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I. CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Phonology; tonology, syllable structures and prosodic studies
- Morphosyntax; minimalism and functional grammar
- African Studies; customs and institutions
- Pragmatics and
- Communication studies

II. ACADEMIC TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL WORK

- 2001-2005: Doctor of Philosophy, Linguistics, University of Hong Kong S.A.R, China
- 1998-2001: Master of Philosophy, Linguistics, University of Tromsø, Norway
- 1993-1997: Bachelor of Arts, Linguistics and Philosophy, University of Ghana, Legon
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A. <u>Teaching:</u>

•	Aug. 2017 –	Associate Professor
	Date	Department of Language and Communication Sciences,
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•	Apr. 2014 -	Visiting Professor (DAAD Scholar),

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B. Administration

- 2020 Date **Provost**, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2019 2020 **Member**, KNUST Council
- 2020 2020 Member, Academic Board (Council Rep.)
- 2018 2019 Vice Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences
- 2019 2020 Vice Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences
- 2018 2021 Chairman, Undergraduate Admissions Committee
- 2016 2018 Member, Central University Admissions Committee
- 2012 2014 Member, Central University Admissions Committee
- 2012 2013 **Coordinator**, Akan Studies at the Dept. of Modern Languages
- 2019 2020 Member, Humanities and Social Sciences Research Ethics Committee
- 2018 2020 Head, Department of Language and Communication Sciences
- 2015 2016 **Head**, Department of Modern Languages
- 2013 2014 Head, Department of Modern Languages
- 2016 2017 **Dean**, Faculty of Social Sciences
- 2017 2018 **Dean**, Faculty of Social Sciences
- 2013 2014 Vice Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences
- 2015 2016 Vice Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences
- 2015 2020 Member, Faculty of Social Sciences Board
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- 2018 2020 Member, School of Graduate Studies Board
- 2013 2015 Member, Taskforce for Allocation of Accommodation to Staff

IV. MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- University Teachers Association of Ghana (UTAG)
 Linguistics Association of Ghana
 2008-date
- African Human Language Technology (HLT) Society 2009-date
- African Network for Localisation (ANLoc) 2010-date

V. RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

A. <u>Books</u>

- Tella, F., G. B. Assibey and C. O. Marfo. (2023). *An Introduction to Communication*, Kumasi: Vantage Solution [ISBN: 978-9988-3-5609-5]
- With others (2021). *Ani Nwoma no* (A translation of *The Eye Book* by Kenneth Youngstein into Asante Twi). New York: Orbis International. Online: <u>https://cybersight.org/wp-content/uploads/eye_book_2018_Africa_2018-Interactive-Portrait-Version-V2_Igbo_TW.pdf</u>
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- Bodomo, A, C. Marfo and L. Hall-Lew. (2010). *Let's Speak Twi: A Proficiency Course in Akan Lanuage and Culture*, Stanford: CSLI Publications. [ISBN: 978-1-5758-660-4]
- Marfo, Charles. (2009). *Aspects of Akan Grammar and the Phonology-Syntax Interface*. Saarbrücken: Lambert Academic Publishing. [ISBN: 978-3-8383-2791-4]
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B. Journal Papers and Book Chapters

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- Marfo, Charles. and Isaac Adjei-Forson. 2017. Identity markers in Akan and their affixations. *30th West African Languages Congress* (WALC2017) and *10th Linguistics Association of Ghana Conference (LAG2017)*, UEW, Ghana, July 31-Aug. 05, 2017.
- **Marfo, Charles**. 2016. "Meboa anaa?": Question and Disjunction in Akan. *9th Linguistics Association of Ghana Conference (LAG2016),* Ghana Insitutte of Linguistics, Lieterary and Bible Translation (GILLBT), Tamale, Ghana, July 25-28, 2016.
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- **Marfo, Charles**. 2008. The Role of the Christian Intellectual in Church Growth. Paper presentation at the 1st. HOFSA Intellectual Forum, Aseda House, Adum-Kumasi, January 19, 2008.
- Marfo, Charles. 2007a. Ingredients for Academic Success. Paper presentation at the 1st. HOFSA Annual Retreat, Republic Hall, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, July 16-20, 2007.
- **Marfo, Charles**. 2007b. The 'CCV' syllable structure of Akan: An optimality-theoretic analysis. Paper presentation at the 1st. Departments of English and Modern Languages (KNUST) Academic Retreat, Busua Beach Resort, March 9-11, 2007.
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