

Onyia Publishes in Research Journal

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Okey Onyia, PhD, Assistant Professor of Marketing in the Lindenwood University School of Business and Entrepreneurship, has published an article in the *Research in Higher*

Education Journal. "Peer Assessments of Group Project Work: Infusing Fairness into

Students' Assessments of Peer Contributions" is available in Volume 17 of the publication's online edition and will also be available in print to journal subscribers by the end of 2012.

The paper contains the results of a study that tested two templates designed by Onyia to involve students in fair assessments of group project work. The Progressive Evaluation Template ensures that students provide consistent documentation of each other's contributions, while the Assessment Criteria Template offers students the opportunity provide each other with evaluations based on criteria gathered from the first template.

The models were tested from 2009 to 2011 by faculty and students at Onyia's former employer, Bournemouth University in the United Kingdom, and at Lindenwood's School of Business and Entrepreneurship. Participants then completed a survey and the results were used to determine the overall acceptability of the assessment tools.

"It enabled students to support the marks they awarded to their peers and, at the same time, show concrete evidence of their fairness during the process," Onyia said. "The templates are designed to solve some of the existing negative issues surrounding peer assessments, such as favoritism, personal vendettas, and other forms of pollution."

Onyia also presented his research findings at the Academic and Business Research Institute Conference in Nashville, Tenn., before submitting it for

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publication to the *Research in Higher Education Journal*.

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