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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin, USA
Ph.D. Government — 2023 – Present
MA, Government — 2026

Xiamen University, China — 2020
LLM (Civil & Commercial Law)

University of Education, Winneba, Ghana — 2016
B.A. Social Science Education (Economics & Political Science)

ARTICLES (Peer-reviewed)

(2026) "Breaking Bonds, Building Mistrust: How Coups Reshape Social Capital in Africa." (with Linfeng Wang, Michael Appiah-Kubi, Philip Akrofi Atitianti, & Jeneshia Jarrett), *World Development*.

(2026) "Rationalizing Political Violence: A Survey Experiment on Political Vigilantism in Ghana.", *Political Behavior*.

(2025) "The Paradox of Assistance: Chinese Aid in Africa and Economic Expectations."(with Jialiang Zhu, Philip Akrofi Atitianti, & Michael Appiah-Kubi), *China Economic Review*.

(2024) "African Continental Free Trade Agreement's Conditional Most Favoured Nation: A Necessary Compromise?" (with Rita M. Tsorme), *World Trade Review*.

WORKING PAPERS/PROJECTS

"The Corruption of Culture: A Randomized Controlled Experiment on the Culture Corruption Nexus." *Article Manuscript*.

"Inclusive and Entrepreneurship in Governance of Rural Solar Electrification in Malawi".(with Allen Hicken, Hilary Izatt, Nivedita Jhuhjhunwala, Brian Min, Megan Ryan, Eitan Paul, and Daniel Nielson), *Seeking funding*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Global Governance — Summer 2026

Teaching Assistant

International Security — Spring 2026
African Politics — Fall 2025
International Security — Summer 2025
U.S. National Security — Spring 2025
U.S. National Security — Fall 2024
U.S. Foreign Policy — Summer 2024
Politics of International Trade — Spring 2024
Politics of International Trade — Fall 2023

Tutor

Bosome Senior High School, Ghana — 2017 – 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Mentor, Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program – UT Austin — 2026
Team Lead, Field Research – Ghana — 2024
Team Lead, Field Research – Nigeria — 2024

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Texas Triangle, The University of Texas at Dallas — 2025
Texas Triangle, Rice University, Houston — 2024
Tralac Annual Conference — 2020
Xiamen Academy of International Law, Xiamen University, China — 2019

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

American Political Science Association
International Studies Association
Graduate Fellow, Clements Center for National Security
Innovations for Peace and Development Lab

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Patman Research Award for Advancing Democracy (Prize: $1,000) — 2026
Most Outstanding International Master's Student, Xiamen University — 2020
Outstanding Academic Performance Award, Xiamen University (Prize: RMB 8,000) — 2020
Chinese Government Scholarship for Master's Studies — 2018 – 2020

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