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|  | PERSONAL INFORMATION   * Date of Birth: March, 1966 * Nationality: Ghanaian * Place of Birth: Kumasi, Ashanti, Ghana * Marital Status: A Religious of the Institute of the Daughters of the Most Holy Trinity (FST), Catholic Archdiocese of Kumasi, Ghana   EDUCATION   * Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology, APA-Accredited: 2003 * Master of Science in Community & Clinical Psychology: 1996 * Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (First Class Honors): 1994   **Institutions attended**:   * Florida State University, Florida, U.S.A.: 1997-2002 * Florida A&M University, Florida, U.S.A.: 1995-1996 * St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, Canada: 1990-1994   PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION   * International Affiliate, American Psychological Association (APA; Division 12) * Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Ghana Psychological Council (GPC) License number: GPSY00056-66-14P   **University Teaching & Appointments**  Lecturer (2003-2008)  Senior Lecturer (2009-2017)  Associate Professor (2018 - Present )  Graduate and Undergraduate Teaching in Psychology; Dept. of Behavioural Sciences, KNUST  Head, Department of Behavioural Sciences; KNUST ( Aug., 2020 – Present)  Council Member, Ensign College of Public Health, Kpong, an affiliate of KNUST (Oct., 2020 – Present)  Chairperson, College Procurement Committee (Sept., 2020 – Present)  Chairperson, Students Counselling Committee, School of Medicine and Dentistry (Sept., 2020 – Present)  Chairperson, Students Mentoring Committee, School of Medicine and Dentistry (Sept., 2020 – Present)  Vice Dean of Students for the KNUST (July, 2012 – Aug., 2016)  Founding Head, KNUST Counselling Centre (KCC); (Aug., 2016 – July, 2020)  Coordinator, SMS Tutorial Program, KNUST (2010-2011)  **Research Experience:**   * Head & Convener, Research Committee, Centre for Disability and Rehabilitation Studies (CEDRES), SMD, KNUST (2010-2011) * Doctoral Dissertation, ‘*Culture, Control and Age: Implications for Coping and Wellbeing’*, Florida State University (2003) * Graduate Teaching & Research Assistant (full time), Dept. of Psychology, Florida State University (1997-2002) * Masters Thesis Research, ‘*African self-consciousness scale and White’s method of assessing racial identity using the TCB projective technique: A validational study’*, Florida A&M Univ. (1996) * Graduate Research Assistant (full time), Dept. of Psychology, Florida A &M University, Tallahassee, Florida (1994-1996) * Graduate Research Assistant, Florida A&M University Planning and Analysis Dept. (May-July, 1995) * Graduate Research Assistant (intern), Florida State University & University of South Florida Mental Health Institute (USFMHI) Joint Research Internship (May-July, 1995) * Undergraduate Research Assistant, Dept. of Psychology, St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, Canada (June-Aug. 1993) * Undergraduate Honours Thesis Research, ‘*Anxiety, Depression, Flexibility and Gastric* *Symptoms*’, Dept. of Psychology, STFX, Canada   **Interests and Competencies:**   * Academic interests: Clinical Psychology, Health Psychology, Community Psychology * Research interests: Self-efficacy and control perceptions; subjective wellbeing, culture, disability and aging. * Clinical competency: Clinical supervision, adolescent & adult psychotherapy (close to two decades of psychotherapy practice and provision of clinical supervision; seen clients of varied clinical presentations, including but not limited to, mood and anxiety disorders, intellectual/cognitive disabilities, and psychotic conditions) * Competent in the administration, scoring, and interpretation of varied *intellectual and achievement tests*, *personality tests*, and *neuropsychological tests.*   **Selected Peer-Reviewed Publications:**  **Owusu-Ansah** ,**F. E**., Akua Afriyie Addae, Bernice Ofosuhene Peasah, Kwaku Oppong Asante & Joseph Osafo (2020), Suicide among university students: Prevalence, risks and protective factors; Health Psychology & Behavioral Medicine, 8:1, 220-233.  **Owusu-Ansah, F.E.,** Bigelow, A. & Powers, M. (2019). The effect of mother-infant skin-to-skin contact on Ghanaian infants’ response to the Still Face Task: Comparison between Ghanaian and Canadian mother-infant dyads, *Infant Behavior and Development, Special Issue.*  **Owusu-Ansah, F. E.,** Addae, A.A., DeGraft-Adjei, V., Yawson, S., Gyawu, J., & Peasah, B.O. Is this the end? The impact of psychological counselling on psychological distress among buyout staff in a public Ghanaian organization, *Ghana International Journal of Mental Health,* 2017; Vol 6&7, 134-155.  **Owusu-Ansah, F.E** & Donnir, G. (2016). Psychotherapy in indigenous context: A Ghanaian perspective on provision of culturally competent care. In the Handbook of research on theoretical perspectives on indigenous knowledge systems in developing countries; IGI Global, International Publisher of Progressive Information Sciences and Technology Research.  **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**.; Adusei-Nkrumah, J. “Make my burden lighter”: depression and social support in persons with disability in Ghana. *Journal of Depression Therapy*, 2017; 1(4), 15-29  **Owusu-Ansah, F.E.**; Tagoe, A. & Tagbor, H.Access to health in city slums: The case of Sodom and Gomorra in Accra, Ghana. *African Journal of Primary Health Care and Family Medicine*, 2016; Vol. 8 (No.1), 7 pages, a822.http://dx.doi.org/10.4102/phcfm.v8i1.822  **Owusu-Ansah, F. E**., 2015, ‘Sharing in the life of the Person with Disability: A Ghanaian perspective’, *African Journal of Disability*, 4(1), Art. # 185, 8 pages; <http://dx.doi.org/10.4102/ajod.v4i1.185>  Edusei, A. K., **Owusu-Ansah, F. E.,** Dogbe, J.A., Morgan, J. & Sarpong, K., 2015, ‘Perspectives in musculoskeletal injury management by Traditional Bone Setters in Ashanti, Ghana’, *African Journal of Disability*, Vol. 4 (1), 8 pages; <http://dx.doi.org/10.4102/ajod.v4i1.97>  Kwofie, T.B. & **Owusu-Ansah, F. E.,** 2013, ‘Towards HIV prevention and education among university students: the case of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology’, *Journal of Biological and Food Science Research*, October Issue, 62-68.  **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. & Mji, G., 2013, ‘African indigenous knowledge and research’, *African Journal of Disability*, Vol. 2(1), Art.#30 5 pages. <http://dx.doi.org/10.4102/ajod.v2i1.30>  **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**.; Agyei-Baffour, P & Edusei, K., 2012, ‘Perceived control, academic performance and wellbeing of Ghanaian college students with disability’, *African Journal of Disability*, Vol 1 (1), Art.#34, 6pages.http://dx.doi.org/10.4102/ajod.v1i1.34  Danso, A. K.; **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**.; & Alorwu, D., 2012, ‘Designed to deter: Barriers to facilities at secondary schools in Ghana’, *African Journal of Disability* 1(1), Art. #2, 9 pages. doi:http://dx.doi.org/10.4102/ajod.v1i1.2  **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**., Frempong, E., Mensah, D., Dumakor, D., 2011, Self-esteem & HIV/AIDS: The Case of University Students, *Ghana International Journal of Mental Health,* Volume, 3 (1), 32-40.  **Owusu-Ansah, F.E.** (2010), Do Cultural Identity and Control Perceptions have any bearing on how satisfied we are with our lives? *Ghana International Journal of Mental Health*, Vol.1, 25-43.  **Owusu-Ansah, F.E.** (2008), Control Perceptions and Control Appraisal: Implications for Subjective Well-being, *Ghana Medical Journal*, 42(2), 61-67.  **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. (2005), Cultural Orientation and Subjective Well-being*, Journal of the University of Science and Technology*, 24(2), 77-83.  **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. (2008), Managing Stress at the Work Place and in the Home, *Mediscope*, 5, 28-29.  **Selected Conference Papers**  **Owusu-Ansah, F.E.,** Addae, A.A.,Yawson, S., Hackman, J.J., & De-Graft Adjei, V. *Psychological distress among Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology students*, KNUST, Kumasi (15-17 Oct., 2018).  Addae, A.A., **Owusu-Ansah, F.E.,** Peasah, B.O., Jantuah, S., Gyawu, J.A. *Prevalence and risk factors of substance use among Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology students*, Kumasi (15-17 Oct., 2018).  **Owusu-Ansah, F.E.,** Vuuro, E. & Adusei, A. *Barriers to inclusive education: The case of Wenchi Senior High School*. 5th AfriNEAD & College of Health Sciences Scientific Conference, KNUST, Kumasi (7-9 Aug., 2017)  Addae, A. A., Yawson, S. & **Owusu-Ansah, F. E**. *Spare the child and spare the rod: Psychological effects of physical punishment among Ghanaian youth*. 5th AfriNEAD & College of Health Sciences Scientific Conference, KNUST, Kumasi (7-9 Aug., 2017)  Addae, A. A., Yawson, S. & **Owusu-Ansah, F. E.** *Prevalence and risk factors of substance use among Ghanaian adolescents*. 5th AfriNEAD & College of Health Sciences Scientific Conference, KNUST, Kumasi (7-9 Aug., 2017)  Baah, A.I., Edusei, A. & **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. *Support services for pupils with low vision in pilot inclusive schools at the Ejisu-Juaben Municipality*. 5th AfriNEAD & College of Health Sciences Scientific Conference, KNUST, Kumasi (7-9 Aug., 2017)  Building Stronger Universities II research conference, Golden Bean Hotel, Kumasi. Ghana, Mar. 28-30th, 2017  **Owusu-Ansah, F.E.,** Addae, A. A., & Amoah, C. *Suicide in Ghana: Any clues for prevention efforts?* Joint Mental Health Conference – Mental Health in Africa: Prospects & Challenges, University of Ghana, Accra (15th – 17th October, 2015).  **Owusu-Ansah, F. E.,** Bigelow, A. Michelle, P. *Universality and Cultural Specificity in Early Mother-Infant Interaction: Is the 2-Month Transition Really Universal*? *International Conference on Infant Studies (ICIS),* Berlin, July 4th- 6th, 2014.  **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. (2014). *Depression, anxiety, flexibility and gastric symptoms*; Presented at the 4th AfriNEAD conference, Mangochi, Malawi (Nov. 3rd-5th, 2014)  **Mentoring & Theses Research Supervision** (Primary and Co-Supervisor)   * PhD Thesis, ‘*Understanding, interpretation and expression of spirituality and its influence on care and wellbeing: An exploratory case study of a South Africa indigenous community;* Stellenbosch University, South Africa (Co-Supervisor, 9/2016) * Graduate Thesis: ‘*The sexual and reproductive health of girls and women with disabilities in Ghana*, University of Netherlands, (Co-Supervisor, 12/2012-2013) * Graduate Thesis, ‘*Social support and depression in persons with disability’*, CEDRES, KNUST (Primary Supervisor, 10/2013-5/2015) * Graduate Thesis, ‘*The impact of caregiving on caregivers of children with cerebral palsy in the Kumasi Metropolis’*, CEDRES, KNUST (Primary Supervisor, 8/2012-5/2015) * Graduate Thesis, ‘*The challenge of mother-caregivers of children with celebral palsy and its effects on their general wellbeing’*, CEDRES, KNUST (Primary Supervisor, 11/2012-2014) * Undergraduate Thesis, ‘*Effects of stress on work output of mental health practitioners’*, Faculty of Education, Dept. of Foundations, University of Cape Coast, Ghana (Primary Supervisor, 5/2008-09)   **Other Scientific/Professional Training and Experiences**:   * Nomination as Examiner, Ghana Psychology Council Licensure Examination Team, 2021 * Board Member, Regional KAAD Partner Committee for West Africa to the Catholic Academic Exchange Service (KAAD), March, 2005 - present. * Reviewer, KNUST Research Fund (KReF) research proposals, 2016 – present * External Assessor (Promotions); University of Ghana, 2020 * Editorial board membership, African Journal of Disability (AJOD); 2012 - present * Africa Inter-Professional Network workshop, University of Namibia, Windhoek, Nambia, 16-22, Sept. 2017. * Reviewer, KNUST Ethics Policy; 2018. * Counselling Students with Disability at Tertiary Institutions in Ghana, funded by the Ghana Federation of Disability Associations (GFD) in collaboration with the Government of Denmark, Sunlodge Hotel, Tesano, Accra,Ghana; 20-21st Nov. 2017. * Consultant, Ghana Statistical Service (GSS); provision of therapy/counselling to buyout staff, March-July, 2015. * Workshop on supervising and supporting PhD students (Training of PhD trainers), University of Copenhagen, Oct. 1-5, 2012; Feb. 4-7, 2013; Certification in Postgraduate Supervision Training, University of Copenhagen * External Examiner, University of Cape Town, 2013 * Curriculum development and module review training; CEDRES, KNUST, 2011. * External Examiner of MPhil Theses; Department of Education and Psychology, School of Graduate Studies, University of Cape Coast, 2016-2019. * External Examiner of graduate work in MPhil in Disability Studies; Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town, South Africa; 5/2013-6/2013. * Internal Examiner for two (2) Postgraduate research theses in the Department of Community Health, SMD, KNUST * Training in sustainable development of tertiary institutions in Ghana, KNUST 5th Summer School, 2015 * Certification in Postgraduate Supervision Training, Dakar, Senegal, 2013 * Training and Certification in Transformative Leadership, 2013 * Clinical Supervision and Training of interns from Dept. of Social Work, KNUST (through KCC) * Extensive experience in clinical supervision of Counsellors (KCC & National Counselling Center Catholic Archdiocese of Kumasi (NCC), 6/2005 -03/2015; 2012-2016 * Project Team Member on the SMS-NPT Disability Project (NUFFIC, Dutch-South African Consortium capacity building project on the prevention and response to disability), KNUST, 2010-2012.   **Conferences/Seminars and Workshops** (At which papers were presented):   * 4th Mental Health and Well-Being Conference, KNUST, Kumasi, Oct. 15-17. 2018. * 5th African Network for Evidence to Action in Disability (AfriNEAD) & 7th College of Health Sciences Conference, KNUST, Kumasi; Aug. 7-9, 2017. * International Joint conference of Technishe Univeritat Munchen, Germany & Pwani University, Kilifi, Kenya, Nov. 28-30th, 2016 * Joint Mental Health Conference, University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana, Oct. 15-17th 2015 * International Conference on Infant Studies (ICIS), Berlin, July 4-6, 2014 * 4TH AfriNEAD Conference, Sun ‘n’ Sand Holiday Resort, Mangochi, Malawi, Nov. 3rd -5th, 2014 * Postgraduate supervisory training of trainer workshop, Building Stronger Universities Initiative, Miklin Hotel, Kumasi, Ghana, Oct. 1-5, 2012 * 3rd AfriNEAD (The African Network for Evidence-to Action in Disability) Symposium, Elephant Hills Resort, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, Nov. 28-30th, 2011 * 2nd National Disability Conference, KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana, Aug. 10-12, 2011 * 5th Africa Forum Conference, Access Africa, GIMPA, Accra, Ghana, July 2-8, 2011 * 4th International CAN (CBR) Conference on Disability, Nicon Luxury Hotel, Abuja, Nigeria, Oct. 26-29, 2010 * Curriculum Development Workshop for the Capacity Building in Disability Prevention and Response, sponsored by NUFFIC (Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation in Higher Education), Jan. 29-Feb. 5, 2009. * Strategic leadership and management course for the enhancement of education of health professionals, Eusbett hotel, Sunyani, Ghana, Jan. 5-16, 2009.   **Selected invited lecture/workshop/training/professional presentations**   * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E.** (2021, May). Invited Speaker: ‘*Managing midlife transitions for communal living and subjective wellbeing*’; Sisters Hospitallier, Dompaase, Ashanti Region. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E.** (2020, Sept.) Invited Speaker: ‘*Mentorship*’, A two-day orientation workshop for newly appointed faculty members, KNUST. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. (2019, July). Invited Speaker: ‘*Stress management’*, MasterCard Scholars Program, MCFSP-ASU, workshop. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E.** (2019, Aug.). Invited Speaker: ‘*How to identify, assist and report a student in distress*’, Training of Trainers workshop for Hall Assistants and Hostel Managers, KNUST. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E.** (2018, Jan.). Invited Speaker: ‘*Depression and stress management’*, Interhall Christian Fellowship (IHCF), KNUST. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E.** (2018, Feb.). Invited Speaker: ‘*Health & Work ethics’*, a two-day workshop for KNUST Affiliate Institutions (Technical and Private Institutions). * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E.** (2018, Jan.) Invited Speaker: ‘*Stress management’*, Catholic Vocations Directors/Directresses Association of Ghana (CAVDAG), Obuasi. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. (2018, May). Guest Speaker: ‘*How do I know what I want to be? Deciding a career path*’, Science and Technology Seminar for JHS Girls in the Ayeduase Community, Kumasi. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. (2017, May). Guest Lecture: ‘*Psychology and African perspectives’*, International Programmes Office (IPO), KNUST. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. (2017, April). Invited Speaker: ‘*Stress: causes, prevention and management’*, Catholic Organization for Social and Religious Advancement (COSRA). * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. (2017, Oct-Nov.). Trainer: Group therapy for institutional transitions and adjustment; Christian Brothers, Tamale. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E.** (2016, June). Invited Speaker: ‘*Subjective wellbeing as a breast cancer survivor*’, Training workshop for Breast Cancer Survivors, Peace & Love Hospital, Oduom, Kumasi. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. (2015, April). Guest Lecturer, ‘*Psychopathology*’, Post-Graduate Psychiatry Programme, KATH. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E.** (2015, Aug.). Invited Speaker: ‘*Academic life and stress management’*, 5th KNUST Summer School. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. (2015, Feb.). Invited Speaker: ‘*Stress management’*, St. Gregory Major Seminary SRC week, Parkoso, Kumasi. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. (2010, Nov., -2014, Aug.). Trainer & Guest Lecture: *Human development*; Institute for Continuing Formation (ICF), Elimina. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. (2013, May). Invited Speaker: ‘*Crisis intervention’*, leaving behind a strong institution SRC leadership training, KNUST. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. (2013, May). Trainer & Facilitator: Ghana Students Taking Action and Reaching for Success (STARS) Conference, KNUST. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. (2010). Invited Speaker: ‘*Post Traumatic Counselling’*, Training of trainers workshop for KNUST Hall Administrators on disaster management and prevention, KNUST. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E.** (2007, March -2010, Aug.). Trainer: Personality Assessment workshops; St. Peter’s Major Seminary, Pedu, Cape Coast. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. (2010). Invited Speaker: ‘*Handling victims of sexual harassment and ethical issues*’, mentorship training workshop for Female Senior Members, KNUST. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. (2010, Feb.). Invited Speaker: ‘*Love and the Christian medic’*, Christian Medics, Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH) * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. (2010, March). Invited Speaker: ‘*Counselling and interviewing skills in social work’*, In-serving training for KATH Accident & Emergency Unit., Kumasi. * **Owusu-Ansah, F. E**. (2009, Nov.). Guest Lecture: ‘*identification of sexual abuse complications: the role of the health worker’*, Society of Ghana Women Medical & Dental Practitioners, Accra. * **Owusu-Ansah, F.E**. (2010, Nov.). Invited Speaker: ‘*Addiction – early identification and management*’, IMCS Pax Romana Alumini, KNUST.   **Research Grants and Awards**   * University delegate for the Africa Inter-professional Network (AfriPEN) workshop, Nambia, Sept. 2017; KNUST sponsored * KNUST Research Fund (KReF); Suicide among university students (Ghc 9, 500.00); October, 2017 * Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) Contract Award for the provision of counselling services to buyout staff, 2015 ($ 19, 583.30) * University assignment for leadership and administrative training, Ramapo University, New Jersey, June-July, 2014; KNUST sponsored * Ghana-Michigan Collaborative Health Alliance for Reshaping Training, Education and Research (CHARTER); Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation research grant ($6,000.00), 2010; Grant number: 50786 * Dr. W.F. James Chair of Studies in the Pure and Applied Sciences for visiting scholars’ for2011-2012 academic year in the Dept. of Psychology, St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, Canada; ($ 3,000.00)   **Other Voluntary Services**  I have an extensive record of numerous services at the University community, and at the National and International levels in areas of my specialization as a Clinical Psychologist and an academic. With due sense of modesty, I can say these experiences have given me vast clinical, administrative, and leadership experiences in the past two decades.  **Sr. Frances Emily – as a person**  Briefly I would describe myself as an affable, hardworking, and dedicated person with good clinical and leadership qualities. In my interactions with others, building and sustaining relationships are important values for me. I consider my work as a psychotherapist a sacred duty. I enjoy working with and assisting my clients towards greater healing and wholeness. Teaching and forming students are also passions I cherish. My dedication to these aspects of my profession are affirmed by being a three-time best lecturer (for HB III) recipient of the medical school, KNUST (2004-2006) and a James Chair Professor of Psychology Award recipient (2011-12) at my alma mater in Nova Scotia, Canada. Aside being an astute academician, researcher, and a clinician, I am a Catholic religious woman dedicated to the service of the poor and needy in accordance with the charism of my Religious Institute. It is the love and commitment to my vocation as a Religious that underlie and sustain the passion I bring to all my work.  **REFEREES**:  Ann Bigelow, PhD  Psychology Department  St. Francis Xavier University  Nova Scotia, Canada  Phone: +1(850) 644-2040  Email: bigelow@stfx.ca  Rev. 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