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**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D., Geography**, 2000; University of Minnesota, Minnesota  
Dissertation: Urban Livelihood Strategies, Institutional Efficiency and Economic Reform in Ghana

**M.A., Geography**, 1992, Carleton University, Canada  
Thesis: Regional Inequality in Development and Migration in Ghana (**Passed with Distinction**)

**M.A., Population Studies**, 1990; United Nations Regional Institute for Population Studies, University of Ghana, Ghana  
Thesis: Internal Migration and Development in Brong Ahafo Region of Ghana (**Passed with Distinction**)

**B.A. (Hons)**, Geography (major) and Archaeology (minor); 1987, University of Ghana, Ghana  
Thesis: An Evaluation of the Performance of Farmer's Co-operatives in Food Farming in Techiman District, Ghana.

**POSITIONS HELD**

**Administrative Positions**

**Chair**, Department of Community & Regional Planning, Iowa State University, 2014 to present.

**Interim Chair**, Department of Community & Regional Planning, Iowa State University, 2013 to 2014.

Responsibilities:

- Serve as the department's chief academic officer and reports to the Dean.
- Lead the department's overall work in teaching, research, outreach, and service.
- Foster an environment that enables all faculty, staff members, and students to achieve at the highest possible level and increase the department's national and international reputation.
- Promote and facilitate inclusion to build a climate of creativity based on faculty's diverse backgrounds.
- Develop and implement quality academic programs, manage departmental resources, and advance program quality.
- Support recruitment efforts in coordination with the College and ensure students receive appropriate supervision and advice from faculty and staff members.
- Recruit quality faculty as necessary; ensure they are appropriately mentored and have access to professional development resources.
- Oversee the distribution of workloads, perform faculty evaluations, and recommend personnel actions and merit salary increases.
- Build strategic relations between the department and other units in the College and across campus.

- Administer foundation accounts per donor intent and university policies; assist in the development and stewardship of relations with alumni and donors.
- Serve as a member of the College of Design Cabinet and contribute to developing and implementing the College's interdisciplinary programs.

**Director of Graduate Education (DOGE)**, Dept of Community & Regional Planning, Iowa State Univ, 2008-13.  
Responsibilities include:

- Served as chair of the Student Admissions and Awards Committee
- Served on the Curriculum Committee and oversaw the graduate curriculum.
- Maintained graduate student database and other information resources.
- Allocated teaching assistantships to classes upon the advice and recommendation of the Student Admissions and Awards Committee.
- Coordinated with faculty on the allocation of research assistantships.

### **Academic Positions**

**Professor**, Department of Community & Regional Planning, Iowa State University, 2012 to present.

**Associate Professor**, Department of Community & Regional Planning, Iowa State University, 2007- 2012

**Affiliated Faculty**, African and African American Studies program, Iowa State University, 2008-present

**Affiliated Faculty**, Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture, Iowa State University, 2003-present

**Assistant Professor**, Department of Community & Regional Planning, Iowa State University, 2001 -2007

**Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science & Geography, Seattle Pacific University, WA, 2000-2001

**Adjunct faculty**, Department of Geography, University of St. Thomas, MN, Fall, 1997

### **Other Positions**

**Research Analyst**, Environmental Quality Board, Minnesota Planning, MN, 1998-2000

**Editorial Assistant**, *Environment and Planning A*, Department of Geography, Univ of Minnesota, MN, 1999

**Instructor**, Department of Geography, University of Minnesota, MN, 1997-1999

**International Student Advisor**, International Student and Scholar Services, Univ of Minnesota, MN, 1994-1995

**Teaching Assistant**, Department of Geography, University of Minnesota, MN, 1992-1997

**Teaching Assistant**, Department of Geography, Carleton University, Canada, 1990-1992

**Research Assistant**, Population Impact Project, Department of Geography, Univ of Ghana, Ghana, 1987-1989

**Consultant**, IFO-Institute for Economic Research, Dept for Development Studies, Univ of Munich, Germany, 1987

## HONORS AND AWARDS

### Professional Awards/Honors

2023 Iowa State University Award for Inclusive Excellence, Iowa State University, September 2023.

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) representative to Global Planning Education Association Network (GPEAN), 2015- 2020.

2015 Kwadwo Konadu-Agyemang Distinguished Scholar Award in African Geography, Africa Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, March 2015.

Carnegie African Diaspora (CAP) Fellow (2015-2020)

2013 College of Design Faculty Research Award, Iowa State University, April 2013

Fulbright Specialist Scholar List, December 2008-2012.

ISU Wakonse Fellow, 2008 Wakonse Conference on College Teaching, May 22-27, 2008. Fellows are either nominated by a colleague or chosen for this honor by the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) because of their dedication to improving teaching and learning on our ISU campus.

Memorable Teacher Award, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, Iowa State University (March 2007 – Students are asked to nominate inspiring teachers who truly encourage and help them succeed).

2007 CRP Graduation Address - Nominated by the 2007 graduating class to give a graduation address at the College of Design Graduation Ceremony, May 2007

2006 Polster Teaching Award, College of Design, Iowa State University (\$1,000) – Competitive award given to one faculty member in the College of Design each year for teaching excellence, April 2006

Nominated by the Spring 06 graduating class of the Department of Community and Regional Planning to give a graduation address at the College of Design Graduation Ceremony, May 2006

### Grants

PI “Lesson from the Implementation of the ‘African Growth and Opportunity Act’ (AGOA): Case Study of Kenya” African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), Harare, Zimbabwe, 2018

Co-PI “Inclusive growth in Africa” African Development Bank, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (with Elizabeth Asiedu)

Co-PI, 2013 Council on International Programs (CIP) Grant “Design Education and Research in African Context: Exploring Options for College of Design Study Abroad, Service Learning and Research in Ghana” (PI, Chris Martin)

PI, “Capacity Building for Research Leadership: The need, support, and strategies for growing African research leaders” Study commissioned by the Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR), Nairobi, Kenya, 2012-2013 (Co-PIs: Ezekiel Kalipeni and Joy Mueni Maina Kiiru)

PI, RECRUIT Grant, Graduate College, ISU. Grant to support the recruitment of underrepresented graduate students into the MCRP program, 2011-12

Co-PI, Miller Faculty Fellowship, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT), ISU Fellowship to support the development of international service-learning program including interdisciplinary course sequence proposed for the academic year 2011-12

PI, “Improving the Effectiveness of the Public Sector in Africa through the Quality of Public Administration” Report commissioned by African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), Knowledge & Learning Unit, Harare, Zimbabwe as part of the Operations & Thematic Research Studies (ACBF OTRS FY2010). With Frank Kwaku Ohemeng.

Co-PI, Iowa Housing Needs Assessment. Iowa Finance Authority. 2009-2011, \$155,424 (PI, Tim Borich; other CoPIs, Doug Johnston, Frank Owens, David Swenson, Carlton Basmajian)

Global Development Network (GDN), New Delhi, India, Project: “Development on the Move: Measuring and Optimizing the Economic and Social Impacts of Migration in Ghana”. Collaboration with researchers in the U.S. and Ghana, 2008-2009

Co-PI, Council on International Programs (CIP) Grant “Giving Global Public Health the Attention it Deserves in the Classroom and Service Learning at Iowa State” Iowa State University, 2008-2009.

Big XII Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Kansas, July 2008-June.

Community and Regional Planning Research Incentives Grant, ISU, 2008-2009.

Foreign Travel Grant, Iowa State University – to attend the “International Conference on Shared Growth in Africa” organized by the Institute for Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) of the University of Ghana, Cornell University, World Bank, United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Accra, Ghana, Summer 2005.

World Bank-Netherlands, Governance Knowledge Sharing Program. Project: *Institutional Culture and the Performance of Public Institutions: Learning from “Good Performers,”* 2003-2004.

Rockefeller Foundation, African Dissertation Internship Award. Project: *Urban Livelihood Strategies, Institutional Efficiency and Economic Reform in Ghana,* 1995-1996.

### Other Awards and Fellowships

Certificate of Commendation from the Governor of Minnesota, Honorable Jesse Ventura, for my work in developing the Minnesota Progress Indicator, August 2000

Employee of the Month, Minnesota Planning for my work in developing the Minnesota Progress Indicator, March 2000

Best Economic Geography Dissertation Award, Economic Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, 2001

Best African Geography Student Paper Award, Africa Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, 1999

Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Geography, University of Minnesota, 1997

Summer Fellowship, Department of Geography, University of Minnesota, 1993

Awarded a Distinction for MA Dissertation, Carleton University, Canada, 1992

Neil Huckvale Memorial Scholarship, Carleton University, Canada, 1991/92

Carleton University Graduate Students Scholarship, 1990 -1992

United Nations Fellowship, United Nations Regional Institute for Population Studies, Ghana, 1989-1990

Passed with Distinctions in all MA courses, United Nations Regional Institute for Population Studies, Ghana, 1990

Awarded a Distinction for MA Dissertation, United Nations Regional Institute for Population Studies, Ghana, 1990

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Journal Articles – Refereed

Ikendi, S., **Owusu, F.**, Oberhauser, A., Masinde, D., & Bain, C. (2024). Assessment of agronomy extension education programs on empowerment of farmers in food production in rural Uganda. *Journal of Agricultural Education*, 65(1), 99–125. <https://doi.org/10.5032/jae.v65i1.98>.

Ikendi, S., **Owusu, F.**, Masinde, D., Oberhauser, A., & Bain, C. (2023). Does participation in livelihood education programs impact household food security? A comparative study in rural Uganda. *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*. Advance online publication.

<https://doi.org/10.5304/jafscd.2023.131.009>

Ikendi, S., **Owusu, F.**, Masinde, D., Oberhauser, A., & Bain, C. (2023). Nutrition education centers: A community-based approach to management of malnutrition. *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.5304/jafscd.2023.131.010>

Fan, Y., Hoey, L., Das, A., Irazábal, C., Stiftel, B., Shatkin, G., **Owusu, F.**, Doan, P., Fang, Y., & Rumbach, A. (2022). Improving Global Planning Education by Centering the Experience of International Students in U.S. and Canadian Planning Schools. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, 42(3), 260–267.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0739456X221093645>

**Owusu, Francis** and Kefa M. Otiso (2021) “Twenty Years of the U.S. African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA): Policy Lessons from Kenya’s Experience” *Kenya Studies Review* Vol 9, No 1, Summer.

**Owusu, Francis**, Ricardo Reboledo, and Pádraig Carmody, (2019) “Trumping Development: Selective Delinking and Coercive Governmentality in US-Africa Relations” *Africa Today* Vol 66, No.1 pp3-26.

Nixon, R., and **Owusu, F.**, (2017) “Choice, Inclusion, and Access to Information: Understanding Female Farmers’ Participation in Kyrgyzstan’s Water-User Associations” *Sustainability*, 9, 2346.

**Owusu, F.**, Kalipeni, E., Awortwi, N., & Kiiru. J. M. M., (2017) “Building research capacity for African institutions: confronting the research leadership gap and lessons from African research leaders”, *International Journal of Leadership in Education: Theory and Practice*, 20:2

Carmody, P., and **Owusu, F.**, (2016) “Neoliberalism, Urbanization and Change in Africa: The Political Economy of Heterotopias” *Journal of African Development* 18:18:61–73.

Lauer, S., and **Owusu, F.**, (2016) “Learning and power in international development partnerships: a case study of lowan farmers in Uganda”, *Community Development Journal* 51:3, 1 July, 382–400

Lauer, S., and **Owusu, F.**, (2015) “Managing Dynamics of Power and Learning in Community Development: A Case Study of lowan Farmers in Uganda” *Journal of Extension* June, Vol 53, No. 3

Aryeetey, R., Oltmans, S., and **Owusu, F.**, (2016) “Food Retail Assessment and Family Food Purchase Behavior in Ashongman Estates, Ghana” *African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development*, Vol 16, No 4, pp11386-11403

Sseguya, H., Mazur, R. E., & Njuki, J. M. and **Owusu, F.** (2013) “Determinants of participation and leadership in food security groups in Southeast Uganda: Implications for development programs and policies” *Journal of Rural and Community Development*, Vol. 8, No.1, pp77-97, 2013.

Ohemeng, F., and **Owusu, F.**, (2013) “Implementing a Revenue Authority Model of Tax Administration in Ghana: An Organizational Learning Perspective”, *The American Review of Public Administration*, vol. 45:3, May pp. 343-364.

Asiedu, C., Asiedu, E., and **Owusu, F.**, (2012) “The Socioeconomic Determinants of HIV/AIDS Infection Rates in Lesotho, Malawi, Swaziland and Zimbabwe” *Development Policy Review*, Vol. 30, No.3 pp305-326

Logan, B. I., **Owusu, F.**, and Kalipeni, E., (2012) “Beyond the ‘posts’ in African development discourse: exploring real solutions to Africa’s problems” *Progress in Development Studies*, Vol 12, No 2&3, pp93-98.

**Owusu, F.**, (2012) "Organizational Culture and Public Sector Reforms in a Post-Washington Consensus Era: Lessons from Ghana's 'Good Performers'." *Progress in Development Studies*, vol 12, No 2&3, pp131-151.

"Asiedu, C., Asiedu, E., and **Owusu, F.**, (2010) Young Women's Marital Status and HIV Risk in Sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Lesotho, Swaziland and Zimbabwe" *Journal of African Development* Vol. 12 (2), 2010, pp33-46.

Haddad, M. A., Taylor, G., and **Owusu, F.**, (2010) "Locational Choices of the Ethanol Industry in the Midwest Corn Belt" *Economic Development Quarterly* Vol. 24, No.1, pp74 –86.

Longan, Michael W.; **Owusu, Francis**; Roseman, Curtis C. (2008) "Using PlacesOnLine in Instructional Activities." *Journal of Geography* Vol. 107 No.1 2008, pp20-26.

**Owusu, F.**, (2007) "Post-9/11 U.S. Foreign Aid, the Millennium Challenge Account and Africa: How many Birds can one stone kill?" *Africa Today* Vol. 54, No.1, Fall, pp.1-26

**Owusu, F.**, (2007) "Conceptualizing Livelihood Strategies in African Cities: Planning and Development Implications of Multiple Livelihood Strategies." *Journal of Planning Education and Research* Vol. 26 No.4 2007, pp450-463

Carmody, P., and **Owusu, F.**, (2007) "Competing Hegemons? Chinese versus American Geo-Economic Strategies in Africa." *Political Geography* Vol. 26 No.5, pp504-524.

**Owusu, F.**, (2006) "On Public Organizations in Ghana: What Differentiates Good Performers from Poor Performers?" *African Development Review* Vol.18 No.3, pp471-485

**Owusu, F.**, (2006) "Differences in the performance of Public Organizations in Ghana: Implications for Public Sector Reform Policy" *Development Policy Review* Vol.24 No.6, pp675-687

**Owusu, F.**, (2005) "Livelihood Strategies and Performance of Ghana's Health and Education Sectors: Exploring the Connections" *Public Administration and Development* Vol. 25 No.2, pp157-174

**Owusu, F.**, (2005) "Introduction" *GeoJournal: An International Journal of Human Geography and Environmental Sciences* Vol. 62, No.1-2, pp115-116, (Special Topics Editor; theme: "Opportunities and Challenges for Development in Africa")

**Owusu, F.**, (2003) "Pragmatism and the Gradual Shift from Dependency to Neoliberalism: The World Bank, African Leaders and Development Policy in Africa" *World Development* Vol.31, No.10, pp1655-1672

**Owusu, F.**, (2001) "Impoverishment and Multiple Modes of Livelihood in Ghana" *The Canadian Geographer* Vol. 45, No.3, Fall, pp387-403,

**Owusu, F.**, and Samatar, A., (1997) "Industrial Strategy and the State: The Botswana Experience" *Canadian Journal of African Studies* Vol.31, No.2, pp268-299.

## Books

Carmody, P., Murphy, J.T., Grant R., and **Owusu F.**, (2023) *The Urban Question in Africa: Uneven Geographies of Transition*. Wiley

Hanson, K. T., D'Alessandro, C., and **Owusu, F.** (eds.) (2014) *Managing Africa's Natural Resources: Capacities for Development* Palgrave MacMillan.

## Book Chapters

Madzivhandila, T. and **Owusu, F.** (2024) "Livelihoods, poverty, and development" in *Handbook of African Economic Development*, Edited by Pádraig Carmody and James T. Murphy, Edward Elgar Publishing Limited

Basmajian, C and **Owusu, F.**, (2023) "Increasing Planning Education Awareness and Addressing Enrollment Challenge in Urban Planning Schools: The Iowa State University Experience" in *Routledge Companion to Professional Awareness and Diversity in Planning Education* (1<sup>st</sup> ed.). Stephen Kofi Diko, Leah Marie Hollstein, Danilo Palazzo (eds.) Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003254003>

**Owusu, F.**, (2023) "Africa is Rising on a Weak Foundation" in *Under the Palaver Tree: Debating Enduring and Contemporary African Issues* William G. Moseley and Kefa Otiso (eds) Routledge.

Myers, G and **Owusu, F.** (2022) "Colonized Peoples: The struggle to reframe (neo) colonial planning in Anglophone Sub-Saharan Africa" *Alternative Planning History and Theory*, Dorina Pojani (ed). Routledge: London <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003157588>

**Owusu, F.**, (2020) "Livelihoods". In: Kobayashi, A. (Ed.), *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*, 2nd edition. vol. 8, Elsevier, pp. 193–198. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-08-102295-5.10278-1>

Myers, G., **Owusu, F.** and Gray, A. (2020) "Cities of Sub-Sahara Africa" in Brunn, S. D., Hay-Mitchell, M., Zeigler, D.J., and Graybill, J.K. Eds. *Cities of the World: Regional Patterns and Urban Environments*, (7th Ed) Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers Inc.

Murphy, T. James; Carmody, Padraig; and Grant, Richard and **Owusu, F.**, (2019) "The Impact of China on African Cities: Potentials for Development" in Kris Bezdecny and Kevin Archer (eds) *Handbook of Emerging 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Cities*, Edward Elgar Publishing

Carmody, P., and **Owusu, F.**, (2017) "Neoliberalism, Urbanization and Change in Africa", in Poku, Nana, and Jim Whitman (eds) *Africa Under Neoliberalism*, Routledge

Hanson, K. T., Pupilampu, K. P. and **Owusu, F.** (2015) "Infrastructure Development as a Catalyst for Regionalism & Economic Integration in Africa" in K.T. Hanson (ed.) *Contemporary Regional Development in Africa*. Farnham: Ashgate.

**Owusu, F** and Ohemeng, F. (2014) "Beyond Neoliberal Public Sector Reform – A Case for a Developmental Public Service in Sub-Saharan Africa" in Charles Conteh, Ahmed Shafiqu Huque (eds) *Public Sector Reforms in Developing Countries: Paradoxes and Practices*. Oxon, UK: Routledge, Pp175-192.



Hanson, K. T., and **Owusu, F.**, D'Alessandro, C., (2014) "Toward a Coordinated Approach to Natural Resource Management in Africa" in Kobena T. Hanson, Cristina D'Alessandro and Francis Owusu (eds). *Managing Africa's Natural Resources: Capacities for Development*. Palgrave MacMillan.

D'Alessandro, C., Hanson, K. T and **Owusu, F.**, (2014) "The Gas and Oil Sector in Ghana: The Role of Civil Society and the Capacity Needs for Effective Environmental Governance" in Kobena T. Hanson, Cristina D'Alessandro and Francis Owusu (eds.) *Managing Africa's Natural Resources: Capacities for Development*. Palgrave MacMillan

**Owusu, F.**, D'Alessandro, C., and Hanson, K. T (2014) "Moving Africa Beyond the Resource Curse: Defining the 'Good Fit' Approach Imperative in Natural Resource Management and Identifying the Capacity Needs" in Kobena T. Hanson, Cristina D'Alessandro and Francis Owusu (eds.) *Managing Africa's Natural Resources: Capacities for Development*. Palgrave MacMillan

**Owusu, F.**, and Ohemeng, F., (2012) "Improving the Effectiveness of the Public Sector in Africa through the Quality of Public Administration" in Shaw, T., Hanson, K.T. and Kararach, K., (Eds.) *Rethinking Development Challenges for Public Policy*. Palgrave Macmillan, Houndmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire, UK.

Carmody, P., and **Owusu, F.**, (2012) "Is Increasing Chinese Investment Good for African Development?" In William G. Moseley (ed) *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on African Issues*, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed. McGraw Hill (originally published in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. in 2009)

Carmody, P., and **Owusu, F.**,(2011) "A expansão da China para a África: interesses e estratégias". In: Leão, R. P. F.; Pinto, E. C.; Acioly, L. A (eds) *China na nova configuração global: impactos políticos e econômicos*. Brasília: Dinte/Ipea.

Carmody, P., and **Owusu, F.**, (2010) "Chinese and US Interests in Africa." In *Globalization in Africa: Recolonization or Renaissance?* Padraig Carmody, Lynne Rienner Publishers: Boulder, CO.

**Owusu, F.**, (2010) "World Bank" in *Encyclopedia of Geography*, Barney Warf (ed.), Sage Publication

**Owusu, F.**, (2009) "Livelihoods". In Kitchin R, Thrift N (eds.) *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*, Vol. 6, pp. 219–224. Oxford: Elsevier.

**Owusu, F.**, (2006) "Discourses on African Development from Dependency to Neoliberalism." In Malinda Smith, (ed) *Beyond the 'African Tragedy' Development and the Global Economy* Aldershot: Ashgate, Chap 2, pp 25-47

#### **Selected Citations - Popular Press**

Otiso, K., and **Owusu, F.**, (2022) "The US is revisiting its trade relations with African countries: key issues on the table" August 5 (<https://theconversation.com/the-us-is-revisiting-its-trade-relations-with-african-countries-key-issues-on-the-table-188230>)

**Owusu, F.**, and Otiso, K., (2021) "We examined 20 years of US-Kenya trade: Some lessons for Africa" *The Conversation*, April 16 (<https://theconversation.com/we-examined-20-years-of-us-kenya-trade-some-lessons-for-africa-165625>).

**Owusu, F.,** Pádraig C., and Ricardo R., (2020) “Trump’s legacy in Africa and what to expect from Biden”, *The Conversation*, November 25 (<https://theconversation.com/trumps-legacy-in-africa-and-what-to-expect-from-biden-150293>).

**Owusu, F.,** (2015) “African Cites” *African Business*, March, pp8-14

**Owusu, F.,** (2011) “Urban Planning: The Way Forward for Africa’s cities? *Think Africa Press* (online news magazine); part of a special issue on “Population Matters”, September 14. (<https://allafrica.com/stories/201110170118.html>).

**Owusu, F.** (2011) “Saiba as consequências do 11 de Setembro para a África” *iG* (Brazilian online news magazine); part of a special issue on the impacts of 9/11 on American foreign policy, September 11

### **Professional Reports**

**Owusu, F.** and Otiso, K. “Lessons from the Implementation of the ‘African Growth and Opportunity Act’ (AGOA): Case Study of Kenya.” Prepared for the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), Zimbabwe, March 2018

**Owusu, F.,** Kalipeni, E., and Kiiru, J. M. M. “Capacity building for research leadership: The need, support and strategies for growing African research leaders.” Prepared for the Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR), Nairobi, Kenya, February 2014 (with). Available at: <http://www.pasgr.org/publications/capacity-building-for-research-leadership-the-need-support-and-strategies-for-growing-african-research-leaders/>

“Strengths, Challenges, and Opportunities of Iowa's Local Housing Trust Funds Program” Report Prepared for the Iowa Housing Authority, August 2011 (with Carlton Basmajian, Pierre Fehrnbach, Doug Johnston, and Amy Logan)

“Iowa Housing Needs Assessment: Local Housing Trust Fund Summary Assessment” Report Prepared for the Iowa Housing Authority, May 2011 (with Carlton Basmajian, Tim Borich, Doug Johnston, and Amy Logan)

“Iowa Housing Needs Assessment: Demographic Change and Housing Affordability in Iowa”, Report prepared for the Iowa Housing Authority, May 2010 (with Carlton Basmajian, Tim Borich, Doug Johnston, and Amy Logan)

**Owusu, F.** and Ohemeng, F., “Improving the Effectiveness of the Public Sector in Africa through the Quality of Public Administration”. Operations & Thematic Research Studies, Knowledge & Learning Unit, African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), Zimbabwe, 2011

**Owusu, F.,** *Increasing Public-Sector Effectiveness by Changing Organizational Culture* Report on workshop on the Effectiveness of Public Organizations, December 3, 2003, Coconut Grove Regency Hotel, Accra, Ghana, 2004. Submitted to the World Bank-Netherlands Governance Knowledge Sharing Program

**Owusu, F.,** *Organizational Culture and the Performance of Public Organizations in Ghana: Learning from “Good Performers”* submitted to the World Bank-Netherlands Governance Knowledge Sharing Program, 2004

*Smart Signals: Economics for Lasting Progress.* Report prepared for the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources, Sustainable Development Initiative, Minnesota Planning, 1999 (with six co-authors)

*Small-Scale Manufacturing and Repair Activities in the urban area of Techiman, Ghana*. Prepared for the IFO-Institute for Economic Research, University of Munich, Department of Development Studies, Munich-Germany, 1988 (with seven co-authors).

### **Invited Book Reviews**

Review of “Tradition, Culture and Development in Africa: Historical Lesson for Modern Development Planning” by Ambe J. Njoh. Ashgate Publishing Limited, Burlington, VT. 2006. *Cultural Geographies* July 2009, Vol.16 No.3, pp419.

Review of “Looting Africa: The Economics of Exploitation” by Bond, Patrick. 2006. Scottsville: University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, 2006 *Africa Today*, Jun 2008, Vol. 54, No. 4: 88–91.

Review of “Labour and Globalization: Results and Prospects”, by R. Munck (Ed), Liverpool: Liverpool University Press, 2004. *Regional Studies* Vol.39, No.7 pp1003-1004, 2005

Review of “Rough Waters: Nature and Development in an East African Marine Park”, by Christine J. Walley, Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2004. *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* Vol. 42, No.1, 2005

Review of “Making services work for poor people. World Development Report 2004”, by The World Bank. World Bank/Oxford, 2003. *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* Vol. 41 No. 9, 2004

Review of “Verandahs of Power: Colonialism and Space in Urban Africa”, by Garth Andrew Myers. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2003. *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* Vol.41, No.10, 2003

Review of “Social Problems in Africa: New Visions”, Apollo Rwomire (Ed), Westport, Connecticut: Praeger, 2001. *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* Vol.39, No.8, 2002

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Lectures and Presentations**

Guest Lecture, “Development Planning in Africa – A Life of Research and Intervention” at the School of Planning and Sustainability, University of Northern British Columbia, Canada, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Guest speaker, “Export-Led Development for Late Industrializers like Kenya,” Virtual presentation under Commercialization Summit, Kenya Innovation Week 2021, December 6-10, 2021. Organized by Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA), Kenya School of Government, Nairobi, Kenya. <https://kenyainnovationweek.com/>. (with Kefa M. Otiso).

Invited Panelist for Book launch, “COVID-19 in the Global South Impacts and Responses,” published by the Development Studies Association of Ireland (DSA-Ireland) and the Bristol University Press, 25 November 2021 (Dublin, via Zoom Webinar)

Keynote Address “Sustainable and Inclusive Development in Ghana: Empowering Future Generations”, Graduate Students Association of Ghana (GRASAG)-USA conference, July 24, 2021

Invited Panelist, "Global Awareness in the Classroom: The Role of International Students" Online Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Administrators Conference, March 11-12, 2021

Keynote address, "Overview of Human, Political, Economic and Geographical Diversity of Africa" World Affairs Council Symposium, South Dakota State University, Brookings SD. January 28, 2019.

Invited Panelist, Africa's Role in Present Day Global Affairs, World Affairs Council Symposium, South Dakota State University, Brookings SD. January 29, 2019

Invited Speaker, "Can Africa defy the resource curse? A case for a political economy approach to natural resource management" Geography Department Lecture Series, Kansas State University, February 10, 2017

Co-Speaker: "An Appraisal of Ali Mazrui's Interdisciplinary Contributions to African Geography" Conference Honoring the Memory of Professor Ali A Mazrui, Cornell University, September 25-26, 2015 (with Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo).

Invited Speaker: "China in Africa: Impact on Natural Resource Management" Macalester College, Minneapolis, MN April 7th, 2015

Invited speaker: "Capacity for Natural Resource Management in Africa: The Role of Africa Diaspora" Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series, organized by the Constituency for Africa and the Congressional Black Caucus, Annual Legislative Conference, Sept. 17-24, 2012, Washington, D.C.

Keynote Address, "You are the hope: The Youth in Africa's Development" Africa Students Association, Iowa State University, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Invited Speaker, "Globalization and Africa's Development" Nordic African Institute, Uppsala, Sweden, Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 2012.

Invited speaker, "US-China-Africa Relationship: New Scramble for Africa?" On Common Ground Conference, organized by the Forum for American/Chinese Exchange at Stanford (FACES), Stanford University, April 12-16, 2010

Guest speaker, "Christian Faith and International Development in Practice: How US Christians can help achieve the Millennium Development Goals?" Part of Christian Faith and International Development in Practice series, Collegiate Presbyterian Church, Ames, May 2, 2010

Guest speaker, "Deepening Democracy in Ghana: Some Observations from the 2008 Elections" 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Ghana's Independence, Ghana Association of Iowa, March 2009, Des Moines, IA

Invited speaker, "Planning for Changing Livelihood Strategies in African Cities: Challenges and Opportunities" Cities in Africa seminar series, Kansas African Studies Center, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, March 15, 2007.

Guest speaker, "Recounting Ghana's independence from British colonialism" symposium on "Celebrating 50 years as a beacon of Hope in Africa" Ghana Association of Iowa, March 2007, Des Moines, IA

Invited speaker, "The African Woman in Perspective" Annual Umoja Conference, Grinnell College African Students Union, Grinnell College, April 2006

Guest Speaker, "Measuring what Counts for a Healthy Economy in Minnesota" Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture Research Forum, Iowa State University, March 2006

Guest Speaker, "The World Bank, African Leaders and Development Policy in Africa" International Seminar, Graduate Program in Urban and Regional Planning, University of Iowa, February 2006

Keynote speaker, "Empowering Future Generations," Kenyan Night, organized by the Kenyan Students Association, Iowa State University, November 2005

Guest Speaker, "Iowa in Ghana: Dr. Michael Warren and the Bono – Techiman of Ghana" Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, Iowa in Ghana Exhibition, August 2005.

Invited Speaker, "Changing Realities, Static Theories, and Conceptual Dead-Ends: Theoretical and Development Implications of Changing Livelihood Strategies in African Cities." Seminar honoring the retirement of Professor Michael McNulty, Department of Geography and African Studies Program, University of Iowa, IA, April 2005

Guest Speaker, "A Ghanaian Perspective on Slavery and Slave Trade" African American Historical & Cultural Museum, Waterloo, IA, April 2005

Guest Speaker, "Attacking Terrorism at its Roots? U.S. Millennium Challenge Account and Poverty Reduction in Africa" African Studies Colloquia, Iowa State University, IA, February 2005

Guest speaker, "Events and Things we'd rather forget: A Ghanaian Perspective on Slavery and Slave Trade" African American Historical Museum & Cultural Center of Iowa (AAHMCCI), Cedar Rapids, IA, November 2004

Keynote address, "Development in Africa: Beyond Afro-Pessimism" African Night, organized by the African Students Association, Iowa State University, April 2004

Invited Speaker, "The International Community and the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD): Pragmatism or Post-9/11 Reality?" Department of Geography Seminar Series, Miami University, Ohio, January 2004

Keynote Speaker, "Organizational Culture and Performance of Public Organizations in Ghana: Some Preliminary Findings" Workshop on Public Sector Effectiveness, Accra, Ghana, December 2003

Guest Speaker "Economic Development Issues in Africa" Presentation at the African Studies Colloquia, Iowa State University, IA, October 2003

Guest Speaker “Geography and (under)development: Africans as Prisoners of Geography?” College for Seniors course on African Mosaic, Iowa State University, September 2003

Invited speaker, “Livelihood Strategies and Public Organizations in Ghana” Catholic University of Ghana, Ghana, July 2003

Speaker, “Adventures in Planning: Doing Development in Africa” Department of Community & Regional Planning Coffee Talk, Iowa State University, IA, March 2003

Guest speaker, “What United States citizenship means to me” Naturalization Ceremony, Iowa Federal Court, Des Moines, September 2002

Guest speaker, “Globalization: What on Earth is it about?” Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames, February 2002

Invited speaker, “Development of Community Indicators for Council Bluffs” Community Enhancement Committee of the Iowa West Foundation, December 2001

Guest speaker, “How Ghana’s Public Health Employees Make a Living and Why it Leads to Low Productivity” Forum on Health and Human Rights in Africa organized by the Program on Africa, University of Washington, WA, December 2000

Speaker “Social and Economic Impacts of Structural Adjustment in Africa” at the Department of Geography Coffee Hour Series, University of Minnesota, MN, April 1997

#### **Peer-Reviewed Lectures and Presentations**

The wrath of capital or nature? Threats to cities from climate to COVID. Annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Chicago, IL Denver, CO, October 19-21, 2023

“Assessment of agronomy extension education on farmers’ empowerment towards food production in rural Uganda” (Paper Proceedings, pp. 1016-1036). National American Association for Agricultural Education Conference. Raleigh, North Carolina, USA, May 15-18, 2023 (with Ikendi, S., Masinde, D., Bain, C., & Oberhauser, A).

[https://aaaeonline.org/resources/Documents/National/2023Meeting/23\\_AAAE\\_Proceedings\\_combined\\_FINAL.pdf](https://aaaeonline.org/resources/Documents/National/2023Meeting/23_AAAE_Proceedings_combined_FINAL.pdf)

“The Wrath of Capital or Nature? Threats to African Cities from Climate to COVID,” Global Conference on Economic Geography 2022, Dublin, Ireland, June 7th to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (with Padraig Carmody).

Twenty Years of the US African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA): Policy Lessons from Kenya’s Experience” presented at the 2020 (60<sup>th</sup>) Online Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference, November 5-8, 2020 (with Kefa Otiso)

“Africa in the global geo-economic competition: New colonialism or opportunity for alternative policy paradigms?” Presentation at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-America Alliance for African Studies (MAAAS) conference, October 13-14, 2018, Lawrence, KS

Defying the “Resource Curse”? Strategies for Natural Resource-led Development in Africa. Presentation at the 23rd Annual Mid-America Alliance for African Studies (MAAAS) conference, October 19-20, 2018, Ames, IA,

“The New Urban Agenda: The role of ACSP schools in educating urban planners” XIV congress of the Asociación Latinoamericana de Escuelas de Urbanismo y Planificación (ALEUP), August 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 2018, Campus Lo Contador, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile in Santiago de Chile.

“Trumping Development: Selective Delinking in US-Africa Relations and Implications for Development” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers April 10-14, 2018, New Orleans (with Ricardo Reboredo and Pádraig Carmody)

“Neoliberalism, Urbanization & Change in Africa” Annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Denver, CO, October 12-15, 2017

“Emerging Alter-Globalization and Development Policy in Africa”, Regional Studies Association Annual Conference, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, June 4-7, 2017 (with Padraig Carmody)

“Neoliberalism, Urbanization and Change in Africa: The Political Economy of Heterotopias” 59<sup>th</sup> Annual African Studies Association Conference, Washington DC, Dec 1-3, 2016 (with Padraig Carmody)

“Building a Developmental Public Sector for Development in Sub-Sahara Africa” International Congress of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS), Merida, Mexico, June 18-22, 2012 (with Frank Ohemeng)

“Where Private Sector Solutions are not enough: The Case for a Developmental Public Sector in Sub-Saharan Africa” XVI Annual Conference of the International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM), Rome, Italy, 11-13 April 2012 (With Frank Ohemeng)

“Globalization and African development: Challenging the hegemonic marginalization narrative” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, February 2012, New York.

“Harnessing the Benefits of State Housing Trust Funds: Understanding the Role of Local Administrators in Meeting Affordable Housing Needs in Iowa” Annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2011, (with Carlton Basmajian)

“Does Marriage Increase the Risk of HIV/AIDS for Young Women? Evidence from Lesotho, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, August 2011, (with Christobel Asiedu and Elizabeth Asiedu)

“The Politics of Tax Administration Reforms in Developing Countries: A Critical Examination of the Ghanaian Case” Annual meeting of the International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM), Dublin, Ireland,

11th – 13th April, 2011, Panel Track on The Politics and Governance of Public Services in Developing Countries (with Frank Ohemeng)

“Implementing Performance-Based Management System in Ghana: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back?” Annual meeting of the International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM), Dublin, Ireland, 11th – 13th April 2011, Panel Track on The Praxis of Performance Management in Public Services (with Frank Ohemeng)

“Making Governance Indicators Useful in Poor Countries: A Case for Governance Indicators to Promote Change” Annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), October 6-9, 2010, Minneapolis, MN

“Post-Washington Consensus & Developmental Public Service: Organizational Culture as a Framework for Public Sector Reform in Africa” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2009

“Effects of HIV/AIDS on Poverty in Sub-Saharan African Cities” 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Africa Studies Association in Chicago, IL, November 13-16, 2008

“Why Do Ethanol Plants Locate Where They Do? Locational Choices of Ethanol Refineries in the American Midwest” (Monica Haddad and Gary Taylor) Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts, April 15-19, 2008

“Neoliberalism and the Changing Nature of Formal Sector Work in Urban Ghana” Annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), October 18-21 2007 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

“Rethinking Public Sector Reforms in Ghana: The Case for Greater Empiricism and Understanding of Organizational Cultures” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, Illinois, March 2006

“Competing Hegemons: American versus Chinese Geo-economic Strategies in Africa” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, Illinois, March 2006 (with Pádraig Carmody)

“Geography and Public Sector Reforms in Ghana: The Case for Greater Empiricism in Policy Design” Presentation at 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the West Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers and the International Geographical Union’s Commission on Geography and Public Policy, University of Iowa, Iowa City, November 2005

“Planning for Changing Livelihood Strategies in African Cities” Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Kansas City, MO, October 2005

“Organizational Culture, Performance and Public Sector Reforms in Africa: The Ghanaian Case” International Conference on Shared Growth in Africa organized by Institute for Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) of the University of Ghana, Cornell University, World Bank, United Kingdom Department for



International Development (DFID) and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Accra, Ghana, July 2005

“Multiple Livelihood Strategies in African Cities: Implications for Planning and Development” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Denver, April 2005

“Organizational Culture and the Performance of Public Organizations in Ghana: Learning from “Good Performers,” Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Portland, Oregon, October 2004

“Student Learning Outcomes Assessment in the Planning Curriculum” Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Portland, Oregon, October 2004 (with 4 others)

“Falling through the cracks? Poverty Reduction in Africa and the US War on Terrorism” Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, PA, March 2004

“The International Community and the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD): Pragmatism or Post-9/11 Reality?” Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, LA, March 2003

“Livelihood Strategies & Public Institutions: Explaining the Poor Performance of Schools and Hospitals in Ghana” Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, CA, March 2002

“Structural Adjustment, Urban Impoverishment and Multiple Modes of Livelihood in Ghana” Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 1999

“Structural Adjustment, Urban Livelihood and Service Provision in Ghana” MacArthur Consortium on International Peace and Cooperation, Spring Symposium entitled “The Challenge of Urban Sustainability,” University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, May 1998

“States and Industrial Development: The case of Botswana” Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA, March 1998 (with Abdi Samatar)

“Ghana’s Structural Adjustment and the Burden of Survival” Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers, Fort Worth, TX, April 1997

“Liberal Democracy versus Social Justice in Botswana: A Model for Africa?” Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL, March 1995 (with Abdi Samatar)

“Unequal Regional Development in Ghana: The Root Causes and their Implications for Current Development Policies” Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA, March/April 1994

“Spatial Implications of Ghana's Structural Adjustment Program” Annual Canadian Association of African Studies Conference, University of Quebec, Montreal Canada, May 1992

"Migration and Regional Development in Africa: Evidence from the Brong Ahafo Region of Ghana" Annual Meeting and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canadian Association of Geographers, Queens University, Kingston, Canada, June 1991 (with Joseph Mensah)

"Migration and Agricultural Production in Ghana: Evidence from Brong Ahafo Region" Annual Canadian Association of African Studies Conference, Toronto, Canada, May 1991

### **Other Conference Activities**

"Towards nutrition security among mothers and children through livelihood programs" (Poster presentation). Western Region of the American Association for Agricultural Education Research Conference: The crossroads of food, agriculture, and innovation. Logan, Utah, USA (with Ikendi, S., Masinde, D., Oberhauser, A., & Bain, C. (2023 September 18-20). <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/374153419>

"The renaissance of African livelihoods through livestock extension education programs" (Poster presentation). Western Region of the American Association for Agricultural Education Research Conference: The crossroads of food, agriculture, and innovation. Logan, Utah, USA (with Ikendi, S., Masinde, D., Oberhauser, A., & Bain, C. (2023b, September 18-20). <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/374153427>

"Community education for behavioral change towards food and nutrition security" (Poster Proceedings, pp. 395-398). National American Association for Agricultural Education Conference. Raleigh, North Carolina, USA (with Ikendi, S. & Masinde, D. (2023, May 15 18). <https://aaaeonline.org/resources/Documents/National/2023Meeting/2023%20AAAE%20Poster%20Proceedings.pdf>

Theme Leader, Urban Economic and Planning Geographies Theme, Global Conference on Economic Geography 2022, Dublin, Ireland, (June 7th to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022)

Panelist, Racism, Equity, Intersectionality: Global Perspectives on COVID-19 and Inclusion Hosted by the Global Planning Educators Interest Group, 2021 Annual ACSP Conference

Discussant, Session Title: New Research in Planning and Development Theory, 2021 Annual ACSP conference

Panelist, "COVID-19 in the Global South Impacts and Responses", Development Studies Association of Ireland Book launch Webinar, Wednesday 25, November 2020.

Panelist, "Preparing for the Academic Job Market", ACSP Student Workshop, Online Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference, November 8, 2020.

Panel Organizer and Moderator, "Capacity Building for The New Urban Agenda: The Role of Universities and Researchers" Online Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference, November 5-8, 2020.

Panel Organizer, The Changing International Higher Education Market in Urban Planning, Online Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference, November 5-8, 2020.

Panelist, “Advancing Diversity in Undergraduate Planning Programs” Committee on Diversity roundtable, Online Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference, November 5-8, 2020.

Panelist, “Accreditation of Planning Education: Global Experiences” Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP) Annual Congress, Venice, 9-13 July 2019

Conference Planning Committee member, 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-America Alliance for African Studies (MAAAS) conference, October 13-14, 2019, Lawrence, KS

Panelist, “Difficult Dialogues- Addressing Challenging Topics in International Planning Education” Annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Buffalo, NY, October 2018

Conference Program Committee Member, Annual African Studies Association Conference, Washington DC, Dec 1-3, 2016.

Panelist, Roundtable “International Planning: Lessons for North American Practice, Theory, and Pedagogy”, Annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Houston, TX, October 2015

Co-organizer and Panelist, “Beyond the Resource Curse: Toward a Coordinated Approach to Natural Resource Management in Africa” AAG Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, 21-25 April 2015

Discussant, African Capacity Building Foundation sponsored session on “Building Capacity for Natural Resource Management and Structural Transformation in Africa” 15<sup>th</sup> Global Development Network (GDN) Annual Global Development Conference, Accra, Ghana 18-20<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Co-organizer, panel on “Rethinking Public Sector Reforms in Democratic Developmental States” International Congress of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS), Merida, Mexico, June 18-22, 2012 (with Frank Ohemeng).

Participant, 2012 Africa Capacity Indicators Report (ACIR) Launch & Panel Discussion, World Bank, Washington, DC, USA, May 17th, 2012

Chaired a session on “ACIR Design and Roll-Out (Strategy, Field Surveys & Data Collection)” & served as a panelist on a session on Crystalizing Vision, Intention and Creating Strategic Scenarios (In-depth Discussion on Draft 2012 ACIR Report, Next Steps and Way Forward), 2012 ACIR Validation Workshop, Tunis, Tunisia, 19-20<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Panelist, “Overview of the 2012 ACIR” at the 2012 Africa Capacity Indicators Report (ACIR) Book Launch and Round Table Discussion, London, United Kingdom April 3, 2012

Co-organizer & chair, session on “New Geographies of African Development” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, February 2012, New York (with Pdraig Carmody)

Chair, Kwadwo Konadu Agyemang Distinguished Scholar Award Committee, African Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, 2012

Faculty Expert, World Food Prize Youth Institute, Pioneer Carver Center, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 2011, Des Moines

Co-organizer, “The Challenge of Global Aging” Heartland Global Health Consortium (HGHC) 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, October 12, 2011, Des Moines University, Des Moines

Conference Organizer, “Influence of Agriculture on Global Health” Heartland Global Health Consortium (HGHC) 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, October 13, 2010, Des Moines University, Des Moines

Discussant, session on “Planning, Housing and Urban Livelihoods” Annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), October 6-9, 2010, Minneapolis, MN

Co-organizer and Chair, three sessions on “Beyond the “Post” and Revisionist Discourses in African Development: Exploring Real Solutions to Africa’s Problems” Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2009

Participant, Biofuels and the Rural Economy Roundtable, Town/Craft ISU Extension, Perry, IA, May 2008.

Program Organizer, “Poverty, Food Security, Health, Education & Governance in Africa – Conversations with African Ambassadors and Leaders”, Iowa State University, October 17, 2007.

Session Organizer, “Urban Work/Labour: The Politics and Ethics of the Changing Development Debate”, Annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning ACSP, October 18-2, 2007, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Poster, “Geographic Analysis of Foreclosure Trends and Patterns in a Small Town America” (with Abigail Amisah-Arthur and Brittany Ryhal of Slippery Rock University) Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts, April 15-19, 2008.

Panel Organizer and Panelist, “Opportunities, Expectations and Challenges of Organizing Trans-Atlantic Conferences and Workshops in Africa”, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts, April 15-19, 2008

Session Organizer and Chair, “Africa’s Economic Recovery: Opportunities and Challenges: In Memory of Professor Konadu-Agyemang”, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts, April 15-19, 2008

Discussant, paper session on “Religion in Transnational Migration and Development” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, April 17-21, 2007, San Francisco, CA

Panelist, “Global Climatic Change and its impact on Africa” part of the 2007 Pesek Colloquium for Sustainable Agriculture, organized by the Wallace Chair for Sustainable Agriculture, on February 28, 2007, at Iowa State University

Panelist, “How to Spend \$50 Billion to Make the World a Better Place” World Affairs Series, University Lectures Program on November 13, 2006

Panelist, “One Foot In: Geographers Working in Other Disciplines: Interdisciplinary Methodologies and Applications” Panel discussion at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, Illinois, March 2006

Organizer and Chair, session on “Changing Livelihoods in Africa: Development and Planning Implications” at the 101st Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Denver, April 2005

Co-organizer, session on “Africa in the Post-911 World” at the 100th annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, PA, March 2004

Co-organizer, four sessions on “Africa’s Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Pertinent issues, Opportunities, and Challenges” at the 99th annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, LA, March 2003

Chair, a session on “Homelessness and Planning in a Comparative Perspective: India, Africa and the East in a Historical and Contemporary Approach” at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, CA, March 2002

Co-Organizer, two sessions on “Economic Reform and Change in Africa and Latin America” at the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 1999

Co-Organizer, a session on “Global Restructuring and the Third World” at the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA, March 1998

Co-Organizer, a session on “Social and Economic impacts of Structural Adjustment Programs in Africa” at the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers, Fort Worth, TX, April 1997

Panelist “Religion and Politics Today” Panel discussion at the Conference on “Africa toward the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Developing with our Soul” Minneapolis, MN, March 1995

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Professional Affiliations**

Member, American Planning Association

Member, Association of American Geographers

Member, Planners of Color Interest Group (POCIG)

Member, African Studies Association

Mid-America Alliance for African Studies (MAAAS)

### **Consultations**

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Francis Owusu

Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR), Nairobi, Kenya

National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA, USA

Africa Initiative, The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), Waterloo, ON, Canada,

World Bank

African Capacity Building Foundation, Harare, Zimbabwe

IFO-Institute for Economic Research, Department for Development Studies, University of Munich, Germany

### **Professional Service**

Member, Journal of Planning Education and Research Editors-in-Chief Selection Committee, 2023

Co-Chair for International Planning Track for Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conferences, 2021-2023

Member, ACSP Selection Committee for the Rising Scholar Award, 2021-2023

Member, ACSP's Global Planning Education Committee, 2019-2021

Member, GPIEG's Global Planning Education, 2019-2022

President, Mid-America Alliance for African Studies (MAAAS) 2019-20

Vice-President, Mid-America Alliance for African Studies (MAAAS) 2018-19

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Review and Appraisal Committee, (2018-present)

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) representative to Global Planning Education Association Network (GPEAN), (2015-2021)

Member, ACSP committee on Future Joint Congresses Task Force, 2017-2018

Member, American Association of Planners Taskforce on Academic Membership, 2017

Conference Program Committee Member, 59<sup>th</sup> Annual African Studies Association Conference, Washington DC, Dec 1-3, 2016.

Member, The Tomorrow Plan Steering Committee, Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), 2015-2020

Executive Board member, American Planning Association, Iowa Chapter 2013-2024

Advisory Panel member, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (DDRI), Geography and Spatial Science Program, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA. 2012-2014

Member, Technical Advisory Panel and Network (TAPNETs) of the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), Harare, Zimbabwe. (2011-present)

Distinguished External Reference Group member, *Capacity Development for Natural Resources Management*, African Capacity Building Foundation, Harare, Zimbabwe (2012-13)

Distinguished External Reference Group member, *Africa Capacity Development for Agricultural transformation and Food Security*, African Capacity Building Foundation, Harare, Zimbabwe (2011-12)

Distinguished Panelist, roundtable on “Africa Capacity Indicators Report (ACIR) – An Insightful Tool for Mapping Development in Africa” at the 7th Annual Meeting of the ACBF Technical Advisory Panels & Networks (TAP-NETs), Yaoundé, Cameroon, November 21-22, 2011

Distinguished External Reference Group member for the development of *Africa Capacity Development for Agricultural transformation and Food Security*, African Capacity Building Foundation, Harare, Zimbabwe (2011 – 2012)

Distinguished External Reference Group member for the development of *Africa Capacity Indicators 2011: Capacity Development in Fragile States*, African Capacity Building Foundation, Harare, Zimbabwe (2010 – 2011)

Fulbright Specialist Scholar List, December 2008-2012.

Member, International Advisory Board of the Techiman Heritage Trust, Techiman Traditional Council, Techiman, Ghana (2009-2012)

Member, Association of American Geographers International Research and Scholar Exchange Committee, 2007-2008

Chairperson, (elected position) Africa Specialty Group (a subgroup of the Association of American Geographers with over 250 members), 2005-2008

Member, Board of Directors, (elected position), Economic Geography Specialty Group (a subgroup of the Association of American Geographers with over 800 members), 2005-2008

Member, Student Dissertation and Paper Awards Committee, Economic Geography Specialty Group, 2005-2008

Member, Board of Directors, (elected position), Africa Specialty Group (a subgroup of the Association of American Geographers), 2002-2005

Student Director (elected position), Africa Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, 1996-1999

## Refereeing Activities

### *Editorships and Memberships on Editorial Boards*

Editorial Board member, *Journal of Planning Education and Research* (JPER) 2019-present

Associate Editor, Cities in the Global South section, *Frontiers in Sustainable Cities*  
(<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/sustainable-cities>) 2021-present

Editorial Board Member, *Dialogues in Urban and Regional Planning* (vol. 7) Theme: “Transformative Planning: Smarter, Greener and more Inclusive Practices”

Associate Editor, *Journal of African Development* (JAD). Available at <http://www.jadafea.com/> 2016-2020

Special issues editor (with B. Ikubolajeh Logan and Ezekiel Kalipeni), *Progress in Development Studies*, vol 12, No 2 & 3 Theme: “Beyond the ‘posts’ in African development discourse: exploring real solutions to Africa’s problems”, (Oversaw blind review of submittals, decided which manuscripts to include in the special issue)

Special issues editor, *GeoJournal: An International Journal of Human Geography and Environmental Sciences* Vol. 62, No.1-2, 2005. Theme “Opportunities and Challenges for Development in Africa” (Oversaw blind review of submittals, decided which manuscripts to include in the special issue)

Editorial Board Member, *PlacesOnLine* – an online project of the Association of American Geographers that brings together virtual online publications about "real" places, 2002-2012

Editor for the African Region, *PlacesOnLine*, 2002-2012

### *External Reviewer for Appointment, Tenure & Promotion*

College of Design, Georgia Institute of Technology (2021)

Department of Geography and Atmospheric Science & Department of African and African American Studies, University of Kansas (2020)

Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research, University of Ghana (2020)

School of Architecture, Louisiana State University (2020)

Urban & Regional Studies & Planning, L. Douglas Wilder School of Government & Public Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University (2020)

Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, American University of Beirut (2019)

School of Geosciences, University of South Florida (2019)

Department of Planning, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (2019);



The Heller School of Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University (2018);

School of Architecture, University of Virginia (2018);

Department of Geography, University of Regina, Saskatchewan (2017);

Department of Geography, University of Alabama (2015; 2016);

Business School, University of Ghana, (2015);

MountCrest University College, Accra (2014);

Department of Geography, Western University, London-Ontario (2013; 2020),

Department of Geography, Kent State University (2013);

Department of Geography, West Virginia University (2013)

Howard University, Department of History & Geography

University of Ghana, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER)

***Other services to institutions***

Endorsement of Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning Honours Programme, Architecture and Spatial Planning, Faculty of Natural Resources and Spatial Sciences, Namibia University of Science and Technology (2019)

Endorsement of Bachelor of Rural Development Honours Programme, Architecture and Spatial Planning, Faculty of Natural Resources and Spatial Sciences, Namibia University of Science and Technology (2019)

ISU Project Leader, University Capacity Development Program (University Staff Doctoral Programme) between University of Limpopo and Iowa State University, funded by Department of Higher Education and Training, South Africa (2018-2022)

Mentor for University Administrator - Hosted a University Administration Support Program (UASP) Research Management Fellow (funded by the Carnegie Corporation) from the University of Ghana at ISU, Sept 30<sup>th</sup>-Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

***Grant Proposals Reviewed (selected)***

National Science Foundation, Geography & Regional Science Program, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Seed Grants for Collaborative Work, Center for Excellence in the Arts and the Humanities (CEAH), Iowa State University, 2010

Faculty Senate Grant for Research and Scholarship, West Virginia University, 2004

Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant College Program, University of Illinois and Purdue University, Spring, 2004

Faculty Research Incentive Grant, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, 2003

Faculty Research Incentive Grant, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, 2002

*Journals Reviewer (selected)*

Africa Geographic Review (AGR)

African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition, and Development (AJFAND)

African Studies Quarterly

African Studies Review

Environment and Planning A

Geoforum

Geojournal: An International Journal on Human Geography

International Migration

Journal of Environmental Management

Journal of Planning Education and Research (JPER)

Africa Today

Journal of Third World Studies

Professional Geographer

Reviewer of background papers for the Africa Capacity Indicator Report (ACIR) 2010-present

Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography

Societies Without Borders

The Canadian Geographer

The Geographical Journal

The Social Science Journal

Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers

*Thesis External Reviewer (as of September 2017)*

Regional Institute of Population Studies, University of Ghana (External reviewer for nine doctoral dissertations, two MPhil dissertations, and 13 MA theses).