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Education and Training

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Year(s), Degree, Major, Institution/Location

- 1970–1975, Diploma, General, King’ s College, Lagos, Nigeria
- 1975–1977, Diploma, General, Davies’ College, Sussex, England
- 1977, Diploma, French Studies, Institute Catholique de Paris, Paris, France
- 1977–1982, Medicinae Baccalaureum et Chirurgiae Baccalaureum, M.D. equivalent, University of Glasgow, Scotland
- 1983, Full registration, UK, University of Glasgow, Scotland
- 1989, M.R.C.Psych. (UK Board Certification in Psychiatry), UK Board Certification in Psychiatry, Royal College of Psychiatrists
- 1991, Master of Philosophy thesis in research methodology and classification, Master of Science (equivalent) in Neuro-psychiatry, University of London
- 1993, (T) Psych, European-Wide Board Certification in Psychiatry, Royal College of Psychiatrists/General Medical Council, UK
- 1993, Doctoral thesis in Neuropsychopharmacology; Medicinae Doctorem and fellowship program, Ph.D. (equivalent) in Biomedical Sciences, Conducted at Oxford University/Degree from University of Glasgow
- 1999, Diploma, Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Medicine (Identification Number 18496), The American College of Forensic Examiners Institute
- 2002, 2013, U.S. Board Certification, Psychiatry, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.
- 2004, Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) – the highest doctoral degree awarded in the UK for contributions to science, Medicine, University of Glasgow, Scotland
- 2014, Diplomat, American Board of Addiction Medicine

Post-Graduate Training

Year(s), Degree, Institution/Location

- 1983–1984, Postgraduate in critical care & anesthesiology, Scotland & University of Glasgow
- 1984–1985, Senior house officer, psychiatry, Scotland & University of Glasgow
- 1985–1986, East London psychiatry training scheme, University of London, London
- 1986–1988, Maudsley psychiatry training scheme, Maudsley Hospital & Institute of Psychiatry, London

Biosketch

Bankole A. Johnson, DSc, MD, serves as The Dr. Irving J. Taylor Professor and Chair for the Department of Psychiatry, Professor of Pharmacology, Professor of Anatomy & Neurobiology, and Professor of Neurology; as well as Director of the Brain Science Research Consortium Unit (BSRCU) at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. He currently serves as the Director of the Department of Psychiatry Clinical Neurobehavioral Center (CNC) in Columbia, Maryland. Additionally, in 2015, Professor Johnson was appointed to the Maryland Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force.

Professor Johnson is a licensed physician and board-certified psychiatrist throughout Europe and in the United States. In 1982, he graduated from the University of Glasgow in Scotland with an MBChB, which is the qualifying degree for a physician in the United Kingdom. He trained in psychiatry at the Royal London and Maudsley, as well as Bethlem Royal Hospitals. In 1991, Professor Johnson graduated from the University of London with a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in neuropsychiatry. He then went on to conduct doctoral research at Oxford University and obtained an MD in biomedical sciences from the University of Glasgow in 1993. In 2004, Professor Johnson earned a Doctor of

Science (DSc, which is the highest doctoral degree that can be granted in science by a British university) in medicine from the University of Glasgow, specializing in neuroscience and neuropharmacology.

A recipient of numerous awards and honors in his field, Professor Johnson received the Dan Anderson Research Award (2001) for his “distinguished contribution as a researcher who has advanced the scientific knowledge of addiction recovery.” He received the Distinguished Senior Scholar of Distinction Award in 2002 from the National Medical Association. Professor Johnson was also an inductee of the Texas Hall of Fame in 2003 for contributions to science, mathematics, and technology. In 2006, he received the American Psychiatric Association’s (APA’s) Distinguished Psychiatrist Lecturer Award. In 2007, he was named as a Fellow in the Royal College of Psychiatrists and, in 2008, he was elected to the status of Distinguished Fellow of the APA. In 2009, he received the APA’s Solomon Carter Fuller Award, honoring an individual who has pioneered in an area that has benefited significantly the quality of life for black people. In 2010, he was named as a Fellow in the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology.

In 2013, Professor Johnson received the Jack Mendelson Award from the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH). The Mendelson Award is bestowed annually to an outstanding alcohol investigator whose clinical research has made a substantial contribution to our understanding of alcoholism susceptibility, the effects of alcohol on the brain and other organs, and prevention and treatment of alcohol use disorders.

Professor Johnson recently served for two years as field editor-in-chief of *Frontiers in Psychiatry*, and currently serves on the editorial boards of *The American Journal of Psychiatry* and *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, among others. In addition to reviewing for more than 30 journals in pharmacology, neuroscience, and the addictions, he has been published in more than 200 publications. He also has edited three books: *Drug Addiction and Its Treatment: Nexus of Neuroscience and Behavior*, *Handbook of Clinical Alcoholism Treatment*, and *Addiction Medicine: Science and Practice*, which is currently being updated.

Research/Clinical Keywords

Addiction, Brain Science, Psychopharmacology, Forensic Psychiatry

Highlighted Publications

Anton RF, O’Malley SS, Ciraulo DA, Cisler RA, Couper D, Donovan DM, Gastfriend DR, Hosking JD, Johnson BA, LoCastro JS, Longabaugh R, Mason BJ, Mattson ME, Miller WR, Pettinati HM, Randall CL, Swift R, Weiss RD, Williams LD, & Zweben A. (2006). Combined pharmacotherapies and behavioral interventions for alcohol dependence: The COMBINE study: A randomized controlled trial. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 295(17), 2003–2017.

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Johnson BA, Rosenthal N, Capece JA, et al. (2007). Topiramate for treating alcohol dependence: A randomized controlled trial. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 298(14), 1641–1651.

Johnson BA, Roache JD, Javors MA, et al. (2000). Ondansetron for reduction of drinking among biologically predisposed alcoholic patients: A randomized controlled trial. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 284(8), 963–971.

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