

## Profile

A highly motivated doctoral candidate researching the governance of economic crisis and its impact on Ghanaian transnational families in Ghana and the UK. Interested in serving as a professor and World Bank official with specific interest in people's social and economic advancement in the near future. Proficient in design and implementation of international development interventions. Far-reaching knowledge of Sustainable Development Goals, inclusive growth and participation, social protection, sustainable livelihood and employment creation, local economic development, migration and finance for development. Strong organizational, teamwork, communication, relationship building, research, and results-based management skills. Demonstrated competency in community mobilization, monitoring, policy formulation, and fundraising for child and youth development interventions. Particularly adept in working efficiently in complex conditions. Extensive experience in working with International NGOs and the intergovernmental and inter-agency processes at the United Nations.

## Employment history

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### **IREX**

Reader

**Washington D.C. Metro Area, United States of America**

November 2016 to December 2016

- Served on the Reader Committee of the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders.
- Assessed 40 applications from young Africans.

### **Birkbeck, University of London**

Associate Lecturer

**London, United Kingdom**

October 2014 to Present

- Facilitate seminar classes and encourage critical thinking among students.
- Supervised two Master's Degree students and marked over thirty essays and five dissertations.

### **International Training Centre (ITC-ILO)**

Visiting Lecturer (Youth Participation and Migration)

**Turin, Italy**

May 2014 to Present

- Trained thirty participants at the ILO Labour Migration Academy on "How to mainstream youth development issues into migration and development policies".
- Developed training materials and trained fifteen participants on "Youth Employment and Migration" in 2016

### **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

Consultant (Migration and Development)

**New York, United States**

September 2013 to May 2014

- Provided policy advice, programme management, and research support to UNDP/IOM Mainstreaming Migration in National Development Planning pilot initiative for six countries and Global Migration Group (GMG) issues.

- Interviewed fifteen UNDP staff and external partners to produce a stock-taking report of the UNDP's involvement in human mobility; Established key findings, good practices and policy recommendations, as well as an internal database of practitioners.
- Coordinated logistics for key events and prepared an event report and a UNDP side event at the 2013 UN High-Level Dialogue on Migration and Development.

**UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)**

Consultant (Youth Migration and Development)

**New York, United States**

December 2012 to June 2013

- Lead author of the 2013 [UN World Youth Report \(WYR\)](#) on youth and migration.
- Established, prepared content for and managed the UN WYR 2013 [online](#) - including through the use of new media - and offline consultations.
- Organized and moderated a [Google+ Conference on Youth Migration and Development](#) with experts from the UN and NGOs worldwide.

**United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**

Consultant (Migration and Social Policy Analysis)

**New York, United States**

February 2012 to December 2012

- Provided policy advice to UNICEF representatives and Government counterparts (i.e. Bangladesh, Jamaica, Moldova, and Tunisia) on Mainstreaming Migration into National Development Strategies.
- Provided policy advice to the UNICEF Migration Focal Point in its engagement with the 2012 Global Forum for Migration and Development (GFMD) and the Global Migration Group (GMG).
- Developed policy advocacy materials (factsheets, newsletters, working papers, policy briefs, etc.) for UNICEF's participation in major milestone events such as the High Level Dialogue (HLD) on Migration and Development (2013), the Informal Thematic Debate on Migration and Development (2011), the post-2015 Agenda and the post Rio+20 process.

**United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**

Intern

**New York, United States**

August 2011 to December 2011

- Co-authored a chapter on [Strengthening Participaton by Young](#) Migrants for the Global Migration Group's Joint Thematic Report on Youth, Migration, and Human Rights.
- Conducted literature review of twenty seminal publications and wrote a 2500-word migration and climate change policy brief.
- Provided technical support for UNICEF fifteen field offices, including compiling and synthesizing migration related information from UNICEF field offices, UN agencies and civil society.

**Young People We Care (YPWC)**

Youth Policy Adviser

**Kumasi, Ghana**

April 2011 to July 2011

- Established and raised funds for a common project delivery framework with Peace Child International, United Kingdom and Ghana's Ministry of Youth and Environment.
- Analyzed outcomes of key events and prepared reports with good practices, lessons learned, and recommendations for further actions.

**United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

Consultant (Migration and Development)

**Accra, Ghana**

August 2009 to July 2010

- Provided advice on the design and implementation of the EC/UN Joint Initiative on Migration and Development (JMDI), reviewed 35 project proposals submitted by Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and advised six selected CSO partners on implementation, monitoring/evaluation, and policy advocacy.
- Organized twelve high-level events with the JMDI Inter-Agency Technical Committee and the European Commission Delegation, including coordinating International Migrants Day.
- Prepared four policy reports for the UN Resident Representative and UNDP Resident Coordinator on high-level engagements with UN entities and governments.

**United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

Intern

**Accra, Ghana**

July 2008 to July 2009

- Produced policy briefs and concept notes related to democratic governance, aid effectiveness, and inclusive development.
- Managed administrative and operational tasks, such as website updates, development of a resource center user policy, and twelve monthly newsletters.

**Young People We Care (YPWC)**

Founder and Executive Director

**Kumasi, Ghana**

November 2005 to June 2008

August 2009 to February 2012

- Developed a Strategic Plan and Annual Reports with a budget statement for the YPWC and assisted the Board of Directors in reviews, policy development, and strategic planning.
- Developed and implemented four programmes and fifteen projects related to community development (including projects focusing on youth and civic engagement).
- Mobilised financial and non-financial resources (including eight international volunteers) and cultivated partnerships with twelve relevant stakeholders from the UN agencies and international youth development organizations.
- Developed communication and visibility materials including up-to-date management of YPWC's website, five policy briefs and reports and two brochures.
- Supervised three staff work to meet strategic plans and financial responsibilities.

**Education**

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**Birkbeck, University of London**

Ph.D Candidate (Geography)

**London, UK**

September 2014 to December 2017

**Uppsala University**

M.A (Development Studies)

**Uppsala, Sweden**

August 2010 to June 2011

**University of Cape Coast**

B.A (Economics and Geography)

**Cape Coast, Ghana**

August 2004 to June 2008

**Certificates and Training**

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| 2015 | LIDC       | <a href="#">Evaluation for Development Programmes</a>                              |
| 2012 | IOM/UNITAR | <a href="#">International Migration Law Training Seminar</a>                       |
| 2011 | UNITAR     | <a href="#">Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning Training Seminar</a> |
| 2011 | CIPPEC     | <a href="#">How to Develop a Policy Influence Plan</a>                             |
| 2011 | EPFL       | <a href="#">Management of Development Projects</a>                                 |
| 2010 | UNDP       | Training in <a href="#">Results-Based Management (RBM)</a>                         |

2007 [GYCA](#) Training in Fundraising and Resource Mobilization  
2006 GYCA Project Management and Grant Proposal Writing

## **Awards**

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2014: Birkbeck, University of London, Anniversary Scholarship  
2009: Honorable Mention, World Bank Youthink! [International Youth Day Essay Contest](#)  
2009: Disney Minnie Grant

## **Publications (*partial listing*)**

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- ["Migration and Development: State and Non-State Actors in Co-development: A study of Ghana's Approach to Managing International Migration."](#) LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing, 2012. Print.
- "International Migration and Remittances: a Case Study of the Berekum District." (Original field research for a Bachelor's Degree Thesis in Geography, University of Cape Coast, 2008)
- ["Strategies for Building Diaspora/Migrant Organisation Capacity for Development."](#) Contributor and peer reviewer of background paper for 1<sup>st</sup> Global Forum on Migration and Development, 2007.

## **Conferences Attended and Papers Presented (*partial listing*)**

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- [Panelist, Global Youth Forum, June 13-15, 2016, World Bank Group Headquarters](#)
- ESRC Advanced Training Workshop: [Researching with Children and Young People in Diverse Socio-spatial Contexts](#), 24 - 25 September 2015, Loughborough University
- Panelist, [Google+ Hangout with Rio+20 Executive Coordinator Brice Lalonde](#) June 1, 2012
- Panelist, 2011 [CIVICUS World Assembly](#), Connecting People through Technology: Online Volunteering, September 10-12, 2011, Montreal. Canada
- Panelist, [Webinar on The State of the World's Children 2011](#), March 15, 2011 by UNICEF Headquarters
- Youth delegate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Forum on Migration and Development, October 27-30, 2008 in the Philippines.
- Principal speaker, [Interactive Hearings of the General Assembly, UN Headquarters, July 12, 2006](#)

## **Leadership Achievements (*Partial listing*)**

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Mentor, MasterCard Foundation Scholars Community Platform; Senior Judge, The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition, 2015; Board Member of ISABT, 2014 - Present; Board Member of YPWC, 2009 - Present; Young European Leadership Fellow, 2013; Project Consultant Lead for Youth Voices on a Post - 2015 World, 2013; National Focal Person for UNICEF Rural Voices of Youth-Ghana, 2008 - 2010 and Point of reference individual for the Africa thematic area of UN Civil Society Days Youth Caucus, 2008

## **Interests and Hobbies**

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Musician with an interest in playing the Cello and singing. Practicing calligraphy, learning a foreign language. Reading and non-fiction writing related to children, youth and development.

## **References: Available Upon Request**

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