**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**PERSONAL PROFILE**

**I am Alhassan Yakubu(PhD)**

I am a very ambitious, talented and highly motivated professional with twenty (20)years of teaching experience acquired through studying, researching and working in academic and professional environments. I am a dedicated and accomplished academic with a PhD in English, specializing in Literature and Culture, from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. Currently serving as a lecturer in the Department of English at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), I combine intellectual rigor with a passion for teaching and research excellence. With a deep interest in exploring the intersections of literature, culture, and society, I have developed a scholarly reputation for insightful analysis and innovative approaches to understanding literary texts and cultural dynamics. My research portfolio includes postcolonial literature, African oral traditions, Literary Criticism, Onomastics ( socio-cultural relevance of praise names). I am a highly respected educator known for my engaging teaching style, commitment to student success, and ability to inspire critical thinking and creativity. I have mentored numerous undergraduate and postgraduate students, fostering academic growth and encouraging independent scholarly pursuits. Beyond teaching, I have served in several committees in my previous work place of E,P .College of Education, Bimbilla ,and currently still serving in a number of committees in the University.

I am an active researcher and contributor to the academic community, having presented papers at national and international conferences and published articles in reputable journals. My work demonstrates a unique ability to bridge theoretical frameworks with real-world applications, reflecting a dedication to addressing contemporary challenges through literary and cultural studies. Colleagues and students alike recognize me for my humility, exceptional work ethic, and intellectual acumen. These qualities have not only earned me respect within the academic sphere but also positioned me as a collaborative and forward-thinking professional dedicated to advancing the frontiers of knowledge. I possess good academic, written and verbal communication skills. I have proficiency in the use of the computer, and take a flexible approach to work, applying an immaculate level of detail to everything, adapting well to new goals and new professional environments. I can work effectively, both autonomously and as part of a team. I have the initiative required to make effective decisions and thrive in a fast-paced environment. I remain committed to lifelong learning, scholarly excellence, and contributing to the growth and global standing of KNUST's Department of English, **and any other institution my service is required where** **I am sure to put my experience, resourcefulness and discipline to good us**

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

DATE OF BIRTH 19th June, 1981

HOMETOWN Nyankpala

NATIONALITY Ghanaian

RELIGION Muslim

MARTTAL STATUS Married

NUMBER OF CHILDREN four

LANGUAGES SPOKEN Dagbani, Akan

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS NY Blk B 4, Nyankpala

POSTAL ADDRESS Department of English, KNUST, Kumasi

**SCHOOLS AND CERTIFICATES**

1. **Schools Attended**

**2018-2025** Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

**2013-2014** University of Education, Winneba

**2008 – 2012** University of Education, Winneba

**2002 – 2005** E.P Training College, Bimbilla.

**1996 – 1999** Tolon Senior High School, N/R

**1993 – 1996**  Nizamia E/A JSS,N/R

1. **Certificates Obtained**

**2025** PhD in English

**2014** Master of Arts in English (Research)

 **2012** Bachelor of English Education

 **2005** Certificate ‘A’

 **1999**  SSCE

 **1996**  JSSCE

**POSITIONS**

**2017-2022** Head, Department of languages, E.P college of Education, Bimbilla

2010-2011 President of the debating club, University of Education, Winneba

2010-2011 President of Ghana Muslim Students’ Association, University of Education, Winneba

2012-2016 Patron of debating club, Ghana Senior High School, Tamale.

2012-2016 Patron of Bimoba Students’ Union, Ghana Senior High School branch, Tamale

2012-2016 Form Master of Form one business B class, Ghana Senior High School Tamale

2009-2010 Treasurer of the debating club, University of Education, Winneba

2005-2008 Head teacher, Kasuliyili E/A Primary School,N/R

1999 Senior Prefect

1996 Senior Prefect

**WORKSHOPS AND SEMINERS ATTENDED**

* Seminar on general leadership and Administration: **2010/2012 University Student Leaders,** the auditorium**,** University of education, winneba
* HIV/AIDS Training of teachers’ Workshop for primary and Senior High School Teachers: **8th-10th October, 2007, Tolon SHS Assembly hall, Tolon**
* GNAT/CTF Seminar for teachers of English at the Senior High School:**12th-18th July,2015,Tamale Technical university, Tamale**
* Workshop on Qualitative Research by the Research Advisor-**T TEL,** held at the conference room, E.P College of Education, Bimbilla, on 13th November, 2017
* Workshop for Professional Development Coordinators( PDCs) on theme 7 of the T-TEL manual, at Nim Avenue Hotel,Tamale,7th October,2017
* Workshop on the harmonized scheme and statues of colleges of education at the conference room, E.P college of Education, Bimbilla,13th May,2017
* Workshop on Research and Publication by the Quality Assurance unit, University of Cape Coats, at the conference room, E P College of education, Bimbilla, 25th, 2017
* Workshop on the use of ‘’Science direct’’ by Elsevier Research Intelligence, at NCTE,Accra,12th March,2018.
* Workshop on the B.ed curriculum for the Colleges of education( the teaching of semantics),8th-10th September,2019,Brekum
* Workshop on the teaching of four-year B.ed. Course: English Semantics and Advanced Grammar, 6th Octorber,2020, Knust auditorium, Kumasi.
* Workshop on criteria for appointments and promotion for the colleges of education organized and facilitated by prof. Imoro Braimah, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, held at the conference hall, E.P. College of Education, Bimbilla, 9th November, 2020.
* Workshop for newly appointed Heads of department for colleges of education organised by the Quality Assurance unit, E.P Colleges of Education, Bimbilla,Wednesday,12 March,2021
* Workshop on the ‘Teaching of Four-Year B.ed. Course: Prose, Poetry and Drama’, organized by KNUST, 3rd May, 2021, Kumasi.
* Faculty Orientation on ‘Curriculum Development and Teaching of New Bed Programmes’’ organised by Valley View Universy,20th-23rd June, 2021, Oyibi campus ,Accra
* Seminar on ‘Online Instructional Design and Lesson Delivery’ organised by the professional development (PD) unit of e p college of Education, Bimbilla, on 16th July,2021, at the ICT center
* Workshop on online content creation for faculty members organized by The Masterclass Foundation, 6th November 2023 -8th March 2024, KNUST, KUMASI

**CONFRENCES**

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| **Accepted Abstracts/Title**  | **Date** | **Conference Title** |
| Aesthetics of Modern African Poetry: A Study of Niyi Osundare and Oswald Mtshali | 7th Febraury,2017 | Second School of Languages Conference(SOLCON II)solcon@ug.edu.gh |
| The socio cultural significance of the Dagbamba praise singing | 7th-10th May,2024 | Literature Association of Ghana(LITAG) |
| The Evolutionary Nature of Dagomba Royal Praise Names**.** | 7th-10th March,2025 | *Canadian Society for the Study of Names* (CSSN/SCO) conference 2025 |

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

I have fifteen years of teaching experience across almost all the educational levels, from primary school to the University.

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| **SCHOOL** | **PERIOD SERVED** | **FULL/PART TIME** | **COURSES/SUBJECT TAUGHT** |
| (**Currently).****LECTURER**Department of English, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana E.P. College of Education, Bimbilla | 2022 to date2016-2021 | Full time | Literature, Communication skills, Mass communication, Literary Criticism, Post Colonial literature, literary StylisticsEnglish Methodology, Phonetics, Phonology Language and Literacy, Literature (Elective), Introduction to Literature(Core),Semantics, Advanced Grammar. |
| Valley View University, Kumasi campus | 2018-2021 | Part time(Sandwich) | Morphology of English, Literary Stylistics, Phonology. |
| University of Education, Winneba | 2017-2021 | Part time(Distance) | Phonetics and Phonology, Introduction to Literature, Literature for the Basic school teacher, English Methodology, Communication Skills |
| University for Development Studies | 2018-2021 | Part time( Distance) | Modern English Structure and Usage, Introduction to Literacy, Communication Skills |
| Kasuliyili E/A primary school | 2005-2008 | Full time | All subjects |
| Ideal College, Tamale | 2012- 2016 | Part time | Literature-In – English, TOEFLE, GMAT, GRE,IELTS,SAT |
| Ghana Senior High School | 2012-2016 | Full time | English language, Literature –In- English |

**SOME WORKS SUPERVISED**

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| **Candidate name** | **Index number** | **Year** | **Title of work** | **Certificate awarded** |
| **ABANGA MOBILA JUSTICE** | **EPCE/0122/2018** |  **JULY, 2018** | **USING PHONIC AND SYLLABIC METHODS TO IMPROVE THE READING SKILLS OF BASIC FIVE PUPILS OF CENTRAL PRIMARY B, BIMBILLA** | **AWARD OF DIPLOMA****IN BASIC EDUCATION** |
| **AWUNI FRANCIS** | **EPCE/0134/2018** | **JULY, 2018** | **USING MOTHER AND CHILD GAME TO ASSIST BASIC (7) STUDENTS OF BAKPABA JHS TO OVERCOME THEIR SPELLING DIFFICULTIES** | **AWARD OF DIPLOMA****IN BASIC EDUCATION** |
| **KIFAARK TIMULIJE JONATHAN** | **EPCE/0482/2019** | **JULY,2019** | **USING THE ALPHABET AND WORD GAME METHODS TO CORRECT THE READING PROBLEM OF BASIC THREE (3) PUPILS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PRIMARY SCHOOL.** | **AWARD OF DIPLOMA****IN BASIC EDUCATION** |
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**ACHIEVEMENTS:**

* I have led Tutors of E.P. College of Education, Bimbilla to organize successfully the College’s 60th.Anniversary. As the then Head of Languages Department, I was the Secretary who was responsible for constituting all the twelve sub committees towards the Anniversary, and these sub committees reported directly to me. I was entrusted with the responsibility of going round the country to meet all Former students and various year groups.
* I have successfully led Ghana Senior High School, Tamale, to win an award as the national second best debating school in Ghana.in 2011
* I have successfully led the same school to become the best debating school in the Northern Region of Ghana,2012
* I have published two books in my area of study
* As a teacher in the secondary school, I have guided many students to get good grades in English.
* I have written two drama scripts that have been acted publicly by my students

 **HOBBIES**

I enjoy:

* Reading books to widen my knowledge on different subject areas
* Having an intellectual debate on current issues and listening to such discussions
* Doing comparative studies of different religious books and having discussions on them
* Delivering public lectures on various topics as mentioned above

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Published Research Articles**

Yakubu, A. Confidence, G. S. Osei Y. A. and Charity A. I. “The Dagomba Praise (Singers, Singing And Naming): Roles And Cultural Significance,” E-Journal of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences 6, no.8 (2025): 1287 – 1306. <https://doi.org/10.38159/ehass.2025681>

**Yakubu, A.(2020 a)**. ‘’In the Heart of Colonialism: Is Conrad’s Heart of Darkness a Friend or Foe of Africa?’’ *The International Journal Of Humanities & Social Studies* , Vol 8 Issue 6, DOI No.: 10.2494 2321 - 9203

 **Yakubu, A. ( 2020 b).** ‘’New Names; New Identities: A ‘Double Consciousness’ Reading of Bulawayo’s We Need New Names.*’’ The International Journal Of Humanities & Social* Studies, Vol 8 Issue 6, DOI No.: 10.24940/ 2321 - 9203

 **Yakubu, A. ( 2021).‘**’Emergence Of A New Feminine Identity In Africa: The Case of Ama Ata Aidoo’s Changes’’. *Journal of English language and literature,Volume14*

Yakubu, A. (2022). Aesthetics of Modern African Poetry: A Study of Niyi Osundare and Oswald Mtshali. International Journal of Research and Innovation in Social Science (IJRISS) |Volume VI, Issue IV, April. 2022|ISSN 2454-6186

 Yakubu. A. et al(2022). Establishing Functions of Myth Through the Lenses of Euhemerism: Achebe’s Arrow of God in Focus. English Language Teaching and Linguistics Studies ISSN 2640-9836 (Print) ISSN 2640-9844 (Online) Vol. 4, No. 1, 2022 www.scholink.org/ojs/index.php/eltls Original Paper

**Under Review**

1. ‘Ethnopoetics, Formulaic Speech And The Dagbani Praise Singing’. ( **Legon Journal of the Humanities (LJH) whttps://www.ajol.info/index.php/ljh/about.**
2. ‘The Socio Cultural Significance of Dagbani Praise Singing’. **Journal of African Cultural Heritage.**
3. “Metaphorical Thought of Dagomba Royal Praise Names”

**Journal of Social Science and Policy**

1. “Praise Singing as a Performance and Ideational Praxis: The Dagomba Example”

**Journal of Science and Technology**

**In Progress**

**Title Status Expected Date of completion**

Performance, Dagbani Praise 20%complete February, 2025

 Singing and Cyber Technology:

A Tool for Internet Audience

Verbalization of linguistic Competence: 10% complete April, 2025

 An Examination of Euphemistic element

 in Dagbani praise singing

 Textual representation of

 Dagbani praise singing: 5% complete December, 2025

The Tedlock’s Perspective.

 A Broken Mirror ( A novel) 90% complete December ,2024

**RESEARCH AREAS**

* Oral literature
* African Literature: Theory and practice
* Poetry, prose and Drama
* Literature and Culture
* Children literature: theory and practice
* Classics
* Myths and mythology
* Issues of classroom methodology

**REFEREES**

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