

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## PRESENT POSITION

**Geography Department Chair**, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

## EDUCATION

**Ph. D (Geography)**, 1990.  
Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, Canada.

**M. A. (Higher Ed. Administration)**, 1984.  
University of Exeter, Exeter, UK.

**M. Sc. (Planning)**, 1980.  
University of Science & Technology, Kumasi, Ghana.

**B. A. (Geography with Statistics)**, 1977.  
University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana.

### Post Graduate Training

Certificate in Cartography/GIS  
Salem State College, Salem, MA, 1998

## EXPERIENCE

### Administrative

- 2006            Department of Geography, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo  
**Department Chair**  
Responsibilities
- Serve as the chief executive officer of the department with 12 full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty, 1 term faculty, four-part-time instructors, four administrative and technical staff, and 15 graduate student appointments. The department serves 114 undergraduate majors in Geography, Tourism and Travel, and Community and Regional Planning, and 28 MS Geography and 5 Graduate Certificate in GIS students.
  - Direct management and oversight of the department's \$8.4 million budget of base funding, endowments, gifts, and research funds. Solely responsible for developing, approving, and managing budget allocations.
  - Serve as a role model, counselor, and source of knowledge for faculty, students, and staff.
  - Represent the department, college, and/or university externally, including national and international conferences and meetings; and teaches courses

- and conducts individual scholarly activities as appropriate
- Administer the department within the provisions of the WMU-AAUP Agreement, individual department governance policies, and University policies and procedures.
- Assign teaching and other duties within the department consistent with the concept that the appropriate mix of teaching, research or creative work, scholarship, and service that may differ from person-to-person, and from time-to-time in the career of an individual faculty colleague.
- Mentor, promote, and support the work of the faculty in instruction, research, external funding where appropriate, and service;
- Establish and oversee an effective governance structure within the department including the creation and use of appropriate committees, processes, and procedures.
- Oversee faculty personnel matters and make recommendations to the dean on hiring, tenure, promotion, academic merit, reassigned time, sabbatical leaves, and other leaves of absence.
- Provide effective management and direction to part-time faculty, graduate students, support staff, and student workers.
- Maintain academic standards through
  - the recruitment, mentoring, professional development, and retention of faculty;
  - the recruitment, advising, learning, development, retention, and timely graduation of high-quality students;
  - ongoing activities related to the development and assessment of academic programs and curriculum; and
  - programming for changing technology to maintain the quality and relevant curricula in education and research.
- Respond to student concerns and work with students, faculty, staff, and other University offices to resolve concerns, conflicts, and disputes.
- Administer the financial affairs of the department in accordance with allocations and with University rules and procedures and in order to meet department goals and objectives.
- Oversee custody and authorized use of University property charged to the department and the assignment of department space and facilities to authorized activities in accordance with University policy and regulations.
- Establish effective external relations and programs with constituencies such as alumni, advisory committees, industry, and so forth.
- Communicate with students and faculty in ways that promote and facilitate learning, instructional, and research processes.

2001-2006

Department of Geography/Geology, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

**Department Chair**

Responsibilities:

- Served as chief executive officer of the department with 10 faculty and 2 staff members, and a budget of \$664,339.
- coordinated short and long range planning for the department and in the process identify personnel and other budget support needed to achieve departmental program goals;
- made recommendations to the Dean regarding appointments, promotions, tenure, indefinite appointment, merit, and salaries;
- accepted majors and minors, and certified completion of the required curriculum for such majors and minors;
- assisted in the orientation and guidance of new faculty;
- encouraged and advised department members in furthering professional growth in such ways as research, graduate work, and the improvement of in-

struction;

- prepared class schedules and such other assignments for department members as appropriate;
- forwarded to the appropriate university officials the department's recommendations on such policy matters as were the proper responsibility of the department;
- made an annual report to the dean of the college concerning the organization and operation of the department, with particular reference to items such as those listed earlier regarding determination of policies and recommendations;
- kept records of departmental actions on personnel matters, and maintained a complete file of all information gathered for the review and evaluation of department members;
- performed other duties which may from time to time be assigned by the dean of the college;
- managed recruitment, hiring, and mentoring of new faculty through the tenure process, and
- performed such other duties normally associated with the responsibilities of a departmental chairperson and necessary for the efficient operation of the department.

1999

Office of Academic Affairs, The University of Wisconsin System, Madison, WI  
**Administrative Associate to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs**

Responsibilities:

- shadowed the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs;
- observed the entire range of activities of the Senior Vice President's office;
- participated in joint projects of Academic Affairs and other System Administration units;
- traveled to campuses within the System;
- attended meetings of Board of Regents and other System-wide bodies;
- assumed increasingly responsible project assignments within the Office

1980 - 1983

Academic and Student Affairs, University of Science & Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

**Assistant Registrar**

Responsibilities:

- supervised the planning, organization, and conduct of end-of-semester examinations;
- processed, stored, and maintained student records;
- signed transcripts of academic transcripts for external constituencies;
- authenticated academic records of former students for external constituencies;
- managed faculty and staff training programs;
- liaised between faculty and staff studying abroad and the university
- liaised between the university and various governmental and private scholarship granting agencies;
- represented the Registrar on the Scholarships and Research and Conference Committees;
- reviewed scholarship application for professional development activities; and
- performed several general administrative duties as assigned by the Deputy Registrar (Administration)

## Faculty Governance

- 2011- **Member**, College of Arts and Sciences Strategic Planning Committee, Western Michigan University
- 2011- **Member**, Executive Committee, Organization of Chairs and Directors (OCHAD) Western Michigan University
- 2004 - 2006 **Chair**, International Affairs Subcommittee, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
- Encouraged all programs with an international emphasis; review and recommend policies and standards for international programs, for the Foreign Student Programs; English as a Second Language Program; make policy recommendations on the allocation of budgetary resources with an international emphasis and programs designed to contribute to the internationalization of the curriculum.
- 2004 - 2006 **Member**, Academic Affairs Committee, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
- Regularly reviewed policies relating the university's mission, outreach programs, learning resources, academic standards, interorganizational collaborations, and interinstitutional affiliations.
- 1993 - 1999 **Member**, University Planning Committee, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
- Initiated institutional studies and engage in institutional planning.
  - Made recommendations to the Senate on those policy matters whose generality and/or complexity transcend(s) the jurisdiction of any one of the other standing committees of the Senate or in instances where it is impractical to refer the question to the appropriate standing committee.
  - React to local and system administrative proposals and analyses in terms of their bearing on the Mission and future of the University.
- 1992 - 1995 **Member/Secretary** Affirmative Action Committee, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
- Made recommendations to promote Equity and Affirmative Action and eliminate discrimination at UWSP
  - Served as the primary body responsible for identifying policies, procedures or practices which are or appear to be discriminatory
  - Advised and assist the Assistant to the Chancellor for Equity and Affirmative Action
  - Established and coordinate educational programs for the university community about affirmative action and discrimination issues.

## Teaching

- 2006 - Department of Geography, Western Michigan University  
**Professor of Geography**
- Courses: CORP 5700 Cities and Urban Systems; CORP 5430 Transportation Planning; GEOG 5440 Retail and Service Location; GEOG 6620 History and Philosophy of Geography, GEOG 6270: Community Analysis and Planning Techniques; GEOG 6730 Seminar in Community Development and Planning; GEOG 3860 Geography of Africa; GEOG 7000 Master's Thesis
- 2001-2006 Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point  
**Professor of Geography**
- Taught Global Economic Geography; Urban Geography; Industrial Location; Retail Location; Africa; Community & Regional Analysis; Transportation & Logistics.

- Directed of the Department's Regional and Analysis and Community Development / Urban and Regional Planning option
- Developed three new courses: Community and Regional Analysis, Introduction to Urban and Regional Planning Analysis, and Advanced Urban and Regional Planning Analysis

- 1996-2000 Department of Geography/Geology, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point  
**Associate Professor of Geography**
- Taught Global Economic Geography, Urban Geography, Geography of Manufacturing, Geography of Service Activities, Africa, Geography of Transportation
  - Substantially revised the following courses: Global Economic Geography (Economic Geography), Transportation and Logistics (Geography of Transportation), Industrial Location (Geography of Manufacturing) and Retail Location (Geography of Service Activities)
  - Directed the Department's Regional Analysis and Community Development option
- 1991 - 1995 Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.  
**Assistant Professor of Geography**
- Taught Economic Geography, Geography of Manufacturing, Geography of Service Activities, Geography of Transportation, Africa, Community Development Practices, Locational Analysis of Economic Activities
  - Revised courses: Economic Geography, Geography of Manufacturing, Geography of Transportation
  - New courses: Geography of Service Activities, Community Development Practices.
  - Changed the Department's Urban-Economic option to Regional Analysis and Community Development option and directed the option
- 1989 -1990 Department of Geography, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, Canada  
 Department of Geography, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC  
 Department of Geography, Vancouver Community College, Vancouver, BC  
**Sessional Instructor**
- Taught Economic Geography, Economic Development, Introduction to Urban and Regional Planning
- 1981 -1983 Department of General and African Studies, University of Science & Technology, Kumasi, Ghana.  
**Part-time Lecturer**

### PhD Dissertation Supervision and Advising

- 2016 Kofi Acheampong "Three Essays on the Economics of Child Labor in Ghana"  
 A PhD (Economic) Dissertation (**Dissertation Committee Member**)

### MA/MS Geography Theses Supervision and Advising

- 2017 Sultan Muhammad "Cultivating the Concrete Jungle: Examining Urban Agriculture in the Motor City-Detroit, MI" (**Committee Member**)
- 2017 Welly Sonhaji "An Analysis of Land Cover and Land Cover Changes in Indonesia: A Case Study of East Kalimantan" (**Committee Chair**)
- 2917 Jacob Watkins "Internal Migration in Shanghai, China" (**Committee Member**)

- 2016 Stephen Anim-Preko "State-wide patterns in diabetes screening service utilization: Comparing Medicaid and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan" (**Committee Member**).
- 2016 Mohammed Mehedi Hasan "Redistribution of Chicago's DIVVY Bile Share Stations Using Linear Optimization Model" (**Committee Member**)
- 2016 Claudio Owusu "Mapping Core Transmission Areas of Single and Repeating Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Cases for Planning STI Interventions in an Urban-Rural County (2012 – 2014)." (**Committee Member**).
- 2014 Emmanuel Andoh "Credit Card System in Ghana: An Investigation of Why Credit Cards are not Widely Used in Ghana and how Widespread use may be Implemented." (**Committee Chair**).
- 2013 Karl Schrantz "Location Strategies of Small Retail Firms – A Case Study of GameStop" (**Committee Chair**).
- 2013 Abolaji Samson Olanipekun "Saving the Lagos Mega City: An Assessment of Proposed Satellite Town Project and Population Redistribution in Lagos, Nigeria." (**Committee Chair**).
- 2013 Sokhna Diop "GIS-based Flood Analysis in an Unplanned Area; The Case of Pikine, Dakar, Senegal".(**Committee Chair**).
- 2012 Paul E. Blackwood: Understanding the causes of Airline Flight Delays: A Case Study of the O'Hare International Airport." (**Committee Chair**)
- 2013 Ariana Toth "Economic Autonomy of the Miskitu Women of the North Atlantic Autonomous Region, Nicaragua." (**Committee Member**).
- 2012 Paul E. Blackwood: Understanding the causes of Airline Flight Delays: A Case Study of the O'Hare International Airport." (**Committee Chair**).
- 2011 Grace Akpene Ecklu: "Implementing a Street and Property Identification System: A case Study of Accra, Ghana." (**Committee Chair**)
- 2010 Sarah Dawson Ott "Evaluating Vision Cedar Rapids: A Comparison of Methods" (**Committee Chair**)
- 2010 Justin Robinson. "Stabilization of a College Town Neighborhood". (**Committee Chair**)
- 2010 Abigail Ofori-Amoah. The New Economy Theories and Michigan: The Case of Kalamazoo, Michigan (**Committee Member**)
- 2010 Malvika Parmar The Role of Women Community Development in Slums: A Case Study of Japur, India (**Committee Member**)
- 2008 James Eichstaedt. "The Hope of a New College Town at Western Michigan Through Mixed-Use Development and Creation of a Student Consumer District." (**Committee Member**)
- 2008 Filmon Fisseha. "Distribution of Flouride in Groundwater in Selected Villages in Northern Red Sea and Anseba Regions of Eritrea. (**Committee Member**)

- 2007 Joe Lane. Spatial Analysis of Great Lakes Ferry Transit Systems. (**Committee Member**)
- 2007 Christopher Washebek. Wal-Mart Versus Meijer: A Spatial and Economic Analysis of Supercenter Competition in Michigan. (**Committee Member**)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books and Monographs

- 2017 Ofori-Amoah, B. *Geography of Africa* John Wiley (In Review)
- 2006 Ofori-Amoah, B (Ed.) *Beyond the Metropolis: Urban Geography as if Small Cities Mattered* University Press of America.
- 1998 Adjibolosoo, S. B. K. and Ofori-Amoah, B. (Eds.) *Addressing Misconceptions About Africa's Economic Development: Seeing Beyond the Veil* Lewiston, New York: The Edwin Mellen Press.
- 2000 Ofori-Amoah, B. *Global Economic Geography: People, Places & Economic Activities*. Stevens Point: Department of Geography/Geology.

### Refereed Articles

- 2003 Ofori-Amoah, B. "The UW System GeoWeb Project: Progress and Future" *The Wisconsin Geographer* Vol. 19 pp. 42 - 45
- 2000 Cherif, A. H., Gialamas, S. and Ofori-Amoah, B. "Can the Human Factor be Taught?" *Review of Human Factor Studies*. Vol. 5, Nos. 1 & 2, pp. 89 – 113.
- 1997 Ofori-Amoah, B. and Adjibolosoo, S. "Crisis As Windows of Opportunity: Prospects of Africa's Economic Development in the Twenty-First Century." *Review of Human Factor Studies* Vol. 3. No. 2 pp.1 – 19.
- 1995 Ofori-Amoah, B. "Regional Impact on Technological Change: The Evolution and Development of the Twin-wire Paper Machine from 1950 to 1988." *Environment and Planning A* Vol. 27, pp. 1503 – 1520.
- 1995 Ofori-Amoah, B. "Development Research and Africa's Development Problems" *Review of Human Factor Studies*. Vol. 1 No. 1 pp. 26-44.
- 1993 Ofori-Amoah, B. "Technology Choice and Diffusion in the Manufacturing Sector: the Case of the Twin-Wire in the Canadian Pulp and Paper Industry." *Geoforum* Vol. 24. No. 3, pp. 315-326.
- 1992 Hayter, R and Ofori-Amoah, B. "The ADIA Assisted Manufacturing Employment in the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, 1966-1988." *The Canadian Geographer*, Vol. 36 No. 1 pp. 56-65.
- 1989 Ofori-Amoah, B. and Hayter, R. "Labour Turnover Characteristics at the Eurocan Pulp and Paper Mill, Kitimat: A Log-linear Analysis" *Environment and Planning A*, Vol. 21 pp. 1491-1510.
- 1988 Ofori-Amoah, B. "Improving Existing Indigenous Technologies as a Strategy for the Appropriate Technology Concept in Ghana." *Industry and Development* No. 23 pp. 57-79.

- 1988 Ofori-Amoah, B. "Ghana's Informal Aluminium Pottery: Another Grass-Roots Industrial Revolution?" *Appropriate Technology* Vol. 14 No. 4 pp. 17-19.

### Book Chapters

- 2012 "Ghana: Prospects for Secondary School GIS Education in a Developing Country. In A. Milson, A Demirci and J. Kerski (eds.) *International Perspectives on Teaching and learning with GIS in Secondary Schools*. New York: Springer pp. 115-123.(With J. R. Oppong)
- 2006 "Small City Studies and Geographic Perspectives." In B. Ofori-Amoah (Ed.) *Beyond the Metropolis: Urban Geography as if Small Cities Mattered*. University Press of America. pp 3-14
- 2006 "From Frontier Outpost to Northern Capital: The Growth and Functional Transformation of Prince George, BC, Canada." In B. Ofori-Amoah (Ed.) *Beyond the Metropolis: Urban Geography As if Small Cities Mattered*. University Press of America pp. 18-42. (Co-authored with G. Halseth and K. Sedgwick).
- 2006 "Location Dynamics of Economic Activities in Small Cities: The Experience of Five Wisconsin Cities." In B. Ofori-Amoah (Ed.) *Beyond the Metropolis: Urban Geography as if Small Cities Mattered*. University Press of America. pp 197-218
- 2006 "The Future of Urban Geography as if Small Cities Mattered." In B. Ofori-Amoah (Ed.) *Beyond the Metropolis: Urban Geography as if Small Cities Mattered*. University Press of America. pp 345-351
- 2006 Kalipeni, E.; Oppong, J. R. and Ofori-Amoah, B. "Trajectories of Modern African Geography." In Paul Tiyambe Zeleza (ed.) *The Study of Africa: Disciplinary and Interdisciplinary Encounters*. Dakar: Codesria Book Series.
- 2004 Kalipeni, E., Oppong, J. R. and Ofori-Amoah, B. "Geography of Africa" In Galle, G. and Willmott, C. (Eds.) *Geography in America at the Dawn of the Twenty-First Century*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 565 - 585.
- 1998 Ofori-Amoah, B. and Adjibolosoo, S. B-S. K. "Misconceptions About Africa's Development and Underdevelopment." In S. B-S. K. Adjibolosoo and B. Ofori-Amoah. (Eds.). *Addressing Misconceptions About Africa's Economic Development: Seeing Beyond the Veil*. Lewiston, New York: The Edwin Mellen Press pp. 3-8.
- 1998 Ofori-Amoah, B. and Adjibolosoo, S. B-S. K. "Population as a Cause of Africa's Economic Underdevelopment: Myth or Reality" In S. B-S. K. Adjibolosoo and B. Ofori-Amoah .Eds. *Addressing Misconceptions About Africa's Economic Development: Seeing Beyond the Veil*." Lewiston, New York. The Edwin Mellen Press. pp. 11-37.
- 1998 Ofori-Amoah, B. "Growth Center Approach and Regional Development In Africa: Failure or Missed Opportunity" In S. B-S. K. Adjibolosoo and B. Ofori-Amoah Eds. *Addressing Misconceptions About Africa's Economic Development: Seeing Beyond the Veil*. Lewiston, New York: The Edwin Mellen Press. pp. 151-173.
- 1998 Ofori-Amoah, B. "The Human Factor Perspective and Development Education." In V. G. Chivaura and C. J. Mararike (Eds.) *The Human Factor Approach to Development in Africa*. Harare: University of Zimbabwe Press pp. 34-43.
- 1996 Ofori-Amoah, B. "Human Factor Development and Technological Innovation in Africa." In



S. B-S. K Adjibolosoo (ed.) *Human Factor Engineering and the Political Economy of African Development*. Westport, CT: Praeger. pp. 111-124.

- 1995 Ofori-Amoah, B. "The Saturation Hypothesis and Africa's Development Problems: On the Nature of Development Theory and its Implications for the Human Factor in Africa's Development" In S. B-S K Adjibolosoo (ed.) *The Significance of the Human Factor in Africa's Development*. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers. pp. 15-24.
- 1994 Ofori-Amoah, B. "Technological Change Strategy for Economic Development in Africa." In F. Ezeala-Harrison and S. B-S. K. Adjibolosoo (Eds.) *Perspectives on Economic Development in Africa*. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers pp. 85-102.

### Research and Consultancy Reports

- 2016 Youth Unemployment in Africa" A Research Report Submitted to African Capacity Foundation, Harare, Zimbabwe. (With Joseph. R. Opong and Kefa M. Otiso).
- 2005 Geographic Information System Training for Local Government Planning in Uganda. July 14 – July 22. A Preliminary Report submitted to the Rockefeller Foundation
- 2004 Developing and Implementing a Geographic Information System Training Program for Local Governments in Uganda. A Consultancy Report submitted to The Rockefeller Foundation (Africa Program) July
- 1997 Ofori-Amoah, B. "Geographic Shifts in Economic Activities between Downtown and Outskirts of Small Urban Areas: A Study of Five Wisconsin Cities." Stevens Point, WI: Department of Geography & Geology. A Research Report.
- 1993 Ofori-Amoah, B. "Technology Choice At Stone-Consolidated Inc.: A Report on the Twin-Wire Installations of 1972-1989." A Research Report submitted to Stone-Consolidated Inc., Montreal, Canada. Stevens Point, WI: Department of Geography & Geology.

### Book Reviews

- 2011 Academic Reviewer for Africa for Chu G.H. Hardwick, S, Holtgrieve, D and Wiggins, G. *My World Geography*. Upper Saddle River: Prentice Hall.
- 1995 Ofori-Amoah, B. The Human Factor in Developing Africa. Westport, CT: Praeger by S. Adjibolosoo. *Review of Human Factor Studies*. Vol. 1 No. 2 pp. 109-112.

### GRANTS

- 2013-14 Transportation Research Center for Livable Communities – A US Department of Transportation grant (Collaborator)(\$1.4 million)
- 2004-08 "Building Capacity to Use Geographic Information System for Local Government Planning in Uganda." A Rockefeller Foundation (Africa Program) Grant **(PI)** (\$356,103).
- 2004 "Planning Meetings to Explore Possibilities of Developing and Implementing a GIS Training Program, June 20-26, 2004, Uganda." A Rockefeller Foundation (Africa Program) Grant (\$6,200).
- 2004 "Development of a Location Information Model for Attracting and maintaining Manufacturing Activities in Wisconsin." (\$16,250.00) **(PI)** With Keith Rice, UW-Stevens Point. A UW

System Applied Research Grant.

- 2004 "Development of a Location Information Model for Attracting and maintaining Manufacturing Activities in Wisconsin." (\$4,268.00) (PI) With Keith Rice, UW-Stevens Point. UWSP UPDC Grant.
- 2003 "Building Capacity to Use Geographic Information Systems for Economic and Social Development in Africa: The case of Ghana." (\$3,382.00). UWSP Professional Development grant.
- 2001 "The Geo-Web Project: Infusing Internet Web Technology into the UW Geography and Geology Classroom." (\$47,852) (PI) (With K. Rice, UW-Stevens Point; K. Lemke, UW-Stevens Point; G. Chu, UW-La Crosse; and S. Dutch, UW-Green Bay).
- 2000 "The Geo-Web Project: Infusing Internet Web Technology into the UW Geography and Geology Classroom." (\$5,000) (PI). (With K. Rice UW-Stevens Point, K. Lemke, UW-Stevens Point; G. Chu UW-La Crosse; and S. Dutch, UW-Green Bay).
- 1999 "Establishment of UW-System GIS Training Centers: A UW System-wide Collaboration to Provide a Training Mechanism for Prospective Users of Geographic Information Systems (GIS)" (\$20,000) (PI). (With K. Rice UW-Stevens Point, S. Ventura and J. Burt, UW-Madison, W. Huxhold, UW-Milwaukee, G. Chu, UW-La Crosse, and C. Radar, UW-River Falls).
- 1998 "Attendance of a Summer Institute to Revamp Expertise in Geographic Information Systems and other Cartographic Techniques" (\$4,539). University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.
- 1996 "Geographic Shifts in Economic Activities Between Downtowns and Suburbs: A Study of Five Wisconsin Cities." (\$3,817). University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.
- 1994 "Ice-Age Trails Maps to Stimulate Tourism" (\$38,944). UW-System Economic Development Grant. (With K. Rice (PI) and T. Detwyler).
- 1993 "Implementation of Computer Simulation and Applied Fieldwork Teaching Approach to the Regional Analysis and Community Development Option in Geography/Geology" (\$3,290) University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Professional Development Committee.
- 1992 "Development Research and Africa's Development Crisis" (\$1,000). University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Professional Development Committee.
- 1990 "Evaluation of Regional Development Policies in the Okanagan Region of British Columbia" (With R. Hayter as PI) (\$1,000 Canadian)

#### **PAPER PRESENTATIONS WITH PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS**

- 2016 "Continuity and Change in Local Economic Development: The Case of Grand Rapids, Michigan" Paper Presented at the International Geographical; Union Commission on Local and Regional Development Meeting, Vladivostok, Russia August 15 -20,
- 2016 "Dimensions and Drivers of the Youth Unemployment Problem in Africa" A Paper presented at the International Geographical Union 33rd Congress, Beijing, China August 20 – 25
- 2016 "Navigating the Tenure and Promotion Process" Panel Discussion for the African Specialty

- Group of the American Association of Geographers Meeting San Francisco, CA March 28 – April 1.
- 2015 “African Youth Unemployment Problem: The Case of North Africa” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL April 21 – 25.
- 2014 “Building Capacity in GIS in Local Government Planning: Lessons from the Uganda Local Government GIS Project.” Paper presented at the International Geographical Union Regional Conference, Krakow, Poland August 18-22.
- 2014 “Regional Integration and Africa’s Development: Past Present, and Future.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. Tampa, FL, April 8-12, 2014
- 2013 “The New Economy Theory and Michigan Communities: A Case Study of Kalamazoo.” Paper presented at the International Geographical Union, Kyoto, Japan: August 4 – 9, 2013.
- 2013 “Traverse City, Michigan: A Study of Growth and Change of a Micropolitan Area.” Los Angeles, CA. April 9-13, 2014.
- 2012 “Sources of Micropolitan Growth and Change: A Case Study of Michigan.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. New York, NY February 24 – 28, 2012.
- 2011 “Micropolitan Michigan: A Study of Economic Continuity and Change in America’s Small Cities.” Paper present at the Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers. Seattle, WA. April 12 – 16
- 2010 “Harnessing Information Technology for Local Government Planning in Uganda: An Evaluation.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. Washington DC: April 12 – 16,
- 2009 “Building Long-Term Capacity in GIS in Africa: A Policy Perspective.”. Paper presented at the Africa GIS Annual Conference in Kampala, Uganda: October 26 - 30
- 2009 GIS Academic and Research Initiatives & Partnerships. Panel Member “Geospatial Science & Technology for Sustainable Development in Africa: Partnerships and Applications. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA May 28 – 29
- 2009 “Geography and Institutional Policy” The “protocol” Admission Of Ghana’s Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. Las Vegas, NV. March 22 – 29.
- 2008 “Building Capacity to Use Geospatial Technology for Development in Africa: Lessons from the Uganda GIS Project.” Paper presented at the Global Dialogue on Emerging Science and Technology (GDEST) Cape Town, South Africa. March 17 – 19
- 2008 “Enclaves of Modernity beyond the Urban Periphery: The Kwahu Towns of Ghana.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. April 14 – 19, Boston, MA
- 2007 “Trade Area Characteristics and Survival of Downtown Malls: A Suggested Explanation from Wisconsin. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA April 16 - 22.
- 2006 “Public Policy and Industrial Location in Africa: The Case of Ghana and Uganda.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL

March 7-11.

- 2005 "Building Capacity for Development: The Case of Geographic Information Systems in Ghana and Uganda." Paper presented at the 100<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Denver, CO. April 5 - 9
- 2004 "Regimes and Hegemonies in Innovation Cycles: The Paper Machinery Industry and the Beloit Story" Paper presented at the 100<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, PA March 14 – 19
- 2003 "The Struggle for Location Dominance in Retailing in Small Cities: The Case of Appleton, WI." Paper presented at the 99<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, LA March 5 – 8.
- 2002 "Globalization, the New Development Divide, and the Alternatives Before African Countries" Paper presented at the 98<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, CA. March 4 – 8
- 2001 "Geographic Shift in Economic Activities between Downtowns and Outskirts of Small Urban Areas: A Study of Five Wisconsin Cities." Paper presented at the 97<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, NY, February 27 – March 4, 2001.
- 2000 "The Human Factor and Development Geography: Reflections from the African Scene" 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Pittsburgh, PA, April 4 – 8.
- 1998 "The Human Factor and Economic Development of Africa: Towards a New Paradigm. Paper presented at the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA, March, 25 – 29.
- 1997 "Environment-Based Development Strategies and Rural Development in Africa: New Development Directions or Another False Start?" Paper presented at the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Fort Worth, TX, April 1-5.
- 1996 "The Validity of the Human Factor in Africa's Economic Development and the Need for Development Education." Paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the International Institute for Human Factor Development, University of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe, Sep. 20-22.
- 1996 "Information and Data Base Technologies and the Problem of Data in Africa: The Case of Ghana." Paper presented at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Charlotte, NC, April 9-13.
- 1995 "Crises As Windows of Opportunity: Economic Development Prospects for Africa in the Twenty-first Century" Paper presented at the Africa 2000 Conference, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, October 12-14 (With S. Adjibolosoo).
- 1995 "Technological Change And Mature Industries: The Case of the Global Pulp and Paper Industry" Paper presented at the 91<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. Chicago, IL, March 14-18.
- 1994 "Technology and the Food Resource Problem in Africa: An Agenda For Attitudinal Change" Paper presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> National Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, NE, October 13-15.
- 1994 "Perspectives on Technological Change and Economic Development in Africa." Paper presented at the 90<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. San Francisco,

CA, March 29-April 2.

- 1993 "The Saturation Hypothesis and Africa's Development Problems: On the Nature of Development Theory and its Implications for the Human Factor Development in Africa" Paper presented at the 1st Conference on Human Factor Engineering For Development. Burnaby, BC, July 7 - 8.
- 1993 "Geography and Third World Development: Retrospect and Prospect." Paper presented at the 89th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. Atlanta, GA. April 6-10.
- 1992 "Development Research and Africa's Development Crisis." Paper presented at the International Geographical Union's 27th International Conference on Third World Development. University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI, August 4-7.
- 1992 "Regional Impact on Technological Change: The Evolution and Development of the Twin-Wire Paper Machine." Paper presented at the 41st Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers. Geographers. Vancouver, BC, May 20-24.
- 1992 "Population Growth and Hunger" A Workshop presentation for the Student-Faculty Institute on Hunger and Debt in the Third World. Winona State University, Winona, MN. May 1-2.
- 1991 "Technology Choice and Diffusion in the Manufacturing Sector: The Case of the Twin-Wire in Canada." Paper presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of AAG West Lakes Division Duluth, MN, October 10-12.

#### OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2004-2006 "Social Science Collaboration with Sub-Saharan African Institutions" A NSF-University of Wisconsin-Spelman College Initiative. (**Planning Team Member and Cluster Leader**).
- 2005 "Promoting International Collaboration in Social Science Research" A workshop Organized by Social Science Research Council, New York. October 20 – 22. (**Invited Participant and Panel Chair**).
- 2005 "Geographic Information System Training for Local Government Planning in Uganda" A workshop given to District Planners in Uganda. Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda. July 14 – 22. (**Workshop Organizer and Leader**).
- 2005 "Induction Training Workshop for New Lecturers and Lecturers of 3-Year Standing or Less." A Quality Assurance Workshop given to Faculty and Staff at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana. August 9 – 11, 2005. (**Workshop Leader**).
- 2004 "Developing Digital Materials for Classroom Instructions" A Quality Assurance Workshop given to Faculty and Staff at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana. August 2004. (**Workshop Leader**).
- 2004 "Grading in Large Class Situation" A Quality Assurance Workshop given to Faculty and Staff at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana. February 2004. (**Workshop Leader**).