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He received his Ph.D. in Communication from Georgia State University where he won the Outstanding Academic Achievement in Graduate Studies Award and taught journalism for five years. He earned his Masters of Science degree in Communication from the University of Louisiana and was recipient of the Outstanding Master's Student in Communication Award. He obtained his BA in Mass Communication from the Bayero University in Kano, Nigeria, at the top of his class and won the Nigerian Television Authority Prize for the Overall Best Graduating Student in Mass Communication. In 2014, the University of Louisiana's Department of Communication honored him with the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

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Professor Kperogi has published widely in prestigious peer-reviewed journals on such diverse communication topics as online journalism, alternative media, journalistic objectivity, virtual reality journalism, deliberative democracy, diasporic media, critical media theory, social media, citizen journalism, public sphere, international journalism, media English, and indigenous language media. He is also the author of [\*Glocal English: The Changing Face and Forms of Nigerian English in a Global World\*](#). His research on virtual reality journalism won the Top-Rated Research Paper Award at the 17th Symposium on Online Journalism at the University of Texas, Austin, USA.

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