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A/Prof Garuba is a well-respected scholar of African and postcolonial literary studies. He has published widely in these fields, with four co-edited books, one edited anthology of poetry, one solely authored volume of poetry, well over 40 journal articles and book chapters, and numerous review essays and encyclopaedia entries. Some of his scholarly work - notably the essay "Explorations in Animist Materialism" - have been translated into French, German and Portuguese. He has been involved in several collaborative projects that have brought scholars and students together from across Africa and the Americas, and has played a leading role in the Trilateral Reconnections Project between UCT, the University of the West Indies and Brown University.

A/Prof Garuba is regularly invited to give keynote addresses at major conferences, most recently at the Canadian African Studies Association Conference in Ottawa, Canada, and a public lecture on "Phases of African Intellectual Thought: Race, Slavery, Colonialism and After" at the Rio Museum of Art in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.