***Curriculum Vitae***

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**PERSONAL PROFILE**

**Nationality**: Ghanaian

**Marital Status:** Married

**Religion:** Christianity (Baptist, GBC)

**PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

* Possess the ability to initiate positive change by having a clear understanding of clientele’s needs as a professional librarian.
* Professional experience gained within varied practical and development roles, mainly within modern library and information management techniques.
* Believe in a mature constructive and eclectic working approach and effective relationship between staff and clientele (students, lecturers and researchers).

**EDUCATION**

* **Master of Philosophy** (M. PHIL.), Library & Info. Studies, UG, Legon**, 2020**.

THESIS***:*** *The role of Academic Libraries in the teaching of IL in selected Public University Libraries in Ghana*.

* **Master of Arts** (M.A), Information Studies, University of Ghana, Legon**, 2016**.

**Term Paper:** The use of Social Media for Reference services: Issues and Challenges.

**Thesis:** *The role of Librarians in Information Literacy among undergraduate students of KNUST.*

* **Bachelor of Arts**(B.A) Information Studies with Sociology, University of Ghana, Legon, 2013.
* **Diploma in Librarianship** (Dip. Lib. Studies), **University of Ghana,** 2009.
* **Senior Sec. Sch. Cert. Edu.** (SSSCE), **Navrongo Secondary School**, 1999.

**ACADEMIC HONOURS**

* **Master of Philosophy** (M. Phil.), Library & Information Studies, UG**, 2020.**
* **Master of Arts** (M.A), Information Studies, University of Ghana, **2016.**
* **Bachelor of Arts**(B.A) Information Studies with Sociology, (***FIRST******CLASS***), University of Ghana, **2013.**
* **Diploma in Librarianship** (***DISTINCTION***), University of Ghana, **2009**.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

* **Head,** School of Veterinary Medicine Library, CoHS, KNUST, **2020 to date**
* **Head**, Faculty of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences Library, CoHS, KNUST, **2018 to 2020.**
* **Head,** Learning Commons**,** Academic Support & Engagement Dept., Prempeh II, Library. KNUST, **Aug., 2017 to March, 2018**.
* **Senior Library Assistant**, College Library, CANR, KNUST, **2013-2017**.
* **Library Assistant**, Sir Arko Korsah Law Library, KNUST, **2010-2013,**
* **Jnr. Library Assistant**, Faculty of Agriculture Library, CANR, KNUST, **2001-2009**
* **Jnr. Library Assistant**, Acquisition Dept., Prempeh II Library, **Jan.-Oct., 2001**

**AD-HOC COMMITTEES/ACTIVITIES**

* **Team member,** School of Veterinary Medicine Website Subcommittee, **March, 2021 to date**
* **Team member,** School of Veterinary Medicine Library Committee, **February, 2021 to date**
* **Team member,** Quality Assurance Library Subcommittee, **Sept. 2020 to date**
* **Team member,** University Library Short Courses Subcommittee, **November, 2020 to date**
* **Team member**, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Library Committee, **2018 to 2020.**
* **Vice President**, KNUST Library Welfare Association, **2018 to date**.
* **Part Time Lecturer**, Garden City University College, Kenyase, Kumasi, **2018 to date**
* **Secretary**, Constitutional Review Committee to Amendment the KNUST Library Welfare Association’s Constitution, **Feb., 2016 to Mar., 2017.**
* **Secretary**, KNUST Library Welfare Association, **2015 to 2017.**

**SHORT COURSES AND WORKSHOPS**

* 8th Summer School for Senior Staff on *Improving Quality of Higher Education Through Effective Measurement and Evaluation”* (20th – 24th August, 2018).
* Carnegie Continuing Professional Development (CPD): *Enhancing librarians' ICT skills for research enablement in African Universities.* Held on 6th May – 2nd June, 2017, at the Department of Information Science, University of Pretoria, South Africa.
* Workshop on *E-Resources and References Management Training for Library Staff, Faculty, and students* from 26th – 29th September, 2016 at KNUST.
* GLA Seminar: *E-Resources and E-Services for National Development; the emerging role of the information professional*. Held on 4th November, 2015, at the Trade Fair, Accra.
* 5th Summer School for Senior Staff on *Sustainable Development of Tertiary Institutions in Ghana Amidst Economic and Security Challenges*” (18th and 19th August, 2015).
* 4th Summer School Workshop for Senior Staff on *Advancing Science and Technology through Effective Communication* (18th and 19th August, 2014).
* *Library Advocacy Unshushed: Values, Evidence, and Action*. A course of study offered by University of Toronto X, an online learning initiative of the University of Toronto through edX, January-March, 2014.
* *Electronic library resources training workshop on TEEAL and AGORA for Ghana* held on 22-24, 2014 at KNUST, Kumasi.
* 3rd Summer School Workshop for Senior Staff on *Lean Management Systems and Creating Customer Value/Satisfaction* (3rd and 4th September, 2013).
* 2nd Summer School by KNUST on *Raising the Standards for 21st Century University Education* (20th August, 2012).
* Sensitization workshop on the *Use of the Smart Toolkit for evaluating information projects, products and services* held at KNUST on the 21-22 October, 2010.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

* **Member,** Ghana Library Association, GLA, 2011 **to** date
* **Member,** Medical Library Association, MLA, 2020 to date

**SKILLS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

* Manages faculty library resources
* Verification of staff research publications
* Facilitate the use of Reference Management and E-resources by library users
* Manages Institutional Repository (CoHS)
* Supervisory duties

**PERSONAL QUALITIES/TRAITS**

* Well vest in the use of academic databases, learning technologies and the internet
* Very good in literature searching from e-resources
* Abreast with the use of library management softwares
* Sense of initiative
* Excellent interpersonal skills/good team player
* Ability to work for longer hours with little or no supervision

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

* English (fluent with written skills)
* Akan (Ghanaian language) (fluent)
* Kasem (Ghanaian language) (fluent)

**HOBBIES/INTEREST**

* Reading/Explores all forms of information documents
* Soccer/Football enthusiast