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CURRENT POSITION AND AFFILIATION	Lecturer, Department of Finance (Development Finance), University of Ghana Business School (UGBS), School of Humanities, University of Ghana. Affiliate Research Fellow, Department of Economics, Chair of Development Economics, University of Passau, Germany
IMMEDIATE PAST POSITION	Postdoctoral Teaching and Research Fellow, Department of Economics, Chair of Development Economics, University of Passau, Germany (September 2014 – August 2016)
MAJOR RESEARCH FIELDS	Development Economics, Development Finance, Agricultural Finance, Experimental (lab-in-the field experiments and Randomize Control Trials RCTs) and Behavioral Economics, Public Sector Economics and Finance, Applied Micro econometrics, Quantitative Impact Evaluation
EDUCATION	Ph.D. (<i>Dr. rer. pol.</i>), Economics, University of Göttingen, Germany April 2011- Sept 2014 Thesis Title: <i>Three Essays in Empirical and Experimental Development Economics: Pro-social Behavior, Monitoring of Development-Linked Public Goods and Inequality in Sub-Saharan Africa</i> Thesis Committee: Prof. Marcela Ibanez, Prof. Stephan Klasen, Prof. Bernhard Brümmer Visiting PhD student, “Evaluating Antipoverty Policies in Developing countries” Norwegian School of Economics, NHH, Bergen 2014 M. A., Economics, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada 2010 M.Sc., Agricultural Economics and Business, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada 2008 B.Sc., Agricultural Economics, University of Ghana, Legon– Ghana (First class Honours) 2005 B.Sc. Dissertation: Modelling the Agricultural Credit Delivered by Ghana Commercial Bank, 1970 – 2003 (Graded: A).

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS	<p>Department of Economics Graduate Scholarship, Univ. of Guelph, 2009</p> <p>Board of Graduate Studies Research Scholarship, Univ. of Guelph, 2008</p> <p>University of Guelph Graduate Scholarship (Department of Agricultural Economics) 2006, 2007</p> <p>Undergraduate First Class Honours Award 2005</p> <p>Top 2 GPA (grade) Master of Science degree in Agricultural Economics, Top 5 graduating high school student (St. John’s Grammar School, Achimota, Accra – Ghana)</p>
CURRENT COURSES	<p>Development Financing (Master’s students in Master of Development Finance),</p> <p>Public Sector Finance (Master’s students in Master of Development Finance)</p> <p>Business Economics (Executive MBA Students)</p> <p>Labor Economics and Monetary Theory (Undergraduate)</p>
PAST COURSES	<p>Impact Evaluation of Development Policies (Passau University Germany, Masters Students), Growth, Inequality and Poverty (Passau University Germany, Masters Students), Introduction to Econometrics and Quantitative Methods (Passau University Germany, Masters Students)</p>
CURRENT AND PAST PROJECTS/ IMPACT EVALUATIONS	<p>Consultant, FAO (of the United Nation), Evaluation of the Medium Term Agriculture Sector Investment Plan (METASIP) I & II. March, 10 – 30, 2017 (20 days).</p> <p>Consultant, World Bank Ghana Poverty Project (Poverty ASA). October, 2016 to February, 31, 2017. Responsible for data collection, evaluating poverty intervention initiatives, examining the impact of income taxation on the poor, discussing the World Bank Policy briefs, and writing of project report.</p> <p>International evaluation baseline consultant for Ghana, GIZ “Green Innovation Centers Initiative”– responsible for baseline implementation (training of national consultant and enumerators), accessing both the financial and non-financial constraints facing various farmers across different regions and writing country report. Value chains under consideration - Maize (Brong Ahafo Region), Rice (Volta Region), and Pineapple (Easter and Central Regions). December, 2015 – April, 2016.</p> <p>Experimental and evaluation consultant, Ghana Irrigation Project - “Sisili-Kulpawn Irrigation Project” – together with the with Erasmus University Rotterdam, funded by Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Policy and Evaluation Department (IOB) together with the University of Bayreuth, Germany (Elena Gross – co-researcher). May, 2015 – November, 2015.</p> <p>Baseline and evaluation consultant for German Development Institute (Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik DIE) project on evaluating the impact of interventions aimed at improving the effectiveness of the</p>

decentralization programme in Togo. I kept constant oversight over local survey firms and cartographers who mapped out five cities for the impact evaluation in Urban Togo, as well as writing project report. October, 2014 – April, 2015.

PUBLICATIONS

Breuer, Anita and Edward Asiedu. 2017 “Can Employment Interventions Help Enhance Decentralized Development Participation? Evidence from Togo” (*World Development*, forthcoming)

Asiedu (2016) “Household services, social norms and bribe involvements? Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa”, (*Review of Economics of the Household*, revise and re-submit).

Asiedu, Edward and Elena Gross. 2017. "Can differences in benefits affect group investment into irrigation projects? Experimental Evidence from Northern Ghana". Courant Research Centre 'Poverty, Equity and Growth' Germany, Discussion Paper.

Asiedu, E. (2015) Three Essays in Empirical and Experimental Development Economics: Pro-Social Behavior, Monitoring of Development-Linked Public Goods and Inequality in Sub-Saharan Africa. PhD thesis, Faculty of Economic Sciences, University of Göttingen. <http://hdl.handle.net/11858/00-1735-0000-0022-5DAF-F>.

Asiedu, E and Stengos, T. (2014). “An Empirical Estimation of the Underground Economy in Ghana, *Economic Research International*, vol. 2014, Article ID 891237, 14pages, 2014. doi: 1155/2014/891237

Asiedu, E., Ibanez, M. (2014). “Are the elder more effective implementing punishment?” Experimental evidence from Urban Ghana, GlobalFood, Discussion Paper Series No 39.

Asiedu, E., Ibanez, M. (2014). “The Weaker Sex? Gender differences in punishment across Matrilineal and Patriarchal Societies,” GlobalFood, Discussion Paper Series No 30.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECT

Impact of Official Development Assistance (ODA) on Agricultural Fixed Capital Formation: Empirical evidence across 40 Sub-Saharan African countries, 1990 - 2015 (with Sylvester Sadekla, University of Ghana)

Did the HIPC Initiative Lead to Sustainable Pro-Poor Investment? Evidence from Debt-Forgiveness Experiments in Africa (Alhassan kamil, University of Ghana).

District Governments’ Incentives to Collect Taxes and Provide Public Goods In Ghana (with Ryoko Sato and Tomomi Tanaka, World Bank DC).

Redistributive effects of personal income tax in Ghana (with Dan Pavelesku and Tomomi Tanaka, World Bank DC).

Ghana Labor Market Incentive Project (Elwyn Davies, University of Oxford)

GRADUATE SUPERVISION Maria Krause, M.A Thesis “Does cash cropping reduces food production and affect household food security? Evidence from Cashew production in the Brong Ahafo Region of Ghana”, University of Passau, Germany (co-supervisor – completed February 2016)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Nordic Conference in Development Economics (NCDE16), Centre for the study of equality, social organization, and performance (ESOP) of the University of Oslo, 13-14 June 2016.

12th Midwest International Economic Development Conference, University of Wisconsin Madison (April 24 -25, 2015).

ACCER Workshop on Cross-Cultural Experimental Economics Research, University of Duisburg-Essen, (May, 2014).

GlobalFood International Symposium, Göttingen (April, 2014).

Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries, organized by the Center for Global Action (CEGA) at UC Berkeley, and the Choice Lab at NHH Norwegian School of Economics, Bergen Norway (December 5-6, 2013).

North America Economic Science Association (ESA) Conference, University of California, Santa Cruz, California, U.S (October, 2013).

World Bank – African Development Bank conference 2008, Tunis “Importance of Agricultural Credit in Ghana’s Credit Sector: A Logit Model Analysis” (with K. Y Fosu).

EXTRA CURRICULAR Keynote Speaker, The 4th Afraca Central Bank’s Forum organized by the Bank of Ghana (BOG) with the theme: “Taking Stock of Gains and Misses in Extension of Financial Services to Rural and Agricultural communities in Africa’. Spoke on the topic “Role of Central Banks in Rural Economy & Agriculture Finance: Regulation or Development?” Accra, Ghana, 13-14 October, 2016

Invited Guest Speaker, Public Policy and Good Governance Graduate Program, welcoming of new students, University of Passau, Germany October, 2015.

Conference co-organizer, Globalfood RTG International Symposium on linking smallholder farmers to high-value chain, 26-27 Göttingen Universität, Germany.

Member of Board of Directors, Guelph Campus Co-operative, Ontario Canada, 2008-2011.

Graduate student representative, Department of Food, Agriculture, and Resource Economics, University of Guelph, Ontario Canada 2007-2008.

Member, Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG), 2007-2008.

First Vice-President, *Science Club*, St. John's Grammar School, Achimota, Accra, 1999.

REVIEWER

Journal of Development Studies
SAGE Journal of Experimental Economics
African Journal of Management Research

COMPUTING SKILLS

STATA (main), SPSS, Eviews, MS Office

AFFILIATIONS

Economic Science Association, since 2013; Canadian Economics Association, since 2009; African Evidence Network, since 2012, Evidence Based Policy in Development Network (ebpdn) since 2012 UK.