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EDUCATION

Boston University
Ph.D. Student in Political Science
Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations

Boston, MA
August 2024 – Present

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
Master of Philosophy in Political Science
Thesis: The Political Ecology of E-waste Smuggling into Ghana.

Kumasi
March 2024

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (*First Class Honors*)
Minor: Chinese
Thesis: Infrastructural Development and Social Inequalities: Post Construction Effects of the Akosombo Dam on Surrounding Communities

Kumasi
August 2020

ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

ILLECO Researcher
Independent research Fund Denmark
Professor George Bob-Milliar, Professor Henrik Vigh, & Professor Pablo Selaya

2023 – 2025

Field Research Assistant
Department of Political Science, Grinnell College
Professor Barry Driscoll

2024
Grinnell, IA

Research Intern/Research Assistant
Global Diversity Lab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Professor Evan Lieberman & Professor Noah Nathan

2023
Cambridge, MA

Graduate Research Assistant
Department of History and Political Studies, KNUST
Dr. Dominic Degraft Arthur

2023 – 2024
Kumasi, Ghana

Field Research Assistant
Department of Political Science, Grinnell College
Professor Barry Driscoll

2022
Grinnell, IA

Research Assistant
Centre for Cultural and African Studies (CeCAST), KNUST
Professor George Bob-Milliar

2020 - 2021
Kumasi, Ghana

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant
Department of History and Political Studies, KNUST
Dr. Dominic Degraft Arthur
Special Topics in Politics I & II (Pol 471 & 472)

2022 – 2024
Kumasi, Ghana

Comparative Politics I & II (Pol 353 & 354)
Introduction to the Study of Political Science (Pol 151 & 152)

Teaching Assistant

Centre for Cultural and African Studies (CeCAST), KNUST
Professor George Bob-Milliar & Nana James Osman Adjei
Chieftaincy and Governance in Africa I & II (AFS 157 & 158)
Politics and Development in Africa (Pol 467 & 468)

2020 – 2021
Kumasi, Ghana

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Dean's Fellowship

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Boston University

2024 – 2025
Boston, MA

ILLECO Research Fellow
Independent Research Fund Denmark

2023 – 2025
Copenhagen Denmark

Global Diversity Lab Visiting Research Fellow
Department of Political Science, MIT

2023
Cambridge, MA

CONFERENCE AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Environmental Crime and Illegal Ecologies Conference (ILLECO)

University of Copenhagen

2023
Copenhagen, Denmark

Point Sud Conference

University of Ghana

2023
Accra, Ghana

YouSustain Conference

University of Ghana

2023
Accra, Ghana

Global Diversity Lab Fellows Poster Presentation

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2023
Cambridge, MA

SERVICES AND INTERNSHIPS

MPhil Political Science Representative, KNUST

2022 – 2024

Global Diversity Lab, MIT

2023

National Service

CeCAST, KNUST

2020 – 2021
Kumasi, Ghana

Asuogyaman District Assembly

2019

Volta River Authority

2018

Volta River Authority

2017

PROGRAMS, CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES

SQL Certification from Uplimit

2024

IBM SPSS, R (Programming Language), Query Writing