

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D.            The University at Albany, State University of New York [SUNY], Sociology, 1993  
M.A.            The University at Albany, State University of New York [SUNY], Sociology, 1986  
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## **PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

Fall 2009-Present	Full Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Akron
Fall 2005-Fall 2011	Director, Pan African Studies Program, University of Akron
Spring 2008	Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Cape Coast, Ghana
Fall 2006	Visiting Professor, Department of African and African American Studies, Oberlin College, Oberlin OH.
Fall 2005-2006	Fellow, Center for Conflict Management, University of Akron
Fall 2003-Spring 2008	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Akron
Fall 1997-Spring 2003	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Akron
1996-1997	Program Research Specialist, Office of Medicaid Management, New York State Department of Health (Grants/Research Unit), Albany, NY
March 1993-1996	Program Research Specialist, New York State Department of Social Services, Health and Long Term Care (Grants & Research Unit), Albany, New York
1990-1993	Program Research Specialist II, New York State Department of Social Services, Office of Program Planning and Policy Analysis (OPPAD) & Commissioner's Office of Strategic Planning, Albany, New York
Fall 1990-Spring 1997	Adjunct Professor, Africana Studies Department, University at Albany (SUNY), Albany, New York
Fall 1988-Spring 1990	Instructor, Department of Sociology, University at Albany (SUNY), Albany, New York

Fall 1984-Spring 1986	Graduate Research Assistant, College of Arts and Sciences, Dean's Office, University at Albany (SUNY), Albany, New York
1983-1984	Teacher, Adze Beke College (HS), Korinya, Benue State, Nigeria
1981-1983	Teacher, Ijaiye Ojokoro High School, Ijaiye, Lagos State, Nigeria
1980-1981	Internal Auditor, Ghana Audit Service, Accra, Ghana
1978-1979	High School Teacher, Ghana Secondary School, Koforidua, Ghana

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

1. Oheneba-Sakyi, Yaw and Baffour K. Takyi (Ed.). 2007. African Families at the Turn of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Academic Publishers (Textbook edition of African Families), 318 pages. ISBN-978-0-7575-4628-0
2. Konadu-Agyeman, K., Baffour K. Takyi and John Arthur (Ed.). 2006. The New African Diaspora in North America: Community Building, and Adaptation. Lanham, MD: Lexington, 307 pages.
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2. Takyi, Baffour K (forthcoming). "Secular Africa? Religion and the Secularization Debate in Contemporary Africa." New York, NY: *The Oxford Handbook of Secularism*.
3. Takyi, Baffour K. 2011. "America's Newest Immigrant Communities: On the Ghanaian Diaspora." Pp. 753-798 in Bayor, Ron H. (ed.): *Greenwood Encyclopedia on Multicultural America: The Newest Americans: Westport, CT: Greenwood Press*.
4. Yirenkyi, Kwasi and Baffour K. Takyi. 2010. "Some Insights into Atheism and Secularity in Ghana." Pg. 73-89 in Zuckerman, Phil (ed.): *Atheism around the World: Westport, CT: Praeger*.
5. Takyi, Baffour K. 2009. "Africans Abroad: Comparative Perspectives on America's Postcolonial West Africans." Pg. 236-254 in Okpewho, Isidore and Nkiru Nzegwu (eds): *The New African Diaspora: Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press*.
6. Takyi, Baffour K., W. Bediako Lamoussé-Smith, Gabriel Fosu and S. Obeng-Gyimah. 2008. "Migration and HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa." Pp. 361-384 in Toyin Falola and Matthew M. Heaton (eds): *Health Knowledge and Belief Systems in Africa*. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.

7. Doodoo, Francis N. A., Baffour K. Takyi and Jesse R. Mann. 2007. "The Brain Drain of Africans to America: Some Methodological Issues." Pp. 87-93 in Rubin Patterson (ed.), The African Brain Circulation: Beyond the Drain-Gain Debate. Leiden, Netherlands: Brill Academic Press.
8. Fosu Gabriel, W. Bediako Lamoussé-Smith, Baffour K. Takyi and S. Obeng-Gyimah. 2007. "Disability in Nigeria." Pp. 116-154 in Toyin Falola and Matthew M. Heaton (eds.), HIV/AIDS, Illness and African Well-Being, Rochester, NY: University of Rochester Press.
9. Oheneba-Sakyi, Yaw and Baffour K. Takyi. 2006. "Introduction to the Study of African Families: A Framework of Analysis." Pp. 1-23 in Oheneba-Sakyi, Yaw & Baffour K. Takyi (eds.), African Families at the Turn of the 21st Century. Westport, CT: Praeger.
10. Takyi, Baffour K. and Yaw Oheneba-Sakyi. 2006. "African Families of the New Millennium: Concluding Remarks." Pp. 273-278 in Oheneba-Sakyi, Yaw & Baffour K. Takyi (eds.), African Families at the Turn of the 21st Century. Westport, CT: Praeger.
11. Konadu-Agyeman, Kwadwo and Baffour K. Takyi. 2006. "African Immigration to the United States: An Overview." Pp. 2-12 in Kwadwo Konadu-Agyeman, Baffour K. Takyi and John Arthur (eds.), The New African Diaspora in North America. Lanham, MD: Lexington.
12. Takyi, Baffour K. and Kwadwo Konadu-Agyeman. 2006. "Theoretical Perspectives on African Immigration to the United States." Pp. 13-28 in Kwadwo Konadu-Agyeman, Baffour K. Takyi and John Arthur (eds.), The New African Diaspora in North America. Lanham, MD: Lexington.
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16. Takyi, Baffour K. and Isaac Addai. 2003. "Population Growth and Socioeconomic Developments in Ghana." Pp. 223-237 in Wisdom J. Tettey, K. P. Pupilampu and B. J. Berman (eds.), Critical Perspectives on Politics and Socio-Economic Developments in Ghana. Leiden, Netherlands: Brill Academic Press.
17. Takyi, Baffour K. 2003. "Perspectives on Family and Marital Processes in Ghana." Pp. 743-748 in James J. Ponzetti (ed.), International Encyclopedia of Marriage and Family. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. New York, NY: McMillan Reference, USA.
18. Konadu-Agyeman, K. and Baffour K. Takyi. 2001. "Structural Adjustment Programs and the Political Economy of Development and Underdevelopment in Ghana." Pp. 17-40, in K. Konadu-Agyeman (ed.), IMF and World Bank Sponsored Structural Adjustment Programs in Africa: Ghana's Experience 1983-1999. London, UK: Ashgate.

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2. Gyimah, Obeng Stephen, Jones Adjei, and Baffour K. Takyi. 2012. "Religion, Contraception and Method Choices of Married Women in Ghana." Journal of Religion and Health 51:1359-1374.
3. Pokimica, Jelena, Isaac Addai, and Baffour K. Takyi. 2012. "Religion and Subjective Well-Being in Ghana." Social Indicators Research 106:61-79.
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4. Mann, Jesse R. and Baffour K. Takyi. 2009. "Autonomy, Dependence or Culture: Examining the Impact of Resources and Socio-Cultural Processes on Attitudes towards Intimate Partner Violence in Ghana, Africa." Journal of Family Violence 24:323-335.
5. Gyimah, Stephen Obeng, Baffour K. Takyi and Eric Yeboah Tenkorang. 2008. "Denominational affiliation and fertility behavior in an African context: An Examination of couple data from Ghana." Journal of Biosocial Science 40:445-458.
6. Takyi, Baffour K. and Stephen Obeng Gyimah. 2007. "Matrilineal Family Ties and Marital Dissolution in Ghana." Journal of Family Issues 28:682-705.
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12. Takyi, Baffour K., Nancy B. Miller, Gay C. Kitson, and Yaw Oheneba-Sakyi. 2003. "Marital Choice in sub-Saharan Africa: Comparing Structural and Cultural Influences in Contemporary Ghana." Comparative Sociology 2:375-391.
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Reprinted: In International Conference Reader on Sexual Behavior Change and HIV/AIDS: Challenges and Experiences. Amsterdam, The Netherlands: Royal Tropical Institute and The Netherlands Network on Sexual and Reproductive Health and AIDS, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2003.

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Reprinted: In Konadu-Agyeman, K., Baffour K. Takyi & John Arthur (Ed.). 2006. *The New African Diaspora in North America: Community Building, and Adaptation*. Lanham, MD: Lexington.

15. Benefo, Kofi D. and Baffour K. Takyi. 2002. "Mass Media Effects on AIDS Knowledge and Sexual Behavior with Reference to Ghana." International Journal of Sociology & Social Policy 22:77-99.
16. Takyi, Baffour K. and Isaac Addai. 2002a. "Religious Affiliation and Women's Educational Attainment and Empowerment in a Developing Society." Sociology of Religion 63:177-193.
17. Takyi, Baffour K. and Isaac Addai. 2002b. "Ethnicity and Onset of Parenthood: Age at First Birth among Ghana's Ethnic Groups during the Early 1990s." Journal of Comparative Family Studies 33:57-72.
18. Takyi, Baffour K. 2002. "The Making of the Second Diaspora: Emigration from Africa to the United States and Its Policy Implications." Western Journal of Black Studies 26: 32-43.
19. Perry-Burney, Gwendolyn and Baffour K. Takyi. 2002. "Self-Esteem, Academic Achievement and Moral Development among Adolescent Girls." Journal of Human Behavior & the Social Environment 5:15-27.
20. Takyi, Baffour K. 2001a. "HIV/AIDS-Related Knowledge and the Sexual Behavior of African Men." Journal of Health and Human Services Administration 24: 234-257.
21. Takyi, Baffour K. 2001b. "Marital Stability in an African Society: Exploring the Factors that Influence Divorce Processes in Ghana." Sociological Focus 34:77-96.
22. Konadu-Agyemang, K. and Baffour K. Takyi. 2001. "Some Perspectives on the African Community in the United States: On Their Pre and Post-Migration Experiences." Arab World Geographer 4:33-49.
23. Takyi, Baffour K. 2000. "HIV/AIDS-Related Knowledge and Risks and Contraceptive Practices in Ghana: The Early 1990s." African Journal of Reproductive Health 4:13-27.
24. Takyi, Baffour K. 2000. "The African Diaspora: A Socio-Demographic Portrait of the Ghanaian Migrant Community in America." Ghana Studies Journal 2:35-56.

25. Takyi, Baffour K. and Yaw Oheneba-Sakyi. 1997. "Gender Differentials in Family Size among Ghanaian Couples." Journal of Asian and African Studies 32:296-306.
26. Oheneba-Sakyi, Yaw and Baffour K. Takyi. 1997. "Effects of Couples' Characteristics on Contraceptive Use in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Ghanaian Example." Journal of Biosocial Science 29:33-49.
27. Turner Barbara, Leona Markson, Robert Houchens, Neil Silverman, Leon Cosler, and Baffour K. Takyi. 1996. "Association of Maternal HIV Infection with Low Birthweight." Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and Human Retrovirology [JAIDS] 13:227-234.

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28. Takyi, Baffour K. and Yaw Oheneba-Sakyi. 1994. "Customs and Practices about Marriages and Family Life in Ghana." Family Perspectives 28:257-281.
29. Oheneba-Sakyi, Yaw and Baffour K. Takyi. 1991. "Socio-Demographic Correlates of Breast Feeding in Ghana." Human Biology 63:389-402.

### **Popular Articles**

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### **Media Coverage**

The San Francisco Chronicle Newspaper. 2002. "Ghana changing its tune on condoms Use." Interviewed and also cited by columnist Jordan Lite, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Page A3.

### **Monographs/Reports**

Takyi, Baffour K. and Gwen Burney-Perry. 2001. "Cleveland Minority Health Needs Assessment Study." Report to the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, and the Cardiovascular Health Coalition.

Takyi, Baffour K., Tom Fanning, and Leon Cosler. 1996. "Effects of Medicaid Expansion and New Prenatal Care Policies on Enrollment Levels, Prenatal Care and Birth Outcomes, 1989-91." Report to Health Care Financing Administration [HCFA] and New York State Department of Social Services.

Dunton, Nancy and Baffour K. Takyi. 1992. "Trends in Poverty in New York State, 1980-1990." New York State Department of Social Services, OPPAD Publication.

### **Book Reviews and Essays**

Takyi, Baffour K. 2002. Review of B. Schwartz-Kenney, M. McCauley & M. Epstein (Ed.). *Child Abuse: A Global View*. Greenwood Press, 2001. In *Journal of Comparative Family Studies* 33: 590-592.

Takyi, Baffour K. 1998. Review of I. Altman & J. Ginat (Ed.). *Polygamous Families in Contemporary Societies*. Cambridge, MA: Cambridge University Press. In *Journal of Family Relations* 47:209-210.

Takyi, Baffour K. 1998. Review of Deborah Eade (Ed.). *Development for Health. UK/Ireland: Oxfam*. In *African Studies Quarterly*: 2.

### **Other Publications: Popular Essays**

1. Takyi, Baffour K. 2005. "Lessons from Hurricane Katrina." *Pan African Center Newsletter*, University of Akron, OH: Fall Issue.
2. Takyi, Baffour K. 2004. "What Has Clothes Got to Do with College Retention or Success?" *Pan African Center Newsletter*, University of Akron, OH: Spring Issue.
3. Takyi, Baffour K. 2003 "Young men and Women: Africa Calls!" *Pan African Center Newsletter*, University of Akron, OH: Fall Issue.
4. Takyi, Baffour K. 2002. "The Need for Engagement." *Pan African Center Newsletter*, University of Akron, OH: Spring Issue.
5. Takyi, Baffour K. 2001 "Black on Black Relations: Social and Cultural Relations of Blacks in the U.S." *Pan African Center Newsletter*, University of Akron, Spring.

### **AWARDS, GRANTS, AND CONTRACTS**

1. Religion and Ebola in West Africa. Templeton Foundation (through The Association of Religion Data Archives, ARDA), \$1000
2. "Religion and the Adaptation of African Immigrants." Indiana University of Pennsylvania Faculty Grant [\$3,500] [with K. Yirenkyi, K. Agyeman-Konadu & K. Ofosu Donkor), 2002.
3. "Minority Health Needs Assessment Study: On Cardiovascular Diseases (CVD)." Cuyahoga County Department of Health and the Cleveland Cardiovascular Health Coalition Group (\$10,000] (with Gwen Perry-Burney), 2001.
4. "HIV/AIDS and Reproductive Needs of Adolescent Men and Women in Ghana." The University of Akron, Faculty Research Grant (#2-07423) [\$3,500], 1999.
5. "Internationalization and the University Campus." University of Akron, International Studies Program Research Grant (with Kwadwo Konadu-Agyemang), 1999.

6. "Evaluation of the Links between Medicaid and Birth Outcomes in New York State." National Institute of Drug Abuse Grant to the New York State of Social Services, and Health (Grant #500-92-0059) [\$500,000+], Co-Investigator; 1995-1997.
7. "Examining Gender and Fertility Behavior in Ghana." State University of New York SUNY Benevolent Association Grant, 1989. "Graduate Student Fellowship." Department of Sociology, State University of New York, Albany, 1984-1989.
8. "Ghana Government Bursary." University of Ghana, Legon, 1975-1978.

### **UNFUNDED GRANTS**

Steer, David, Malena I. Espanol, Baffour K. Takyi and William Thelin. 2014. Developing a Pipeline of Diverse STEM Majors. Interdisciplinary Grant submitted to the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Steer, David, Malena I. Espanol, Baffour K. Takyi and William Thelin. 2014. Developing a Pipeline of Diverse STEM Majors. Interdisciplinary Grant submitted to the University of Akron Foundation.

### **TEACHING INTERESTS**

- Social Demography, International Migration, Race and Ethnic Relations, Sociology of Health, Family Sociology, Contemporary African Societies, Introduction to Sociology, Inequalities, Sociological Research Methods, The African Diaspora

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Family Processes in sub-Saharan Africa: Family Transitions, Mate Selection, Gender Dynamics, Marital Instability and Violence
- International Migration: The African Diaspora, Labor market incorporation, assimilation, intra-group dynamics, ethnicity and race
- Social Demography: Demography of Health and Illness, Population and Health in Africa, Reproductive Behavior, Maternal and Child Health, Family and Health.
- Sociology of Africa: Contemporary Africa, Socioeconomic and Political Developments in Africa, Religion and Africa.

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

**Undergraduate:** Population, Research Methods, Family, Social Problems, Medical Sociology, Social Inequalities, Racial/Ethnic Minorities, Introductory Sociology, Introduction to Pan African Studies, Life in the Third World

**Graduate:** Family Analysis, Social Inequalities, Race Theory and Social Thought, Research Methods in Africana Studies.



## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

- Takyi, Baffour K and Enoch Lamptey. “Religion and Domestic Violence in Ghana (Under Review, R&R-Journal of Family Violence).”
- Lamptey, Enoch and Baffour K. Takyi. Marriage and Health Outcomes in Sub-Saharan Africa (Under Review-Social Science and Medicine).
- Takyi, Baffour K. Book Manuscript: Religion and the Public Sphere in Ghana.
- Takyi, Baffour K. “Diasporan Africans: The Health Conditions of America’s Africans: On Physical Health and Disability among African Immigrants.”
- Takyi, Baffour K. “Assimilation of America’s Africans: Naturalization Patterns among Recent and Non Recent African Immigrants.”
- Takyi, Baffour K. “Religion and Gender Role Attitudes in Africa: An Analysis of a PEW Research Center Survey Data on Religion and Public Life in Africa.”

## **PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

Lamptey, Enoch & Baffour K. Takyi. “Marriage and Health Outcomes: Exploring the Links between Marital Status and Health in Contemporary Ghana, Africa. The North Central Sociological Society, Chicago, IL (March 2016)

Takyi, Baffour K. “Intimate Partner Violence and Religion in the Context of Ghana, Sub-Saharan Africa.” The North Central Sociological Society. Cleveland, OH: April 2015 (with Enoch Lamptey).

Takyi, Baffour K. “Improving Maternal and Child Health Outcomes in Ghana: On Constructivism and the Training of Nurses and Midwives.” The African Studies Association. Indianapolis, IN: November 2014 (with Monica Nkrumah).

Takyi, Baffour K. “African Encounters: Contemporary Migrations, the Second Generation, and Socioeconomic Developments in Africa.” The African Studies Association. Baltimore, MD: November 2013 (with Jemima Agyare).

Takyi, Baffour K. “Transformations in the African Family: A Note on Migration, HIV/AIDS and Family Poverty Alleviation Efforts in Sub-Saharan Africa.” United Nations Expert Group Meeting on Families and Poverty Alleviation Efforts, United Nations Headquarters, NY, NY: June 1-4, 2011.

Takyi, Baffour K. “Religion and the Public Sphere in Ghana.” Conference of Undergraduate and Graduate Student Research, University of Akron, OH: 26 March 2009 (with Chris Opoku-Agyeman and Agnes Kutin-Mensah).

Takyi, Baffour K. “Religion, Religiosity and HIV/AIDS.” AEGIS Meeting, Leiden, Netherlands: July 11-15, 2007 (with Diane Sotnak).

Takyi, Baffour K. "The Millennium Development Goals and Africa: Maternal and Child Health." The African Studies Association. San Francisco, CA: November 2006.

Takyi, Baffour K. "The Health of African Immigrants in Africa." The Association of Black Sociologists. Montreal, Canada, August 8-11, 2006.

Takyi, Baffour K. "Comparative Study of West African Immigrants in Africa." Symposium on the African Diaspora. SUNY at Binghamton, Binghamton, NY, April 2006.

Takyi, Baffour K. "Religion and the Timing of Birth in Africa." The Population Association of America, Los Angeles, CA: March 2006 (with S. Obeng-Gyimah and Isaac Addai).

Takyi, Baffour K. "Men's attitudes towards Intimate Partner Violence in Africa." The African Studies Association. Washington DC: November 2005, Washington D. C.

Takyi, Baffour K. "Religion and Men's AIDS Behavior in Africa." The Population Association of America. Philadelphia, PA: April 2005.

Takyi, Baffour K. "Exploring the Male Dimension of Family Violence in Africa." The North Central Sociological Society. Pittsburgh, PA: April 2005 (With Jesse Mann).

Takyi, Baffour K. "Migration and HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa." Conference on African Health, University of Texas, Austin, April 2005 (with W. Bediako Lamousé-Smith, Gabriel Fosu and S. Obeng-Gyimah).

Takyi, Baffour K. "Disability in Nigeria." Conference on African Health. University of Texas, Austin, April 2005 (with W. Bediako Lamousé-Smith, Gabriel Fosu and S. Obeng-Gyimah).

Takyi, Baffour K. "The Tenure Process: Post Hire Issues." The Association of Black Sociologists, San Francisco, CA: August 12th 2004

Takyi, Baffour K. "Citizenship Acquisition Patterns among African-Born immigrants in America." The African Studies Association. New Orleans, LA: November 11-14, 2004

Takyi, Baffour K. "Religion and HIV/AIDS Behavior of Young Men and Women in Africa." Conference on Undergraduate/Graduate Student Research. University of Akron, October 21, 2004 (with Diane Sotnak).

Takyi, Baffour K. "Religion and Child Survivorship in Ghana?" The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Kansas City, MI: Oct 22-24, 2004 (with Stephen Obeng Gyimah and Isaac Addai).

Takyi, Baffour K. "Religion and the Duration of Marriage in Africa" The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Kansas City, MI: Oct 22-24, 2004 (with Stephen Obeng Gyimah and Isaac Addai).

Takyi, Baffour K. "Does Matrilineal Kinship Structure Weaken the Marital Bond?" The Canadian Population Society. Winnipeg, Canada: June 2004 (with Stephen Obeng Gyimah).

Takyi, Baffour K. "State Regulatory Apparatus in Post-Colonial Ghana." The African Studies Association. Boston, MA: November 2003 (with Kwadwo Konadu-Agyeman).

Takyi, Baffour K. "Religion and Child Health in Ghana." The African Studies Association. Washington D.C.: November 2002.

Takyi, Baffour K. "Religion and AIDS Attitudes in Ghana." The American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL: August 2002 (with Diane Sotnak).

Takyi, Baffour K. "Religion and Family Planning Adoption and Method Choices." The Canadian Population Society. Toronto, Canada: May 2002.

Takyi, Baffour K. "Religion and Maternal Child Health in Africa." The Canadian Population Society, Toronto. Canada: May 2002 (with Isaac Addai).

Takyi, Baffour K. "Attitudes and Behavior of Young Men and Women towards Alcohol and Drug Use in Africa." The North Central Sociological Association. Windsor, Canada: April 2002 (with Ferdinand Yomoah).

Takyi, Baffour K. "Mass Media Effects and AIDS in Ghana." The American Sociological Association. Anaheim, CA: August 2001 (with Kofi D. Benefo).

Takyi, Baffour K. "Fertility, Religion and Ethnicity in Africa: A Study of Ghana." The Population Association of America. Washington DC: March 2001 (with Isaac Addai).

Takyi, Baffour K. "Reconsidering the Mate Selection Processes." The National Council on Family Relations. Minneapolis, MN: November 2000 (with Nancy B. Miller, Gay C. Kitson, &Yaw Oheneba-Sakyi).

Takyi, Baffour K. "The Earnings of Africans in America." The African Studies Association. Nashville, TN: November 2000 (with Francis N. A. Dodo).

Takyi, Baffour K. "Female Autonomy and Marital Instability in Africa." The North Central Sociological Society. Pittsburgh, PA: April 2000 (with Chris Broughton).

Takyi, Baffour K. "What Do We Know About Marital Instability in Sub-Saharan Africa?" The North Central Sociological Society. Pittsburgh, PA: April 2000 (with Patrick A. Allala, and Isaac Addai).

Takyi, Baffour K. "Micro and Macro Determinants of Divorce." The Midwestern Sociological Society. Minnesota, MN: October 1998.

Takyi, Baffour K. "West African Immigrants in the US: A Study in Social Stratification." The African Studies Association. Chicago, ILL: November 1998.

Takyi, Baffour K. "African American Migration and Labor Market Participation in Northern Industrial Cities." The Midwest Sociological Society. Kansas City, MI: April 1998 (with Marlese Durr).

Takyi, Baffour K. "Regional and Racial Differences in the Earnings of African Immigrants in the US." The Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia, PA: March 1998.

Takyi, Baffour K. "Differences in Desired Fertility among Ghanaian Husbands and Wives." The Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia, PA: March 1998 (with Yaw Oheneba-Sakyi).

Takyi, Baffour K. "The Neo-Diaspora: A Study of African Immigrants in the United States." The African Studies Association. Columbus, OH: November 1997.

Takyi, Baffour K. "The Factors Associated With Teenage Sexuality in Ghana." The Eastern Sociological Society. Baltimore, MD: April 1997 (with Yaw Oheneba-Sakyi).

Takyi, Baffour K. "Ghanaians Abroad: The North American Connection." The New York State African Studies Association. Troy, NY: June 1997.

Takyi, Baffour K. "HIV/AIDS Knowledge and Contraceptive Use among High Risk Childbearing Women in Ghana." The Canadian Association of African Studies. Montreal, Canada: May 1996.

Takyi, Baffour K. "Returns to Human Capital? Income Differences among African Immigrants in New York." The African Studies Association. Orlando, FL: November 1995.

Takyi, Baffour K. "The Effects of Husband's Characteristics on Contraceptive Use in Ghana." The Canadian Association of African Studies. Toronto, Canada: May 1995 (with Yaw Oheneba-Sakyi).

Takyi, Baffour K. "Do Men and Women Differ in their Fertility Desires: Some Evidence from Ghana?" The African Heritage Studies Association. Philadelphia, PA: March 1995 (with Yaw Oheneba-Sakyi).

Takyi, Baffour K. "Prenatal Care and Birth Outcomes of HIV and Non-HIV Pregnant Women in New York State." HIV Infection in Women Conference. Washington D.C.: May 1995 (with Leona Markson, Barbara Turner, Tom Fanning, and Leon Cosler).

Takyi, Baffour K. "The Characteristics of the Foreign-Born Population in New York State: A Look at African Immigrants." The New York State Sociological Association, Potsdam, NY: Oct. 1993.

Takyi, Baffour K. "Gender Differences and Family Size in Ghana." The New York State Sociological Association, Potsdam, NY: October 1993 (with Yaw Oheneba-Sakyi).

### **INVITED LECTURES**

- 2013 "Renegotiating Black Studies Today: Interrogating the Study of the African Diaspora." Michigan State University: African and African American Studies, Lansing, MI: November 15
- 2011 "Transformations in the African Family: A Note on Migration, HIV/AIDS and Family Poverty Alleviation Efforts in Sub-Saharan Africa." Expert Group Meeting on Assessing Family Policies. United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY: June 1-4, 2011.
- 2006 The Pan African Studies Program: University of Akron, PASSAGE Breakfast and Induction Ceremonies (Akron, OH). June
- 2006 West Africans in America: "Symposium on the new African Diaspora. Department of Africana Studies, Binghamton University, NY (SUNY). April 7-8
- 2004 Keynote Speaker: "Rediscovering Africa. Panel Discussion Organized by the African Students Association. University of Akron, Akron, OH
- 1998 Speaker, "Women in Africa Forum." Women's Studies and Pan African Studies Program, The University of Akron, OH: October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 1997 "Gender Roles and the Fertility Limiting Behavior of Men in Ghana." Presentation at the Sociology Colloquium, Kent State University, Kent, OH: November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 1997 "Libation in Process." Black History Month Activities, Black Catholic Apostolate Church, St. George's, Albany, New York: February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 1996 "The Refugee Crisis in Africa." Calvary Methodist Church, Latham, NY: March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- 1995 “Africa in the Emerging World Order: Constraints and Challenges.” Symposium by the African Studies Department and the Rwanda Children Fund Inc.; New York, SUNY-Albany: April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 1993 “The Social Structure of Ghanaian Society.” New York State Department of Social Services Black History Month Symposium. Albany, New York: Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>
- 1989 “Trends and Patterns of Recent African Immigration to the United States of America.” Department of Sociology, Siena College, Loudonville, NY: March.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Other Professional Activities**

Departmental Program Reviewer, University at Binghamton (SUNY), (Africana Studies), November 2014

### **External Refereeing and Examination**

1. Dr. Peace Mamle Yoko Tetteh. 2014. University of Ghana, Legon (Sociology): Promotion to Senior Lecturer, 2014
2. Dr. Nurridin Tariqah, Howard University, Washington DC (Sociology): Promotion to Associate Professor, 2014
3. Dr. Alhassan S. Anamzoya, University of Ghana, Legon (Sociology): Promotion to Senior Lecturer, 2012
4. Dr. Michael Okyerefo, University of Ghana, Legon (Sociology): Promotion to Associate Professor, 2011
5. Dr. Stephen Kwankye, University of Ghana, Legon (Population): Promotion to Associate Professor, 2011
6. Dr. Ephraim Donkor, University at Binghamton (SUNY) (Africana Studies), Tenure/promotion, 2010
7. Dr. Philomena Nyarko, University of Ghana, Legon (Population): Promotion to Senior Lecturer, 2006

### **Editorial Service**

- University at Binghamton (State University of New York), Africana Studies Program Reviewer, 2014
- National Institute of Health (NIH): College of Reviewers, 2010-2012

## **Manuscript Reviews**

[American Sociological Review](#)  
[Journal of Marriage and Family](#)  
[Social Science and Medicine](#)  
[Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion](#)  
[Social Biology](#)  
[Review of Religious Research](#)  
[African Journal of Reproductive Health](#)  
[Journal of Family and Economic Issues](#)  
[African Studies Review](#)  
[Health: An International Quarterly](#)  
[International Family Planning Perspectives](#)  
[Journal of Family Issues](#)  
[Population Research and Policy Review](#)  
[Sociological Focus](#)  
[Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review](#)  
[International Migration](#)  
[Population Bulletins \(Population Reference Bureau\)](#)  
[Culture, Health & Sexuality](#)  
[Journal of Family Violence](#)  
[Journal of Interpersonal Violence](#)

## **Grant/Proposal Reviews**

1. Panelist, Institute of International Education, Boren Fellowship [African Region], 2005-2012.
2. Reviewer: PhD Program, Africana Studies (for UA Graduate School), Ohio State University, 2011.
3. Reviewer: PhD Program, Black Studies, University of Cincinnati, 2011.
4. Reviewer: National Institute of Health (NIH) [Health and Inequalities], 2009-10
5. Reviewer: National Science Foundation (NSF), 2004.
6. Panel Reviewer, National Institute of Health (NIH) [Religion and HIV], 2007.

## **OFFICE HELD IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

Board Member

Ohio Council on Family Relations, 2003-2005.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Chair/Discussant: Session on “Immigrants and the Second Generation.” Meeting of the African Studies Association, Baltimore, MD., November 2013.
- Moderator: Session on “Anti-Poverty Policies on Families in Africa, Latin America and Asia.” Expert Group Meeting on Family Policies, United Nations, New York, NY, June 1-3 2011.
- Organizer and Chair: Session on “Health in Post-Independent Ghana.” Meeting of the African Studies Association, Washington D.C., November 2005.
- Organizer and Chair: Session on “Health in Post-Independent Ghana.” Meeting of the African Studies Association, Washington D.C., November 2005.
- Presider and Discussant: Session on “New African Diaspora in Canada and the US.” Meeting of the African Studies Association, New Orleans, LA: November 2004.
- Organizer and Chair: Session on “Family Dynamics.” Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Cleveland, OH: April 2004.
- Discussant: Population Association of America: Session on Men's Health Knowledge, Risks, and Behavior across the Life Cycle, Minneapolis, MN, May 2003.
- Committee Member: N/Central Sociological Association Achievement Book Award, March 2002.
- Reviewer: Paper Selection for the International Session. National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) Annual Meeting, Rochester, November 2001.
- Discussant: Session on “Work in International Settings.” Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Rochester, NY: November 2001.



- Organizer and Chair: Session on “Ghana at the Turn of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Houston, TX: November 2001.
- Organizer and Chair: Session on “Cross-Cultural Studies I and II.” Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, PA: April 2000.
- Discussant: Session on “Ghana and Structural Adjustment.” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Philadelphia, PA: November 1999.
- Discussant: Session on “Evaluation Research.” Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Troy, MI: April 1999.
- Discussant: Session on “Applied Sociology.” Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Troy, MI: April 1999.
- Organizer: Session on “Immigrant Groups, Ethnicity, and American Society.” Annual Meeting of the N/Central Sociological Association, Troy, MI: April 1999.
- Discussant and Presider: Session on “Interracial Issues.” Sponsored by the American Sociological Association Honor’s Society. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA: August 1998.
- Discussant and Presider: Session on “Socioeconomic Achievement in Diverse Immigrant Populations.” Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA: April 1998.
- Discussant and Presider: Session on “HIV and Health in Africa.” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Columbus, OH: Nov., 1997.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES: COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM SERVICE**

### **The University of Akron**

Member, College of Arts and Sciences, Strategic Planning Committee, 2015+  
 Member, College of Arts and Sciences’ Retention, Tenure and Promotion (RTP) Committee:  
 Review to Full Professor, 2012 to 2013  
 Chair, Sociology Department: Retention, Tenure and Promotion (RTP), Review to Associate

Professor, (Dr. Juan Xi), 2013  
 Member College of Arts and Sciences, Promotion to Associate Professor Appeals Committee, University of Akron, 2012+  
 Member, Search Committee, Vice President for Diversity Issues, 2007  
 Member, Search Committee, Director for Office of Multicultural Development, 2006  
 Director, Pan African Studies Program, University of Akron, Fall 2005-Fall 2011  
 Member, Provost's Committee on Academic Alignment, University of Akron, 2007  
 Member, Chief Diversity Officer Search Committee, University of Akron, 2006-2007  
 Member, University of Akron, Sociology Chair's Review Committee, 2006  
 Member, University of Akron, College of Arts and Sciences' Appeals Committee, 2004-05  
 University of Akron, Campus Internationalization and Diversity Committee, 1998  
 University of Akron, Ad-hoc Committee on Campus Speakers, 1998-2000  
 University of Akron, Pan African Studies Advisory Board, 1997-2005  
 University of Akron, Faculty Advisor: Ghana Study Abroad Program, 2001-Present

### **The University of Akron: Sociology Department**

Liaison Officer, American Association of University Professionals (AAUP), Sociology Department, University of Akron, 2015+  
 Chair, RTP Review to Associate Professor (Dr. Juan Xi), 2013  
 Chair, Search Committee, Recruitment for Assistant Professor, 2012  
 Editor, Sociology Department's Newsletter (Fall 2003-Present)  
 Faculty Mentor, McNair Scholars Program (Fall 2006-Present)  
 Chair, Family Focus Research Group, Fall 2001-2005  
 Chair, Educational Development Committee, 2001  
 Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee, Global Sociologist (Fall 2007)  
 Member, Graduate Committee, Fall 2007-2013  
 Member, Departmental Chair Review Committee, 2006  
 Member, Introduction to Sociology Textbook Selection Committee (2004)  
 Faculty Advisor, Alpha Kappa Delta Society [AKD] (Fall 2003-2004)  
 Comprehensive Exam Committee in Medical Sociology (several years)  
 Comprehensive Exam Committee in Family (several years)  
 Comprehensive Exam Committee in Race and Ethnic Relations (several years)  
 Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee (Spring 2001)  
 Member, U-Akron & KSU Graduate Theory Comprehensive Exams, 1999-2000; 2005  
 Member, Graduate Committee, Fall 1999-Spring 2000  
 Member, Educational Development Committee, Spring 1998-Fall 1999  
 Member, North Central Sociological Society, Scholarly Achievement Award: 2002  
 Member, Race Theory Comprehensive Exam [Africana Studies, SUNY-Albany]: 1995-97  
 Member, Research Methods Comprehensive Exam [Africana Studies, SUNY-Albany]: 1993-97  
 Member, Medical Sociology & Inequalities Focus Group, 1998 to Present

## **Community**

Editor, Ohio Council of Family Relations Newsletter, 2005-2009  
 Research Consultant, Cleveland Minority Health Assessment Study, Summer 2001  
 Member, Ohio Coalition on Minority Health, Akron Chapter, Fall 2000+  
 Member, Akron Council on World Affairs, 2000-2005

## **Other Service: Directed Dissertations, Theses and Others**

External Reader, PhD Dissertation (William Antwi, Sheffield University, UK, Health and Wellbeing) [in progress]  
 Chair, PhD Dissertation Committee (Enoch Lamptey, Sociology), In Progress  
 External Reader, PhD Dissertation (Nicholas Nii Sekoh Cofie, Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, Sociology) [Completed, December 2015]  
 Member, PhD Dissertation (Chris Opoku-Agyeman, Public Administration) [Completed, August 2013]  
 Member, PhD Dissertation (Patrick A. Allala, Education) [Completed, May 2012]  
 Member, PhD Dissertation (Susanne Slusser, Sociology) [Completed, May 2009]  
 Member, PhD Dissertation (Mariamme Noh, Sociology) [Completed, December 2008]  
 Member, PhD Dissertation (José Garayúa, Geography, Kent State University) [Completed, 2008]  
 Member, PhD Dissertation Committee (Shobonna Swami, Sociology) [Completed 2004]  
 Member, PhD Dissertation Committee (Darren Hendrickson, Sociology) [Completed 2002]  
 Member, PhD Dissertation Committee (Surrendra Adhikari, Sociology) [Completed 2002]  
 Member, PhD Dissertation Committee (Sam Thompson, Urban Studies)[Completed 2000]  
 Chair, MA Thesis Paper (Valiant Logan, Completed 2010)  
 Chair, MA Thesis (Martina Grier, Completed 2007)  
 Chair: MA Thesis (Jesse Mann, Sociology, Completed 2006)  
 Member, University of Akron, MA Thesis (Jelena Pokimica) [Completed, August 2009)  
 Member, University of Akron, MA Thesis (Amod Pyakuryal) [Completed, August 2008)  
 Member, University of Akron, MA Non-Thesis (Daniel Van Dussen, Completed 2001)  
 Member, University of Akron, MA Thesis (Kristin Hildreth) [Completed 2001)  
 Member, University of Akron, MA Non-Thesis Project (Patrick A. Allala, Completed 2000)  
 Member, University of Akron, MA Thesis Project (Shobhana Swami, Completed 1998)  
 Faculty Advisor: Ferdinand Yomoah (PhD, Sociology, 2001-Present)  
 Faculty Advisor: Valiant Logan (MA, Sociology)  
 Faculty Advisor: Martina Grier (MA, Sociology, 2004–2007)  
 Faculty Advisor: Jesse Mann (MA, Sociology, 2004-2006)  
 Chair, Ferdinand Yomoah, University of Akron, Family Comprehensive Exams, 2005  
 Member, Shobhana Swami, University of Akron, Medical Sociology Comprehensives, 2001

### **Other Service: Undergraduate Research Instruction**

Reader, Undergraduate Sociology Honors Thesis (Jovana Ilic ), 2016

Topic: Intimate Partner Violence on a College Campus

Reader, Undergraduate Sociology Honors Thesis (Tessa Herring ), 2016

Topic: The Relationship between Race and Socioeconomic Status of UA Students

Mentor/Advisor, McNair Scholar's Program (Sara Lute, Psychology, Summer 2011)

Topic: Graduation and Retention Patterns among African American Students in Ohio

Mentor/Advisor, McNair Scholar's Program (Marcus Phelps, Economics, Summer 2010-11)

Topic: Graduation and Retention Patterns among African American Students in Ohio

Mentor/Advisor, McNair Scholar's Program (Wesley Wilkins, Sociology)

Topic: HIV/AIDS in the Black Community, Summer 2006 and 2007

Reader, Undergraduate Sociology Honors Thesis (Hannah Furnas, Fall 2011-Fall2012)

Topic: Economic Conditions and Intimate Partner Violence in Africa

Reader, Undergraduate Sociology Honors Thesis (Angela Adkins, May 2006)

Reader, Undergraduate Nursing Honors Thesis (Bediako Afia Kyerewaa, May 2005)

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION**

American Sociological Association

Population Association of America

North Central Sociological Society

African Studies Association of America

National Council on Family Relations

Association of Black Sociologists

Association for the Study of Religion

Ghana Studies Council

### **References**

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