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EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle   **Seattle, WA**
MA/PhD in English- (Focusing on language, rhetoric and linguistics)   *Graduation Date: Jul 2029*

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)   **Kumasi, Ghana**
Bachelor of Arts (First Class Hons), English (Minor in French and Francophone studies)   *Graduation Date: Aug 2023*

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Washington   **Seattle, WA**
Research Assistant, Sociolinguistics Lab   *Mar 2025 - Present*

- Developed comprehensive coding schema by analyzing linguistic data to identify prevalent language patterns, leading to a 70% increase in accuracy of thematic categorization within IRI processing systems.
- Conducted detailed phonetic error analysis in speech technologies, resulting in the identification and correction of over 100 mispronunciation issues, aimed for enhancing system performance by 90%.
- Participate in team discussions and experiments for research methods on dialect bias in speech technologies.
- Collaborated with interdisciplinary teams to refine analytical methods for linguistic data interpretation, streamlining the coding process and reducing coding turnaround time by 35%, which accelerated project milestones.

Composition Instructor   *Sep 2024 - Present*

- Designed and developed comprehensive syllabi and innovative writing curricula centered on community engagement, utilizing anti-racist pedagogical frameworks to foster inclusive learning environment for 45 students.
- Assessed over 100 student assignments, enhancing research and argumentative skills evidenced through detailed feedback from students.
- Achieved an average course rating of 3.5 out of 5 by implementing inclusive and technology-driven teaching methodologies.
- Facilitated 5-credit writing courses focused on storytelling, social issues, and audience-centric writing for over 100 students in almost two years.

KNUST   **Kumasi, Ghana**
Teaching and Research Assistant   *Nov 2023 - Aug 2024*

- Delivered tailored instructional support to over 50 undergraduate students across diverse English courses through lesson planning and presentation skills, boosting student engagement and comprehension scores.
- Graded more than 200 student writing assignments and examinations, providing targeted feedback that resulted in a boost in student performance metrics while optimizing faculty course delivery efficiency by streamlining grading processes.
- Conducted linguistic research by collecting data via interviews and fieldwork documentation, then utilized AntConc to perform frequency, collocation, and word tagging analyses.

ADJOAA   **Romford, United Kingdom**
Social and Editorial Assistant (Remote)   *Aug 2022 - Sep 2023*

- Boosted social media engagement by 30% and reach by 58% through a datadriven content strategy and analytics.
- Contributed to a 30% increase in seasonal sales through effective weekly homepage curation and social media copywriting.
- Crafted SEO-optimized articles and edited biweekly guest blogs improving webiste traffic by 52%.
- Launched marketing campaign for new products leading to 25% increase in customer base.
- Elevated from Intern to Associate within six months due to performance excellence.

CONFERENCES/PRESENTATION

Canadian Society for the Study of Rhetoric (RhetCanada)   **Waterloo, Canada**
Speaker   *Jan 2026 - Jan 2026*

- Presented on the Discursive Ecology of Illegal mining discourse in Ghana at the RhetCanada conference.

Praxis Conference Committee   **Seattle, Wa**

Communications Coordinator   *May 2025 - May 2025*

- Coordinated communications for the Praxis Conference, May 2025.

AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS

- Praxis Leadership Award, Department of English- UW 2025
- Provost Recruitment Award, University of Washington 2024
- Girl Up United Nations Foundation stortelling Awards 2022
- Government of Ghana Merit Scholarship for Higher Education 2020

LEADERSHIP/COMMUNITY SERVICE

- **Lawra Girls STEM Summit**
  - Founded and led the Lawra Girls STEM Summit through Girl Up Projects in 2022.
- **Ambassador, Black Girls in Tech- Girls Talk Global**
  - *Ghana Ambassador for Tech summit by Girls Talk Global and Vodafone UK*
- **Researcher, Siscode Ghana**
  - Researched and drafted grant proposals to expand girls education in remote areas in Ghana
- **Editor, Girl Up Mission Queens**
  - Edited, crafted articles and copywriting for club's distribution channels

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Skills: technical writing, Microsoft suite, acoustics analysis, Python, design thinking, curriculum design, research

Interests: Sociolinguistics, Rhetoric, Cultural Analytics, Linguistics Justice, Written language studies, AI equity research