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EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2019 – 2022: Doctor of Philosophy (Finance), University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa.

2001 – 2004: MBA (Finance), University of Leicester Management Centre, Leicester, U.K.

1996 – 2000: B.Sc. (Hons), Planning (Development Policy Option), KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

2005 – Present: Certificate in Business Accounting, Chartered Institute of Management Accounting, UK.

INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED

2019 – 2022: University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

2004 – 2005: Emile Woolf College, London

2001 – 2004: University of Leicester Management Centre, Leicester, U.K.

1996 – 2000: Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

WORK EXPERIENCE

August 2018 – Present: Senior Lecturer, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, School of Business, Department of Accounting and Finance.

October 2006 – July 2018: Lecturer, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, School of Business, Department of Accounting and Finance.

July 2000 – November 2000: Administrative Officer, Benceci Ventures Limited, Accra, Ghana.

POSITIONS HELD

December 2024 – Present: Postgraduate Programmes Coordinator/Examination Officer, MSc Industrial Finance and Investment.

November 2025 – Present: Postgraduate Programmes and Research Coordinator.

February 2023 – July 2025: Postgraduate Programmes and Research Coordinator.

August 2017 – July 2019: Examination Officer, Department of Accounting and Finance.

January 2016 – July 2017: Coordinator for Student Theses, Seminars, and Industrial Travel.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

D. B. Osei, E. Opoku, **K. Poku**, D. Domeher (2026). Institutional quality and the effect of remittances on unemployment: evidence from Africa. *International Journal of Manpower*, 47(10), 83–100. <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJM-07-2025-05456>

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- Domeher, D., Musah, G., and Poku, K. (2017). Micro Determinants of the Extent of Credit Rationing Amongst SMEs in Ghana. *International Journal of Social Economics*, 44(12). Emerald Publishing Limited. <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJSE-03-2016-0089>
- Adusei, M., Akomea, S. Y., Poku, K. (2017). Board and Management Gender Diversity and Financial Performance of Microfinance Institutions. *Cogent Business and Management*, 4(1). Taylor and Francis. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23311975.2017.1360030>
- Mireku, K., Sarkodie, K. and Poku, K. (2013). Effect of Macroeconomic Factors on Stock Prices in Ghana: A Vector Error Correction Model Approach. *International Journal of Academic Research in Accounting, Finance and Management Sciences*, 3(2), 32–43. HRMARS. RePEc:hur:ijaraf v:3:y:2013:i:2:p:32-43
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- Adu, J. K., Poku, K., and Boahemaa, O. A. (2014). Transit and Warehousing Activities: A Silent Wrecker of Tax Revenue in Ghana. *International Journal of Business and Social Research*, 4(6).
- Poku, K., Adu, J. K., and Boakye, O. A. (2014). Cash Mobilization in Ghana: An Empirical Evaluation of the Effectiveness of E-zwich Smart Card. *Advances in Social Science Research Journal*, 1(6).
- Adu, J. K., Boahemaa, O. A. and Poku, K. (2014). The Role of Microfinance in Poverty Reduction: A Case Study of Adansi Rural Bank in Ashanti Region of Ghana. *Social and Basic Science Research Review*, 2(3).
- Adu, J. K., Amponsah, E. and Poku, K. (2014). Evaluating the Potential Impact of Support Service Outsourcing on Health Care at the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital of Ghana. *Social and Basic Sciences Research Review*, 1(2).
- Adu, J. K., Tutu Tchao, E. and Poku, K. (2013). Integration of Tax Administration to Curb Import and Domestic Tax Evasions in Ghana. *International Journal of Business and Social Research*, 3(11).
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Papers Under Review

- Shneor, R., Baah-Peprah, P., Solodoha, E., Abdallah, J. T., Ezzahid, H. A., Kajuna, J., Meghouar, H., and Poku, K. Keys to Unlocking Crowdfunding Awareness in Africa: Education, Familiarity, and Trust. *Information Technology for Development*.
- Poku, K., and Odei-Mensah, J. Financial Inclusion and Bank Stability: Evidence from Africa. *Journal of African Business*.
- Poku, K., Logogye, L., and Oteng, M. Finance-Growth Nexus in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Threshold Role of Real Sector Output. *International Journal of Development Issues*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- Presenter**, 2022 Virtual African Finance Association Conference, organized by the African Finance Association, 24–25 May 2022. Topic: “Financial Inclusion and Financial Behaviour in emerging markets: the perspective of the clergy”.
- Presenter**, 2017 University–Industry Interaction Conference, organised by the University Industry Innovation Network, Dublin, Ireland, June 7–9, 2017. Topic: “Beyond Male Entrepreneurship, An Evaluation of Women Entrepreneurs’ Impact on Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa”.
- Presenter**, 12th International Conference on Knowledge, Culture and Change in Organizations, held at the University of Chicago. Organised by Common Ground Publishing LLC, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. Topic: “An Analysis of the Sustainability of Microfinance Institutions in Kumasi, Ghana”, June 2012.

REFEREEING

Referee reviewer reports delivered to journals: SAGE Open, Springer Nature, Cogent Business and Management, Organizational Cultures: An International Journal, Knowledge Management: An International Journal.

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