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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am a highly motivated and academically driven individual with a solid foundation in sociology. My academic journey has been marked by a passion for understanding societal dynamics and addressing pressing social issues. Through research, teaching, and administrative experiences, I have developed robust analytical and problem-solving skills, complemented by strong leadership and a commitment to excellence. I aspire to leverage my expertise to contribute to societal development by engaging in innovative research and driving impactful changes. My goal is to advance knowledge in sociology while addressing real-world challenges, particularly in the areas of social inequalities and policy development.

EDUCATION

Ohio University, Athens, OH Aug. 2025 – May 2027

M.A. Sociology

Thesis (Impending): “Gender Roles and the Division of Domestic Labor in Dual-Earning Marriages in Ghana”

Committee: Profs. Rachel Terman, Steven Scanlan and Sam Kizer

University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana Jan. 2021 – Aug. 2024

B.A. Public Administration and Sociology

First Class Honors (GPA: 3.77/4.0)

TEACHING TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant Aug. 2025 – to date

Ohio University, Athens

Department of Sociology

- Assisting Dr. Tamanna Shah with grading Applied Statistics in Sociology and Anthropology (SOC 2500) and Law in Societies (SOC 4640) in Spring semester
- Supported Dr. Holly Ningard with proctoring Introduction to Sociology (SOC 1000) in Fall semester

Seminar on Teaching Sociology Spring 2026

- I am taking a course on teaching sociology, which focuses on course design, student-centered pedagogy, assessment strategies and inclusive teaching.
- Developed a course syllabus, Critical Thinking assignment, teaching philosophy and an e-portfolio with practical experience in lesson planning, micro lecturing and guest lecturing.

Guest Lecturer April 2026

Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Ohio University

Introduction to Sociology (sociological Research Methods.)

- Lectured a class of 75 students on sociological Research Process and Ethics.
- Explained to students various sociological research tools (Survey, Observation, Interview).

Micro Lecture Feb. 2026

Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Ohio University

Teaching Sociology

- Lectured a class of 4 students on sociological Imagination.
- Presented data on the rate of unemployment in Ghana to explain Public and Private Problems

Teaching and Research Assistant

Oct. 2024 – Jul. 2025

University of Ghana, Accra-Ghana

- Led weekly tutorial sessions for 90 1st and 2nd year undergraduate students, facilitating discussion and reinforcing course concepts
- Assisted faculty with grading, examinations, and academic coordination
- Supported departmental research projects and collaborated with faculty and students on academic activities

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

SOC 6550: Teaching Seminar

Spring 2026

SOC 5500: Data Analysis

Spring 2026

SOC 6010: Qualitative Methods

Spring 2026

RESEARCH INTEREST

Gender, Women, Sexuality and Work

SKILLS

Technical & Data Skills

Microsoft Suite (Excel, Microsoft Word & PowerPoint)

R (Data analysis)

Student Engagement & Mentorship

Student mentoring and academic support

Conflict resolution and communication

Research & Technical Skills

Qualitative research methods

Data analysis using R and Microsoft Excel

WORK EXPERIENCE

Intern – Administrator

Sept. 2023 – Dec. 2023

Okere District Assembly, Eastern Region

- Provided administrative and client service support in a public service office
- Assisted with coordination of a district-wide community street-naming initiative

Leadership & Student Support Experience

- Experience mentoring undergraduate students through teaching and tutorial sessions
- Supported academic and student engagement activities within university departments

Youth Mentorship Experience

Children's Church Service Tutor

Feb. 2017 - Jul. 2025

- Taught and supervised children and teenagers ages 8–12 during weekly educational and mentorship sessions
- Collaborated with other tutors and church leaders to coordinate youth learning activities

LEADERSHIP ROLES

- **Hall Executive, Alexander Kwapong Hall, University of Ghana** 2023-2024
Facilitated hall activities and programs, improving resident welfare and community participation.
- **Dining Hall Prefect, Aburi Girls' SHS** 2019–2020
Coordinated dining hall operations for over 1,000 students, ensuring efficiency and proper management of resources.
- **Vice President, Writers and Debaters Club** 2019–2020
Represented the club in interschool competitions, achieving first place in a circuit debate.
- **Vice President, Editorial Board** 2019–2020
Edited and published school newsletters and magazines, promoting student engagement in writing and journalism.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND CERTIFICATES

- Best Student, Industrial Sociology 2024
 - Best Student, Foundations of Social Theory 2023
 - Best Student, Social Psychology 2023
 - First Position in Circuit Inter-School Debate Competition 2019
 - Certificate in Corruption – Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (via Coursera)
 - Certificate in Local Economic Development – Erasmus University Rotterdam (via Coursera)
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GRANT AND HONOURS

- Scholarship to study, KGL Foundation 2023
- Scholarship, District Assembly Common Fund 2022

LANGUAGES

English: Official

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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