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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Politics and Philosophy Dec. 2023 - present
College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS)
University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho.

Lecturer, JS Addo School of Business Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2016
Marshalls University College, Accra, Ghana.

Tutor, Department of Public Admin. & HSM Aug. 2012 – Sept. 2016
University of Ghana School of Continuing & Distance Education, Legon-Accra, Ghana

EDUCATION

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) **Tokyo, JP**
Ph.D. Advanced Policy Studies, Graduate School of Policy Studies. Oct. 2021

- Subfields: Comparative Politics (major) & International Relations (minor)
- Dissertation: *Partisan Cocoa: Varieties of Cocoa Upgrading in Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire*.
- Committee: Veerayooth Kanchoochat (Chair), Khoo Boo Teik and Yusuke Takagi.

M.A. Advanced Policy Studies, Graduate School of Policy Studies Sept. 2017

- Subfield: Comparative and International Political Economy
- Policy Paper: *Transnational Factors and the Politics of Industrial Policy: The Case of Ghana's Cocoa Value Chain*

University of Ghana (UG) **Legon-Accra, GH**

M.Phil. Public Administration, UG Business School/Dept. of Public Admin. & HSM July 2014

- Dissertation: *Local Government Institutions and Adaptation to Climate Change in the Keta Municipality*

BSc. Admin. (Public Administration), UG Business School/Dept of Public Admin. & HSM May 2011

- Long Essay: *The Relevance of Export Incentive Schemes in Ghana: An Assessment of Export Firms in the Greater Accra Region*.
- Honors: First Class

PUBLICATIONS, WORKING PAPERS & WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Takyi, P.O., **Sorkpor, C.** & Asante, G.N. (2022). Mobile Money for Financial Inclusion and Savings Practices: Evidence from Ghana, *Journal of Economic and Administrative Sciences* (Published online 26th April 2022).
- Bondong, R., **Sorkpor, C.**, & Pagrah, M. M. (2020). Implementation Challenges of the Decentralized Recruitment and Selection Policy in Ghana Education Service: The Case of the Upper West Region. *ADRRI Journal of Arts and Social Sciences*, 17(5 (5), 1-23.
- Appiah-Agyekum, N.N., **Sorkpor, C.** & Ofori, S.M. (2014). Determinants of Abortion Decision among Ghanaian University Students. *International Journal of Adolescent Medicine and Health*, 26(4):457-589.

- Global Production Networks & Upgrading: A Political Economy Perspective of State-Based Roles (*work in progress*)
- Ghana's Brown Gold & the Middle Value-Added Trap: More Politics than Economics. (*work in progress*)
- Partisan Commodities & Varieties of Upgrading: Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Malaysia, and Thailand in Comparative & International Perspective. (Book project based on my dissertation, currently being revised and expanded with additional cases [Malaysia, Thailand]). [*work in progress*].

RESEARCH, TEACHING & GEORGRAPHIC INTERESTS

- **Research Interests:** Comparative and International Political Economy (Variation in economic development, especially upgrading and innovation as a function of institutions and politics); Varieties of Capitalism; Political Development and State building; (*green*) catch-up industrialization; State-business relations; Climate Change and Sustainability, global health and political economy of financial inclusion
- **Geographical Focus:** The Global South - Sub-Saharan Africa, Southeast Asia.

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

- **Instructor**, University of Idaho: POLS555 Public Administration Theory, Fall 2024; POLS 480 Politics of Development (Assigned Course for Spring 2025)
- **Instructor**, Shane Corporation, Tokyo-Japan: Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced (Business) English, Aug. 2022- Oct. 2023.
- **Teaching Assistant**, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS): GOV3310E Comparative Political Economy, Fall 2018; GOV8311E Advanced Comparative Political Economy, Spring 2019.
- **Lecturer**, Marshalls University College: Introduction to Human Resources Management (Level 200), Industrial Psychology (Level 400); Strategic Human Resource Management (Level 400), Oct. 2015 -Sept. 2016.
- **Tutor**, University of Ghana School of Continuing and Distance Education: Introduction to Public Administration (Level 100); Export Administration (Level 300); Local Government Administration (Level 300); Management of Non-Governmental Organization (Level 300) Public finance (Level 400), Aug. 2012 – Sept. 2016.
- **Teaching Assistant**, University of Ghana Business School: Export Administration (Level 300); Local Government Administration (Level 300); Public Finance (Level 400); Development Administration (Level 400); Advanced Environmental Management (Graduate/MPA course); ADM013 Constitutional Law; ADMN 056 Administrative Law, Aug. 2013 – Jul. 2015.

RESEARCH & PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

- **Research Assistant**, Japan's Global Health Policy Project: Collaborated with Dr. Murakami Hiromi, Resident Scholar of the GRIPS Global Health Innovation Policy Program (GHIPP), on research, and analysis for Japan's Global Health Policy Project. Dec. 2020 – Sept. 2021.
- **Doctoral Researcher** (Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2021): Led elite interviews, focus group discussions, and archival research in Ghana (Oct. 2018 – Nov. 2018) and Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire (Jan. 2020 – Mar. 2020).

SERVICE & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- Co-organizer, Idaho Society of Fellows Speaker Series Event, Spring 2024
- Discussant, GRIPS Global Governance (Gcube) Executive Seminar, Spring 2018, 2019; 2020

- Co-leader/Organizer, the 8th GRIPS Student Conference: Public Policy in a Changing World: Tackling Global Issues, Tokyo-Japan, Sept. 2019
- Co-leader/Organizer, the 7th GRIPS Student Conference: Public Policy for Peace and Sustainable Growth, Tokyo-Japan, Sept. 2018
- Group Leading Role, the 25th UNICEF African Child Day, Kumamoto, Japan, April 2017
- Class Coordinator, Global Economic History, Comparative Political Economy, International Relations, Fall 2016
- Member, UGBS Junior Common Room Public Relations and Publicity Committee, Oct. 2009 – May 2011.
- Vice President, University of Ghana Public Administration Students Association of Legon (PASAL), Aug. 2010 – May 2011.
- Assistant Boys Prefect, Anlo Senior Secondary School (ANSECO), Aug. 2001 – Jul. 2002

AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- GRIPS/Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Research grant for dissertation/book project. Amount Granted: ¥ 525,418.61. (Jan. 2020 – Mar. 2020).
- GRIPS/Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Research grant for dissertation/book project. Amount Granted: ¥ 640,000. (Oct. 2018 – Nov. 2018).
- GRIPS Fellowship: Japanese Government fellowship for doctoral studies completion. Fellowship Amount: ¥ 2 million 97 thousand. (Apr. 2020 – Sept. 2021).
- GRIPS Global Governance (Gcube)/Leading Scholars/Leader of Leaders Fellowship: Japanese Government/JSPS funded fellowship for graduate studies (Master & Doctoral studies) - Fellowship Amount: ¥ 7 million 710 thousand (Oct. 2016 – Mar. 2020).

RESEARCH NETWORKS & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Fellow, Idaho Society of Fellows, December 2023 – present
- Verified Training Partner, International Federation of Global & Green Information Communication Technology [IFGICT Certification No.: FE27022Z21], April 2020 – present
- Member, Japan Society for Political Economy (JSPE) [ID: 221362], Oct. 2019 – present

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Strategic Partnerships Associate, GRIPS SDGs Accelerator (GSAP), Jan. 2019 – Oct. 2023
 - Led the development of GSAP's communication strategy to facilitate effective dialogue among corporate leaders, multilateral organizations (ADBI and JICA), national NGOs, politicians, and government officials in Japan.
 - Developed a market forecast database - EcoSAfri Forecast - for Southeast Asian and African economies, driving investment, public-private partnerships, and SDG promotion across these economies in alignment with GSAP's mission.
- Research & Administrative Assistant, DPAHSM-UGBS, Legon-Accra, Aug. 2011 – Jul. 2012

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Software: Stata and R Studio, Python, LaTeX, Microsoft suite; Google Workspace; **Language(s):** Ewe (Native); Twi (Proficient); English (Professional); Japanese (Basic); **Interests:** Public Speaking; Int'l Affairs, Social Impact, Diplomacy, Playing Table Tennis, Reading Science Policy books & biographies.

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