

CURRICULUM VITAE

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1. CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Phonology; tonology, syllable structures and prosodic studies
- Morphosyntax (minimalism and lexical functional grammar)
- Semantics and pragmatics; and related areas
- African studies
- Communication studies

2. ACADEMIC TRAINING AND WORK EXPERIENCE

i. Institutions Attended with Degrees

▪ 2001–2005:	University of Hong Kong S.A.R, China Doctor of Philosophy , Linguistics,
▪ 1998–2001:	University of Tromsø, Norway Master of Philosophy , Linguistics,
▪ 1993–1997:	University of Ghana, Legon Bachelor of Arts , Linguistics and Philosophy,
▪ 1990–1992:	Osei Kyeretwie Secondary School, Kumasi, Ghana General Certificate in Education; Advanced Level
▪ 1986–1990:	Osei Kyeretwie Secondary School, Kumasi, Ghana General Certificate in Education; Ordinary Level
▪ 1985–1986	Wesley Day Secondary School (now, Wesley Girls Senior Secondary School), Kumasi General Certificate in Education; Ordinary Level

ii. Relevant Employment Experience

▪ Oct. 2006– Date	Lecturing , Department of Language and Communication Sciences, Kwame Nkrumah University of Sciences and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi-Ghana
▪ Sept. 2014– Aug. 2015	Visiting Professor (DAAD Scholar) , Institut für Anglistik und Amerikanistik, Universität Potsdam, Germany
▪ June–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

3. TEACHING/ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATION POSITIONS HELD

i. Teaching/Academic:

▪ Aug. 2022– Date	Professor, Department of Language & Communication Sciences, KNUST, Kumasi
▪ Aug. 2017– June 2022	Associate Professor, Department of Language & Communication Sciences, KNUST, 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, KNUST, Kumasi
▪ Oct. 2006– July 2011	Lecturer Department of Modern Languages, KNUST, Kumasi
▪ June 20–July 31, 2010	Visiting Assistant Professor, The Communication & 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
▪ 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

ii. Administration:

▪ Aug. 2020– Date	Provost, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, KNUST, Kumasi
▪ 2018–2019	Vice Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, KNUST, Kumasi
▪ 2019–2020	Vice Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, KNUST, Kumasi
▪ 2018–2020	Head, Department of Language & Communication Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, KNUST, Kumasi
▪ 2015–2016	Head, Department of Modern Languages, Faculty of Social Sciences, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, KNUST, Kumasi
▪ 2017–2018	Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, KNUST, Kumasi
▪ 2016–2017	Vice Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, KNUST, Kumasi
▪ 2013–2014	Head, Department of Modern Languages, Faculty of Social Sciences, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, KNUST, Kumasi
▪ 2010–2013	Examinations Officer, Department of Modern Languages, Faculty of Social Sciences, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, KNUST, Kumasi

4. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD

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| i. | Sept. 1998 – June 2001 | Norwegian Government Scholarship (Lanekassen); 3 years |
| ii. | Sept. 2001 – June 2005 | University of Hong Kong Scholarship ; 4 years |

5. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS/FUNDS GENERATION

I have been a member of teams that have strived to come out with proposals to raise research and development grants/funds. The following feats exemplify this attempt.

i.	Title of Fund:	Akan Verbs Database
	Funded by:	University of Ghana Research Grant
	Amount:	US\$20,000
	Period:	2009 – 2011
	Principal Investigator:	Prof. Kweku Osam, UG, 054-434-2905
ii.	Title of Fund:	THECA-TYVEGHA Project
	Funded by:	European Developing Countries Trial Partnership
	Amount:	€5,179,550.71

Period:	2019-2022
Principal Investigator:	Prof. Ellis Owusu-Dabo, KNUST, 020-196-4425
iii. Title of Fund:	Organisation of an international conference on sustainability, with the University of Texas, Dallas
Funded by:	Ann and Jack Graves Foundation
Amount:	US\$23,000
Period:	2025
Team Leader:	College Advancement Team

6. UNIVERSITY TEACHING

Course code and name	Date
• DTLE 554/LED 754: Morphosyntactic Theory	2021-Date
• DTLE 553/LED 755: Semantic and Pragmatic Studies	2021-Date
• LING 451: Readings in Phonetics and Phonology	2022-Date
• LING 452: Readings in Morphology and Syntax	2022-Date
• LING 351: Phonological Theory	2022-Date
• LING 352: Syntactic Theory	2022-Date
• GLAK 161: The Nature of Language	2007-2019
• GLAK 162: Introduction to General Akan Linguistics	2007-2019
• LING 151: Introduction to the Nature of Language	2019-2021
• LING 152: Introduction to General Linguistics	2019-2021
• COMS 151: Introduction to Language and Communication	2019-2020
• COMS 152: Introduction to Mass Communication	2019-2020
• COMS 369: Bargaining and Negotiation I	2021-2023
• COMS 373: Public Advocacy	2021-2023
• GLAK 261/262: Phonetics and Phonology of Akan I & II	2011-2014
• GLAK 263/264: Morphosyntax of Akan I & II	2011-2014
• GLAK 361/362: Advanced Phonetics and Phonology of Akan I & II	2011-2018
• GLAK 363: Akan Semantics	2011-2014
• GLAK 364: Akan Pragmatics	2011-2014
• GLAK 367: Summary and Essay Writing	2009-2014
• GLAK 368: Report Writing	2009-2014
• GLAK 461: Selected Papers on the Akan Language and Linguistics	2010-2013
• GLAK 462: Selected Papers on Akan Discourse	2010-2013
• GLAK 463/464: Discourse Analysis and Argumentation I & II	2010-2016
• GLAK 101/102: Twi for Medical Students I & II	2011-2012
• ENGL 453: Advanced Syntax	2008-2011
• ENGL 454: Semantics and Lexicography	2008-2011

7. MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

• University Teachers Association of Ghana (UTAG)	2006-Date
• Linguistics Association of Ghana (LAG)	2008-Date
• African Human Language Technology (HLT) Society	2009-Date
• African Network for Localisation (ANLoc)	2010-Date
• Afri-Connect Academic Hub	2025-Date

8. MEMBERSHIP OF UNIVERSITY STATUTORY COMMITTEES

▪ 2024–Date	Member , University Appointments & Promotions Committee
▪ 2018–2020	Member , Academic Board (Council Rep.)
▪ 2019–2020	Member , KNUST GUSSS Board
▪ 2019–2020	Member , KNUST Council
▪ 2018–2020	Chairman , Central University Admissions Committee
▪ 2016–2018	Member , Central University Admissions Committee
▪ 2012–2014	Member , Central University Admissions Committee
▪ 2018–2020	Member , Humanities & Social Sciences Ethics Committee
▪ 2013–2014	Editor , CASS Newsletter
▪ 2017–2020	Member , College Appointment & Promotions Committee (CAPC), College of Humanities and Social Sciences
▪ 2018–2020	Member , School of Graduate Studies Board
▪ 2013–2015	Member , Taskforce for Allocation of Accommodation to Staff
▪ 2016–2018	Academic Board Representative , Wisconsin International University College
▪ 2018–2020	Academic Board Representative , Kessben University College

9. MEMBERSHIP OF UNIVERSITY NON-STATUTORY COMMITTEES

▪ 2025	Member , KNUST Strategic Plan 2K35 Committee
▪ 2019–2021	President , University Teachers' Association of Ghana, KNUST Branch
▪ 2015–2019	Vice President , University Teachers' Association of Ghana, KNUST Branch
▪ 2011–2015	Secretary , University Teachers' Association of Ghana, KNUST Branch
▪ 2015–2017	Chairman , Faculty's Transport Committee
▪ 2016–Date	Member , Faculty's Postgraduate Programmes Review Committee
▪ 2012–2014	Member , Organizing Committee for Research-related Fora in the College
▪ 2012–	Chairman , Restructuring of Programmes Committee
▪ 2017–	Member , Committee to Review Draft Policy on Peer Evaluation of Teaching
▪ 2017–	Chairman , Investment Sub-committee of the GUSSS Board
▪ 2018–	Member , Search Committee for the Appointment of Director, Institute of Distance Learning, KNUST
▪ 2021–	Member , Search Committee for the Appointment of Director, Institute of Distance Learning, KNUST
▪ 2020–2022	Member (Co-opted) , Curriculum Review Committee
▪ 2025	Member , A Search Committee for the Appointment of Librarian

10. OTHERS

▪ 2011	Facilitator , Study Abroad Programme, KNUST
▪ 2014–Date	Reviewer , KReF Research Fund, KNUST
▪ 2017	Resource Person , Workshop for Deans and Heads of Department
▪ 2019	Convener , Sponsorship and Fundraising Sub-committee, 50 th Anniversary Planning Committee, Faculty of Social Sciences

▪ 2021	Resource Person , 9 th KNUST Summer School
▪ 2026	Acting Vice Chancellor , Administrative responsibility

12. SAMPLE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND SCHOLARSHIP

i. Books

- 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: https://cybersight.org/wp-content/uploads/eye_book_2018_Africa_2018-Interactive-Portrait-Version-V2_Igbo_TW.pdf
- Akuffo, K. O., A. K. Asare, E. A. Fordjour, F. K. Nunoo, **C. O. Marfo**, I. E. Nimo Nunoo, D. B. Kumah, B. Fosu. (2021). *Ani Nwoma no* (A translation of *The Eye Book* by Kenneth Youngstein into Asante Twi). New York: Orbis International. Online: https://cybersight.org/wp-content/uploads/eye_book_2018_Africa_2018-Interactive-Portrait-Version-V2_Igbo_TW.pdf

ii. Journal Papers and Book Chapters

- Nkrumah, D., F. Tella & **C. O. Marfo**. (2025). COVID-19 and politics: A Ghanaian journalism model, *African Journal of Communication*, 5(1): 19-46.
- Esimaje, A. **C. O. Marfo** and D. Ochieng. (2024). English-medium instruction in higher education in West Africa, in K. Bolton, W. & Botha, B. Lin (Eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of English-Medium Instruction in Higher Education*, 324-334. Oxon: Routledge.
- Broohm, O. N. and **C. O. Marfo**. (2023). Noun-noun compounding in Esahie. *Ghana Journal of Linguistics* 12 (3): 18-43.
- Manu, J. G., B. Ampong, **C. O. Marfo**. (2023). Analysing presupposition: A study on President Akufo-Addo's state of the nation address 2022. *Language Literacy: Journal of Linguistics, Literature, and Language Teaching* 7(2): 384-398
- Addo, P. K., G. K. Anane, **C. O. Marfo** and A. Adusei. (2023). Institutional approaches to supporting students during the COVID-19 pandemic: A comparative study of two Ghanaian public universities' online learning experiences, in L. Namatende-Sakwa, et al. (Eds), *COVID-19 and Education in Africa: Challenges, Possibilities, and Opportunities*, 152-166. Oxon: Routledge.
- Anane, G. K., P. K. Addo, A. Adusei and **C. Marfo**. (2023). Risk management strategies for teaching and learning in Ghanaian public universities during the COVID-19 pandemic, in L. Namatende-Sakwa, et al. (Eds), *COVID-19 and Education in Africa: Challenges, Possibilities, and Opportunities*, 218-232. Oxon: Routledge.

14. SAMPLE CONFERENCES/SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

- **Marfo, Charles**. 2025. Technological innovations in multilingual education in Africa: A call to action. 10th Linguistics Association of Ghana Conference (LAG2025), St. Teresa's College of Education, Hohoe, September 22-23, 2025.

- Tella, Fortune and **Charles Marfo**. 2025. Global communication of Chinese culture: The case of Chinese presence in Ghana. *Talking Across the World Symposium: Global Communication of Chinese Culture in the Digital Age*. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, May 16-17, 2025.
- **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.

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