

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

University of Ghana - Oct. 1968 – June 1972  
University of Copenhagen - Sept. 1967 – June 1968  
University of London - Mar. 1965 – June 1965  
University of Ghana, Legon - Oct. 1963 – June 1967

### QUALIFICATIONS

Ph.D., University of Ghana, 1972  
B.A. (Hons.) History, University of Ghana 1966

### APPOINTMENTS

❖ Ag. Director of the Institute of African Studies (Oct.1998 to Sept. 2002)

1997– Present

❖ Senior Research Fellow, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon. Teaching and Researching into African History and Politics.

1985 – 1998

❖ Head, History and Politics Section

Sept. '96 – Present

❖ Project Director Asafo History Programme, Co-ordinator NUFU Projects, University of Ghana, Legon. Sponsored by Norwegian Universities Fund.

1999 - Present

❖ Project Director Chieftaincy, Governance and Development Project funded by the Ford Foundation.

1998 – Present

❖ Hall Warden, Volta Hall, University of Ghana, Legon.

1996 - Present

❖ Liaison Officer, (University of California Education Abroad Program)

1985 – 1997

❖ Senior Tutor, Volta Hall, University of Ghana, Legon

1983-1985

- ❖ Deputy Senior Tutor, Volta Hall, University of Ghana, Legon.

1975-1983

- ❖ Hall Tutor, Volta Hall, University of Ghana. Counseling of students and participation in all hall activities.

### **VISITING RESEARCH SCHOLAR**

- Visiting Research Fellow, University of Bergen, April 2000
- Visiting Research Fellow, University of US Virgin Islands, April – May, 1998
- Visiting Research Fellow, University of California, Los Angeles, July – August 1996
- Visiting Research Fellow, University of Trondheim, Norway Sept.-1992.
- Visiting Research Fellow, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, 1981 –1982.
- Visiting Research Fellow, University of Leiden, Holland, Oct-1981.
- Fellowship in Oral History to Universities in the United States. July – August, 1979.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- (1) *The King has gone to the village, Death and Burial of Otumfuo Opoku Ware II*, G. P. Hagan and Irene Odotei, (eds) (IAS Education and cultural Heritage Series 2002)
- (2) *Royal Rites: Death, Burial and Installation of an Asante King* ( I.A.S. Education and cultural Heritage Series 2001)
- (3) National Fisheries Development Project, A Sociological Survey
- (4) “About the Guinea Coast in General”, *Research Review, Supplement No. 8, 1995. Draft Translation of FL RØmer.*
- (5) “Pre-Colonial Economic Activities of the Ga” *Research Review Vol. II, Nos. 1 & 2 (1996).*
- (6) “Which Nations Carry on Trade In What Manner and In What Sort of Goods” (Draft Translation of FL RØmer), *Research Review, Supplement No. 8, 1995.*
- (7) “About the Guinea Coast in General”, *Research Review, Supplement No. 8, 1995*
- (8) Client Consultation Seminar, Fisheries Sub Sector Capacity Building Project, March 1995
- (9) “Migration of Ghanaian Fishermen within the ECOWAS Sub-Region” *Migration Research Study in Ghana, Vol.II (1995) Twum-Baah, K.A. (eds)*
- (10) Fish is spelt with F, a film on life in a fishing village. Co-director with Trille Nilsen for V-landskalender 94 Ghana, December 1994
- (11) “The Migration of Ghanaian Women in the Canoe Fishing Industry”, *Maritime Anthropological Studies, Vol.5 (2) 1992.*
- (12) “Migration of Fante Fishermen. Fishermen’s Migrations in West Africa”. *IDAF/WP/36 1991 DIPA/IDAF.*
- (13) “External Influences on Ga Society and Culture”. *Research Review Vol.7, No.2 1991.*

- (14) "What is in a Name?" The Social, Historical Significance of Ga Names, *Research Review* Vol.5. No.2, 1989.
- (15) Translation of L.F. Romer (1760) "Tilforladelig Efterretning" on Kysten Guinea, Chapter III. On the Negroes' Religion in General", *Research Review, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana*, Legon, Vol.3, No.2, 1987.
- (16) "The Historiography of the Ga-Adangbe" in *Proceedings of the Seminar on Ghanaian Historiography and Historical Research*, Hunwick J.O. (ed) Legon, 1977 Ghana University Press.

### **Forthcoming Publications**

17. *The Artisanal Marine Fishing Industry: A Historical Overview* (IAS 2002)
18. *There is money in the Sea, Migration of Ghanaian Fishermen and Women to Cote d'Ivoire* (IAS Education and cultural Heritage Series)
19. *Sea Power, Money Power: Migration of Ghanaian Fishermen and Women to the Republic of Benin.* (IAS Education and cultural Heritage Series)
20. *Your Money is Growing Fat: Fishing, Migration and Technology/Transfer - Ningo – A Case Study.* (IAS Education and cultural Heritage Series)
21. *Stool Histories: Greater Accra Region (Vol. 1) July 2002*
22. *The King Returns: Enstoolment Of Asantehene Otumfuo Osei Tutu II And The Ayikiesie (Great Funeral) Of Otumfuo Opoku Ware II, Irene Odotei (ed) (IAS 2002)*
23. "Introduction to Thorkild Hansen's Book, *The Coast of Slaves* translated by K. Darko
24. "Festivals in Ghana: Continuity, Transformation and Politicization of Tradition" in *The State and Everyday life in Africa, Holger Weiss (ed)*
25. 'Traditional Rulers and Governance in Pre-colonial, Colonial and Postcolonial Ghana' in *Indigenous Political Structures and Governance in Africa*, Sefer, Press, Ibadan, Nigeria, (Forthcoming), Vaughan Femi (ed)
26. "Catching Fish, Selling Fish: Elmina Fishermen & Fishmongers" in *Sex Work and Survival Gendered Struggles and Coping Strategies in Ghana at the Close of the Twentieth Century . C. & Y. Opong (ed)*
27. Gender and Traditional Authority in the Artisanal Marine Fishing Industry in Ghana, *Research Review, New Series Vol. 15, No. 1, 1999.*
28. 'Man-Woman' – *Gender and Management, A Case Study of Women Canoe Owners at the Tema Fishing Harbour.* Occasional Paper IAS 2001
29. *The Forms of Intangible Heritage to be Protected and the Method of Survey with a View to Establishing a National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage*
30. "Between Vulnerability And Survival In The Era Of Hiv/Aids: The Case Of Migrant Fishermen And Fish Mongers Along The West African Coast " Workshop proceedings on "Social and Cultural Dimensions of Reproductive Health and Human Development".

### **Films**

31. "Odupon Kesie Etutu", (A Mighty tree has Fallen), A Video Documentary on the death and burial of the late Otumfuo Opoku Ware II, Asantehene. Executive Producer Producer/Coordinator
32. "Ohene Nie" (Congratulations), A Video Documentary on Installation of Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, Asantehene. Executive Producer/Producer
33. "Go Mu Brebre" - AYIKESIE (The Great Funeral), A Video Documentary on the final funeral Rites for the late Otumfuo Opoku Ware II.

### **Exhibition**

34. Chieftaincy, Partnership and Development: Otumfuo Osei Tutu II a Visionary Traditional Ruler in Partnership and Development. Prempeh Assembly Hall, 26<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2002.
35. Asante Kings Of The Twentieth Century – Power, Pomp And Pageantry; Continuity And Change In Asante Kingship (Project concept and Co-ordinator with Amoah Labias as Director)
  - a) University of Ghana – 17<sup>th</sup> August to 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2000
  - b) Prempeh Assembly Hall - 25<sup>th</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2000
  - c) National Museum 4<sup>th</sup> May to 26<sup>th</sup> June 2000

### **MAJOR CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS**

1. Community Organisation and Popular Protest in Ghana: The Role of Asafo Companies in Historical and Contemporary perspective, Trondheim/University of Ghana Co-operation Programme.
2. Stool History and Rules of Succession
3. Tradition and Modernity in Ghana's History and Development. Sponsored by NUFU
4. Wulff J. Wulff – A case study of Danish Activities in the Gold Coast in the Nineteenth century with Selena Winsnes
5. Video Documentary of Festivals in Ghana

### **CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS (Selected)**

1. International conference on Chieftaincy in Africa: Culture, Governance and Development. International Conference Centre, Accra and Noguchi Memorial Institute 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2003
2. African Studies Association Conference, Washington, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2002  
Annual Conference of the Historical Society of Ghana. Institute of African Studies Chalets, Legon, 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2002
3. The State of African Studies in West Africa: Perspectives from Francophone and Anglophone Universities, University of Florida, 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2002 "Enhancing Output Through Partnership: Research, Publication and Teaching"
4. Capacity Building Workshop for GaDangme Chiefs. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2002
5. Social and Cultural Dimensions of Reproductive Health and Human Development, Accra, 27-29 June 2002
6. Religion and Traditional Leadership Conference, Noguchi Memorial Institute, 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2002

7. Gender and Traditional Leadership, Legon, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 2002
8. Gender, Religion and Traditional Leadership Seminar, Legon, 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2002
9. Christianity and Traditional Leadership, Legon January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 2002
10. Conference on the Cultural Dimension in Development Aid, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 27<sup>th</sup> – 30 November, 2001
11. Seminar on Globalization and changes in Cultures of Survival and Care, Legon October 10-17, 2001
12. Chieftaincy, Governance and Development Trainers' workshop, 19<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2001
13. Conference on the State and Every Day Life in Africa, Helsinki, Finland, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2001.
14. Conference for Field Researchers on Chieftaincy, Governance and Development, Legon 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2001.
15. UNESCO International Training Workshop on Protection of Intangible Heritage- Living Human Treasures System, Tokyo, Japan, 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2001
16. GILLBT Seminar Week, Kanvili, Tamale, 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2001
17. World Bible Society, Interview Panel, South Africa, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2001
18. National Conference on Chieftaincy, Governance and Development, University of Ghana, Legon, 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2001. 'Chieftaincy and Gender'
19. International Workshop on "State and Everyday Life in Africa", Legon, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. – 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2000
20. Symposium on Chieftaincy, Governance and Development, National Museum, Accra. 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2000.
21. Symposium on Chieftaincy, Governance and Development, National Museum, Accra 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2000. Theme 'Chieftaincy and Modern Politics'.
22. Symposium on Chieftaincy, Governance and Development, National Museum, Accra. 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2000. Theme 'Chieftaincy in Historical Perspective'.
23. Seminar on Crossing Cultural Boundaries, Tamale, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2000.
24. Joint I.A.S./GILBT Seminar, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2000 Theme: Chieftaincy and Patterns of Leadership in Northern Ghana.
25. Norwegian Council of Universities' Agency for Development – Related Research and Education, Dar es Salaam, Norway, April, 2000. Paper on NUFU activities in Ghana
26. From Griots to Archivists: Modes of Historical Memory, Virgin Islands, 29<sup>th</sup> March - 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2000
27. Workshop on Stool Histories Dodowa, 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2000.
28. Asafo History Project Workshop 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2000 'Legon, 'Asafo in Transition'

29. Women's World 99 Conference, University of Tromsø, Norway 15<sup>th</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> July, 1999.
30. AFREC conference, Cameroon 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March, 1999

### **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY (SELECTED)**

#### Board and Committees

1. Member, Scholarships Committee, University of Ghana, Legon.
2. Member, Strategic Planning Committee, University of Ghana, Legon.
3. Member, Manciples Management Committee, University of Ghana, Legon.
4. Member, Senior Tutors Consultative Committee, University of Ghana, Legon.
5. Member, University Residence Board, University of Ghana, Legon.
6. Member, Finance Committee, University of Ghana, Legon.
7. Member, Finance Committee, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon.
8. Member, Standing Committee, Inst. of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon
9. Member, Management Board, Inst. of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon.
10. Member, Publications Committee, Inst. of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon.
11. Member, Tender Board, Inst. of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon.
12. Chairperson, Tutorial Board, Volta Hall, University of Ghana, Legon
13. Director, Educational Outreach Programme, Volta Hall, University of Ghana, Legon.
14. Member, Hall Council, Volta Hall, University of Ghana, Legon.
15. Member, Management Committee, Volta Hall, Univ. of Ghana, Legon.

### **OTHER COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

1. Member, Judicial Council of Ghana
2. Member, Presidential Advisory Commission on Chieftaincy Affairs
3. President, Historical Society of Ghana
4. Member, Judicial Council of Ghana
5. Member, Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences, Oral History and Documentation Committee.
6. Director – Functional Skills Project – Educational Outreach Programme
7. Liaison Officer, University of California Education abroad Programme
8. Chairperson, Fund Raising Committee of Bible Society of Ghana
9. Chairperson, Building Committee Trinity United Church
10. Member, National Council, Bible Society of Ghana
11. Member, Youth Committee, Bible Society of Ghana
12. Member, Labadi Town Development Association (La Mansaamo Kpee)

### **RESEARCH PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN**

#### **History**

- (1) The **Ga** and their neighbours, 1600-1742.
- (2) Oral Traditions of the **Ga**, Osu, Labadi, Tema Kpone.
- (3) Oral Traditions of the **Ga**, Lanma, Kokrobitey, Oshiyie, Bortianor, Chokomey, Aplaku.
- (4) The Homowo Festival of the **Ga**.
- (5) Study of Danish Archival Material on the History of the Gold Coast (Ghana) 1660-1850.
- (6) Study of Furley Collections – Extracts of Portuguese, Dutch, English, and Danish records in the University of Ghana, Legon.
- (7) Colonial Records of the Gold Coast Secretary of Native Affairs Series and Court Cases – National Archives of Ghana.
- (8) Annotated Translation of Selected Danish Historical Text.
- (9) The Fishing Industry, Past and Present: Fish Production, Fish Marketing etc.