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Visiting Research Programmer

In my role as the visiting research programmer for IOPN, much of my work takes place behind the scenes, where I manage the technical infrastructure that supports the IOPN publication platforms. So, as a member of the AFRO PWW 2 Tech Team, I am looking forward to helping scholars learn how to use our publishing systems.

Before joining the IOPN team, I earned a Master of Science in Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, studying digital librarianship, web design, and data analytics. My research interests include using automated text analysis methods to better understand and manage collections. I also hold an MFA in Poetry from The New School, which I used to teach literature and creative writing in New York City before joining IOPN. My literature interests focused on collage, recombination and erasure, and I appreciate the ways that digital publishing allows authors and readers to rethink how they engage with texts. I am excited to explore with authors the many new ways we can leverage digital publishing and open access publishing to meet their professional and research goals.

In the Institute, I can help you better understand the functions and capabilities of our publishing systems, learn and implement various web technologies, and troubleshoot any technical issues you encounter.

