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### **EDUCATION**

**M.A.** University of Arizona, (Tucson, AZ), expected May 2016.

French; Teaching French as a Foreign Language

**B.A.** Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, (Kumasi, Ghana), June 2013.

French; (English minor)

#### **OIA certificate of online teaching**

University of Arizona, (Tucson, AZ), September 2015.

**Diploma in French** (Diplôme d'études en Langue Française B2)

Ministry of Education of France, December 2013.

**Diploma in French Studies** (Diplôme Universitaire d'Etudes Françaises, D.U.E.F)

Université de Lomé (Centre International de Recherche et d'étude de Langues CIREL-VILLAGE DU BENIN) Lomé, Togo, 2012.

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

#### **University of Arizona:**

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of French & Italian, Fall 2014 to present

- Taught a four semesters of French language courses (French 101, 102, and 201)
- Adapted lessons to fit the Multiliteracies approach to develop learners' literacy in the language classroom

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- Created assessment tools that evaluates semiotic competence
- Facilitated individualized tutoring for struggling learners in French at the Think Tank
- Conducted weekly office hours

**Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Kumasi, Ghana):**

Teaching Assistant, Department of Modern Languages, September 2013-July 2014

- Facilitated learning of undergraduate students through the organization of tutorial sessions
- Taught Business French to first and second year undergraduate students
- Assisted lecturers in conducting exams and in undertaking research
- Managed the French resource center of the department (La Maison Francaise)
- Assisted in the organization of French educational activities for students and lovers of French on campus (excursions, francophone cinema, francophone week celebration)

**Other teaching experience:**

Intern instructor: L'Alliance Francaise, Kumasi, Ghana, June 2010 – August 2010

Substitute Teacher: Akodzo Junior High School, Tema, Ghana, July 2008 - May 2009

**RESEARCH**

Masters level Action Research Project, “The Dual Coding Theory and Vocabulary Acquisition”, 2015

Undergraduate Thesis, « Les Critiques Socio-politiques dans l'Ex-père de la Nation d'Aminata Sow-Fall », 2013

Independent Study Project, « De la colonisation à l'Indépendance : la question de l'identité Africaine », (Centre International de Recherche et d'étude de Langues CIREL-VILLAGE DU BENIN) Lomé, Togo, 2012

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## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

### **University of Arizona:**

French Poetry Contest Award, Department of French and Italian 2015

## **LANGUAGES**

Fluent in French, English, Akan and Ga

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

Proficient with course management sites D2L, blackboard, moodle, and MyFrenchLab

## **CONFERENCES**

Digital Literacies Symposium, University of Arizona, October 2014

**REFERENCES**

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