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### **PROFILE**

M.P.K. Okyerefo is a Cultural Sociologist & a Sociologist of Religion, with interests in the nexus of religion and culture as well as in alternative epistemologies, a growing interest he has garnered through teaching graduate students African Social Thought. While a Sociologist by training, Professor Okyerefo also applies anthropological skills, with emphasis on fieldwork in his research, as these are skills he refined during a fully paid Fellowship on Religion and Public Culture at the University of Cambridge from October 2007 to March 2008.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

<b>Dean, School of Arts, University of Ghana</b>	2018 – present
<b>Visiting Professor, Chair for Critical Studies in Higher Education Transformation, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa</b>	2019 – present
<b>Associate Professor &amp; Head, Department of Sociology University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana</b>	2015 - 2018
<b>Visiting Lecturer in the English Department/Sociology Department Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen, Germany</b>	2014
- Taught Postcolonial Theory	
<b>Visiting Lecturer in the Social Work Department University of Applied Sciences, St. Pölten, Austria</b>	2013 - 2019
- Teach International Research and Innovations	
<b>University of Oslo Study Abroad Programme in Ghana</b>	2012
- Taught a course on Ghanaian Culture	
<b>Senior Lecturer in the Department of Sociology University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana</b>	2011 - 2015
- Lecturer	2002 - 2010
- Taught sociology to graduate and undergraduate students	
- Supervised graduate theses and undergraduate projects	
<b>Deputy Head, Centre for Gender Studies &amp; Advocacy University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana</b>	2010 - 2012
<b>Council Chairman, St. Francis College of Education, Hohoe, Ghana</b>	2016 - 2017
<b>Founder and Executive Director The Rudolph Johnson Apietu Memorial Foundation</b>	2006 - present
- Responsible for Foundation management and fund-raising	
- Oversee completion of the Apietu Research Centre and establishment of studentships at St. Paul's Secondary School	

**Ghana Coordinator, Heart for Children** 1999 - present  
**Austrian Charity for Children with Orthopaedic Disabilities**  
 - Manage funds for surgery and rehabilitation, and provide care for children  
**Post Graduate Teaching Practicum** 2000 - 2001  
**Hedingham School and Swavesey Village College, UK**  
**Post Graduate Certificate in Education Programme in Cambridge, UK**  
 - Taught Religious Studies and Social Issues

#### **PASTORAL EXPERIENCE**

**Catholic Chaplain, University of Ghana** 2002 - present  
**Chaplaincy and Parish Work** 1992 - present  
**Vienna, Austria, Cambridge, UK, and Legon, Ghana**  
 - Active in six Catholic parishes/chaplaincies, with memberships of 200 to 3000  
**Ordained Catholic Priest** 1992

#### **EDUCATION**

Qualified Teacher Status - Department for Education and Skills, England 2001  
 Post Graduate Certificate in Education (Secondary Religious Studies),  
 University of Cambridge, UK 2000 - 2001  
 D.Phil. (Sociology), University of Vienna, Austria 1997 - 1999  
 M.Phil. (Philosophy), University of Vienna, Austria 1995 - 1997  
 B.A. (Study of Religions with Sociology), University of Ghana 1989 - 1991

#### **FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS**

External Research Fellow, University of Vienna Global African Diaspora Studies  
 (GADS) Research Platform 2015 - present  
 Research Fellow, Pius Parsch Institut, Klosterneuburg, Austria 2010 - present  
 Visiting Fellow, University of Cambridge Centre of African Studies 2007 - 2008  
 Homerton College Award, University of Cambridge, UK 2000 - 2001  
 Financial Support for Doctoral Studies, Catholic Archdiocese of Vienna 1997 - 1999  
 Masters' Degree Scholarship, Austrian Catholic Bishops' Conference 1995 - 1997  
 German Language Course Award 1994 - 1995  
 Overall Best Student Award, St. Peter's Regional Seminary, Ghana 1992

#### **MEMBERSHIPS & MENTORSHIPS**

International Advisory Board Member, *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies* 2017 - present  
 Fellow, Wolfson College, Cambridge, UK 2007 - present  
 Member, Homerton College, Cambridge, UK 2000 - present  
 Member, Thomaskolleg, Vienna, Austria 1994 - present  
 Member of the Catholic Chaplaincy Board, University of Ghana 2002 - present  
 Chair, Committee to study the proposed Institute for Diaspora Engagement  
 and Resettlement (IDEAR), University of Ghana 2019  
 Member, Committee to investigate the outstanding payment for text books 2019

supplied by Global Collection Books Enterprise	
Member, Examination Superintending Committee	2018 – present
Member, LOC, The International Association of Universities (IAU)	2017
Member, Panel to conduct Appraisal of Methodist University College, Ghana	2016
Member, Search Panel for Senior Administrative Positions	2016
Member, LOC, Times Higher Education (THE)	2015 - 2016
Member, Business & Executive Committee, University of Ghana	2015 - present
Vice-Chancellor's Appointee, Centre for Social Policy Studies (CSPS)	
Management Committee, University of Ghana	2015 - 2018
Vice-Chancellor's Representative, ISSER	
Management Committee, University of Ghana	2015 - 2018
School of Social Science (SSS) Management Committee, University of Ghana	2015 - 2018
School of Continuing and Distance Education Management Committee, University of Ghana	2015 - 2018
Member, Anti-Sexual Harassment Committee, University of Ghana	2012 - 2013
Member, Academic Board, University of Ghana	2010 - 2013
Member, Inter-Faculty Board, University of Ghana	2010 - 2013
Member, Committee on Designing and Producing a Course Reader on Critical Thinking and Practical Reasoning	2010
Member, Board of Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ghana	2009 - 2013
Board Member, ActionAid International, Ghana	2011 - 2013
Board Member, Queens International School, Accra	2004 - 2013
Editorial Board Member, Legon Journal of Sociology	2009 - 2015
Coordinator, Conferences and Seminars, Department of Sociology	2008 - 2013
Member, Various Committees of the Centre for Gender Studies and Advocacy	2006 - 2013
Member, Board of Examiners, Faculty of Social Sciences	2006 - 2007
Reviewer, Journal of Science and Technology, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana	2006 - 2007
Mentor, One World Africa Youth Summit	2004 - 2005
Mentor, Student Association on Campaign for Awareness of the Needs of Students and People with Disability	2005 - 2012
Course Advisor Level 100	2002 - 2013

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR)  
 African Association for the Study of Religions (AASR)  
 African Literature Association (ALA)  
 African Studies Association (ASA)  
 Canadian Association of African Studies (CAAS)  
 Ghana Studies Council  
 International Sociological Association (ISA), Board Member of Research Committee 22  
 International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR)  
 The New Global (De)Centre Research Platform

## **CORE RESEARCH INTERESTS**

“Deconstructing and Reconstructing, Embracing Alternative Ways of Producing, Classifying and Disseminating Knowledge”: African Epistemologies.

African Diaspora Support to African Universities.

Examination of Migration, Citizenship, and Belonging; Transnational Pentecostal Movements of Ghanaian Origin.

Exploration of religious expression in Ghana and challenges to Public Health; religion as a tool to deepen democratic engagement.

Sociological analysis of African novels in understanding the socio-cultural underpinnings of African societies – how African novels mirror African societies.

Investigation of the role of education in promoting equal opportunities, focusing on the promotion of education across ethnicity, class and gender.

## **CURRENT RESEARCH**

Curiosity is the bedrock that transcends boundaries and foments African epistemologies.

Deconstructing and Reconstructing. Embracing Alternative Ways of Producing, Classifying and Disseminating Knowledge: An African Perspective.

African Diaspora Support to African Universities, with Abdoulaye Gueye, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Ottawa.

## **TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS**

### **Undergraduate Courses**

SOCI 101/121: Principles of Social Organization

SOCI 102/122: Diversity of Peoples and Cultures

SOCI: 309: Urban Sociology

SOCI 313/343: Sociology of Religion

### **Graduate Diploma Courses**

SOCI 507: Comparative Religious Institutions

SOCI 512: Sociology of Deviant Behaviour

### **Postgraduate Courses**

SOCI 601: Perspectives in Social Thought

SOCI 609: Comparative Religious Institutions

SOCI 614: African Social Thought

SOCI 706: African Social Thought

SOCI 717: Sociology of Religion

### **Undergraduate Long Essays Supervised**

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## **GRADUATE SUPERVISION**

### **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**

1. Jane Geraldo, “Self-medication among the elderly - A case of study in Dabala in the Volta Region of Ghana”, in progress

2. Tim Quarshiega, "Civil Society and Democratic Consolidation in Ghana", in progress
3. Belinda Smith, "Rebranding the Body: Cosmetic Surgery Practices and Meanings in Ghana", in progress
4. Sandra Peprah, "The Culture and Practice of Sexuality in Contemporary Ghana", in progress
5. Ramatu Dadzie Mustapha, "Emerging trends of social media usage of digital natives and digital immigrants in Ghana - implication for intergenerational communication a generational study of social media use", completed 2018.
6. Giesela N. Gomashie, "The dilemma of spouses of foreign service officers: an analysis of socio-cultural factors that influence their decision to move or stay", in progress
7. albert Kpoor, "Livelihood strategies of male and female headed households in Greater Accra Region", completed 2015
8. Daniel Fiaveh, "Sexual pleasure and the construction of masculinities and femininities: understanding sexuality in Ghana", completed 2013
9. Kodzovi Akpabli-Honu, "The Place of Troxovi in the Socio-Cultural Context of the Ewes of the Southern Part of the Volta Region of Ghana", completed 2012

#### **Master of Philosophy (MPhil)**

1. Afua Addae-Sakyi, "Mobile Money Fraud in Accra: The Experiences of Victims", in progress
2. Justice Yaw Adua, "Religion and Homosexuality in Ghana: Critical Analysis in the Korley Klottey Metropolitan area in the Greater Accra Region", in progress
3. Susanna Adjei Arthur, Investigating the transformations of the food processing industries in the Drobo community of Ghana, completed 2016
4. Mabel Akpabli, Education and Changing Gender Roles Among the Elite: A Case Study, completed 2016
5. George Osafo Frimpong, Traffic congestion and its effects on civil servants in Accra: a study of the Ghana Statistical Service, completed 2016
6. Vivian Ahiable, "The rehabilitation of trokosi victims: An evaluation of two Institutional Programmes", completed 2012
7. Eric Rajah Selasi Augustt, "Implementation of the national health insurance at the health centre level: a case study of the Greater Accra Region", completed 2011
8. Emmanuel Antwi, "The impact of marriage on women's empowerment: a comparative study of Christian and Muslim wives in Accra", completed 2009
9. Peter Abillah Apudiit, "Interpol and international criminality: a case study of motor vehicle thefts in West Africa", completed 2009
10. Mariama Poku-Kessie, "Livelihood strategies of Ghanaians in small-scale fishing: a case study of Ga Mashie fishing community in Accra, completed 2009
11. Amos Nkrumah, "The impact of foreign restaurants on eating habits of Accra residents", completed 2009
12. Eric Ofori-Kwakye, "The influence of media advertisements on alcoholic consumption behaviour of Ghanaians", completed 2009
13. Cliford Henaku Budu, "Persons with disability act, 2006 (act 715): an analysis of the law and its enforcement towards equal opportunities", completed 2009

14. Ethel Yirabong, “The Protestant Ethic the and the Spirit of Capitalism in Ghana: A case study of Kintamanto”, completed 2009
15. Steven Korshi Agbo, “The effect of the capitation grant on community contribution to basic education”, completed 2008
16. Clement Anabire Akasoba, “The perceptions of the national health insurance scheme in the Bongo District in the Upper East Region”, completed 2008
17. Christiana Badu Oppong, “Crime Prevention in Ghana: The role of the community”, completed in 2008
18. Mark Kweku Mensah Obeng, “Ethnic based association and community development”, completed in 2008
19. Sally Sey, “The impact of brain drain on the health delivery system in Ghana”, completed 2008
20. Kofi Asante, “Included out?: Exclusion in the lives of the included”, completed 2007
21. Kingsley Kwesi Otoo, “The teachers and educational workers union (TEWU) of Ghana and the welfare of its members,” completed 2007
22. John Windie Ansah, Jr., “Socio-legal study on housing problems in Accra”, completed 2007
23. Kenneth Kudjoe Kpedekpo, „Institutional care and support for people living with HIV/Aids in Ghana: A case study of UNICEF”, completed 2007
24. Zakaria Musah, „Microfinancing and poverty reduction: A study of rural communities in tamale metropolitan area”, completed 2007
25. Kingsley K. Otoo, “The Teachers’ and Educational Workers Union and the Welfare of its Members”, completed 2006
26. Henry Bosompim, “The washing of hands before meals: a socio-cultural analysis of a Ghanaian way of life – a case study of street ‘chop bars’ in the Ga District of the Greater Accra Region”, completed 2006
27. Grisela N. Ayertey, Gender differences and access to education in the Dangme West District, completed 2005
28. Eliasu Alhassan, “The determinants of girl-child education in Gusheigu-Karaga District of the Northern Region”, completed 2005

#### **Master of Arts (MA)**

1. John Bosco Aketira, “Christianity and funeral performance among the Kassena: A Study of Chiana”, in progress
2. George Frimpong, Traffic congestion and its effects on civil servants in Accra. A study of Ghana Statistical Service, completed 2016
3. Victoria Sottie, Transformations of celebration of funerals among the gas: a case study of Ga Mashie, completed 2016
4. Adina Addy, “The career pursuit of women in management and the implications for the family”, completed 2007
5. Abukari Salifu, “The contribution of non-governmental organisations to girl-child education in the tamale metropolis – CRS and RAINS/CAMFED as a case study, completed 2006
6. Gina Taddy, “Women and market association in urban African context: A case study of Mallam Atta market”, completed 2006

## **EXTERNAL EXAMINER**

School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

1. Name of candidate: Thando Nkohla

Title of Thesis/Dissertation: Virtual ontology, moral responsibility and agency: the ethical implications of mobile communication technology use on parenting style in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

## **RESOURCE MOBILIZATION**

€ 5,340.00 Annual Global Erasmus Funding, Department of Sociology, University of Ghana & UIT. The Arctic University of Norway, Students & Faculty Mobility, 2018/2019 – onwards.

€ 58,120.00 Erasmus+ International Mobility, Department of Sociology & the University of Vienna, Students & Faculty Mobility, 2016-2020.

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

Funding source NIH/FIC - Prime Award: About \$250,312.00 x five years - Sub-Award: UG has an annual budget of 65,616.00 x 5 years = Grant number 1R25 TW010886-01 - *Grant title: NYU-UG Research Integrity Training Program*

PIs/(MPI Caplan, Laar, & Ogedegbe), Co-Is: Adanu, Adongo, Ibrahim, Okyerefo, Atupare  
Grant period 04/01/2018-03/31/2023

Project Summary: The program will build sustainable research ethics and integrity capacity in Ghana through a joint partnership between the University of Ghana (UG) and NYU. The ultimate goal of the grant is to establish a Bioethics Program, which will provide master's degrees in Bioethics, at UG School of Public Health.

US\$ 30,000.00 CODESRIA Grant on African Diaspora Support to African Universities programme, Co-Investigator with Abdoulaye Gueye, University of Ottawa, Principal Investigator, et al., 2015 – 2019.

€ 21,910.00 from Klosterneuburg Abbey, Austria, for Sabbatical Research, March 2013 – February 2015.

GH¢ 24,999.00 University of Ghana Office of Research, Innovation and Development (ORID) Grant, on Assessment of non-prescription drugs use among Ghanaian HIV-positive persons on antiretroviral therapy (ART): a pilot study, Co-Investigator with Amos Laar, Principal Investigator, et al., June 2013 – June 2015.

Fellowship worth £10,000.00 Visiting Fellowship on Religion and Public Culture, University of Cambridge Centre of African Studies. Duration: October 2007- March 2008.

## CONSULTANCY

GH¢ 134,811.00 German Development Cooperation (GIZ) Research on the single sex and mixed sex classroom set-up on females participation and learning of male dominated trades.

Lead Consultant: Akosua K. Darkwah. Consultants: Michael Okyerefo, Steve Tonah, James Dzisah, Department of Sociology, University of Ghana, September 5 – November 30, 2018.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books Authored

1. **Okyerefo, M.P.K.** (2001). *The Cultural Crisis of sub-Saharan Africa as Depicted in the African Writers' Series: A Sociological Perspective*. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang Verlag.

### Books Edited

1. Oduro, A. D., & **Okyerefo, M. P. K.**, (Eds.). (2010). *Critical Thinking and Practical Reasoning*. Centre for Distance Education, University of Ghana, Legon.

### Book Chapters

1. **Okyerefo, M.P.K** & Setrana, Mary B. (2018). Internal and international migration dynamics in Africa. In A. Triandafyllidou (Ed.), *Handbook of Migration and Globalisation* (pp. 281-296). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.
2. Adomako Ampofo, A., & **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2014). Men of God and gendered Knowledge. In B. Cooper & R. Morrell (Eds.), *Africa-centred Knowledges: Crossing Fields and Worlds* (pp. 163-177). Oxford: James Currey.
3. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2014). The Upsurge of Pentecostalism in Ghana: 1980-2012. In D-B. S. Dzorgbo & S. Tonah (Eds.), *Sociology and Development Issues in Ghana: A Reader in Sociology* (Social Science Series Vol. 9, pp. 104-114). Accra: Woeli Publishing Services.
4. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2013). Scottish Missionaries in Ghana: The Forgotten Tribe. In A. Adogame & A. Lawrence (Eds.), *Africa in Scotland, Scotland in Africa: Historical Legacies and Contemporary Hybridities* (pp. 251-262). Leiden: BRILL.
5. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2013). African Catholic Communities in Europe: A Nostalgic Lived Experience. In J. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu, A. Fröchtling, & A. Kunz-Lübcke (Eds.), *Babel is everywhere! Migrant readings from Africa, Europe and Asia* (pp. 215-224). Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang International Academic Publishers.
6. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2013). Spirituality and Historic Mission Christianity in Africa: Ghanaization in Roman Catholicism. In W. Ma & K. R. Ross (Eds.), *Mission Spirituality and Authentic Discipleship* (Vol. 14, pp. 38-46). Oxford: Regnum Books International.
7. Adomako Ampofo, A. & **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2013). Neo-popular Femininity Discourse in God's Name: Ambivalent Masculinity Rhetoric. In S. Owoahene-Acheampong (Ed.), *African Studies and Knowledge Production, University of Ghana Readers* (pp. 125-144). Accra: Sub-Saharan Publishers.
8. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2011). The Gospel of Public Image in Ghana. In H. Englund (Ed.), *Christianity and Public Culture in Africa* (pp. 204-216). Ohio: Ohio University Press.
9. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2010). Was ist Kausalität im interkulturellen Dialog? In M. Benedikt, R. Knoll, F. Schwediauer & C. Zehetner (Eds.), *Verdrängter Humanismus -*



*Verzögerte Aufklärung: Philosophie in Österreich 1951 bis 2000 Auf der Suche nach authentischem Philosophieren* (Vol. 6, pp. 1104-1111). Vienna: Wiener Universitätsverlag.

### **Peer-review Journal Articles**

1. Fiaveh, D.Y. & **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2019). Femininity, Sexual Positions and Choice. *Sexualities* 22(1-2): 131-147. DOI: 10.1177/1363460716677281.
2. **Okyerefo, M.P.K.** (December 2018). Philanthropy as Image Politics in Ghana's New Churches. *Journal for the Study of the Religions of Africa and its Diaspora* 4(1): 99-112.
3. **Okyerefo, M.P.K.** (2018). Deconstructing and Reconstructing. Embracing Alternative Ways of Producing, Classifying and Disseminating Knowledge: An African Perspective. A Discussion on Peggy Levitt & Maurice Crul. Deconstructing and Reconstructing – Embracing Alternative Ways of Producing, Classifying and Disseminating Knowledge, *Etnološka tribina: Journal of Croatian Ethnological Society*, 48 (41): 27-35. <https://doi.org/10.15378/1848-9540.2018.41.01>
4. Laar, A. K., Lartey, M. Y., Ankomah, A., **Okyerefo, M.P.K.**, Ampah, E.A., Letsa, D.P., Nortey, P.A. & Kwara, A. (2018). Food elimination, food substitution, and nutrient supplementation among ARV-exposed HIV-positive persons in southern Ghana. *Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition* 37 (26): 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s41043-018-0157-x>
5. Laar, A.K., Kwara, A., Nortey, P.A., Ankomah, A.K., **Okyerefo, M.P.K.** & Lartey, M.Y. (2017). Use of non-Prescription remedies by Ghanaian human immunodeficiency Virus-Positive Persons on antiretroviral Therapy. *Frontiers in Public Health* 5 (115): 1-10, Doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2017.00115.
6. Yitah, H., & **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2016). Migration, Cultural Memory & Identity in Benjamin Kwakye's The Other Crucifix. *Diaspora & Returns in Fiction: African Literature Today* 34, 82-102.
7. Ankomah, A., Kuumuori Ganle, J., Lartey, M.A., Kwara, A., Nortey, P.A., **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** & Laar, A.K. (2016). ART access-related barriers faced by HIV-positive persons linked to care in southern Ghana: a mixed method study. *BMC Infectious Diseases*, 1-12, 16:738, DOI: 10.1186/s12879-016-2075-0.
8. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** & Fiaveh, D.Y. (2016). Prayer and health-seeking beliefs in Ghana: understanding the 'religious space' of the urban forest. *Health Sociology Review*, 1-13, DOI: 10.1080/14461242.2016.1257360.
9. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2015). "I AM AUSTRO-GHANAIAN" - Citizenship and Belonging of Ghanaians in Austria. *Ghana Studies* 18, 48-67.
10. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2015). "Legon Day of Prayer": A contested religious activity in the Academe. *Contemporary Journal of African Studies*, 3(1), 15-34.
11. Fiaveh D.Y., **Okyerefo M. P. K.**, Fayorsey C.K. (2015b). Women's Experiences with Sexual Pleasure in Ghana. *Culture and Sexuality* 19(4): 697-714, DOI 10.1007/s12119-015-9290-5
12. Fiaveh, D. Y., Izugbara, C. O., **Okyerefo, M. P. K.**, Reysoo, F., & Fayorsey, C. K. (2015a). Constructions of masculinity and femininity and sexual risk negotiation

- practices among women in urban Ghana. *Culture, Health & Sexuality: An International Journal for Research, Intervention and Care* 17(5), 650-662,  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13691058.2014.989264>.
13. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2014). "I experience serenity and convenience in the forest" - Achimota Forest turned sacred space to confront the vicissitudes of life. *The Journal of the Sociology and Theory of Religion* (JSTR), 3.
  14. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2014). The role of Pentecostal Churches as an influential arm of Civil Society in Ghana. *Ghana Social Science Journal* 11 (2), 77-101.
  15. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2014). Transnational dynamics in African Christianity: How global is the Lighthouse Chapel International missionary mandate? *Journal of Africana Religions* 2(1), 95-110.
  16. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2013). Social realism in *The Sun by Night* – A novel by Benjamin Kwakye. *Globus: Journal of Methodist University College Ghana* 2, 122-140.
  17. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2011). Pentecostalism in the city of Accra: a Blossom on functional appeal and urban fecundity. *American Journal of Sociological Research* 1(1), 27-34.
  18. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.,** Fiaveh, D. Y., & Lamptey, S. N. L. (2011). Factors prompting pupils' academic performance in privately owned Junior High schools in Accra, Ghana. *International Journal of Sociology and Anthropology* 3(8), 280-289.
  19. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.,** Fiaveh, D. Y., & Asante, K. T. (2011). Religion as a tool in strengthening the democratic process in Ghana. *Journal of African Studies and Development* 3(6), 124-130.
  20. Fiaveh, D. Y., **Okyerefo, M. P. K.,** & Fayorsey, C. K. (2011). HIV counseling and testing among men in the University of Ghana: Implications for gender-based HIV and AIDS prevention interventions. *Journal of AIDS and HIV Research* 3(5), 90-99.
  21. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2011). "Ausländer!" Pfingstbewegung als human Sozialkapital und Netzwerk für Ghanaer in Wien. *Protokolle zur Liturgie – Veröffentlichung der Liturgiewissenschaftlichen Gesellschaft Klosterneuburg* 4, 297-326.
  22. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2010). Christianising Africa: A portrait by two African Novelists". *Studies in World Christianity* 16(1), 63-81.
  23. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2009/10). Spiritualität und christliche Missionsgeschichte in Afrika: "Ghanaization" in der römisch-katholischen Kirche. *Protokolle zur Liturgie – Veröffentlichung der Liturgiewissenschaftlichen Gesellschaft Klosterneuburg* 3, 268-281.
  24. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2009). Pentecostalism and the promotion of human capital in Ghana. *Trinity Journal of Church and Theology* 17(2), 54-68.
  25. Adomako Ampofo, A., **Okyerefo, M. P. K.,** & Pervarah, M. (2009). Phallic competence: Fatherhood and the making of men in Ghana. *Culture, Society & Masculinities* 1(1), 59-78.
  26. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2008). "Ausländer!": Pentecostalism as social capital network for Ghanaians in Vienna. *Ghana Studies* 11, 77-103.
  27. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2006/7). Trust God! Religious expression at the University of Ghana. *Ghana Social Science Journal* 3&4(1&2), 18-32.

28. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2005). Pursuing an effective pre-university education in Ghana: theory and praxis. *Legon Journal of Sociology* 2(1), 33-51.

### **Book Reviews**

1. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2010). *Religion and Social Change in West Africa: An Introduction to the Sociology of Religion* by Max Assimeng, (Woeli Publishing Services, 2010). *Universitas: University of Ghana Inter-Faculty Journal* 12, 166-168. Also in *The Mirror* (20<sup>th</sup> March 2010).

### **Encyclopaedia Entering**

1. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2012). Ghana. In *Encyclopedia of Global Religion* 443-444. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, Inc.

### **Refereed Conference Papers**

1. **Okyerefo, M.P.K.** (January 16, 2017). Philanthropy as Image Politics in Ghana's New Churches. Critical Investigations into Humanitarianism in Africa (CIHA) Blog.
2. **Okyerefo, M.P.K.** (February 29, 2016). The Gospel for Public Image. Critical Investigations into Humanitarianism in Africa (CIHA) Blog.
3. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2015). Angst oder Innovation: die Prägung katholischen Liturgie durch Pfingstgemeinden in Ghana. In A. Redtenbacher (Ed.), *Liturgie lernen und leben – zwischen Tradition und Innovation: Pius Parsch Symposion 2014* (pp. 326-335). Freiburg im Breisgau: Herder Verlag.
4. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2012). "I am Austro-Ghanaian" - Citizenship and belonging of Ghanaians in Austria. *Collected Papers - Migration, Citizenship, and Belonging: African, Caribbean, and European Perspectives*, 157-173.
5. **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2009). Spirituality and Historic Mission Christianity in Africa: Ghanaization in Roman Catholicism. West Africa regional study process on Edinburgh 2010 on the theme 'African spirituality, Christian mission and discipleship' at Akrofi-Christaller Institute for Theology, Mission and Culture.  
<http://www.google.com.gh/search?hl=en&source=hp&q=%27African+Christian+Spirituality+and+Mission%27+%E2%80%93+Akrofi-Christaller>

### **Blog Posts**

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- 14- **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2010). *Religion as a tool in strengthening the democratic process in Ghana*. Paper presented at the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR): XXth IAHR Quinquennial World Congress, Toronto, Canada, 15-21 August, 2010.
  - 15- **Okyerefo, M. P. K.** (2009). *Pentecostalism: The trigger of religious pluralism in Ghana*. Paper presented at the 30<sup>th</sup> International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR) Conference, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 27-31 July, 2009.
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## GUEST LECTURES

- 1- “The Dynamics of Internal and International Migration in Africa”, University of Vienna, Institute of African Studies, Vienna, 30 January, 2019.
- 2- “The Dynamics of Internal and International Migration in Africa”, UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Department of Social Education, Harstad, 16 January, 2019.
- 3- “Deconstructing and Reconstructing. Embracing Alternative Ways of Producing, Classifying and Disseminating Knowledge: An African Perspective”, UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Department of Social Education, Harstad, 15 January, 2019.
- 4- “The Dynamics of Internal and International Migration in Africa”, African American Lecture Series, Frostburg State University, Frostburg, Maryland, 11 October, 2018.
- 5- “‘African’ Alternative Epistemologies”, The New Global (De)Centre Summer School – The National and the Transnational, Central European University (CEU), Budapest, Hungary, 7 July 2018.

- 6- “Gender, Morality and Non-Communicable Diseases: Health Beliefs and Health-Seeking Behavior among Prayer Groups in Accra”, Institut für Soziologie, Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen, 27 May 2014.
- 7- “‘Legon Day of Prayer’: A Contested Religious Activity in the Academe”, Sociolinguistics Lecture, Institut für Anglistik, Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen, 12 May 2014.
- 8- “‘I experience serenity and convenience in the forest - Achimota Forest turned Sacred Space to confront the vicissitudes of life’”, Religious Studies Seminar, University of Edinburgh School of Divinity, 30 October 2013.
- 9- “The Gospel of Public Image in Ghana”, St. Edmund’s College Seminar, University of Cambridge, 7 February, 2008.
- 10- “The Pentecostal Challenge: Emphasizing Catholic Model of the Church as Family of God”, Heythrop College University of London Seminar, 31 January, 2008.
- 11- “Group Dynamics”, African Medical Students Training Congress (AMSTC), applicant of the International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA), on the Theme: ‘Health and Development in Africa’, University of Ghana, 28 December, 2004 – 3 January, 2005.
- 12- “Catholicism and the Church in Ghana”, Course on Christianity as a World Religion, University of Cambridge Board of Continuing Education, June 2001.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. National Council for Tertiary Education (NCTE) Orientation Workshop for Council members of Colleges of Education on “Strengthening Governance in Colleges of Education”, Ada, April 29 – May 1, 2019.
2. Workshop: The Role of the African Academic Diaspora in the Development of Higher Education in Africa, Dakar, 5-10 May, 2017.
3. Diaspora Linkage: African Academics Abroad Collaborating with African Scholars in Africa Workshop, Addis Ababa, 24-26 May, 2016.
4. CODESRIA Diaspora Research Partnership Launching Workshop, Nairobi, 13-17 September, 2015.
5. Convenor, Global South Doctoral Workshop, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Accra, 11-18 August, 2012.
6. Participant, 11<sup>th</sup> Women’s World Congress, Ottawa, 4-7 July, 2011.
7. The Ark Foundation Ghana, Gender for Men Workshop, Accra, 19-20 June, 2007.
8. Centre for Gender Studies and Advocacy, University of Ghana, Curriculum Development Workshop II, Ho, 8 -11 May, 2007.
9. Institute of Adult Education, University of Ghana, Course Writing Workshop II, Ho, 17 – 21 December, 2006.
10. Institute of Adult Education, University of Ghana, Course Writing Workshop I, Agona Swedru, 18 – 22 October, 2006.

11. Participant, The Challenge of Sexuality in Education Conference, Kenyan Association of Professional Counsellors (KAPC), Nairobi, Kenya, 26-28 September, 2006.
12. Centre for Gender Studies and Advocacy, University of Ghana, Curriculum Development Workshop I, Sogakope, April, 2006.
13. 'Preparing Effective Lesson Notes', Teachers' Workshop, Queens International School, 1 September, 2004.
14. Discussant: 'Higher Education for the Needy and Disabled: A Collective Social Responsibility', University of Ghana, 17 – 21 May, 2004.
15. 'Challenge posed by the New Age Movement (NAM) and Islam', Catholic Archdiocese of Accra, October, 2002.

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