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PROFILE

I am an enthusiastic, self-motivated, reliable, responsible, and hard-working person. I have original thinking for research and find positive ways to stimulate people.

RESEARCH INTEREST

- Heritage Management
- Decolonization
- Contested Histories;
- Migration and Heritage;

EDUCATION

MOOC GIS for Climate Action - Esri Academy, GIS Training ***October 2023***

MOOC Nature-based Solutions for Disaster and Climate Resilience ***August 2023***
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and
the Partnership for Environment and Disaster Risk
Reduction (PEDRR)

BSc University for Development Studies, Wa-Ghana ***July 2018***
Land Resource Management (BSc)
Second Class Upper Division
Thesis: "Residential Property Values: The Effect of Location on the Values of Residential Properties. Case Study of Wa Municipality". ***(Funded)***
Advisor: Surv. Professor Elias Danyi Kuusaana
CGPA: 3.34/4.00; 2:1; 83.4%

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant ***07/2022-Present***
Simon Diedong Dombo University of Business and Integrated Development Studies (SDD-UBIDS). Department of Land Management, Wa-Ghana
Advisor: Surv. Professor Elias Danyi Kuusaan **and** Ing. Williams Miller Appau

- Managed and coordinated a team of 5 junior research assistants, resulting in a 30% increase in research productivity and a 20% reduction in project completion time.
- Implemented a new data analysis methodology using SPSS, improving the accuracy of research findings by 25% and enhancing the credibility of published papers.

- Conducted comprehensive literature reviews for over 10 research projects, contributing to the development of innovative research outputs.
- Supervise, review and guide 670 undergraduate project theses and assist final-year students with their project development.

Lead: Community Research Group ***05/2015 – 06/2015***
Third Trimester Field Practical Programs (TTFPP), Pedaa-Ghana: University for Development Studies Wa Campus (UDS)

- Effectively led a diverse team of 12 researchers, fostering a collaborative environment that resulted in a comprehensive community profile report completed ahead of schedule.
- Designed a robust data collection instrument that increased response rates by 40%, ensuring a more representative sample of the community.
- Delivered a compelling presentation at an academic Executive Assessment Session, securing unanimous approval and scoring an A+ for the community profile report.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant ***09/2018 – 09/2019***
University for Development Studies, Wa – Campus. Department of Real Estate and Land Management.

- Developed interactive tutorial sessions for 356 undergrad students that increased student participation and engagement by 50%, contributing to higher overall course satisfaction.
- Implemented a detailed and fair mid-trimester exams and quizzes grading rubric that provided constructive feedback, leading to a 20% improvement in student performance in subsequent assessments.
- Achieved a 93% student assessment ranking, the highest among teaching assistants in the department, reflecting exceptional dedication to student learning and support.

Teacher (Instructor) ***2013-2014***
Gestalt College, Accra Ghana

- Successfully taught Core Mathematics and Social Studies to senior high and remedial students, leading to a 30% increase in pass rates for standardized exams.
- Developed customized lesson plans and tutoring sessions that addressed individual learning gaps, resulting in a 40% improvement in student grades.
- Recognized as the best teacher by both the school administration and students, achieving an 87% score on the student assessment report.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Alliance for Youth in Climate Change Action, Wa-Ghana
Founder and Executive Director ***03/2017 – Present***

- Designed and successfully launched three major programs that significantly advanced the organization's goals, directly benefiting over 5,000 community members.
- Developed and executed innovative fundraising strategies that secured over $50,000 in project grants, exceeding annual fundraising targets by 50% for the past 7 years.
- Built and maintained strategic relationships with key stakeholders, government bodies, international organizations, and other NGOs/CSOs, such as ICCROM, AWHF, YOUNGO and IOM-UN Migration enhancing the organization's influence and impact.

Ministry of Health; St John Ambulance Ghana Agency, Wa-Ghana
Environmental and Sustainability Manager ***02/2020 – 07/2022***

- Established a resource reuse system that repurposed materials for various organizational needs, resulting in cost savings and reduced waste.
- Developed a robust monitoring and reporting system to continuously assess the environmental impact of St John's activities, ensuring full compliance with the Environment & Sustainability Policy.
- Organized workshops and brainstorming sessions with staff to generate and implement ideas for carbon footprint reduction, fostering a culture of environmental responsibility within the organization.

Cambridge Construction Engineering Company Limited, Accra – Ghana.
Environmental Impact Advisor ***09/2019 – 03/2020***

- Conducted comprehensive field surveys that accurately established baseline pollution and contamination levels, providing critical data for effective site management.
- Maintained up-to-date knowledge of the latest environmental laws, ensuring all projects adhered to current legal requirements.
- Successfully integrated sustainable waste management practices into project workflows, resulting in significant cost savings and environmental benefits.

Minerals Commission, Accra – Ghana
Intern ***05/2017 – 07/2017***

- Streamlined the payment authorization process for maintenance works on Commission Estates, reducing processing time.
- Maintained meticulous records of payment documents, ensuring compliance with financial regulations and facilitating timely approvals.
- Conducted daily routine checks on groundsmen cleaning of the Commission Headquarters, ensuring cleanliness standards were consistently met.

VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

YOUNGO, UNFCCC Official Children and Youth Constituency
Global Coordination Team (GCT) Member
Co-Lead: GCT Reforms and COP29 Coordination Team **September 2024**

- Lead and initiate reforms and guidelines for the smooth and safe running of YOUNGO.
- Coordinate global youths before, during and after COP29 and bilateral engagements of YOUNGO.

YOUNGO, UNFCCC Official Children and Youth Constituency
Africa Regional Conference of Youth-RCOY Africa 2024
Co-Lead: Working Group Members Selection Committee **July 2024**

- I co-lead the review and selection of 162 applications into various RCOY Africa working groups that facilitated a successful 2024 RCOY in Rabat, Morocco.
- As a member of the RCOY Africa 2024 Policy Team to draft and present the official African Regional Youth Statement; I led youth consultations and drafted these Policy Themes, Climate Mobility, Culture and Heritage and Climate Finance which was adopted by African Youths as representatives of their aspirations and demands ahead of COP29.
- Member and Co-Lead the YOUNGO Climate Mobility Working Group's Communications Team boosting the visibility of the working group by 56%.

Centre for Women in Agriculture and Nutrition-CWAN, Wa-Ghana
Project Officer ***10/2017 – 09/2019***

- Successfully implemented and coordinated 3 project activities, ensuring alignment with project objectives and timelines.
- Provided valuable support in planning project activities, contributing to the development of comprehensive project plans and strategies.
- Ensured proper utilization of resources and maintained accurate records of project expenditures, maximizing cost-effectiveness and accountability.

DAYSA Sustainable Development Organization, Wa-Ghana
Fields Project Officer ***12/2015 – 07/2016***

- Developed and implemented comprehensive educational programs on Sexual Reproductive Health Risks (SRHR) for youth, addressing critical topics such as contraception, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and healthy relationships.
- Successfully led a team to establish youth groups in target communities, fostering a sense of belonging and empowerment among young people.
- Organized and facilitated community-based programs to provide family planning services and distribute SRHR materials, reaching underserved populations and improving access to essential healthcare resources.

West Africa Senior High School, Accra – Ghana
Landscaping of Administration Block ***02/2010 – 11/2011***

- Transformed the lawn around the Administration Block into an attractive and well-maintained green space, enhancing the aesthetics of the area.
- Beautified the surroundings of the I.C.T lab by planting colourful flowers, creating an inviting and pleasant environment for students, staff, and visitors.
- Maintained a diverse collection of flowers and lawns, showcasing a wide range of colours, textures, and foliage throughout the campus grounds.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

YOUNGO, UNFCCC Official Children and Youth Constituency
The 19th United Nations Conference of Youth (COY19), Baku-Azerbaijan
Co-Lead: Operations Working Group
Lead: Finance and Partnership **08 - *11/2024***

- Leading a team of 16 global youth to develop partnerships and raise funds for COY19.
- Engaged 15 new partnerships and currently facilitating sponsorship meetings for COY19.
- Developed a comprehensive sponsorship package and engagement plan for COY19.

Ministry of Health; St John Ambulance Ghana Agency, Wa-Ghana
Head: Youth Projects Department ***02/2020 – Present***

- Amplified youth advocacy through media, and campaigns, reaching 5000 young people and boosting organizational visibility by 75%.
- Strengthened community presence via large-scale projects, events and school workshops, engaging over 5,500 youth and stakeholders.
- Secured 3 partnerships, generating $10,000 in funding and expanding youth programs to serve an additional 1,000 annually.

First Deputy Supreme Justice
Real Estate and Land Management Students Association ***09/2017– 05/2018***

- Established a student welfare committee to address student concerns promptly, fostering a supportive and inclusive campus environment.
- Conducted 5 fair and impartial hearings for cases of embezzlement and misconduct involving association executives and students, ensuring due process and accountability.
- Led the reformation and amendment of the association constitution board, modernizing governance structures and ensuring alignment with current legal standards and best practices.

Head, Outreach and Evangelism Department, Wa – UDS,
The Apostolic Church Ghana Students and Associates ***02/2016 – 01/2018***

- Coordinated a team of healthcare professionals and volunteers to conduct screenings for common diseases and distribute health education materials, reaching over 1,000 individuals in remote villages.
- Spearheaded voluntary teaching outreach initiatives in rural areas, improving access to education and empowering local communities through knowledge-sharing.
- Identified dynamic and inspirational speakers who engaged congregants and delivered impactful messages, contributing to spiritual growth and community cohesion.

Member of the Student Disciplinary Committee, Accra – Ghana
West Africa Senior High School ***08/2012 – 02/2013***

- Established efficient processes for handling disciplinary cases, prioritizing due process and transparency.
- Provided support and guidance to students in adhering to disciplinary requirements, fostering a sense of accountability and personal growth.
- Implemented proactive measures to foster a culture of discipline and proper conduct among students, resulting in a reduction in disciplinary incidents.

HONOURS AND AWARDS (TOTAL GRANTS SECURED: $61,474.05)

- Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Bonn-Germany **January 2025**
  International Climate Protection Fellowship

- University of Twente, The Netherlands ***February 2023***
  ITC Excellence Scholarship (ITC-ESP) of **€31,510**

- African World Heritage Fund and ICCROM ***March 2023***
  7th African World Heritage Youth Forum, Climate Action Proposal Pitching Seed Grant of **$26,000.**

- Conference/Workshop Fund, Nairobi-Kenya ***August 2023***
  United Nations (UN) - International Organization for Migration (IOM): Strengthening African Youth Voices on Human Mobility in the Context of Climate Change Africa Continental Workshop.

- Cambridge Construction Engineering Company Limited, Accra-Ghana ***July 2018***
  Upper West Residential Properties Development Grant. The award was a one-time payment of **5,000 Ghana Cedis ($441.70)** to support an undergraduate thesis.

- The Head of State Award Scheme-Ghana ***July 2012***
  Member of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association. Bronze Standard of the Award Scheme for Young People.

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- The Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands (RCE) International Exchange Program: Sharing Stories on Contested Histories 2024; Amsterdam, Netherlands. November, 2024

- Panellist and Speaker: YOUNGO Local Conference of Youth Ghana 2024 (LCOY Ghana 2024); Accra, Ghana-University of Ghana Campus. September, 2024

- YOUNGO Africa Regional Conference of Youth (RCOY Africa 2024) ahead of COY19 and COP29; in Rabat, Morocco. July, 2024

- African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) Africa Continental Youth Forum
  7th African World Heritage Youth Forum, under the theme “Engaging African Youth in Climate Action for the Safeguarding of World Heritage," in March 2024. Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

- Africa Continental Workshop-United Nations (UN) - International Organization for Migration (IOM): Strengthening African Youth Voices on Human Mobility in the Context of Climate Change Africa Continental Workshop. Niarobi-Kenya, 2023.

- The German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS): I represented Ghana as the only Ghanaian youth invited to the virtual press briefing panel discussions on COP28 and the UNFCCC. December 2023.

- Ghana Local Conference of Youth (LCOY): I represented and spoke at the 2023 Local Conference of Youth on Climate Change as a Youth Climate Negotiator in Accra, Ghana.

- UNICEF and Youth Climate Council Ghana (YCC) Youth Training Workshop: Certificate in Youth Climate Governance, Diplomacy and Negotiations Training, October 2023.

- The United Nations Network on Migration: Invited me to participate and lead a breakout session in the third Cross-Regional Dialogue of Champion Countries of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration, which brought together high-level delegations from 28 champion countries across Africa, the Arab States, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean in November 2023: Accra, Ghana.

- FAO Science and Innovation Forum 2022 side event: Strengthening Science, Innovation and Agribusiness Linkage: Leveraging Multi-Stakeholder Platforms (MSPs) for Resilient and Sustainable Food System.

- The University of Ghana, Institute for Environment and Sanitation Studies: Dissemination workshop for KBP on empowering women and Transforming Gender Relations in the Volta Delta, Accra – Ghana April 2022.

- The University of Ghana, Institute for Environment and Sanitation Studies: Flood Solutions Dialogue for MMDAs and Stakeholders - Climate and Development Knowledge Network, Accra – Ghana August 2021

- Simon Diedong Dombo University of Business and Integrated Development Studies (SDD-UBIDS) 3rd Research Seminar Series, September 2021, Wa – Ghana
- University for Development Studies Wa Campus: Getting Published March 2020, Publishing in top-tier Journals, Wa Ghana

PUBLICATIONS

- **Youth Land Rights: Investigating the Impact of Traditional Land Practices in the Upper West Region of Ghana** [2020]

  Darius S. Ankamah, 2020, Youth Land Rights and Traditional Land Practices, academia.edu, 1, 46
  The results of the study indicate that traditional land practices in the Upper West region significantly limit the land rights of youth. These rights are typically restricted to use rights, and full ownership and control rights are only granted through inheritance, statutory will, customary succession, or express will while the elder is still alive.

  Link: https://www.academia.ed u/86193788/

- **Examining the Effect of Location on the Values of Residential Properties in the Wa Municipality** [2018]

  Darius S. Ankamah, 2018, Values of Residential Properties, academia.edu, 2, 71
  The results of the study indicate that, among various factors, locational characteristics had the most significant impact on determining housing values in the Wa Municipality of the Upper West Region of Ghana. The study used multiple regression analysis to assess these variables.

  Link: https://www.academia.edu/87954425/

COMMUNITY SERVICE

First Aid Trainer, Wa-Ghana St. John Ambulance Ghana ***2020-Present***

- Conducted over 50 training sessions on first aid life-saving skills for the general public, as well as basic and high school students, equipping more than 1,000 individuals with essential emergency response skills.

National Blood Transfusion Service, Ghana ***2018-Present***

- Blood Donor

CERTIFICATION

CERT.	HIV/AIDS Training	Aug. 2024
CERT.	UNICEF and Youth Climate Council Ghana (YCC), Certificate in Youth Climate Governance, Diplomacy and Negotiations Training Program.	***Oct. 2023***

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION/MEMBERSHIP

- Member, Ghana Health Service Workers Union-HSWU ***2020-Present***
- Student Member, Ghana Institute of Surveyors ***2018-Present***
- Climate Mobility Africa Research Network ***2023-Present***
- YOUNGO-Migration Working Group Comms Team Lead ***2021-Present***

OTHER SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

Microsoft Office, SPSS, ArcGIS, and Basic HTLM Programming

REFEREES

Surv. Professor Elias Danyi Kuusaana
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Senior Lecturer and Head of Department (HoD)
Department of Real Estate and Land Management
University for Development Studies (UDS), Wa Campus
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Professor Prosper Laari Basommi
Senior Lecturer: University for Development Studies
Department of Environment and Resource Studies
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Note Change of Name: University for Development Studies (UDS), Wa Campus TO the Simon Diedong Dombo University of Business and Integrated Development Studies (SDD-UBIDS).