# CURRICULUM VITAE

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**BIO-DATA**

John Boulard Forkuor is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Sociology and Social Work, KNUST; and a Junior Fellow of the Pan African Scientific Research Council. He is also an adjunct research fellow at the Center for Cultural and African Studies, KNUST. He has a Bachelors degree in Sociology and Social Work from KNUST, Ghana; A masters degree in Social Work from the University of Durham, UK and a Phd in Sociology from KNUST. His research focuses on transformation in urban areas and and its implication for urban social life. He has conducted research on the urban informal economy, focusing on regulation of informality and the implications of gender for informal economic activities. The urban street as an important space for urban actors (street beggars; street children and street hawkers) has also been a focus of his research. His research interest also includes the provsion of social welfare for vulnerable groups in urban areas, especially for the vulneraable aged and for persons living with intellectual disabilities. He is currently an Early Career Researcher on the project: Old Parks, New Futures, funded by the British Academy of Arts and Sciences.His publications have appeared in journals like: Journal of Contemporary African Studies; Urban Forum; Urban Review; Sage Open; Gender Studies; Qualitative Social Work; and Journal of Intellectual Disabilities.

# EDUCATION

**2012-2015 Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)**

 PHD in Sociology

**2010-2011 University of Durham, United Kingdom**

 MA in Social Work Studies

**2004-2008 Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana**

 BA (Hons) Sociology and Social Work

## TRAINING SEMINARS ATTENDED AND CERTIFICATES OBTAINED

**1. Grant Proposal Writing, Proposal Reviewing and Grants Management:** 23rd – 25th July 2018. Office of Grants and Research and Building Stronger Universities Project (BSUIII) Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana

**2. Research Management and Leadership:** 15th to 19th September 2014.University of Copenhagen, Denmark

**3. Research Methodology (Building Stronger Universities Platform on Human Health)**: 28th January-8th February 2013. KNUST, Ghana

**4. Qualitative Research in Global and International Health:** 8th April-19th April 2013. University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

# WORK EXPERIENCE

**2021-Present** Junior Fellow, Pan African Scientific Research Council

**2020-Present** Senior Lecturer, KNUST

**2018-Present** Adjunct Research Fellow (Center for Cultural and African Studies, KNUST)

 Research Fellow (Technology Consultancy Center, KNUST)

**2016-2020** Lecturer, KNUST

**2015-2016** Lecturer, Part-Time (KNUST)

**RESEARCH PROJECTS**

**March 2021-February 2023 EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER.** Old parks, new futures: Documenting the uses of open space in an African city. Funded by the British Academy

**May 2019- April 2020** **RESEARCHER AND PROJECT MANAGER.** KNUST Office of Grants and Research sponsored project on: *Improving access to health and social inclusion for the intellectually disabled in urban Ghana*

**2019 TEAM MEMBER AND ORGANISER:**DANIDA ALUMNI ACTIVITY GRANT- *Seminars to get more girls into science based courses and careers in Ghana,* March-July 2019. Link to the publication: [*https://cos.knust.edu.gh/announcements/science-and-technology-seminar-series-girls-2019*](https://cos.knust.edu.gh/announcements/science-and-technology-seminar-series-girls-2019)

**2018 TEAM MEMBER AND ORGANISER:**DANIDA ALUMNI ACTIVITY GRANT- *Seminars to get more girls into science based courses and careers in Ghana,* March-July 2018. Link to the publication:

<https://www.facebook.com/danidafellowshipcentre/posts/413584585795076>

**2015-2016 RESEARCHER**. KNUST Office of Grants and Research sponsored project on: *The challenges and coping strategies of the victims of sexual abuse within the Kumasi metropolis.*

# PUBLISHED WORK

# 2021

**Forkuor, J. B.**, Deku, C. & Agyemang, E. (2021) The dilemma of vulnerable groups during lockdown: Implications for social work education and practice in Ghana. *The Thinker*, 87(2), 43-47

Deku, C. S., **Forkuor, J. B.**, & Agyemang, E. (2021). COVID 19 meets changing traditional care systems for the elderly and a budding social work practice. Reflections for geriatric care in Ghana. *Qualitative Social Work*, *20*(1–2), 501–506. https://doi.org/10.1177/1473325020973323

Odongo, D. A., **Forkuor, J.B.**, Ofori-Dua, K., Mensah, J. D. & Dwumah, P. (2021) The nature and extent of healthcare provision for people with intellectual disabilities in Ghana: A qualitative study. *Journal of Intellectual Disabilities*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/17446295211016171>

Bamezor, B. L. A., Quaicoe, T., **Forkuor, J. B.**, & Azumah, F. D. (2021). Exploring Stakeholder Perceptions of Quality Early Childhood Education in Private Day Care Centers in Ghana: A Qualitative Approach. *Education Research International*, *2021*, e6695936. <https://doi.org/10.1155/2021/6695936>

Odongo, D. A., Agyemang, E., & **Forkuor, J. B.** (2021). Innovative Approaches to Cheating: An Exploration of Examination Cheating Techniques among Tertiary Students. *Education Research International*, *2021*, e6639429. https://doi.org/10.1155/2021/6639429

Asiedu, S. O., Kwarteng, A., Amewu, E. K. A., Kini, P., Aglomasa, B.C. and **Forkuor, J. B.** (2021). Financial burden impact quality of life among lymphatic filariasis patients. *BMC Public Health*, 21 (174) <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-021-10170-8>

## 2020

**Forkuor, J. B.,** Agyemang, E. & Odongo, D. A. (2020) Regulatory discretion, social networks and negotiated orders in street food regulations: A qualitative analysis of street food regulations in urban Ghana. *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, 1-15 <https://doi.org/10.1080/02589001.2020.1778649>

Ofori-Dua, K., **Forkuor, J.B.** & Nachinaab, J. O. (2020) Finding solace behind bars: Experiences of inmates in Kumasi Central Prison. *Journal of Victimology and Victim Justice*, 1-19 DOI: 10.1177/2516606920965341

**Forkuor, J. B.**, Buari, M. A., & Aheto, C. K. A. (2020) Breaking barriers: The experiences of women in male dominated informal sector occupations in urban Ghana. *Gender Issues*, 37(1), 25-43, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12147-019-09231-5>

**Forkuor, J. B.,** Odongo A. D. & Dekie, M. K. (2020) Caring for People with Intellectual Disability: Experiences. *Social Sciences* 9(3), 67-76. doi: 10.11648/j.ss.20200903.12

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## 2019

**Forkuor, J.B.**, Amarteifio, J., Attoh, D. O., & Buari, M. A. (2019) Students’ perception of cheating and the best time to cheat during examinations. *The Urban Review*, 51(3), 424-443, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11256-018-0491-8>

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Salihs, S. A., **Forkuor, J. B.** & Boamah, V. E. (2019). Post birth challenges among working mothers in a higher educational institute in Ghana: Implications for occupational competitiveness of working mothers. *International Journal of Science Studies*, 7(6), 123-132

## 2018

**Forkuor, J.** **B.**, Kanwetuu, V., Gaenee, E. M. & Ndemole, I. K. (2018) Bride price and the state of marriage in North-West Ghana. *International Journal of Social Science Studies,* 6(9), 34-43

## 2017

**Forkuor, J. B.**, Samuelsen, H., Yeboah E. H., Rheinlander, T. & Akuoko, K.O. (2017) The regulation of street foods: Experiences of front-line regulators in Ghana. *Urban Forum*, 1-19, DOI: 10.1007/s12132-017-9309-0

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## 2016

**Forkuor, J. B.**, Akuoko, K.O., Yeboah E. H., Rheinlander, T. & Samuelsen, H (2016) Food vending among men in Kumasi: Socio-cultural advantages, constraints and coping strategies. *International Journal of Social Science Studies,* 4(2), 94-102

## 2013-2015

Ofori-Dua, K., Akuoko, K.O., Barnie, A., Kwarteng, J. Y. & **Forkuor J. B** (2015) Prison without walls: Perception about community service as an alternative to imprisonment in Kumasi Metropolis, Ashanti Region, Ghana. *International Journal of Social Science Studies*, 3(6), 130-142

Akuoko, K. O., Ofori-Dua, K., & **Forkuor, J. B.** (2013). Women making ends meet: street hawking in Kumasi, challenges and constraints. *Michigan Sociological Review,* 27, 25-43.

Forkuor, D., Kyei, P. O., **Forkuor, J. B.** (2013) ‘Land use changes and its effects on the provision of social facilities to residents of the Kumasi Metropolis of Ghana’, *Ethiopian Journal of Environmental Studies and Management, 6(3), 324-332*

**POLICY DOCUMENTS**

**Forkuor, J. B.**, Akuoko, K.O. & Yeboah E. H. (2016) Effective and Inclusive Regulation of Street Foods in Kumasi: Promoting Food Safety, Protecting Consumers and Enhancing the Wellbeing of Food Vendors, *Policy Brief, DANIDA Ghana Street Foods Project*, KNUST. Available at: <http://dfcentre.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/2017-03-27_11-P21-GHA-Kwasi-Ohene-Yankyera.pdf>

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Odongo, A. D. & **Forkuor, J.B (2019) ‘**Using assistive tools to improve healthcare access for the intellectually disabled in Orofikrom and Asokore Mampong Municipalities, Ghana’.Poster presented at the 8th College of Health Sciences KNUST & 12th Convention of Biomedical Research Ghana, Joint Scientific Conference, 30th – 31st July 2019. Theme: *Universal Access to Healthcare-The Role of the Health Scientist*

**2018**-**FACILITATOR:** *British Council Reintegration Workshop*, held at KNUST on the 26th of January 2018

**Forkuor, J. B.**, Amaniampong, E., Odongo, D. A., Agyei, A. & Kondor, R (2018) Exploring the criminal techniques and the modes of operation of criminals in the Kumasi Metropolis, Ghana. Paper presented at the *3rd Ghana Sociological and Anthropological Conference*, held at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, on the 20th-21st September 2018 under the theme: The social scientist and Sustainable Development Goals.

**Forkuor, J. B.**, Ofori-Dua, K., Amarteifio, J., Odongo, A. D., Dekie, K. M & Brimpomaah, A. (2017) Caring for the intellectually disabled: Motivations, challenges and coping strategies. **Paper presented** at the *5thAfriNEAD & 7th College of Health Sciences Scientific Conference*, held at KNUST, on the 7th-9th August 2017 under the theme: Disability and inclusion in Africa: The role of assistive technology.

**Forkuor, J.B.**, Ofori-Dua, K., Azumah, F. D., Nyarko, J. A., Opoku-Nkansah, L., Ayanful, C. A. & Opoku-Mensah, C. (2017) Women in policing: Challenges and prospects. **Paper presented** at the *Conference of the Ghana Sociological and Anthropological Association*, held at Knust on the 21st-22nd September 2017 under the theme: The Social Scientist and Sustainable Development: Discourses and Debates in Contemporary Africa

Ankar-Brewoo, G., **Forkuor, J. B.** & Mensah, J. O. (2016) Street foods and food fraud. **Paper presented** at the *1st National Conference on Food Fraud*, held on 27th January 2016, College of Science, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology under the theme: Combating food fraud: A multi-disciplinary approach.

**Forkuor, J. B.,** Akuoko, K.O., Rheinlander, T., Yeboah E. H., & Samuelsen, H (2015) Regulation of street foods: experiences of front-line regulators in Ghana. **Paper presented** at the *Conference of the Ghana Sociological and Anthropological Association*, held at the University of Ghana, Legon from 26 to 28 November 2015.

**MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

**2017-MENTOR:** Commonwealth Scholarship Commissions’ Project Camp

**2019-MENTOR:** African Research Academies for Women

**REVIEW EXPERIENCE**

**2017-:** Reviewer: International Journal of Social Science Studies

**2018-:** Reviewer: Gender Issues

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND GROUP MEMBERSHIP**

**2017-2018** International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) (Member, Friend)

**2017-** Ghana Sociological and Anthropological Association

**2017-** DANIDA Alumni Ghana

**2016-**  University Teachers Association of Ghana (UTAG)

**REFEREES**

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