

## **Mobilization Coordinator Candidate Statement 2014-15.**

**Dear Fellow GEO Members,**

My name is Yetunde Ajao, a graduate student at the Center for International Education. I have been active as a Graduate Employee Organization GEO member since 2010. I was the GEO International Graduate Employee Coordinator from Sept 2011 to May 2012 and subsequently a GEO organizer until May 2013. I continue to serve in various committees that help the union achieves its overall mission and goals. I hereby ask for your continued support to enable me work as the mobilization coordinator for 2014/2015 academic session.

My passion for the union stems from my past experiences as a unionist and belief in fairness and equity for all workers. I have special interest in seeing more graduate women and international graduate employees on campus have a voice in union matters and as committed union activists. I have attended several leadership trainings for union women workers including Women in Leadership Development (WILD) Workshops.

My strength lies in organizing, mobilizing and coordinating union activities and events which I believe are crucial to sustaining a vibrant and strong union on campus and the world at large. By virtue of my work duties presently with campus families, I have developed a strong working relationship with many graduate student employees from different work departments.

Once elected to office, my primary responsibilities as the GEO Mobilization Coordinator include increasing membership attendance and drives, attending Steering and Assembly of Stewards meetings, introducing all new members and visitors, assisting the GEO Co-Chairs in preserving order and ensuring that minutes are taken at GEO meetings. Importantly, I will work with other GEO leadership and UAW- 2322 to represent and support your needs as graduate student employees.

Thank you for your support for my candidacy as the Mobilization Coordinator.

In solidarity

Yetunde Ajao