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## #BringBackOurGirls: Boko Haram and Nigeria's Bellwether Elections



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**Abosede George** founder of The Ekopolitan Project, is an assistant professor of history and Africana studies at Barnard College in New York City. She joined the faculty at Barnard in 2007, specializing in women's history, urban history, the history of childhood in Africa, the study of gender and sexuality in African history, and the history of development work in Africa. Her book, *Making Modern Girls: A History of Girlhood, Labor, and Social Development in Colonial Lagos* (Ohio University Press, 2014), is about the politics of girl-saving and transformations in girlhood in 20th century colonial Lagos, Nigeria. Dr. George maintains faculty affiliations with the Africana Studies Program at Barnard, the Institute for African Studies at Columbia University, the Barnard Center for Research on Women, and the Center for the Critical Analysis of Social Difference. She received her B.A. from Rutgers University (1999) and her Ph.D. from Stanford University (2006).

**Mojúbàolú Olufúnké Okome** founded #BringBackOurGirlsNYC after consulting with the founders of the movement in Nigeria. She is an international political economist whose regional specialization is on the African continent. Educated at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, Long Island University, New York, and Columbia University, New York, she's a professor of political science at Brooklyn College, CUNY. Born in Nigeria, she has worked on international development issues as a consultant for clients including the United Nations and Commonwealth. Her research interests include effects of globalization, post-colonialism, and post-modernity on economic and political transformation; gender, democracy and citizenship in Africa, and African diaspora studies. Her most recent publications are two edited books published in 2013 by Palgrave-Macmillan: *State Fragility, State Formation, and Human Security in Nigeria*, and *Contesting the Nigerian State: Civil Society and the Contradictions of Self-Organization*. She also founded and edits *Ìrìnkèrindò: A Journal of African Migration*.

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