with New Era College, Ojo Barracks Badagry Expressway Lagos State, as the College's mathematics teacher (Senior Secondary School) hereby agree to be a research assistance to Mr. Potokri O. Collins, a PhD student of the University of Pretoria South Africa.

The research title for which I will be assistance is the 'academic performance of married women students in Nigerian higher education'.

I shall only be assisting the researcher at the interviewing stage of the research.

The research site or venue where I will be assisting the researcher shall be the main campus (Otto Ijanikin) Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education Ijanikin, Lagos.

Being the research assistance, my presence at the interviewing venue will be to act as a witness or third party between the researcher and research participants whilst conversation takes place not as an interpreter.

My acceptance or participation in the research is voluntarily. Therefore, I am not entitle to any form of remuneration.

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I will not hesitate to contact the researcher if I have any question(s) or concerns.

I look forward working with you.

Yours sincerely,

Roberts Chineyere



## Appendix J: Table of interviewees

### Focus Group: 1

**Institution: Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education**

| <b>Name (pseudonym)</b> | <b>Marital Status</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Lola                    | Married               |
| Funmilayo               | Married               |
| Ejiro                   | Married               |
| Ronke                   | Single                |
| Amaka                   | Single                |
| Slyvia                  | Single                |

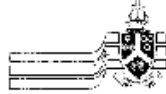
### Focus Group: 2

**Institution: Lagos State University**

| <b>Name (pseudonym)</b> | <b>Marital Status</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Iyang                   | Married               |
| Zainab                  | Married               |
| Mummy Bola              | Married               |
| Evelyn                  | Single                |
| Efe                     | Single                |
| Jumoke                  | Single                |



## Appendix K: Ethics clearance certificate



UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA  
FACULTY OF EDUCATION  
RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE

**CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE**

**DEGREE AND PROJECT**

**INVESTIGATOR(S)**

**DEPARTMENT**

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**DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE**

**CLEARANCE NUMBER :**

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Department of Education Management and Policy Studies

27 July 2010

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Please note:

*For Masters applications, ethical clearance is valid for 2 years*

*For PhD applications, ethical clearance is valid for 3 years.*

**CHAIRPERSON OF ETHICS COMMITTEE** Prof L Ebersohn

**DATE**

27 July 2010

**CC**

Prof Pillay  
Ms Jeannie Beukes

This ethical clearance certificate is issued subject to the following conditions:

1. A signed personal declaration of responsibility
2. If the research question changes significantly so as to alter the nature of the study, a new application for ethical clearance must be submitted
3. It remains the students' responsibility to ensure that all the necessary forms for informed consent are kept for future queries.

Please quote the clearance number in all enquiries.



## Appendix L: Questionnaire

**QUESTIONNAIRE:** The academic performance of married women students in Nigerian higher Education

Respondent

*Please answer each question by circling an appropriate number in a shaded box or by clearly writing your answer in the shaded space provided*

**SECTION A: DEMOGRAPHIC DATA**

1. What is your age (in completed years)?

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2. What is your marital status?

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|---------|---|
| Single  | 1 |
| Married | 2 |

3. What is your year of academic study?

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**SECTION B: ATTITUDE TO HIGHER EDUCATION**

4. Please read each statement below and circle a number in a shaded box to indicate your answer

|   | Strongly agree | Agree | Undecided | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|---|----------------|-------|-----------|----------|-------------------|
| Women need higher education.  | 1              | 2     | 3         | 4        | 5                 |
| Women need higher education to be employed.   | 1              | 2     | 3         | 4        | 5                 |
| Women need higher education to have a career.   | 1              | 2     | 3         | 4        | 5                 |
| Married women need higher education.  | 1              | 2     | 3         | 4        | 5                 |
| Women need higher education to have a successful marriage.  | 1              | 2     | 3         | 4        | 5                 |
| Women in Nigeria have a negative attitude towards higher education  | 1              | 2     | 3         | 4        | 5                 |
| Women students in higher education should be financially supported only by their husbands.                        | 1              | 2     | 3         | 4        | 5                 |
| Women students in higher education should be financially supported only by their parents.                         | 1              | 2     | 3         | 4        | 5                 |
| The dream of women is to become housewives and mothers rather than become higher education students or graduates. | 1              | 2     | 3         | 4        | 5                 |
| The courses offered at higher institutions can influence the attitude of married women towards higher education.  | 1              | 2     | 3         | 4        | 5                 |

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**Appendix M: Letter from the editor**

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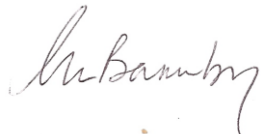
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Yours sincerely



Alexa Barnby



## Appendix N: Formatting of document

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Yours sincerely

Gerry Barnby