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### EDUCATION

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Nov 2025 - till date	<b>Doctor of Philosophy in Agriculture</b> University of South Africa Ongoing
Sep 2019 - Sep 2023	<b>Master of Philosophy in Agricultural Economics</b> University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Central Region, Ghana Graduation Date: September 2023
Nov 2021 - May 2022	<b>Master of Science in Agribusiness and Quality Control</b> Université Abou Bekr Belkaid, Tlemcen-Algeria (Exchange Programme)-ACADEMY project-Intra Africa Mobility Scheme
Aug 2014 - May 2018	<b>Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness</b> University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Central Region, Ghana Graduation Date: May 2018

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### RESEARCH INTEREST

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Agribusiness, Agriculture, Agricultural Economics, Sustainability Science and Development, Risk Management, Econometric Models, Food Safety and Quality Control, Post-Harvest Technology, Climate Change

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### RESEARCH SPONSORSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP

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Nov. 2021-May 2022	European Union through the ACADEMY project-Intra-Africa Mobility Scheme-Algeria
Jan. 2020-Dec. 2021	MPhil. Thesis, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, through the project "Building vegetable farmers' resilience to climate change," DFC project no: 19-04-AU.
May 2018	Agribusiness Students' Association of Ghana-Sports Personality
August 2014-May 2018	NADeF Excellence Scholarship, Kenysai Ahafo

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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8 <sup>th</sup> August 2023-Till date	Branch Manager (Ghana), NGO-Support and Empower Women Foundation, Ghana <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Officiate all the affairs of the foundation in the absence of the CEO and General Director</li><li>• Overseeing budget planning, monitoring expenses, and ensuring adherence to financial guidelines, while optimizing resource utilization.</li><li>• Implementing systems supported by the CEO and General Director for monitoring program progress and outcomes, and generating regular reports to inform decision-making and demonstrate impact.</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitating effective communication and coordination among team members, departments, and external partners to ensure smooth program implementation.</li> <li>• Ensuring that programs meet quality standards, align with best practices, and deliver meaningful outcomes to beneficiaries.</li> <li>• Promoting the foundation's mission and initiatives through effective communication, advocacy campaigns, and community awareness activities.</li> <li>• Collaborating with the Monitoring and Evaluation team to analyze program data, identify areas for improvement, and implement lessons learned for future programs.</li> </ul>
Nov. 2021 – May 2022	<p>Graduate Research Assistant, Agribusiness and Quality Control Université Abou Bekr Belkaid, Tlemcen, Algeria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist in the research activities of Dr Youcefi under the ACADEMY project-Intra Africa Mobility Scheme</li> <li>• Perform other related academic activities assigned</li> </ul>
Sep. 2018 – Aug. 2019	<p>Teaching and Research Assistant, Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, University of Cape Coast, Ghana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisting my supervisor in delivering courses such as Communication for Extension students, Value Chain, Food Safety and Quality Standards</li> <li>• Preparing assignments, test papers, and course materials for students.</li> <li>• Organizing tutorials for students in the class and discussing topics that the students did not understand well.</li> <li>• Assisted in the supervision of undergraduate student projects and dissertations.</li> <li>• Field data collection and analysis</li> </ul>
Sep. 2017 – Dec. 2017	<p>Intern, Farm Manager, Cluster Farming Holdings, Ekumfi Ekrawfo, Central Region of Ghana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managed the farm for a month (assigning tasks to workers, supervising tasks, making a weekly report, holding general meetings with workers)</li> <li>• Hatchery Assistant (feeding fingerlings, checking the pond water quality, transferring fingerlings, and hatching fish).</li> <li>• Catfish production and marketing as my final year Agribusiness Supervised Project for six (6) months.</li> <li>• Training and assisting individuals and groups who are interested in producing catfish.</li> </ul>
June 2016 -July 2016	<p>Intern, MoFA, Department of Agriculture, Hwidiem, Asutifi South, Ghana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registering farmers of E-Agriculture</li> <li>• Proposal writing</li> <li>• Taking stock of fertilizers</li> </ul>

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- Field data collection and analysis
  - Training farmers on the use of farming technologies
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### **Workshops/Conferences/Seminars Attended**

#### ***As a Participant:***

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1. **Participant**, How to identify research gaps-Elsevier, June 7, 2025
  2. **Participant**, Training on Proposal Writing- World Bank ACE II AF, August 7-11, 2023
  3. **Participant**, Abstract and delivering an Oral Presentation at the BSU III International Conference on Climate Change Resilience, Adaptation & Sustainable Rural Transformation held from 4th & 5th October, 2022 at KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana, October 4-5, 2022
  4. **Participant**, Content Management, Strategy and Reporting in the Digital Era, October 27-29, 2021
  5. **Participant**, 10-week course “international conflict analysis and peacebuilding” organized by the teaching agency for conflict analysis and peacebuilding, November 15, 2021
  6. **Participant**, Improving Rice Integrity and Managing Food Fraud held at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana on August 1, 2019
  7. **Participant/Media personnel**, Delivery on Africa’s University Agenda for Higher Agricultural Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (AHESTI), December 2019
  8. **Participant**, RUFORUM: Proposal Development, Science Writing and Presentation Training for Master's Students, December 2019
  9. **Participant**, Food Safety and Food Fraud Confidentiality, 2018
  10. **Participant**, 34th IAAS-UCC Green Week seminar dubbed reducing graduate unemployment through sustainable agriculture and agribusiness, University of Cape Coast, March 2017
  11. **Participant**, 37th IAAS-Ghana, National Congress at UDS, Nyankpala Campus, October 2016
  12. **Participant**, Excellent summit dubbed, “Starting your own business”, Kwame Nkrumah Hall, UCC and Youth Directorate of FGBMFI-Ghana, March 2014
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#### ***As a Speaker/Facilitator, Trainer***

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1. **Trainer**, Data Collection using Kobo Collect Tool, 2024
  2. **Trainer**, Republic of Ghana’s Population and Housing Census-2021 (Regional Trainer), 2021
  3. **Guest speaker**, Gender equality, increasing the voice of women to be heard, CAMFED Cape Coast Cluster, September 21, 2020
  4. **Trainer**, Marketing plan on social responsibility towards backyard farming at Cluster Farming Holdings in Ekrawfo-Ekumfi District, 2017
  5. **Facilitator**, Developing catfish business for income and employment generation at Cluster Farming Holdings Ltd. at Ekrawfo-Ekumfi, 2017
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#### ***As a Data Analyst/Enumerator***

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1. **Enumerator**, Agribusiness for Youth Employment-World Food Programme, World Vision-2023, December 2023

2. **Enumerator**, Climate Change Resilience, Adaptation and Sustainable Rural Transformation, 2022
  3. **Data analyst/Enumerator**, Smallholder Vegetable Farmers' Perceptions and Willingness to Accept Agribusiness Model: A Study in the Central Region of Ghana, 2021
  4. **Data analyst/Enumerator**, KOIKA-GoG RICE improvement value chain baseline survey, 2021
  5. **Data analyst**, Introduction of Animal Welfare in the Rearing of Animals in West Africa, 2020
  6. **Enumerator**, Nutritional Impact of Food Crop Diversification in Climate Smart Agriculture: Empirical Study of Farm Households in Central Region, Ghana, 2019
  7. **Enumerator**, Factors Influencing Levels of Adoption of Subsurface Irrigation Technologies in Ghana, 2019
  8. **Data analyst**, The Role of Mobile Phones and Social Media in Enhancing Communication in the Marketing of Poultry Products, 2019
  9. **Data analyst**, Gender and climate change, 2018
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## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Mbugua, B. W., Obeng, S. A., Murongo, M., **Opoku-Agyemang, W.**, Hanyabui, E., & Fall, A. F. (2021). Impacts on access to factors of production among smallholder farmers in central Uganda during the COVID-19 lockdown. *African Journal of Agricultural Research*, 17(10), 1288-1295.

**Williams, Opoku-Agyemang** and Acquah, Henry De-Graft and Nuer, Alexander Tetteh Kwasi and Omega, Selorm. Smallholder Vegetable Farmers' Perceptions and Willingness to Accept Sustainable Agribusiness Models for Technological and Economic Wellbeing: Evidence from the Central Region of Ghana. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4602735> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4602735>

**Williams, O. A.**, Zadok, A. O. , Afari, K. , & Joel, A. A. (2025). Purchasing Behaviour of Fruits and Vegetables among International Students at University of Tlemcen, Algeria: Preferences, Income Effects, and Budget Constraints. *World Journal of Agricultural Research*, 13(2), 23-33. DOI: 10.12691/wjar-13-2-2

**Under Review:** Self-reported daily routines and activity patterns in the community: influence on violent incidents in prison custody in Ghana

**Under Review:** Employment Outcomes and Workplace Preparedness of Technical University Graduates: A Tracer Study on Alumni Satisfaction and Institutional Effectiveness at Takoradi Technical University

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## **REVIEW FOR JOURNALS**

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- International Journal of Sociology and Anthropology (2021)
  - Journal of Economics and International Finance (2022)
  - Journal of Economics and International Finance (2024)
  - Journal of Economics and International Finance (2025)
  - Journal of Economics and International Finance (2026)
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## **STRONG ATTRIBUTES, COMPETENCIES, AND SKILLS**

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- Hardworking,
- Ability to work under pressure,
- Takes responsibilities,

- Problem-solving skills,
- Ability to relate to people from differing backgrounds,
- Ability to initiate and maintain clear,
- Concise documentation,
- Excellent writing and communication skills,
- Experience in data processing, analysis, and reporting,
- Excellent quantitative and qualitative research,
- Strong research/evaluation and analytical skills,
- Computer literate with very good knowledge of programs and software such as: Microsoft Office Programs (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint), SPSS, STATA, KOBO collect tool, ODK collect, R language (beginner), NVivo, Google Drive tools, Computer-Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI), Competency in AI tools, and Google Form.

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## REFERENCES

- Prof. Latifa Negadi, Lecturer, University of Tlemcen, Tlemcen, Algeria [latifanegadi@yahoo.fr](mailto:latifanegadi@yahoo.fr)/[latifa.negadi@univ-tlemcen.dz](mailto:latifa.negadi@univ-tlemcen.dz) +213 666 75 66 64
- Prof. Henry De Graft Acquah, Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension (DAEE), University of Cape Coast, Ghana, [degraft.acquah@ucc.edu.gh](mailto:degraft.acquah@ucc.edu.gh) 0245543956
- Dr. (ir) Alexander Tetteh Kwesi Nuer, Senior Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension (DAEE), University of Cape Coast, Ghana, [alexander.nuer@ucc.edu.gh](mailto:alexander.nuer@ucc.edu.gh) 0245-811-175
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