

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Current Rank of Employment:** **Associate Professor** of Linguistics, linguistic-related disciplines and interdisciplinary studies  
**Designation:** **Provost**, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi

## **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
- 1990-1992: **General Certificate in Education; Advanced Level**, Osei Kyeretwie Secondary School, Kumasi, Ghana
- 1985-1990: **General Certificate in Education; Ordinary Level**, Osei Kyeretwie Secondary School, Kumasi, Ghana

## **III. RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

### **A. Teaching:**

- Aug. 2017 – Date **Associate Professor**  
Department of Language and Communication Sciences,  
Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology,  
Kumasi, Ghana
- Apr. 2014 – Mar. 2015 **Visiting Professor (DAAD Scholar)**,  
Institut für Anglistik und Amerikanistik, Universität  
Potsdam, Germany
- Oct. 2011 – July 2017 **Senior Lecturer**

- Department of Modern Languages, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Kumasi, Ghana
- Oct. 2006 – July 2011 **Lecturer**  
Department of Modern Languages, Kwame Nkrumah University of Sciences and Technology, Kumasi-Ghana
- June 20 – July 31, 2010 **Visiting Assistant Professor**  
The Communication and African Studies Programme, School of Humanities, University of Hong Kong
- Feb. 2009 – June 2010 **Part-Time Lecturer**  
Department of Communication Studies, Christian Services University College, Kumasi-Ghana
- Aug. 2009 – June 2010 **Part-Time Lecturer**  
Department of Linguistics, University of Ghana, Legon, Accra
- Oct. 2005 – Aug. 2006 **Tutor and Research Associate**  
Department of Linguistics, University of Hong Kong S.A.R., China
- Sept. 2001– Aug. 2005 **PhD candidate and Teaching Assistant**  
Department of Linguistics, University of Hong Kong S.A.R., China
- 1997 – 1998 **National Service**  
Asanteman Senior Secondary School, Kumasi, Ghana
- 1992 – 1993 **National Service**  
Duase M/ A, Duase, Kumasi, Ghana

## **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
- 2016 – Date **Member**, College of Humanities and Social Sciences Board



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- Adam-Moses, K. and **C. Marfo**. (2018). Power in Institutional Discourse: An Analysis of Admission Letters of some Public Universities in Ghana. *Real Studies* 15: 97-110.
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## VI. CONFERENCES/SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

- **Marfo, Charles.** 2018. Digitizing for societal needs: The case of Twi Medical Glossary. *ACALAN Workshop on African Languages in the Cyberspace*, Oasis Motel, Gaborone, Botswana, June 21-22, 2018.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2018. Content and structure of 'Discussions' and 'Results' sections of theses. *Academic Writing for Africa Workshop*, Choice Gate Hotel, Benin City, Nigeria, May 28 - June 2, 2018.
- **Marfo, Charles** and Osam, E. Kweku. (2018). Optimal inflections as asymmetry between verbal and nominal reduplicated forms in Akan. *Dolphyne@80 Symposium*, University of Ghana, Legon, March 1, 2018.
- **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 Institute of Linguistics, Literature and Bible Translation (GILLBT), Tamale, Ghana, July 25-28, 2016.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2015. English in Ghana: Some Observations. *Workshop on English Studies in an International Perspective*, University of Potsdam, Brandenburg, Germany, Jan. 8-9, 2015.
- Abakah, Philomena, **Charles Marfo** and Lucy Bonku. 2013. Angle of seeing: Pornography and profanity as pharikon in Amma Darko's 'Beyond the Horizon' and 'the Housemaid'. *6th Linguistics Association of Ghana Conference (LAG2013)*, University of Cape Coast, Ghana, July 28-31, 2013.
- Appiah, George and **Charles Marfo.** 2013. Semantically incorrect: An overview of some selected expressions in Akan. *6th Linguistics Association of Ghana Conference (LAG2013)*, University of Cape Coast, Ghana, July 28-31, 2013.
- **Marfo, Charles** and Dramani Aminu. 2012. Political rhetoric landscape of Ghana: Examining the dominant rhetorical appeals in the 2008 Presidential Election campaigns. *5th Linguistics Association of Ghana Conference (LAG2012)*, University of Education, Winneba, Ghana, July 29-Aug. 1, 2012.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2012. Optimization of rules in the focus and topic construction of Akan and the phonology-syntax interface. *Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL) 43*, Tulane University, New Orleans, U.S.A., March 15-17, 2012.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2011. Expressing cultural knowledge through literature: Some insights from drama. 3rd. Inter-University Seminar for Doctoral Studies in Ghana, KNUST (NODA Hotel, Fumesua), April 18-22, 2011.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2010. Optimizing structure: The case of the 'CCV' syllable of Akan. *Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL) 41*, University of Toronto, May 6-8, 2010.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2010. Towards the Creation of a Keyboard for African languages: The case of Akan. *African Human Language Technologies Conference*, Djibouti City, Djibouti, 17-20 January, 2010.

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- **Marfo, Charles** and Solace Yankson. 2008. Religiously Incorrect: An Overview of some Religion-Centred Language. Paper presentation at the *1<sup>st</sup>. Religion and Science Conference*, Great Hall Conference Room, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, June 18-June 21, 2008.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2008. The Role of the Christian Intellectual in Church Growth. Paper presentation at the *1<sup>st</sup>. HOFSA Intellectual Forum*, Aseda House, Adum-Kumasi, January 19, 2008.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2007a. Ingredients for Academic Success. Paper presentation at the *1<sup>st</sup>. 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 *1<sup>st</sup>. Departments of English and Modern Languages (KNUST) Academic Retreat*, Busua Beach Resort, March 9-11, 2007.
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