



2015-16 CWFL FELLOWSHIP IMPACT REPORT

Quantitative Outcomes

2015-16 CWFL Fellows cited the Fellowship as aiding them in achieving the following outcomes.

11 Appointments to Advanced Positions of Leadership:

1. Appointed Regional Outreach Manager for global survey and mapping of youth-led NGOs in peace and security for West and Central Africa, and lead trainer for first Youth Peacebuilders Forum in West Africa organized by UNAOC In Abuja-Nigeria.
2. Advanced to trainer of government and airline officials in 16 African countries on immigration matters.
3. Promoted to National Coordinator of Global Networks of Religion for Children in Nigeria.
4. Appointed as U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters Chaplain.
5. Appointed as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad.
6. Appointed Editor for “Strategic Studies,” at the Journal of the Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad.
7. Appointed as the Communications & Outreach Specialist for Liberian Commission on Small Arms.
8. Appointed as the Regional Coordinator for West & Central Africa at the United Network of Young Peacebuilders.
9. Appointed as the Ahmadiyya Community VP Outreach Coordinator.
10. Completed Masters Degree program in Peace and Conflict studies at the University of San Diego California.
11. Continued dissertation research because of research opportunities with CWFL (e.g., Vietnam Religion & Rule of Law Conference).

7 Invitations to Policy Discussions:

1. Participation in working group at Council on Foreign Relations Ninth Religion and Foreign Policy Workshop, CFR Headquarters on “Building Partnerships to Advance Religious Freedom, International Policy Options for Addressing Climate Change, Global Efforts to Counter Violent Extremism, Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding.”

2. Participation in working group at Council on Foreign Relations Tenth Religion and Foreign Policy Workshop, CFR Headquarters on “Global Migration and Refugee Crisis, Natural Resource Scarcity and Global Security, and the 2016 U.S. Presidential Campaign.”
3. Invitation to comparative policy forum by the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar, on policies related to culture and religion.
4. Panelist on examining Pakistan’s policy of Countering Violent Extremism sponsored by the Department of Peace & Conflict Studies at the National Defense University in Islamabad.
5. Invitation to U.S. Consulate for security forum in Peshawar, Pakistan.
6. Invitation to anti-corruption luncheon by the British High Commission in Kenya.
7. Launching of the UNSCR# 2250 in Liberia and across Africa, and organized the International Peace Day 2016 in Liberia

30 Acts of Thought Leadership: Publications of Articles & Books; Trainings; Mentorships:

1. "Transforming Land conflicts into Sustainable development: A case study of Taita Taveta of Kenya" in Land Restoration: Reclaiming Landscapes for a Sustainable Future. Initiatives of Change International.
2. “An Analysis of Religious Freedom and Democracy in Pakistan Under International Religious Freedom Act of the US,” Monograph, Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad: IISN. 1929-0990, HEC Recognized, June 2016.
3. “Book Review: The Arabs at War in Afghanistan,” *Strategic Studies* 35 (3), HEC Recognized, Autumn 2015.
4. “Buddhist Uprising in Vietnam” and “Saffron Revolution” in *War and Religion: An Encyclopedia of Faith and Conflict*, ABC-CLIO, Santa Barbara, CA, forthcoming.
5. “Counter Terrorism,” Issue Brief, Institute of Strategic Studies online Publication, November 20. 2015.
6. “Countering Violent Extremism in Pakistan: An Appraisal of Pakistan’s CVE Initiatives,” *Strategic Studies* 35 (4), HEC Recognized, Winter 2015.
7. “Faith as a Force for Peace in Nigeria” The Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University
8. “Gender Aspect of Conflict and Peacebuilding: Opportunities for Women in Pakistan,” Issue Brief, Institute of Strategic Studies online Publications, April 2016.
9. “International Criminal Court (ICC): An Analysis Its Successes and Failures and Challenges Faced by the ICC Tribunals for War Crimes.” *The Dialogue*. No. 3, July – September 2016.
10. “Intersection of Religion and Politics,” *Peshawar Islamicus* – 6 (2) HEC Recognized, July–December 2015.
11. “Is a Clash between Islam and the West Inevitable?” *Strategic Studies* 36 (2), HEC Recognized, Spring 2016.
12. “Islamophobia: Roots and `Emergence of Violent Extremism,” Issue Brief, Institute of Strategic Studies online Publications October 12, 2015.
13. “Journey into Europe,” Documentary Report, December 2015.

14. "Keep Shining On: A Letter to My Sisters" in *Soul Sisters: Devotions for and from African American, Latina, and Asian Women*, Johnson Cook, Suzan D, New York, New York: Tarcher-Penguin, an imprint of Penguin Random House LLC, 2016.
15. "No Compulsion in Religion: Islam and the Freedom of Belief" Center for Islam and Religious Freedom.
16. "Post 9/11 Redefinition of Violence in the Name of Religion: New Dynamics" Accepted for Joint Publication of National Defense University Islamabad and Hanns Seidel Foundation Islamabad. 2016.
17. "Post Paris Scenario," Issue Brief, Institute of Strategic Studies online Publication, December 22, 2015
18. "Religion in US Politics and the Rise of Evangelicals" *Peshawar Islamicus* – 6 (1) HEC Recognized, January–July 2015
19. "Understanding and Identify Violent Extremism," Issue Brief, Institute of Strategic Studies online Publications, October 29, 2015.
20. "Verses of Qur'an on interreligious tolerance" (in Uzbek language, translation into English is attached), The II international scientific conference on May 13-14, 2015 'the culture of tolerance in a context of globalization: methodology of research, reality and prospect', Prague.
21. "World Vision in Evangelical America: An Encyclopedia of Contemporary American Religious Culture," ABC-CLIO, Santa Barbara, CA, forthcoming.
22. Edited Book, "China Pakistan Economic Corridor: A Game Changer," Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad, 2016.
23. Formation of new women's mentorship groups (e.g, 'Be the Change' in Uzbekistan; Mentorship of Maasai women by invitation of Kenyan Deputy Secretary of Security)
24. Formation of working group on "Women Exploitation at Donne Verso l'Agenda per lo Sviluppo."
25. Hosted Peace Summer Camp in Liberia for over fifty children ages 8-18 years.
26. Religion & Mediation Course 2016 organized by Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and Center for Security Studies ETH Schwarzenberg Switzerland from October 1-8 2016.
27. Training local women's groups on negotiation as taken from CWFL Fellowship modules (Train-the-Trainers).
28. Training on "Faith Works Africa: Partnerships For Peace and Prosperity" organized and supported by Religions for Peace, USAID, GHR Foundation and ACRL at Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja, Nigeria from October 19-20, 2016.
29. Training on "Lesson on Trafficking in Persons and Networking" at the Università Urbaniana.
30. Training Seminar on "Unity, Devotion and Contributions of Buddhist Nuns" at Mettananda Sasana College.

5 Awards:

1. Peace Ambassador Award – awarded by the International Women’s Peace Group IWPG, Seoul, South Korea.
2. Ambassador of Dialogue awarded by KAICIID as a pioneer KAICIID Fellow from West Africa at Vienna Austria.
3. Inspired Individual – awarded by TEARFUND in South Africa.
4. Extraordinary Humanitarian Award in Peace, Education and Youth: For dedicated and unwavering services to humanity, May 14, 2016 –Monrovia, Liberia by Chicago Bright Foundation Inc, USA.
5. African Sheroes Award-The Liberia Series; Nominated and selected as one of the top three finalists for the Outstanding Humanitarian Award, Adult Category, Republic of Liberia, December 30, 2015.

35 Presentations at Global Conferences:

1. Co-hosted and served as a panelist at the international conference titled, “Faith Works Africa: Partnerships for Peace and Prosperity” organized and supported by Religions for Peace, USAID, GHR Foundation and ACRL at Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja, Nigeria.
2. Coordinated World Alliance for Buddhist Culture Exchange (WABCE) conference.
3. Delivered the first ever-official address to the UN Peacebuilding Commission on youth as equal partners in peace and security issues. United Nations Peacebuilding Commission, UN Headquarters, New York.
4. Hosted International Coordination Meeting of Talitha Kum (TK) in Vatican City.
5. Lead a Rotary Club seminar on human trafficking.
6. Lead a training workshop for women from different faiths and professions arranged by PEADs Foundation on “Conflict Resolution: Negotiation and Mediation.
7. Lead a workshop on “Gender Perspectives in Land and Security” in Caux Switzerland during the Dialogue on Land and Security Conference.
8. Organized religious leaders’ conference on Peace and Security in Kenya by the World Faiths Development Dialogue.
9. Participated as delegate at gathering of the African Union, with personal reception by Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.
10. Participated in a round table on human trafficking for Katholikentag in Leipzig, Germany.
11. Participated in a seminar on “Migration and Trafficking in Persons for Justice and Peace Promoters of the Franciscan” (OFM).
12. Presented a paper on, “Intersection of Religion, Women, and Identity and their Influence on Individual and Communal Resiliency” and moderated a session at the IGE conference on, “Religion, Security, and Citizenship” in Singapore.
13. Presented a paper on, “National Unity: Imperatives of Sectarian Harmony for National Security” in the Conference on “Internal Security Threats to National Security” at the Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad.

14. Presented a paper on, "Post 9/11 Redefinition of Violence in the Name of Religion: New Dynamics" in the Conference on, "Pakistan's Policy of Countering Violent Extremism: Progress and Challenges" at National Defense University, Islamabad.
15. Presented a paper on, "Sectarian Conflict in Middle East" in an International Workshop on, "Interfaith Tolerance: The Ethics of Disagreement in Islam" at Baragali Summer Camp, KP.
16. Presented at a conference hosted by World Trade Organization.
17. Presented at conference hosted by World Alliance for Buddhist Cultural Exchange.
18. Presented at mediation training program organized by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and Center for Security Studies ETH Schwarzenberg Switzerland.
19. Presented at RENATE European Regional Conference of Religious Women against Trafficking in Persons.
20. Presented at South East Asia Major Superior Conference (SEAMS) XVI Congress on "Integrity of the Human Person vis-à-vis Human Trafficking"
21. Presented at the International Conference on Human Trafficking in and from Africa.
22. Presented at World Economic Forum annual gathering.
23. Presented in Vatican City at the Pontifical Council of Migrants and Itinerant People Round Table on Human Trafficking on the topic of "Networking in the Church, against trafficking in persons."
24. Presented on "Against Trafficking in Person in the Maritime Industry" for the Compass Advisory Group.
25. Presented on "Buddhism as a Tools of Management for Global Peace", International Convention Center, Ninh Binh Province, Vietnam.
26. Presented on "Implementation of Law and Religion in Vietnam in the Context of Building ASEAN Community" at conference organized by Institute for Global Engagement; Vietnam National University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Hanoi; International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University.
27. Presented on "Talitha Kum and the Mission of Religious Women Against Trafficking in Persons" at the General Assembly of the International Union of Superior General.
28. Selected as one of the 150 youth out of 10,000 applicants to attend and participate in the Amman Declaration on Youth, Peace and Security. Global Forum on Youth, Peace and Security, Amman-Jordan.
29. Served as panel coordinator and moderator at "Women, Peace and Security: Constructive Pathways: Stimulating and Safeguarding Components of WPS," US Naval War College, Newport, RI (featuring an all-CWFL panel: Katherine Marshall, CWFL Advisory Council Member; Afeefa Syeed, CWFL Senior Fellow; Ednah Kang'ee, CWFL Fellow; Judy Malana, CWFL Fellow)
30. Served as panelist at the World Parliament of Religions on "Reclaiming the Heart of our Humanity: Working Together for a World of Compassion, Peace, Justice and Sustainability," Salt Lake Utah USA.
31. Served as panelist for OxfamNovib looking at #scr2250 on youth, peace and security at OxfamNovib Symposium and Global Student Leaders Summit-Europe 2016, The Hague, Netherlands.
32. Served as panelist on "Effective Implementation of SCR 1325 in and by Peace Operations: Empowering Women in the Field," at the Challenges Forum High-Level

- Seminar for the “United Nations Peace Operations 2020: The United Nations Reviews and their Implications for Tomorrow’s Missions”, New York, USA.
33. Served in the preparatory working group under the thematic area of peace and security in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the African Youth Charter at the African Youth Summit Working Group, Banjul-The Gambia.
 34. Spoke on role of youth, with particular focus on young women in peace and security issues in Africa, for the. 26th Ordinary Session of Heads of State and Government, African Union Commission, Intergenerational Dialogue-Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
 35. Spoke on Women’s Legal Aid in Burundi at TEAR Fund Conference in South Africa.

Qualitative Outcomes

CWFL Fellow Video Evaluation

1) Watch a 2 Minute Video Detailing the Impact of the Fellowship, from the Perspective of the Participants

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRUkRzBgicg>

2) Watch the Individual Fellows’ Stories and Testimonials

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmvh3iQTLvXpTE76MRqmK0r5bStWSakql>

Fellows’ Testimonies

Dr. Minhas Majeed Khan (Pakistan)



Testimonial

Through these sessions, I achieved personal and professional growth. I increased my self confidence and strength, which I lacked earlier. I know now that I can speak for others and myself. In addition, I have accepted my weaknesses and have tried to improve upon them so as to concentrate on my strengths to achieve my goals. During the two years of my Fellowship, I have produced more research papers; and my hard work (struggle), persistence (perseverance) tolerance (patience), and honesty have helped me through my difficult times. I am proud of myself but at the same time I keep this verse from the Holy Quran close to my heart: “the worshippers of the All-Merciful are they who tread gently upon the earth, and when the ignorant address them, they reply, “Peace”. Chapter 25:63

I have achieved the goals I set in my personal leadership development plan by applying IGE/CWFL strategy of relational diplomacy in my interaction with the religious scholars, secular and religious political leadership and even with my students. This approach on many occasions helped in setting aside the conflict/issues of conflict in favor of focusing on common grounds or things that we agreed on. The training sessions helped to improve my

verbal and non-verbal communication skills, so that I can express myself clearly and firmly without offending those who see me as different from them. Due to my improved public speaking skills, I have attended more conferences and workshop in these two years than my previous experience as a university teacher. This has put me in touch with many more religious scholars and those in political leadership.

[Watch Minhas' Story Here](#)

Biography

Dr. Minhas Majeed Khan is an Assistant Professor of International Relations at University of Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Pakistan. Born in Lakki Marwat, a remote area in the South of KP, she was married at the age of 16 due to which she had to discontinue her studies. With the support of her husband and three children she took a restart after 16 years of marriage and obtained her Ph.D. degree in International Relations in 2013.

Dr. Khan teaches various courses to students of Masters level, MPhil and Ph.D. She is currently supervising one Ph.D., one Mphil and six undergrads dissertations. She has to her credit various publication in national and international academic journals.

Her areas of interest focus on the study of religion and its role in politics, role of gender in peace and security, foreign policy decision-making, conflict resolution, US and Pakistan relations; regional politics of South, South West and Central Asia, the Pakhtuns; and Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA).

As a Muslim woman, she strongly feels committed to strengthen the role of women in conflict transformation and peace building in a diverse setting with an aim at promoting peace and tolerance for a peaceful and stable international society. Dr. Khan is an active member of Pakistan Girls Guide Association and member to Regional Institute of Policy Research and Training (RIPORT) Board of Directors since 2010.

Sister Agatha Chikelue (Nigeria)



Testimonial

My association as a CWFL Fellow has helped me to reshape my view of leadership and has helped restructure my sense of leadership. I feel that it is God's plan for me to be involved with the Fellows. It has helped me get the opportunity to speak at various conferences on my experiences. Because of the knowledge and reflection from the Fellowship, I was invited to the World Parliament of Religions Conference on October 15th as a delegate and speaker, on the usefulness of inter-religious dialogue.

In addition, because of my Fellow status and what I have learned in the Fellowship, I was able to properly mentor and delegate programming responsibilities within my organization, in order to accept a graduate scholarship at the University of California, San Diego, Kroc School of Peace Studies.

[Watch Sister Agatha's Story Here](#)

Biography

Rev. Sr. Agatha Ogochukwu Chikelue is a Nigerian Catholic Nun from the Congregation of Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy (DMMM). She is from the Eastern part of Nigeria and an Ibo by tribe. Sr. Agatha is a native of Awkuzu in Oyi Local government Area of Anambra State though she was born and brought up in Aba Abia State also in the Eastern Nigeria.

Sr. Agatha currently lives and works in Northern Nigeria-Abuja under the Catholic Archdiocese of Abuja. She has served here for over 17 years. As the first daughter and second child of her parents (Chief Donald Obi and Mrs. Gladys Ndirika Chikelue), Sr. Agatha was born on February 25, 1973 into a family of six. Other members of her immediate family include: Basilia Nneka Okafor Nee Chikelue; Florence Chinenye Chukwurah Nee Chikelue, Aloysius Chike Chikelue, Fidelis Obi Chikelue, and Daniel Ndubisi Chikelue.

Sr. Agatha holds a B.Sc. Degree in Public Administration and a M.Sc. in International Affairs and Diplomacy. She is the Director of the Catholic Archdiocese of Abuja Liaison Office; Secretary of the Interreligious Dialogue Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Abuja; and, Co-Chair of the Women of Faith Peacebuilding Network WOFPN. Her interest in peacebuilding and interreligious dialogue initiative began some years ago as a result of the incessant ethno-religious violence in her home country. Her hunger for inter-ethnic and interreligious harmonious relations at this period manifested through her committed efforts in bridging divides across religious and ethnic lines in Nigeria. Her passion for peaceful coexistence in Nigeria motivated her in building a movement of Christian & Muslim women who will stand up against violence and truly work for peace in Nigeria called Abuja Women of Faith Network . She also co-founded other similar initiatives in Nigeria both at the youth and children levels.

Her experiences after years of peacebuilding work in Nigeria has made her understand that peacebuilding and development are inter-linked but cannot be achieved without justice, forgiveness and reconciliation. It has also shown her that there are gender factors which need to be considered when disputing, negotiating and resolving differences. In all her peace activities in Nigeria, Sr. Agatha has come to realize that interreligious dialogue is the very key towards conflict prevention and management. This is why she strongly believes in a non-violence approach to conflict through dialogue and through actively involving women in all the peace processes.