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BIO-DATA

Dr. John Boulard Forkuor is an Associate Professor of Social Work with an interdisciplinary background in Sociology and Social Work. His research interrogates the intersections of urban vulnerability, social protection, and livelihood resilience within the Global South.

Drawing on critical urban theory and empowerment frameworks, Dr. Forkuor examines the precarious lived experiences of marginalized urban populations, including domestic workers, street-connected children, migrant laborers, and informal sector apprentices. A significant part of his scholarship is dedicated to the socio-spatial inclusion of persons with intellectual disabilities, advocating for rights-based approaches to urban integration.

In the realm of professional social work, Dr. Forkuor focuses on the institutionalization and indigenization of practice. His work explores how social work can be effectively streamlined into specialized settings—such as healthcare, education, and the criminal justice system—while remaining culturally grounded. His scholarly output includes peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and high-impact policy briefs and practice manuals designed to bridge the gap between theory and frontline intervention.

EDUCATION

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| 2012-2015 | Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)
PhD in Sociology |
| 2010-2011 | University of Durham, United Kingdom
MA in Social Work Studies |
| 2004-2008 | Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana
BA (Hons) Sociology and Social Work |

TRAINING SEMINARS ATTENDED, AND CERTIFICATES OBTAINED

1. **Curriculum Development Training:** 9th September 2024-13th September 2024. Science for Africa Foundation (On-line)
2. **Master Certificate in Instructional Design and Performance:** October 2021-August, 2022. Arizona State University (On-line)

3. **Master Class for Teaching Online:** August-September 2021. Arizona State University, Continuing and Professional Education. (On-line)
4. **Teaching and Training Online:** June-August, 2020. Quality Assurance and Planning Unit, KNUST
5. **Grant Proposal Writing, Proposal Reviewing and Grants Management:** 23rd – 25th July 2018. Office of Grants and Research and Building Stronger Universities Project (BSUIII) Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana
6. **Research Management and Leadership:** 15th to 19th September 2014. University of Copenhagen, Denmark
7. **Research Methodology (Building Stronger Universities Platform on Human Health):** 28th January-8th February 2013. KNUST, Ghana
8. **Qualitative Research in Global and International Health:** 8th April-19th April 2013. University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2021-Present** Junior Fellow, Pan African Scientific Research Council
- 2020-Present** Senior Lecturer, KNUST
- 2018-2020** Adjunct Research Fellow (Center for Cultural and African Studies, KNUST)
- 2022-Present** Research Fellow (Technology Consultancy Center, KNUST)
- 2016-2020** Lecturer, KNUST
- 2015-2016** Lecturer, Part-Time (KNUST)

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- November 2023-October 2024. CO-PI.** *Developing hospital social work to contribute to holistic healthcare delivery in Ghanaian Hospitals: A participatory action research.* KNUST Office of Grants Sponsored Research.
- March 2022-February 2023. TEAM MEMBER AND RESEARCHER.** *Enhancing institutional policies and frameworks for E-learning: A case study of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana.* Funded by the Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, and Learning Team of Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program e-Learning Initiative.
- December 2021. TEAM MEMBER AND RESEARCHER.** *Evaluation of the World Food Program's Cash-Based Transfers across 8 regions in Ghana.* Research commissioned by the World Food Program's Ghana Country Office.

March 2021-February 2023. EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER. *Old parks, new futures: Documenting the uses of open space in an African city.* Funded by the British Academy

September 2021-August 2022. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR. *Creating opportunities for integrated vocational training of Persons Living with Intellectual Disabilities in Kumasi, Ghana.* KNUST Office of Grants Sponsored Research.

May 2019- April 2020. PROJECT MANAGER. *Improving access to health and social inclusion for the intellectually disabled in urban Ghana.* KNUST Office of Grants Sponsored Research.

2019 TEAM MEMBER AND ORGANISER: DANIDA ALUMNI ACTIVITY GRANT- *Seminars to get more girls into science based courses and careers in Ghana*, March-July 2019. Link to the publication: <https://cos.knust.edu.gh/announcements/science-and-technology-seminar-series-girls-2019>

2018 TEAM MEMBER AND ORGANISER: DANIDA ALUMNI ACTIVITY GRANT- *Seminars to get more girls into science based courses and careers in Ghana*, March-July 2018. Link to the publication: <https://www.facebook.com/danidafellowshipcentre/posts/413584585795076>

PUBLISHED WORK (Journal Articles)

Akyen, D., Agyemang, E., & **Forkuor, J. B.** (2025). Determinants of Occupational Health and Safety Practices of Informal Waste Pickers. *International Journal of Occupational Safety and Ergonomics*, 1–8. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10803548.2025.2452753>

Forkuor, J.B., Jones, B. ‘These KMA People are also our Customers’: Coconut Sellers Making Space in Downtown Kumasi. *Urban Forum* (2024). 35(4), 551-569
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12132-024-09519-0>

Agyemang, E., Ofori-Dua, K., Dwumah, P., & **Forkuor, J. B.** (2024). Towards responsible resource utilization: A review of sustainable vs. Unsustainable reuse of wood waste. *PLOS ONE*, 19(12), e0312527. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0312527>

Forkuor, J. B., Konadu-Yiadom, A., Agyemang, E., Deku, S. C. & Atttoh, D. O. (2024) Negotiating cultural and legal demands in child protection cases: Experiences and lessons from Ghanaian social workers, *Cogent Social Sciences*, 10:1, 1-19 DOI: [10.1080/23311886.2024.2323567](https://doi.org/10.1080/23311886.2024.2323567)

Asare, L. A. & **Forkuor, J. B.** (2024) The social consequences of climate change: a qualitative analysis of early girl child marriage as an informal adaptation strategy among rural communities in Northern Ghana, *Cogent Social Sciences*, 10:1, DOI: 10.1080/23311886.2024.2319703

Agyemang, E., **Forkuor, J.B.**, Kondor, R. and Odongo, D.A. (2024), "The street begging economy: investigating the economic strategies of street beggars in Ghana", *International Journal of*

- Dumedah, G., Kabila, A., Gyasi, R. M., **Forkuor, J. B.** & Novignon, J. (2023) Inefficient allocation of paratransit service terminals and routes in Ghana: The role of driver unions and paratransit operators, *Journal of Transport Geography*, 111 (103643), DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jtrangeo.2023.103643>.
- Forkuor, J. B.**, Ayim, M., Manful, E (2023) The interconnectedness between social work education and practice: Perceptions of BA social work graduates from one of Ghana's public universities. *Social Work Education* DOI: DOI: [10.1080/02615479.2022.2161505](https://doi.org/10.1080/02615479.2022.2161505)
- Ronald Kondor, Eric Agyemang, **John Boulard Forkuor** & Douglas Attoh Odongo (2023) Sustainable peace building education: strategies used by Ghana's National Peace Council, *Journal of Peace Education*, DOI: 10.1080/17400201.2023.2281358
- Attoh, D. O., Agyemang, E., Kondor, R., **Forkuor, J. B.**, & Ofori-Dua, K. (2023): Cultural beliefs versus professional health training: implications for healthcare delivery to persons living with intellectual disabilities in Ghana, *Journal of Intellectual & Developmental Disability*, DOI: 10.3109/13668250.2023.2180713
- Amponsah, E.B., Twum, E.A., Laweh, J.T. Agyemang, E. & **Forkuor, J. B.** (2023) Unpacking the gendered interactions and relationship among students in male-dominated programs: perspectives of female students in mechanical engineering in Ghana. *High Educ* (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10734-023-00997-y>
- Festival Godwin Boateng, F.G., Ofori-Dua, K., Dwumah, P. & **Forkuor, J. B.** (2022): Crimes of accommodation: A criminological grounding for road traffic violations among minibuss drivers in Africa. *International Review of Sociology*, DOI: 10.1080/03906701.2022.2089612
- Amponsah, E. B., Ayim, M. & **Forkuor, J. B.** (2022): From block placement to blended model: the way forward for social work practicum in Ghana, *Social Work Education*, DOI: 10.1080/02615479.2022.2126830
- Forkuor, J. B.**, Deku, C. & Agyemang, E. (2021) The dilemma of vulnerable groups during lockdown: Implications for social work education and practice in Ghana. *The Thinker*, 87(2), 43-47
- Deku, C. S., **Forkuor, J. B.**, & Agyemang, E. (2021). COVID 19 meets changing traditional care systems for the elderly and a budding social work practice. Reflections for geriatric care in Ghana. *Qualitative Social Work*, 20(1–2), 501–506.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/1473325020973323>
- Odongo, D. A., **Forkuor, J.B.**, Ofori-Dua, K., Mensah, J. D. & Dwumah, P. (2021) The nature and extent of healthcare provision for people with intellectual disabilities in Ghana: A qualitative study. *Journal of Intellectual Disabilities*. 27(3), 637-656.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/17446295211016171>

- Bamezor, B. L. A., Quaicoe, T., **Forkuor, J. B.**, & Azumah, F. D. (2021). Exploring Stakeholder Perceptions of Quality Early Childhood Education in Private Day Care Centers in Ghana: A Qualitative Approach. *Education Research International*, vol. 2021, Article ID 6695936, 10 pages, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1155/2021/6695936>
- Odongo, D. A., Agyemang, E., & **Forkuor, J. B.** (2021). Innovative Approaches to Cheating: An Exploration of Examination Cheating Techniques among Tertiary Students. *Education Research International*, 2021, e6639429. <https://doi.org/10.1155/2021/6639429>
- Asiedu, S. O., Kwarteng, A., Amewu, E. K. A., Kini, P., Aglomasa, B.C. and **Forkuor, J. B.** (2021). Financial burden impact quality of life among lymphatic filariasis patients. *BMC Public Health*, 21 (174) <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-021-10170-8>
- Agyemang, E., Forkuor, J.B. & Obeng, B. (2020)** Reasons, practices and procedures that bring mothers to the streets as street beggars: A qualitative study of mothers with twin children begging on the streets of Ghana. *Journal of Social Development in Africa*, 35(2), 61-92
- Forkuor, J. B.**, Agyemang, E. & Odongo, D. A. (2020) Regulatory discretion, social networks and negotiated orders in street food regulations: A qualitative analysis of street food regulations in urban Ghana. *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, 38:3, 499-513, DOI: [10.1080/02589001.2020.1778649](https://doi.org/10.1080/02589001.2020.1778649)
- Ofori-Dua, K., **Forkuor, J.B.** & Nachinaab, J. O. (2020) Finding solace behind bars: Experiences of inmates in Kumasi Central Prison. *Journal of Victimology and Victim Justice*, 1-19 DOI: 10.1177/2516606920965341
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- Forkuor, J. B.**, Odongo A. D. & Dekie, M. K. (2020) Caring for People with Intellectual Disability: Experiences. *Social Sciences* 9(3), 67-76. doi: 10.11648/j.ss.20200903.12
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- Forkuor, J. B.**, Akuoko, K.O. & Yeboah E. H. (2017) Negotiation and management strategies of street vendors in developing countries: A narrative review. *SAGE Open*, January-March 2017, 1-13, DOI: 10.1177/2158244017691563
- Manful E., Azumah D. F., Mainoo O. G., **Forkuor J. B.**, Gyasi-Boadu N., & Ofori-Dua K. (2017). Gender differences of psychosocial implications of sexual abuse: A survey of victims in Ghana. *Gender & Behaviour*, 15 (3), 9570-9583
- Forkuor, J. B.**, Akuoko, K.O., Yeboah E. H., Rheinlander, T. & Samuelsen, H (2016) Food vending among men in Kumasi: Socio-cultural advantages, constraints and coping strategies. *International Journal of Social Science Studies*, 4(2), 94-102
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- Akuoko, K. O., Ofori-Dua, K., & **Forkuor, J. B.** (2013). Women making ends meet: street hawking in Kumasi, challenges and constraints. *Michigan Sociological Review*, 27 (Fall 2013), 25-43. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/43150987>
- Forkuor, D., Kyei, P. O., **Forkuor, J. B.** (2013) 'Land use changes and its effects on the provision of social facilities to residents of the Kumasi Metropolis of Ghana', *Ethiopian Journal of Environmental Studies and Management*, 6(3), 324-332

PUBLISHED WORKS (Books and Policy Documents)

- Ewusi-Mensah, N., Logah, C.J., **Forkuor, J.B.**, Mensah-Gyening, R. M. O., Arthur, A.B. & Asante, E. A. (2024). Enhancing institutional policies and frameworks for E-learning: A case study of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana. Mastercard Foundation e-Learning Initiative Working Paper Series 1.0. <https://doi.org/10.14507/MCF-eLi.19>
- Ofori-Dua, K., **Forkuor, J. B.**, Dwumah, P., Dapaah, J. M., & Odongo, D. A. (2022, November 16). Improving Access to Healthcare for Persons Living with Intellectual Disabilities: A Practical

Guide for Policy Makers, Health Workers and Social Workers.
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Forkuor, J. B., Akuoko, K.O. & Yeboah E. H. (2016) Effective and Inclusive Regulation of Street Foods in Kumasi: Promoting Food Safety, Protecting Consumers and Enhancing the Wellbeing of Food Vendors, *Policy Brief, DANIDA Ghana Street Foods Project*, KNUST. Available at: http://dfcentre.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/2017-03-27_11-P21-GHA-Kwasi-Ohene-Yankyera.pdf

Manuscripts Under Review

Duah, M., Forkuor, J. B., Forkuor, D., Agyemang, E., & Benyin, F. A. S. (2025). *The role of urban agriculture in empowering women: A case study of access and social transformation in Kumasi, Ghana*. Manuscript under review, *Urban Studies*

Forkuor, J. B., & Benyin, F. A. S. (2025). *Beyond provision: Advocating for fathers' socio-emotional responsibility in Ghanaian child rights*. In [Edited Volume Title]. Manuscript under review (book chapter).

Forkuor, J. B., Ofori-Dua, K., Forkuor, D., Benyin, F. A. S., & Kyei Baffour, F. (2025). *Criminal justice social work in Ghanaian hospitals: A qualitative examination of the hospital social work role in promoting criminal justice in Ghanaian hospitals*. Manuscript under review, *British Journal of Social Work*.

Solaga, B., Agyemang, E., Twum, E., Benyin, F. A. S., Atttoh, D., Forkuor, J. B., Dwumah, P., & Ofori-Dua, K. (2025). *The urban informal economy in Ghana: A pathway to economic inclusion for persons with intellectual disabilities*. Manuscript under review, *Journal of Disability Policy Studies* (Manuscript ID: JDPS-11-25-0212).

Ofori-Dua, K., Forkuor, J. B., Forkuor, D., Benyin, F. A. S., & Kyei-Baffour, F. (2025). *Connecting health and social wellbeing: A practice guide for hospital social work in Ghana*. In *Responding to social needs in healthcare: A practical and ethical guide*. Unpublished practice manual.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Gren LH, **Forkuor JB**, Frost CJ, Appiah SC, Benson LS, Ofori Dua K. Social Work-supported peer counseling: Considerations for filling the gap in mental health service availability for high school youth in Ghana. APHA. October 27-30, 2024. Minneapolis, MN, USA.

Asare, L. A., & **Forkuor, J. B.** (2023). The social consequences of climate change: A qualitative analysis of early girl child marriage as an informal adaptation strategy among rural communities in Northern Ghana. *Crisis in the Anthropocene: Rethinking connection and*

agency for development (p. Paper 73202 of P32). University of Reading: Development Studies Association.

Forkuor, J. B. (2023). Familial sidewalks: Examining livelihood strategies of male migrant workers on a sidewalk in Ghana's second city. *Crisis in the Anthropocene: Rethinking connection and agency for development* (p. Paper 73595 of P72). University of Reading: Development Studies Association.

Forkuor, J. B. and Jones, B. (2021) Paper presented at the 2021 ASA Virtual Annual Meeting on **Old Parks – New Futures: The Changing Use of Open Urban Space in Ghana Saturday, November 20,**

Forkuor, J. B. and Jones, B. (2021) 4th Ghana Studies Association Triennial Conference, Tamale-Ghana, 18-20th July 2022.

Odongo A. Douglas, **Forkuor J. Boulard**, Kathleen M. Preble, & Sintim Daniel. (2022). Promoting sustainable economic growth through vocational training for students with neurodevelopmental disorders in Kumasi, Ghana. Poster presented at the *2nd Annual Student Research Showcase* on April 20, 2021, at the Thompson Center, Columbia, Missouri.

Odongo, A. D. & **Forkuor, J.B (2019)** 'Using assistive tools to improve healthcare access for the intellectually disabled in Oforikrom and Asokore Mampong Municipalities, Ghana'. Poster presented at the 8th College of Health Sciences KNUST & 12th Convention of Biomedical Research Ghana, Joint Scientific Conference, 30th – 31st July 2019. Theme: *Universal Access to Healthcare-The Role of the Health Scientist*

2018-FACILITATOR: *British Council Reintegration Workshop*, held at KNUST on the 26th of January 2018

Forkuor, J. B., Amaniampong, E., Odongo, D. A., Agyei, A. & Kondor, R (2018) Exploring the criminal techniques and the modes of operation of criminals in the Kumasi Metropolis, Ghana. Paper presented at the *3rd Ghana Sociological and Anthropological Conference*, held at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, on the 20th-21st September 2018 under the theme: The social scientist and Sustainable Development Goals.

Forkuor, J. B., Ofori-Dua, K., Amarteifio, J., Odongo, A. D., Dekie, K. M & Brimpomaah, A. (2017) Caring for the intellectually disabled: Motivations, challenges and coping strategies. **Paper presented** at the *5th AfriNEAD & 7th College of Health Sciences Scientific Conference*, held at KNUST, on the 7th-9th August 2017 under the theme: Disability and inclusion in Africa: The role of assistive technology.

Forkuor, J.B., Ofori-Dua, K., Azumah, F. D., Nyarko, J. A., Opoku-Nkansah, L., Ayanful, C. A. & Opoku-Mensah, C. (2017) Women in policing: Challenges and prospects. **Paper presented** at the *Conference of the Ghana Sociological and Anthropological Association*, held at KNUST on the 21st-22nd September 2017 under the theme: The Social Scientist and Sustainable Development: Discourses and Debates in Contemporary Africa

Ankar-Brewoo, G., **Forkuor, J. B. & Mensah, J. O.** (2016) Street foods and food fraud. **Paper presented** at the *1st National Conference on Food Fraud*, held on 27th January 2016, College of Science, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology under the theme: Combating food fraud: A multi-disciplinary approach.

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MENTORING EXPERIENCE

2017-MENTOR: Commonwealth Scholarship Commissions' Project Camp

2019-MENTOR: African Research Academies for Women

REVIEW EXPERIENCE

2017-: Reviewer: International Journal of Social Science Studies

2018-: Reviewer: Gender Issues

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND GROUP MEMBERSHIP

2017-2018 International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) (Member, Friend)

2017- Ghana Sociological and Anthropological Association

2017- DANIDA Alumni Ghana

2016- University Teachers Association of Ghana (UTAG)

REFEREES

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