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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- I am an enthusiastic young academic interested in peace, security, conflict, and peacebuilding.
- I am self-motivated, reliable, responsible, and hardworking.
- I am a mature team worker and adaptable to all challenging situations.
- Resourceful problem solver who is adept at remaining calm in stressful situations and effectively assisting a variety of people.
- I am a passionate human rights and Youth advocate.
- I am passionate about conflict resolution and peacebuilding
- I can conduct research, disseminate knowledge, and contribute to educational policy and development.

- Ability to use Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint effectively.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATION

University of Cape Coast, October 2024 – present.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) candidate in peace, security, and development studies.

Key modules: Approaches to Peacebuilding, Security and Conflict Management, Security Sector reforms and management, concepts and theories of peace, security, and development, advanced quantitative research methods, Case studies in peace, security, and conflict management. International Relations and Global Security, violent Extremism and Insecurity, Advanced Qualitative Research Methods, and Theory building.

University of Education, Winneba, January 2021 – March 2023 Qualification: Master of Philosophy in Human Rights, Conflict and Peace Studies

Thesis: My thesis investigated how Bawku student-diasporas at the University of Education, Winneba, contribute to the peace-building efforts related to the Bawku chieftaincy conflict. The research employed a qualitative methodology and utilized a case study design. Data was gathered using a semi-structured interview guide for this study. The analysis of the data was conducted through a thematic approach. The results indicated that Bawku diaspora students hold diverse perspectives on the Bawku conflict and the processes of peace-building.

Key Modules: International human rights law; Theories and concepts of conflict and peace; Contemporary issues in human rights; Approaches to peacekeeping and peacebuilding; Advanced conflict resolution skills.

University of Education, Winneba, September 2016 – July 2020

Qualification: Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies Education with Political Science

Key Modules: Communication skills, Ghanaian culture and national identity, philosophy of education, school curriculum, social change and national development, human rights in Ghana, introduction to educational technology, introduction to

public administration, trends in education and school management in Ghana, conflicts and conflict resolution in Africa, guidance and counselling in education, the youth and national development, research methods.

Accra High School

September 2010 – July 2013

Qualification: West African Senior High School Certificate Examination (WASSCE)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Institution: University of Education, Winneba, **November 2024 – present**

Designation: Assistant Lecturer in the Center of African Studies

Duties:

- Teaching
- Assessment of students,
- Conducting research
- Community service.

Institution: University of Education, Winneba, **September 2020 – August 2021**

Designation: National service personnel - Office of Dean of Students Affairs.

Duties:

- Coordinated the activities of the various student associations on campus.
- Supervised the process of renewal of the various approved student associations on campus.
- Coordinating the activities of the Student Representative Council (SRC), Junior Hall Common Council (JCRCs), and Graduate Students' Association of Ghana (GRASAG – UEW).
- Performed any other duty assigned to me by the Office of the Dean's Affairs.

Institution: Accra High School

, September 2019 – December 2019

Designation: Classroom Teacher (Intern)

Duties:

- Handled form one and form student with social studies
- Organized various leadership seminars for the students
- Coordinated and mentored the student prefects

Institution: Amnesty International Office, Ghana

2015 – 2016

Designation: Volunteer

- Coordinated youth camping activism activities
- Coordinated the various Amnesty International Ghana Human Rights-friendly school projects.
- Coordinated the formation of new groups and their activities.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

1. Former President, Graduate Students Association of Ghana University of Education, Chapter (GRASAG – UEW) 2021/ 2022 Academic year.
2. Chairman, GRASAG-UEW Senate. 2021/ 2022 Academic year.
3. Former member GRASAG National Senate. 2020- 2022
4. Former member GRASAG National Electoral Commission. 2022
5. Former Youth MP and Minister for Roads and Highways at Ghana Youth Parliament, 2019-2021.
6. Former Ag. Vice President, Students Representative Council (SRC), University of Education, Winneba, 2018/ 2019 Academic year.
7. Former member National Union of Ghana Students (NUGS) Executive Committee. 2018 – 2019

8. Former member University Students Association of Ghana (USAG) Executive Committee 2018- 2019
9. Former Public Relations Officer (PRO), Of Social Studies Students Associations (SOSSA) UEW.

SPEAKER ENGAGEMENTS

- Facilitator at a Three-Day Leadership Training Workshop for Student-Leaders of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW).
Topic: Channels of Communication for Students- Leaders & SRC Constitution (Salient points).
Venue: Royal Lee Hotel, Tutu- Akuapem
Date: Friday, 26th to Monday, 29th March 2021.
- Facilitator at a Three-Day Leadership Training Workshop for Student-Leaders of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW).
Topic: Role of Student Leaders in university administration.
Venue: Registrar Conference Room. UEW
Date: February 2019.

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS, AND CONFERENCES

Participant - 6th International Multidisciplinary Conference for Postgraduate students

Participant - 5th International Multidisciplinary Conference for Postgraduate students

Participant - 4th International Multidisciplinary Conference for Postgraduate students

Delegate - Amnesty International Youth Camp in 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021, Ghana

Delegate - Amnesty International Consultation on Amnesty Global Youth Strategy Workshop, 2020.

Participant - Amnesty International Youth Strategy LAB 2020.

Participant - Plan International Global Young Influencer Mini workshop, 2020.

COMMITTEES SERVED ON

1. Former member of the University of Education, Winneba Governing Council (2021- 2022)
2. Former member ITS the ITS-ERP Committee 2022. (UEW)
3. Former member Transport Committee 2022. (UEW)
4. Former member Exam Malpractice Committee, 2018/ 2019 Academic year. (UEW)
5. Former member Vice-Chancellor Scholarship Committee 2018/2019 Academic year. (UEW)
6. Former member University of Education, Winneba Endowment Fund 2018/ 2019 Academic year (UEW)
7. Former member Security and Safety Committee 2018/2019 Academic year (UEW).

REFERENCES

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