



Board Director biography



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Temitope Oriola is joint editor-in-chief of African Security and associate professor of criminology and sociology at the University of Alberta. A recipient of the Governor General of Canada Academic Gold Medal (instituted by the Earl of Dufferin in 1873), Oriola's research focuses on police use of force, terrorism studies, and resource-related crimes, particularly political kidnapping. He has authored or co-edited four books.

A decorated researcher and teacher, Oriola is author of *Criminal resistance? The politics of kidnapping oil workers* (2016; orig. 2013), one of a small number of book-length sociological investigations of political kidnapping in the English language. He is a two-time recipient of the prestigious Carnegie fellowship, past-president of the Canadian Association of African Studies (CAAS) and special adviser on Police Act Review, Government of Alberta.