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## Brain Science Speaker Series

## Virtual Reality Technologies to Improve Daily Living Activities in Neurologically Impaired Persons

Dr. Abiodun Akinwuntan, Dean

KU Medical Center, The University of Kansas

LSU Digital Media Center Theatre

October 25, 2023 - 03:30 pm

## Abstract:

Save the date for a **3:30pm talk on Wednesday 10/25** by **Dr. Abiodun**

**Akinwuntan** (<https://www.kumc.edu/aakinwuntan.html>) as part of MIND's Brain Science Speaker Series. Dr. Akinwuntan has been invited due to his trailblazing research on **virtual reality in neurologically impaired persons**. Please share this information with anyone that might be interested in attending. The event is open to faculty, students and the community.

Registration is now open [here](#).

## Speaker's Bio:

Abiodun Akinwuntan, Ph.D., MPH, MBA, MIH, FASAHP, FACRM, FAMeS, became the school's sixth dean in January 2016. He previously served as associate dean for research at the College of Allied Health Sciences at Augusta University in Augusta, Ga., where he was professor of physical therapy, ophthalmology, and neurology.

Dean Akinwuntan received his bachelor's degree from the College of Medicine, University of Lagos in 1994, a master's degree and a doctoral degree in neurological rehabilitation from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Catholic University of Leuven) in Belgium, in 2000 and 2004 respectively. He earned a postgraduate certificate in teaching and learning in higher education from the University of East London, England in 2005, and a master's degree in public health in 2012 followed by a master's degree in business administration in 2015 from Augusta University, Ga.

Dean Akinwuntan is a world-leading authority on the use of virtual-reality technologies to improve daily living activities in neurologically impaired persons. Akinwuntan has collaborated extensively on several funded grants totaling more than \$15 million. He has authored more than 110 peer-reviewed publications and abstracts, mostly in reputable journals with high impact factors, and authored 8 book chapters.

He is also co-director of the Laboratory for Advanced Rehabilitation Research in Simulation.

Dean Akinwuntan is a recipient of the prestigious United States Fulbright Scholarship to Nigeria in 2013 and a Fulbright Specialist Award to Iceland in 2016. He is the editor in chief of The Nigerian Journal of Medical Rehabilitation, an academic editor of PLOS ONE Journal, member of the editorial board for the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Journal, and associate editor for Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience. He is a member of the nomination and elections committee and chair of the research, discovery, and innovation committee of the Association of Schools Advancing the Health Professions. Akinwuntan is treasurer of the Midwest Deans Group and also a member of the association's 2018 leadership development program.

He was elected as a Fellow of the Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions in October 2020 in recognition of excellence in and contributions to education in the health professions. In September 2021, Akinwuntan received fellowship status in the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Dean Akinwuntan currently serves on the board of directors of the Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions and the board of directors of the National Advisory Board on Medical Rehabilitation Research of the National Institutes of Health. In 2022 he was elected a fellow of the Academy of Medicine Specialties of Nigeria.

