

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

August 2019-Present	Ohio University, Athens, Ohio <i>Master of Arts in International Studies,</i> Specialization: Latin American Studies Current GPA 3.818 Graduated in April 2021
August 2010-June 2014	Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana. <i>Bachelor of Arts in Culture & Tourism</i> Specialization: Tourism Honors: Second Class Upper Division

CERTIFICATES & NON-DEGREE PROGRAMS

2016	University of Aberdeen at Futurelearn (online), <i>Certificate in Sustainable Development</i>
2016	Common Purpose (online), <i>Certificate in Developing Cultural Intelligence</i>

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

September 2019-May 2021	Ohio University, Athens
January 2016-July 2019	Brain Trust and Research Consultancy Company
September 2014-August 2015	Chereponi District Assembly
September 2007-August 2010	New Life Academy School, Kumasi, Ghana
October 2012	Globacom Telecommunication Company, Ghana

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

January 2016-July 2019	Brain Trust and Research Consultancy Company <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted literature/articles searches on a range of topics• Proposal writing• Data coding and use of SPSS• Data analysis• Report writing
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September 2014-August 2015

Poverty Alleviation Program by Resilience in Northern Ghana (RING) operated through Chereponi District Assembly.

- Mapped communities for “Intervention to Reduce Poverty”
- Planned a poverty alleviation program on livelihood empowerment
- Gathered data on families that faced economic hardships
- Shared improved agricultural seeds and livestock to impoverished households
- Monitored and evaluated program to measure progress
- Prepared reports describing ongoing developments for future reference

October 2012

Regional Data Collection Exercise by Globacom Telecommunication Company at Kumasi, Ghana

- Mapping Kumasi into zones or strata
- Coordinating with zonal leaders to map-out plans for data collection
- Meeting small scale business owners in the telecommunication industry to gather data
- Reviewing data collection challenges with participants to deduce new and better ways of approaching data collection
- Creating a data template for analysis using the SPSS software

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

September 2019-May 2021

Teaching Assistant, Ohio University, Athens

- Taught an integrated course in Latin American Studies. Topics were related to the geography, economics, politics, socio-cultural and history of Latin America
- Developed a syllabus for the class
- Identified learning material such as articles and videos to compliment the course book
- Engaged students during class
- Addressed the added needs of students
- Set and graded assignments and exams

September 2007-August 2010

Grade 4-6 Teacher, New Life Academy School, Kumasi, Ghana

- Administering class exercises and exams

- Observing students' progress, rewarding efforts and comforting students who feel like failures
- Interacting with students through learning materials
- Meeting parents to give them guidance on how to help improve students' performance
- Nurtured young minds to have self-believe in their academic endeavors
- Listening and encouraging students to overlook current hardships
- Being a role model for my students through constant learning, growth and disciplinary behaviors

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

April 2021	Academic Achievement Award Center for International Studies, Ohio University, Athens
April 2020	Academic Achievement Award Center for International Studies, Ohio University, Athens
September 2015	National Service Certificate Award, Ghana <i>Service to the Nation</i>

CONFERENCES & PUBLICATIONS

February 2020	A conference paper presentation at OLAC, 2020. Title: "Examining the political dynamics and socio-economic effect of neoliberalism in Chile after the 1970's"
March 2016	Article publication with title: 'The Impact of Celebrity Endorsement and Customer Perception on Customer Buying Behavior. <i>International Journal of Research in Finance & Marketing</i> , 6(3), 65-72.

VOLUNTARY SERVICES

September 2019 -	The Ohio University African Students' Union
January 2016-2017	Brain Trust and Research Consultancy Company
September 2014-August 2015	RING in Partnership with Chereponi District Assembly

SUMMARY OF ACADEMIC INTERESTS

- Sustainable development
- Environment, ecological systems, and climate change
- Hunger and food insecurity
- Development theories and its application
- Economic development

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Assistantship and studentship roles enable my engagements in multiple intellectual discussions, collaborations, and language acquisition with several initiatives:

- The Center for International Studies of Ohio University initiatives
- The Department of Spanish & Portuguese
- The Ohio Latin Americanist Conference (OLAC)
- The Department of Geography regional specialization & environmental studies initiatives

LANGUAGES

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| • English | Proficient in reading, writing and speaking |
| • Spanish | Basic in writing, & speaking and intermediate in reading |
| • Akan | Proficient in writing, reading and speaking |
| • Ewe | Proficient speaking |

REFERENCES

Available upon Request