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**EDUCATION**

PH.D. Anthropology, Syracuse University, Syracuse, 2009.  
M.PHIL. Archaeology, University of Ghana, Legon, 1987.  
B.A. (Honors) Archaeology and Geography, University of Ghana, Legon, 1981.

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Syracuse University**

**Instructor**, WellsLink Leadership Program and the Multicultural Living Learning Community, Syracuse University, Fall 2010.  
**Adjunct Professor**, African American Studies Department, Syracuse University, Syracuse, Fall 2009.  
**Part-Time Instructor**, African American Studies Department, Syracuse University, Syracuse, Fall 2007.  
**Instructor**, SummerStart, Center for Academic Achievement/Academic Development and College Preparation Programs, Syracuse University, Syracuse, Summer 1998 – 2000.  
**Teaching Assistant**, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University, Syracuse, August 1996 – May 1998.

**University of Ghana, Legon**

**Lecturer**, Department of Archaeology, University of Ghana, Legon, October 1987 – 1995, and January 2002 – November 2004.  
**Teaching Assistant**, Department of Archaeology, University of Ghana, Legon, October 1981 - July 1985; and October 1986 – July 1987.

**University Courses Taught**

African Orature  
Archaeology, Anthropology and Cultural Evolution  
Archaeology and the Natural Environment  
College Survival Skills  
Cultural Resource Management  
General Prehistory  
Human Culture and Environment  
Human Origins and Cultural Foundations in Africa  
Introduction to African Religions  
Introduction to Archaeology and World Prehistory

Introduction to Historical Archaeology  
Introduction to Physical Anthropology and Human Evolution  
Iron Age of sub-Saharan Africa  
Living in a Diverse Society  
Method, Theory and Practical Archaeology  
Methods and Theory of Archaeology  
SummerStart Seminar  
Supervision of B.A. Long Essays

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Material Culture, Memory, Atlantic Africa and the African Diaspora.

### **CURRENT RESEARCH**

Ghana's Slave Castles, Social Memory, Memorial Entrepreneurism and the Politics of Cultural Commodification within the Black Atlantic

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Forthcoming. Cape Coast Castle and Rituals of Memory. In *Materialities, Meanings, and Modernities of Rituals in the Black Atlantic*, edited by Akin Ogundiran and Paula Saunders.

- 2009 With Alex B. Asiedu and Kwame Amoah Labi. An Asanteman–World Bank Heritage Development Initiative in Promoting Partnership with Ghanaian Traditional Leaders. *Africa Today* 55, 4: 3-26.
- 2007a Transformations and Disjunctures in the homeland: African American Experiences in Ghana. In *The Transatlantic Slave Trade: Landmarks, Legacies, Expectations*, edited by James K. Anquandah, pages 326-342. Sub-Saharan Publishers, Accra.
- 2007b Ghana's "Slave Castles," Tourism, and the Social Memory of the Atlantic Slave Trade. In *Archaeology of Atlantic Africa and the African Diaspora*, edited by Toyin Falola and Akin Ogundiran, pages 185-195. Indiana University Press, Bloomington and Indianapolis.
- 2006a Contested Monuments: African Americans and the Commoditisation of Ghana's "Slave Castles." In *African Re-gensis: Confronting Social Issues in the African Diaspora*, edited by Jay Havisser and Kevin MacDonald, pages 9-19. University College Press, London.
- 2006b Frontier Archaeology of the Akuapem Ridge and the Eastern Accra Plains. In *Accra Before Colonial Times: Proceedings of a Colloquium on Early Accra*. *Institute of African Studies Research Review Supplement* 17: 91-106.
- 2005 Mound Makers and Brass Casters from the Akuapem Ridge, Eastern Ghana: Question of Identity in the Archaeological Record. *Journal des Africanistes*, 75-2:

- 54-63.
- 2004a African American Reactions to the Restoration of Ghana's "Slave Castles." *Public Archaeology* 3: 195-204.
- 2004b "Slave Castles" and the Transatlantic Slave Trade: Ghanaian and African American Perspectives." *Ghana Studies* 2004, 7: 59-78.
- 2003 Contested Monuments: Research in Ghana. *West African Research Association Newsletter*, fall 2003: 16-17.
- 2002 The African American Factor in the Commodification of Ghana's Slave Castles. *Transactions of the Historical Society of Ghana*, New Series volume 6: 115-133.
- 1995 Impact of the "New" Archaeology on African Archaeology. *Arkeologija* 3: 49-53.
- 1992a The History and Archaeology of Kyerepong, Akwapim, c.1550-1700 AD. *Archaeology in Ghana* 3: 8-13.
- 1992b Abstracts of Recent B.A. Long Essays and M.Phil. Theses Submitted to the Department of Archaeology, University of Ghana, Legon. *Archaeology in Ghana* 3: 49-54.
- 1992c Breastfeeding, Fertility and Diet. *People's Daily Graphic*, Thursday, August 27, 1992 page 5.
- 1990 How to Check Illegal Exportation of Artifacts. *People's Daily Graphic*, Monday, May 7, 1990 page 5.
- 1989 Communication of Cultural Information. *West African Journal of Archaeology* 20: 110-114.

#### **FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2009 Alpha Beta Delta Honor Society, Syracuse University Branch.
- 2009 Lambda Alpha National Collegiate Honors Society for Anthropology.
- 2007 Golden Key International Honor Society, Syracuse University Branch.
- 2007 Andrew W. Mellon Award for Faculty Seminars in Ghana, "Towards Intra-racial and Interracial Understanding: African Voices on the Atlantic Slave Trade," July 5-19.
- 2005-07 Richard A. Horovitz Fellowship for Professional Development at Syracuse University, Syracuse.

- 2004-07 Ghana Education Trust Fund Scholarship for Doctoral Program at Syracuse University, Syracuse.
- 2005 Graduate School and Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University Travel Grant for African Studies Association 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on Health, Knowledge, and the Body/Politic in Africa and the African Diaspora. Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C., November 17-20, 2005.
- 2003 World Archaeological Congress Partial Award for the Fifth World Archaeological Congress in Washington, D.C. June 2003.
- 2003 University of Ghana Travel Supplementation Award for the Fifth World Archaeological Congress in Washington, D.C. June 2003.
- 2003 Graduate School and Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University Travel Grant for the Fifth World Archaeological Congress in Washington, D.C. June 2003.
- 2002 Summer Research Grant, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, Syracuse.
- 2001 West African Research Association Travel Grant.
- 2001 Claudia De Lys Scholarship, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University, Syracuse.
- 2000 Roscoe Martin Fund, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, Syracuse.
- 1999 Roscoe Martin Fund, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, Syracuse.
- 1996-1998 Syracuse University Graduate Assistantship and Tuition Scholarship, Syracuse University, Syracuse.
- 1995-1996 Fulbright Junior Staff Development Grant at Boston University, Boston.
- 1994 British Council Grant for British Council Seminar on Heritage, Education and Archaeology at Southampton.
- 1982-1987 University of Ghana Graduate Scholarship for Master of Philosophy Degree, University of Ghana, Legon.
- 1979-1981 Ghana Government Bursary for B.A. (Honors) Degree, University of Ghana, Legon.

## **CONSULTING AND TECHNICAL REPORTS**

- 2004 With Alex B. Asiedu and Kwame Amoah Labi. Identification of Cultural Heritage Assets in the Ashanti Region of Ghana. A Report Submitted to the Promoting Partnerships with Traditional Authorities Project (PPTAP, A World Bank and Asanteman Project).
- 1994a Archaeological Report of an Environmental Impact Study Submitted to Tropical Exploration and Mining Company (TEMCO) Limited as Part of the Environmental Impact Study of a Mining Concession Situated at Akrokerri in the Ashanti Region of Ghana Belonging to Canadiana Gold Resources Limited (June-September 1994).
- 1994b A Preliminary Archaeological Report of an Environmental Study Submitted to Tropical Exploration and Mining Company (TEMCO) Limited as Part of the Environmental Impact Study of the Mining Concession Situated at Dunkwa-on-Offin in the Central Region of Ghana Belonging to Continental Construction and Mining Company Limited (June 1994).
- 1991a Archaeological Report of an Environmental Study Submitted to Atewa Goldfields Limited as Part of the Environmental Impact Study of a Gold Concession Situated at Pusupusu in the Eastern Region of Ghana (December 1991).
- 1991b Archaeological Report of an Environmental Study Submitted to Tropical Exploration and Mining Company (TEMCO) Limited as Part of the Environmental Impact Study of a Gold Concession Situated at Datano in the Manso Area of the Amansie West District of the Ashanti Region of Ghana (April 1991).
- 1989 Archaeological Report of an Environmental Study Submitted to Tropical Exploration and Mining Company (TEMCO) Limited as Part of the Environmental Impact Study of a Gold Concession Situated in the Mpohor Wassaw East District of the Western Region of Ghana (July 1989).

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

### **Conference/Academic Presentations**

- 2009 Remembering the Slave Trade in Atlantic West Africa. The 33<sup>rd</sup> New York African Studies Association (NYASA) Conference on Reconstruction, Peace and Transformation in Africa. The Africa Initiative of Syracuse University at the Department of African American Studies, Syracuse, New York (April 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> 2009).
- 2007 Reversing the African Diaspora: The Re-interment of Ancestral Diaspora Remains in the Motherland. World Archaeological Congress Inter-Congress on Threats to Archaeology – Its Importance, Values and Development. The Archaeological Society of Jamaica, University of the West Indies Mona Campus (May 20-26, 2007).

- 2005 Memorial Entrepreneurialism, African American Activism and Ghana's Slave Castles. African Studies Association 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on Health, Knowledge, and the Body/Politic in Africa and the African Diaspora. Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C. (November 17-20, 2005).
- 2005 The Battle over Ghana's Slave Castles. Department of Anthropology Graduate Students' Brown Bottle Seminar, Syracuse University, Syracuse (May 13, 2005).
- 2005 "The African doesn't really understand the Slave Trade." African American Reactions to the Memorialization of Ghana's "Slave Castles." Department of Anthropology Brown Bag Seminar, Syracuse University, Syracuse (March 9, 2005).
- 2004 Frontier Archaeology of the Eastern Accra Plains and the Akuapem Hills. Colloquium on Early Accra c.1300-1800. Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon (October 20-22, 2004).
- 2004 African American/Ghanaian Relations. International Conference on the Transatlantic Slave Trade in Accra (August 30 – September 2, 2004).
- 2003 "For us they do not mean the same thing as they do for you." Ghanaian and African American Perspectives about Ghana's Slave Castles/Dungeons. Ministry of Tourism and Modernization of the Capital City National Slave Route Conference in Accra (November 3-5, 2003).
- 2003 Monuments and the Experience of Historical Reality: African Americans and Ghana's Slave Castles in a Transnational Landscape. 5th World Archaeological Congress in Washington, D. C. (June 21-26, 2003).
- 2002 The African American Factor in the Commodification of Ghana's Slave Castles. Historical Society of Ghana Annual Conference on History, Our Heritage and National Development, Legon (July 25-28, 2002).
- 2001 Contested Monuments: African Americans and the Political Economy of the Commodification of Ghana's Slave Castles. World Archaeological Congress Inter-Congress on the African Diaspora, Kura Hulanda, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles (April 23-29, 2001).
- 2000 Transnationalism and the Political Economy of Ghana's Tourism Industry. New York African Studies Association 24th Annual Conference, State University of New York, Cortland (April 28-29, 2000).
- 1998 Social Reconstruction of the Past: A Review of the Dominant Oral Traditional Account of Akyem Abuakwa Presence on the Akwapim Ridge, Ghana, C.1630-1800. Society of Africanist Archaeologists 14th Biennial Conference, Syracuse

University, Syracuse, (May 20-24, 1998).

- 1996 Colonial and Post-Colonial Archaeology in Africa. Fourth Annual Graduate Conference in African Studies, African Studies Center, Boston University, Boston (March 29-30, 1996).
- 1989 Akuapem and Shai Pottery: A Comparative Study. Department of Archaeology What is New Seminars, Department of Archaeology, University of Ghana, Legon (July 20, 1989).
- 1989 Communication of Cultural Information. Conference in Honor of Professor Thurstan Shaw, Ibadan, Nigeria (November 19-23, 1989).
- 1988 The History and Archaeology of Kyerepong, Akuapem, C.1550-1700 A.D. Departments of Archaeology and History Staff and Graduate Seminar, Department of History Library, University of Ghana, Legon (July 8, 1988).

#### **Seminar/Workshop Participation**

- 2007 The Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Conference on “‘The bloody Writing is forever torn’: Domestic and International Consequences of the First Governmental Efforts to Abolish the Atlantic Slave Trade.” Hosted by the Historical Society of Ghana and the University of Cape Coast, Elmina Beach Resort, Ghana, August 8-12, 2007.
- 2004 National Governance Workshop on Traditional Authority and Good Governance: Implications for Democratic Consolidation, Miklin Hotel, Kumasi (October 27- 29, 2004).
- 2004 Department of Geography and Resource Development’s Heritage Tourism Promotion and Tourism Satellite Accounting seminar at the Research and Graduate Studies Conference Room, University of Ghana, Legon (February 11-20, 2004).
- 2003 Old Accra Redevelopment Conference, Teachers Hall Accra (February 19, 2003).
- 1994 Rapporteur, Inter-University Seminar/Workshop on Social Science Research, School of Administration, University of Ghana (July 25-29, 1994).
- 1994 British Council Seminar/Course on Heritage, Education and Archaeology, Southampton (October 1994).
- 1994 Rapporteur, School of Communication Studies, the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and the PANOS Institute National Conference on Independent Broadcasting in Ghana, Commonwealth Hall Lecture Theatre, University of Ghana, Legon (November 15-17, 1994).

- 1992 Ghana Minerals Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency Seminar on Guidelines to Regulate Mining Activities in Ghana, Accra, Ghana (June 24-26, 1992).
- 1990 National Council for Adult Education National Conference and Workshop for Adult Education Networks, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana (May 3-7, 1990).

**Extension**

- 2009 Guest Lecturer, Anthropology class ANT 456/656 Representations of Indigenous People, Syracuse University, Syracuse on Representations in West Africa (October 13, 2009).
- 2009 Guest Lecturer, Anthropology class, ANT 461/661 NAT 461 Museums and Native Americans, Syracuse University, Syracuse on Museums in West Africa (April 14, 2009).
- 2006 Guest Lecturer, History class, HST 300 Selected Topics: Slavery in Africa, Syracuse University, Syracuse on Ghana's "Slave Castles" and the Memorialization of the Transatlantic Slave Trade (September 6, 2006).
- 2001-04 Senior Patron, Legon Archaeology Students Association (LASA).
- 1998 Helped organize the Society of Africanist Archaeologists 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference at Syracuse University, Syracuse (May 1998).
- 1993 Guest Lecturer, Senior Secondary School students from Benkum Secondary School, Larteh Akuapem, February 17, 1993 as Director of Department of Archaeology, University of Ghana Field School at Larteh Akuapem (February 1993).
- 1992 Host Lecturer, Senior Secondary School students from Mpraeso visiting the Department of Archaeology Teaching Museum (November 26, 1992).

**Field Experience**

- 1993 Field Director, Department of Archaeology, University of Ghana Field School excavation at Larteh Akuapem, Ghana (February 1993).
- 1992 Field Director, Department of Archaeology, University of Ghana Field School archaeological survey at Abotakyi and Larteh Akuapem, Ghana (April 1992).
- 1991 Co-Director, Archaeological Survey of the Asante Military Cemetery, Kumasi.



- 1990 Field Director, Archaeological Survey of the Lower Densu Basin (April 1990).
- 1988 Participant, Department of Archaeology, University of Ghana Field School at the Akotia-Ayawaso site, Western Accra Plains, Ghana in April with Professor L.B. Crossland as Field Director.
- 1986 Field Director, Ethnoarchaeological Study of Shai (Eastern Accra Plains, Ghana) Pottery (October-December, 1986).
- 1985 Field Director, Archaeological investigation (excavation) at Awukugua, Akuapem, Ghana.
- 1983 Field Assistant, Ethnoarchaeological Investigation of Farm Shelters at Hani, Ghana with Professor Merrick Posnansky, Departments of History and Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles, USA as Field Director.
- 1982/83 Student Participant, Department of Archaeology, University of Ghana Field School involving excavation at Ladoku Hill-Top site, Eastern Accra Plains, Ghana in April with Professor L.B. Crossland as Field Director.
- 1980 Student Participant, Conservation work at the Ghana Museums and Monuments Board, Accra under the supervision of the Chief Technician Kwame Adu (July 28-August 15, 1980).
- 1980 Student Participant, Department of Archaeology, University of Ghana Field School at Dawu, Akuapem involving the survey and excavation of a rubbish mound with Professor J. E. G. Sutton as Field Director.

**Membership of Professional Associations**

- African Studies Association
- Ghana Studies Council
- Society of Africanist Archaeologists
- West African Research Association
- World Archaeological Congress

**Membership of Boards and Committees, University of Ghana, Legon**

- 1988-1995 Academic Board
- 1988-1995 Admissions Board
- 1988-1995 Examinations Board
- 1988-1995 Tutorial Board of Commonwealth Hall
- 1988-1995 Hall Tutor, Commonwealth Hall
- 1990-1992 Management Committee of the Institute of African Studies (Representing the Board of Faculty of Social Studies)
- 1992 Ad-Hoc Committee on Course Credit Semester System of the Faculty of Social Studies

- 1987-1992 Board of the Faculty of Social Studies  
1988-1990 Board of the Faculty of Law (Representing the Board of Faculty of Social Studies)  
1989 Sub-Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies on the Report of the Committee on Language and Study Skills, African and General Studies

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