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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D., Geography, 2000; University of Minnesota, Minnesota
- M.A., Geography, 1992, Carleton University, Canada
- M.A., Population Studies, 1990; United Nations Regional Institute for Population Studies, University of Ghana, Ghana
- B.A. (Hons), Geography (major) and Archaeology (minor); 1987, University of Ghana, Ghana

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Academic Positions**

- Chair, Department of Community & Regional Planning, Iowa State University, 2014 to present
- Interim Chair, Department of Community & Regional Planning, Iowa State University, 2013 to 2014
- Professor, Department of Community & Regional Planning, Iowa State University, 2012 to present
- Director of Graduate Education (DOGE), Department of Community & Regional Planning, Iowa State University, 2008 -2013
- Associate Professor, Department of Community & Regional Planning, Iowa State University, 2007-2012
- Affiliated faculty, African and African American Studies program, Iowa State University, 2008-present
- Affiliated Faculty, Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture, Iowa State University, 2003-present
- Assistant Professor, Department of Community & Regional Planning, Iowa State University, 2001 - 2007
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science & Geography, Seattle Pacific University, WA, 2000-2001

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

**Teaching-Related**

- ISU Wakonse Fellow, 2008 Wakonse Conference on College Teaching, May 22-27, 2008. Fellows are either nominated by a colleague or chosen for this honor by the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) because of their dedication to improving teaching and learning on our ISU campus.
- Memorable Teacher Award, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, Iowa State University (March, 2007 – Students are asked to nominate inspiring teachers who truly encourage and help them succeed).
- 2006 Polster Teaching Award Recipient, College of Design, Iowa State University (\$1,000) – Competitive award given to one faculty member in the College of Design each year for teaching excellence, April 2006

**Professional**

- Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) representative to Global Planning Education Association Network (GPEAN), 2015- present.

- Advisory Panel member, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (DDRI), Geography and Spatial Science Program, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA. 2012-2014
- Member, Technical Advisory Panel and Network (TAPNETs) of the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), Harare, Zimbabwe. (2011-present)
- Distinguished External Reference Group member, *Capacity Development for Natural Resources Management*, African Capacity Building Foundation, Harare, Zimbabwe (2012-13)
- Distinguished External Reference Group member, *Africa Capacity Development for Agricultural transformation and Food Security*, African Capacity Building Foundation, Harare, Zimbabwe (2011-12)
- Distinguished External Reference Group member for the development of *Africa Capacity Development for Agricultural transformation and Food Security*, African Capacity Building Foundation, Harare, Zimbabwe (2011 – 2012)
- Distinguished External Reference Group member for the development of *Africa Capacity Indicators 2011: Capacity Development in Fragile States*, African Capacity Building Foundation, Harare, Zimbabwe (2010 – 2011)
- Member, Association of American Geographers International Research and Scholar Exchange Committee, 2007-2008
- Chairperson, (elected position) Africa Specialty Group (a subgroup of the Association of American Geographers with over 250 members), 2005-2008
- Member, Board of Directors, (elected position), Economic Geography Specialty Group (a subgroup of the Association of American Geographers with over 800 members), 2005-2008
- Member, Student Dissertation and Paper Awards Committee, Economic Geography Specialty Group, 2005-2008
- Member, Board of Directors, (elected position), Africa Specialty Group (a subgroup of the Association of American Geographers), 2002-2005
- Student Director (elected position), Africa Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, 1996-1999

#### **Awards and Fellowships**

- 2015 Kwadwo Konadu-Agyemang Distinguished Scholar Award in African Geography, Africa Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, March 2015.
- 2013 College of Design Faculty Research Award, Iowa State University, April 2013
- Certificate of Commendation from the Governor of Minnesota, Honorable Jesse Ventura for my work in developing the Minnesota Progress Indicator, August, 2000
- Best Economic Geography Dissertation Award, Economic Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, 2001
- Best African Geography Student Paper Award, Africa Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, 1999

#### **Grants**

- Co-PI, 2013 Council on International Programs (CIP) Grant “Design Education and Research in African Context: Exploring options for College of Design Study Abroad, Service Learning and Research in Ghana” (PI, Chris Martin)
- PI, “Capacity Building for Research Leadership: The need, support and strategies for growing African research leaders” Study commissioned by the Partnership for African Social and Governance

- Research (PASGR), Nairobi, Kenya, 2012-2013 (Co-PIs: Ezekiel Kalipeni and Joy Mueni Maina Kiiru)
- PI, RECRUIT Grant, Graduate College, ISU. Grant to support the recruitment of underrepresented graduate students into the MCRP program, 2011-12
  - Co-PI, Miller Faculty Fellowship, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT), ISU Fellowship to support development of international service learning program including interdisciplinary course sequence proposed for academic year 2011-12
  - PI, “Improving the Effectiveness of the Public Sector in Africa through the Quality of Public Administration” Report commissioned by African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), Knowledge & Learning Unit, Harare, Zimbabwe as part of the Operations & Thematic Research Studies (ACBF OTRS FY2010). With Frank Kwaku Ohemeng
  - Co-PI, Iowa Housing Needs Assessment. Iowa Finance Authority. 2009-2011, \$155,424 (PI, Tim Borich; other CoPIs, Doug Johnston, Frank Owens, David Swenson, Carlton Basmajian)
  - Global Development Network (GDN), New Delhi, India, Project: “Development on the Move: Measuring and Optimizing the Economic and Social Impacts of Migration in Ghana”. Collaboration with researchers in the U.S. and Ghana, 2008-2009
  - Co-PI, Council on International Programs (CIP) Grant “Giving Global Public Health the Attention it deserves in the Classroom and in Service Learning at Iowa State” Iowa State University, 2008-2009.
  - Big XII Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Kansas, July 2008-June.
  - Community and Regional Planning Research Incentives Grant, ISU, 2008-2009.
  - Foreign Travel Grant, Iowa State University – to attend the “International Conference on Shared Growth in Africa” organized by Institute for Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) of the University of Ghana, Cornell University, World Bank, United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Accra, Ghana, Summer 2005.
  - World Bank-Netherlands, Governance Knowledge Sharing Program. Project: *Institutional Culture and the Performance of Public Institutions: Learning from “Good Performers,”* 2003-2004.
  - Rockefeller Foundation, African Dissertation Internship Award. Project: *Urban Livelihood Strategies, Institutional Efficiency and Economic Reform in Ghana*, 1995-1996.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles – Refereed

1. “Food Retail Assessment and Family Food Purchase Behavior in Ashongman Estates, Ghana” *African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development*, Vol 16, No 4, 2016, pp11386-11403 DOI: 10.18697/ajfand.76.15430 (With Richmond Aryeetey and Shelley Oltmans)
2. “Neoliberalism, Urbanization and Change in Africa: the Political Economy of Heterotopias” *Journal of African Development* (2016) 18:18:61–73 (with Pádraig Carmody)
3. Learning and power in international development partnerships: a case study of Iowan farmers in Uganda, *Community Development Journal* (co-author Stephen Lauer): 2016, doi:10.1093/cdj/bsv041
4. “Building research capacity for African institutions: confronting the research leadership gap and lessons from African research leaders”, *International Journal of Leadership in Education: Theory and Practice*, (2015) DOI: 10.1080/13603124.2015.1046497. (with Ezekiel Kalipeni, Nicholas Awortwi & Joy Mueni Maina Kiiru)
5. “Managing Dynamics of Power and Learning in Community Development: A Case Study of Iowan Farmers in Uganda” *Journal of Extension* June 2015, Vol 53, No. 3 (co author Stephen Lauer)

6. "Determinants of participation and leadership in food security groups in Southeast Uganda: Implications for development programs and policies" *Journal of Rural and Community Development*, 8(1), 77-97, 2013. (with Sseguya, H., Mazur, R. E., & Njuki, J. M.)
7. "Implementing a Revenue Authority Model of Tax Administration in Ghana: An Organizational Learning Perspective", *The American Review of Public Administration*, published online 9 May 2013, DOI: 10.1177/0275074013487943 (with Frank Ohemeng)
8. "The Socioeconomic Determinants of HIV/AIDS Infection Rates in Lesotho, Malawi, Swaziland and Zimbabwe" *Development Policy Review*, Vol. 30, No.3 pp305-326, 2012, (co-authors Christobel Asiedu and Elizabeth Asiedu),
9. "Beyond the 'posts' in African development discourse: exploring real solutions to Africa's problems" *Progress in Development Studies*, Vol 12, No 2&3, pp93-98, 2012, (co-authors: B. Ikubolajeh Logan and Ezekiel Kalipeni)
10. "Organizational Culture and Public Sector Reforms in a Post-Washington Consensus Era: Lessons from Ghana's 'Good Performers'." *Progress in Development Studies*, vol 12, No 2&3, pp131-151, 2012
11. "Young Women's Marital Status and HIV Risk in Sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Lesotho, Swaziland and Zimbabwe" *Journal of African Development* Vol. 12 (2), 2010, pp33-46 (co-authors: Christobel Asiedu and Elizabeth Asiedu),
12. "Locational Choices of the Ethanol Industry in the Midwest Corn Belt" *Economic Development Quarterly* Vol. 24, No.1, 2010, pp74 –86 (co-authors: Monica Haddad and Gary Taylor)
13. "Using PlacesOnLine in Instructional Activities." *Journal of Geography* Vol. 107 No.1 2008, pp20-26 (co-authors Michael Longan, and Curtis Roseman)
14. "Post-9/11 U.S. Foreign Aid, the Millennium Challenge Account and Africa: How many Birds can one stone kill?" *Africa Today* Vol. 54, No.1, Fall 2007, pp.1-26
15. "Conceptualizing Livelihood Strategies in African Cities: Planning and Development Implications of Multiple Livelihood Strategies." *Journal of Planning Education and Research* Vol. 26 No.4 2007, pp450-463
16. "Competing Hegemons? Chinese versus American Geo-Economic Strategies in Africa." *Political Geography* Vol. 26 No.5, 2007, pp504-524, (co-author: Pádraig Carmody)
17. "On Public Organizations in Ghana: What Differentiates Good Performers from Poor Performers?" *African Development Review* Vol.18 No.3 2006, pp471-485
18. "Differences in the performance of Public Organizations in Ghana: Implications for Public Sector Reform Policy" *Development Policy Review* Vol.24 No.6, 2006 pp675-687
19. "Livelihood Strategies and Performance of Ghana's Health and Education Sectors: Exploring the Connections" *Public Administration and Development* Vol. 25 No.2, 2005, pp157-174
20. "Introduction" *GeoJournal: An International Journal of Human Geography and Environmental Sciences* Vol. 62, No.1-2, pp115-116, 2005 (Special Topics Editor; theme: "Opportunities and Challenges for Development in Africa")
21. "Pragmatism and the Gradual Shift from Dependency to Neoliberalism: The World Bank, African Leaders and Development Policy in Africa" *World Development* Vol.31, No.10, 2003, pp1655-1672
22. "Impoverishment and Multiple Modes of Livelihood in Ghana" *The Canadian Geographer* Vol. 45, No.3, Fall, 2001, pp387-403,
23. "Industrial Strategy and the State: The Botswana Experience" *Canadian Journal of African Studies* Vol.31, No.2, 1997, pp268-299, (co-author: Abdi Samatar)

### **Edited Book**

- *Managing Africa's Natural Resources: Capacities for Development* (with Kobena T. Hanson and Cristina D'Alessandro). Palgrave MacMillan, 2014.

### **Book Chapters**

1. "Cities of Sub-Sahara Africa" in *Cities of the World: World Regional Urban Development*, (6<sup>th</sup> Ed), Stantley Brunn, Maureen Hays-Mitchell, Donglei Zeigler, and Jessica K. Graybill (eds), Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc. 2016 (ISBN: 978-1-4422-4916-5) (With Myers, G. and Gray, A.)
2. "Infrastructure Development as a Catalyst for Regionalism & Economic Integration in Africa" in K.T. Hanson (ed.) (2015). *Contemporary Regional Development in Africa*. Farnham: Ashgate (with K. T. Hanson and K. P. Pupilampu).
3. "Toward a Coordinated Approach to Natural Resource Management in Africa" in Kobena T. Hanson, Cristina D'Alessandro and Francis Owusu (eds) (2014). *Managing Africa's Natural Resources: Capacities for Development*. Palgrave MacMillan (with Cristina D'Alessandro, and Kobena T. Hanson)
4. "The Gas and Oil Sector in Ghana: The Role of Civil Society and the Capacity Needs for Effective Environmental Governance" in Kobena T. Hanson, Cristina D'Alessandro and Francis Owusu (eds) (2014). *Managing Africa's Natural Resources: Capacities for Development*. Palgrave MacMillan (with Cristina D'Alessandro, and Kobena T. Hanson)
5. "Moving Africa Beyond the Resource Curse: Defining the 'Good Fit' Approach Imperative in Natural Resource Management and Identifying the Capacity Needs" in Kobena T. Hanson, Cristina D'Alessandro and Francis Owusu (eds) (2014). *Managing Africa's Natural Resources: Capacities for Development*. Palgrave MacMillan (with Cristina D'Alessandro, and Kobena T. Hanson)
6. "Beyond Neoliberal Public Sector Reform – A Case for a Developmental Public Service in Sub-Saharan Africa" in Charles Conteh, Ahmed Shafiqul Huque (eds) *Public Sector Reforms in Developing Countries: Paradoxes and Practices*. 2014 Oxon, UK: Routledge, Pp175-192 (with Frank Ohemeng).
7. "Improving the Effectiveness of the Public Sector in Africa through the Quality of Public Administration" in Shaw, T., Hanson, K.T. and Kararach, K., (Eds) *Rethinking Development Challenges for Public Policy*. 2012 Palgrave Macmillan, Houndmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire, United Kingdom (with Frank Ohemeng).
8. "Is Increasing Chinese Investment Good for African Development?" In William G. Moseley (ed) *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on African Issues*, Fourth Edition, 2012, McGraw Hill (with Padraig R. Carmody) (**Note: originally published in the Third Edition in 2009**)
9. "A expansão da China para a África: interesses e estratégias". In: Leão, R. P. F.; Pinto, E. C.; Acioly, L. A (eds) *China na nova configuração global: impactos políticos e econômicos*. Brasília: Dinte/Ipea, 2011 (with Padraig Carmody).
10. "Chinese and US Interests in Africa." In *Globalization in Africa: Recolonization or Renaissance?* Padraig Carmody, 2010, Lynne Rienner Publishers: Boulder, CO. (with Padraig R. Carmody)
11. "World Bank" in *Encyclopedia of Geography*, Barney Warf (ed), 2010, Sage Publication
12. "Livelihoods". In Kitchin R, Thrift N (eds) *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*, Vol. 6, 2009, pp. 219–224. Oxford: Elsevier.
13. "Discourses on African Development from Dependency to Neoliberalism." In Malinda Smith, (ed) *Beyond the 'African Tragedy' Development and the Global Economy* Aldershot: Ashgate, 2006, Chap 2, pp 25-47

### **Selected Citations - Popular Press**

1. "African Cities" *African Business*, March 2015, pp8-14
2. "Urban Planning: The Way Forward for Africa's cities? *Think Africa Press* (online news magazine); part of a special issue on "Population Matters", September 14, 2011

3. “Saiba as consequências do 11 de Setembro para a África” *iG* (Brazilian online news magazine); part of a special issue on the impacts of 9/11 on American foreign policy, September 11 2011