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Research Interest

- Broad: Descriptive and Theoretical Syntax.
With a focus on: The structure of Mabia and Ghanaian Languages, language endangerment, language maintenance, and the pedagogy of language in education.
- Narrow: The Morpho-Syntax of Likpakpaanl.
With a focus on: The syntax of elliptical phenomena, anaphoric elements, and information structure (Focus and Topic realisations).

Education

2021-2024: PhD in Linguistics

Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Dissertation title: *The Syntax of Elliptical Constructions in Likpakpaanl.*

2013-2015: M.Phil in Applied Linguistics

University of Education, Winneba, Winneba

Thesis title: *Reflexivisation in Likpakpaanl.*

2006-2010: B. Ed. (Arts) English

University of Cape Coast, Ghana

Thesis title: *Factors that account for the poor performance of Pupils in English in the Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) in the Saboba District.*

2000 – 2003: Teachers' Cert' A,'

Tamale Training College

1997 – 1999: WASSCE, (General Arts)

St. Charles Minor Seminary/Senior Secondary School, Tamale.

Employment History

- **April 2016 - July 2020:** Language and Linguistics Tutor and Acting Head of the Department of Languages at St. Vincent College of Education, Yendi.
- **March 2013-July, 2020:** Part-time tutor at the University of Education, Winneba (UEW), Distance Education Programme from (Winneba and Tamale Study Centres).
Courses taught include Phonetics and Phonology of English, Introduction to General Linguistics, and the Language Situation in Ghana.
- **January 2016-July, 2020:** Part-time tutor on University for Development Studies (UDS) Distance Education Programme from (Yendi Study Centre).
Courses taught include Introduction to Linguistics, English Language and Communication Skills.
- **April 2018-March 2019:** Part-Time Communication Skills Lecturer at the Yendi College of Health Sciences.

- **September 2010 - August 2013:** English Language and Literature in English Teacher, St. Charles Seminary/ Senior High School, Tamale.
- **September 2003 - July 2006:** English Language and RME teacher, St. Brigid's Junior Secondary Senior, Chereponi.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publication

- Acheampong, S. O. (2024). Resumption and long-distance wh-movement in Likpakpaanl. In A. Himmelreich, D. Hole, & J. Mursell (Eds.), *To the left, to the right, and much in between: A Festschrift for Katharina Hartmann*. (pp. 27–42). Frankfurt: Goethe University Frankfurt.
- Abubakari, H., Issah, S. A., **Acheampong, S. O.**, Luri, M. D., & Napari, J. N. (2023). Mabia languages and cultures expressed through personal names. *International Journal of Language and Culture*, 1–28.
- Issah, A.S. & **Acheampong, O. S.** (2021). Interrogative pronouns in Dagbani and Likpakpaanl. *Ghana Journal of Linguistics* 10 (2), 30-57.
- **Acheampong, O. S.**, Atintono, A. S., & Issah, A. S. (2019). The morphosyntactic characterisation of Likpakpaanl reflexives. *Journal of West African Languages*. 46.1: 123-141.

Conferences and Seminar Presentations

- **Acheampong S.O** & Aremu D. (2024). On the sluicing - COMP Generalisation in Mabia and Kwa. A presentation at the 32nd Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE31) at Queen Mary University of London, 17th - 19th January 2024.
- Acheampong S. O. (2023). Sluicing and Fragment Answers in Likpakpaanl. A talk presented at the Syntax Colloquium, Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, 6th November, 2023.
- **Acheampong S.O**, Aremu, D. (2023). *Mono-clausal and bi-clausal topics in Likpakpaanl*. A paper presented at the International Conference on Topic, Focus, and Subject: Between grammatical necessity and structural-functional Load. University of Osnabrück, . September 19th -23rd , 2023
- Acheampong, O. Samuel (2023). *On the syntax of tense and aspect in Likpakpaanl*. A presentation at the Conference on the syntax at the vP edge in African languages (**SASAL III**) held at Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main 29-30th, June 2023
- Acheampong, O. Samuel (2023). *The derivation and analysis of Fragment answers in Likpakpaanl*. A presentation at the 31st Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE31) at Bielefeld University, 22nd-24th February 2023.
- Acheampong, O.Samuel. (2022). *The syntax of Likpakpaanl sluicing*. Talk at the Syntax Colloquium at Goethe University Frankfurt.
- **Acheampong S.O.** & Aremu, D. (2022). *Mono and Bi-clausal Topics constructions in Likpakpaanl*. A poster presented at the 18th Workshop on Syntax, Semantics and Phonology (WoSSP 2022), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona. 20th-21st October 2022.
- **Acheampong S.O.** & Aremu, D. (2022). *Contrastive and Aboutness Topics in Likpakpaanl*. A poster presented at the Conference on Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonJA 15). Udine, Italy. 22nd-24th September 2022
- Acheampong, S. O. (2022). *The Derivation of Verb Phrase Ellipsis in Likpakpaanl*. A paper presented at the *Cross-disciplinary Workshop on Information Structure in African Languages*, African Linguistics School (ALS6), Songhai Centre, Porto-Novo. July 28th-30th, 2022.

- Abubakari, H., Issah, A.S., **Acheampong, S. O.** & Luri, D. M. & Naporo, J. (2022). *Socio-cultural significance and typology of personal names in the Mabia languages of Ghana*. A paper presented at the Institute of African Studies (IAS), Seminar Series, University of Ghana, Legon on 26th May 2022.
- Acheampong, S.O. (2022). *On account of resumption in Likpakpaanl long-distance wh-movement*. A paper presented at the Syntax and Semantics of African Languages–SASAL 1, DGfS 2022, Universität Tübingen. February 23th-25th, 2022
- Issah, A.S., Abubakari, H., **Acheampong, S.O.** & Luri, D.M (2021). *The form, distribution, and interpretation of reflexivity in the Mabia languages of Ghana*. A paper presented at the 55th Linguistics Colloquium Inter-and intra-linguistic Contrasts at the University of Rzeszow, Poland. September 8th-11th, 2021.
- **Acheampong, S. O.** & Härter S. (2021). *A comparative analysis of Tense and Aspect in Likpakpaanl and Jóola Keerak*. A talk presented at the seminar on syntactic typologies at Goethe University, Frankfurt.
- Anke, H. & **Acheampong, S. O.** (2021). A review presentation at the syntax reading group of Hein, J., & Murphy, A. (2020). Case matching and syncretism in ATB-dependencies. *Studia Linguistica*, 74(2), 254-302.
- **Acheampong, S.O.** (2021). A review presentation at the syntax reading group of Aboh, E. O., & Pfau, R. (2011). What's a wh-word got to do with it? Mapping the left periphery: *The cartography of syntactic structures*, 5, 91-124.
- Acheampong, S. O. (2021). *The syntax of polar questions and answers in Likpakpaanl*. A paper presented at the 13th Annual Conference of the Linguistics Association of Ghana, University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast. July 27-30, 2021
- Atintono, S. A., Issah, S. A., & **Acheampong, S.O.** (2016). The Syntax of Anaphors in Likpakpaanl. A paper presented at the 9th Linguistics Association of Ghana (LAG) Conference from 26-28 July 2016 at GILLBT.
- Acheampong, S.O. (2014). *Overview of Likpakpaanl Anaphors*. A paper presented at the Language Linguistics and Communication (LALICOM) International conference jointly organised by the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) and the University of Lagos (UNILAG) at UEW.

Translation Works

Acheampong, S.O. (2021). *Inspirational Poems-Likpakpaanl*. In Ladé Wosornu (ed.), A selection of seven Wosornu poems translated into fifteen local Ghanaian languages. Accra: Bureau of Ghana Languages, 29-42.

Workshops, Seminars and Summer Schools Attended

- **July 18-July 30, 2022:** African Linguistics School (ALS) organised and held in Porto Novo, Benin, and funded by the *National Science Foundation, USA*, focusing on syntax, semantics, phonology, sociolinguistics, and fieldwork.
- **October 2021-Date:** Weekly seminar on *syntactic effects on information structure* organised by the Institute of Linguistics, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt am Main.
- **August-September 2021:** weekly seminar on the *comparative syntax of the D.P.* organised by the Institute of Linguistics, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt am Main.
- **May-August 2021:** weekly seminar on *Minimalist Approach to Core Syntax*. Institute of Linguistics, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main.
- **May-August 2021:** Seminar on *syntactic typologies* organised by the Institute of Linguistics, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main.

- **May 27, 2021:** Virtual workshop on *typological perspectives on focus marking in African languages* organised by the École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris.
- **23-29 September 2018:** Transforming Teacher Education and Learning (T-TEL) Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and orientation workshop in preparation for the roll-out of the 4-year B.Ed. Programme for all 46 Colleges of Education in Ghana held at the Tyco City Hotel in Sunyani.
- **16-29 July 2017-** Summer School on *language documentation in multilingual settings* organised by the University of Florida in partnership with the College of Languages Education of the University of Education, Winneba.
- **8-11 February 2017:** A three-day capacity development workshop for field officers and supervisors on data gathering for the UEW-USAID language mapping project organised by the College of Languages Education of the University of Education, Winneba at Windy Lodge, Winneba

Awards and Distinctions

- **May 2024:** Won a Three-Month Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Completion Scholarship from the Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.
- **Jan 2021-May 2024:** Won a Three-year Katholischer Akademischer Ausländer-Dienst (KAAD) scholarship for a PhD in Linguistics at the Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.
- **August 2013-2015:** Won a KAAD Scholarship for a Master of Philosophy in Applied Linguistics at the University of Education, Winneba.
- **May 2010:** Graduated from the University of Cape Coast with First Class in English

Community Service

- **May-July, 2020:** Leader of the Northern Zone NCTE-Virtual Learning Troubleshooters for Colleges of Education in the Northern, Upper East, and Upper West regions (Supporting Colleges with Capacity Development on Online Teaching).
- **3 – 15 January 2020:** Member of the Transforming Teacher Education and Learning (T-TEL) experts who drafted the First *Professional Development (P.D.) Handbook for Communication Skills* for Colleges of Education in Ghana.
- **March- July, 2019:** National Trainer for Languages on the New Curricule for Basic Schools in Ghana, organised by the National Council for Curriculum & Assessment (NaCCA) and the Ghana Education Service(GES).
- **13-17 August 2019:** National District Monitoring Supervisor in charge of the Northern Region's Mion, Gushegu and Karaga Districts for the NaCCA-GES District level training.
- **9-17 February 2019:** Field Research Officer for Associates for Change, an NGO for Chereponi District, to research energy efficiency and conservation curriculum update to determine teachers' and pupils' Knowledge, Attitude and Practice (KAP) Survey.
- **20-28 March 2019:** Writing of Both Teachers' Manual and Learners' Guide in Likpakpaanl for World Education under the consultancy services of ZAMSE Educational Consult at the Ghana Atomic Energy Commission Conference Centre
- **July 2018:** Translated *Walking with Jesus* movie from English to Likpakpaanl for Great Commission and GILLBT and used Aegisub to add sub-titles.
- **13-24 February 2017.** UEW-USAID Learning Language Mapping Exercise Supervisor in Charge of Tamale Metropolis.

- **June 2016 to 2019:** Member of the Committee tasked to draw a Course Structure for Likpakpaanl in UEW, in the Gur-Gonja Department under the supervision of Dr. Samuel A. Atintono
- **June 2014 to Date:** Member of the Likpakpaanl Language Development Committee
- **June 2016 to 2018:** Secretary for Northern Ghana Chapter of KAAD Scholars Association for West Africa (KASWA)
- **February 2016 to Date:** Member and Secretary to the Likpakpaanl Orthography Committee

Academic Reviewer

- **September 2021-Date:** Ghana Journal of Linguistics (GJoL).
- **October 2021-Date:** Journal of West African Languages (JWAL).

Professional Associations

2025- University Teachers' Association of Ghana UTAG, UEW Chapter
2023-Date: Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW)
2022 – 2024: Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (SOLE)
2016 to 2024: Colleges of Education Teachers Association of Ghana (CETAG)
2014 to date: Linguistics Association of Ghana (LAG)

Interests

I have a keen interest in research and dealing with challenging tasks. I also enjoy networking and reading. I love to play volleyball and Table Tennis.

Referees

Prof. Dr. Katharina Hartmann
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