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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Self-motivated and result driven professional eager to use my pragmatic, equity-focused, hardworking attributes to help fulfill organizational goals and objectives and motivate teams to do their best. Gifted with strong analytical and operational skills and ability to balance vision with nuts-and-bolts planning, programming, and evaluation to drive tangible improvements.

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## EDUCATION

**MA, Master of Arts in Economics**, University of Montana, Missoula, Montana, *expected May 2024*  
Thesis: *Impact of Forest plantation on Energy poverty and Quality of Employment: A Gender Analysis*  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Katrina Mullan, Associate Professor of Economics

**MPhil, Master of Philosophy in Economics**, University of Ghana, Legon, 2021  
Thesis: *Moonlighting and Wage Differentials: A Case Study of the Public and Formal Private Sectors in Ghana*  
Faculty Advisors: Dr. William Baah-Boateng, Associate Professor and Dr. Priscilla Twumasi-Baffour

**BA, Bachelor of Arts in Economics with Geography**, University of Ghana, Legon, 2018  
Dissertation: *Cost Benefit Analysis of Waste Management in Ghana: A Case Study of the Madina Market*  
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. William Bekoe, Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics

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## PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS

Big Sky Leadership Academy, Sponsored by the Montana Food Bank Network, Missoula, MT, August 2023

AERC Virtual Technical Workshop on Research Methods, Proposal Writing, and Presentation Skills for Women in Sub-Saharan Africa, 2021

ECA Young Economists Network (ECA-YEN), Workshop on Macroeconomics, 2021

ScienceDirect, Scival and Researcher Academy, Workshop on Research Writing and Citations, 2019

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental & Natural Resource Economics; Energy Economics & Policy; Social Policy; Development Economics; Labor Economics & Policy; Applied Microeconomics; Health Economics & Policy; and Applied Econometrics

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

<b>Business Enterprise System</b>	Oracle
<b>Marketing Software</b>	Canva, Slack, Wrike, Monday
<b>Programming Software</b>	R, STATA, Python, EViews, LATEX
<b>Microsoft Office Suite</b>	Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Teams, Notebook

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## PUBLICATIONS

Woblesseh R., Arkoh-Koomson K. & **Kabutey-Ongor M.** *An Analysis of the Growing Impact of Trade on Economic Growth: Evidence from the Ghanaian Economy. (in progress)*

**Kabutey-Ongor M.** & Arkoh-Koomson K.N. *Youth Unemployment and Economic Growth in Ghana. (in progress)*

**Kabutey-Ongor M.** *Trade Unionism in Ghana: An Analysis its Effectiveness in Organizing Labor in Ghana Over the Years. (Under review)*

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- May 2023 – Present    **Research Assistant to Professor Katrina Mullan**  
Department of Economics, University of Montana, Missoula, Montana
- Conducted data analysis and cleaning (in Stata) on tree planting programs' impact on local livelihoods and communities in Uganda, access to grazing land, and energy use. Supervised onsite data collection in Uganda.
- July 2023-Present    **Surveyor & Data Entry Analyst**  
The Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research (ITRR)
- Summer: Conducted qualitative, on-site travel and recreation research. Collected field survey data at the Great Basin National Park (Nevada) and Lassen Volcanic National Park (California). Spoke with visitors about their park experience to gather socioeconomic characteristics.
  - Fall: Analyze and decipher qualitative socioeconomic data to enter it into Excel to help estimate the economic contribution of nonresident travel to Montana's economy.
- April-August 2022    **Research Associate**  
London School of Economics, London, UK
- Used Stata to conduct data analysis and cleaning for an energy and environmental economics project working with Tim Dobermann (PhD Candidate in Economics), Ignacio Banares-Sanchez (PhD Candidate in Economics), and Dr. Niclas Moneke (Associate Professor of Economics, University of Oxford).
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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### University of Montana

*Teaching Assistant to Instructor Jakob Oetinger*

Fall 2023    STAT 216 Introduction to Statistics

*Teaching Assistant to Dr. Amanda Dawsey*

Spring 2023    ECNS 405 Game Theory

Spring 2023 ECNS 201 Principles of Microeconomics  
Fall 2022 ECNS 202 Principles of Macroeconomics

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Douglas Dalenberg

Fall 2022 ECNS 302 Intermediate Microeconomics with Calculus

**University of Ghana**

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Richard K. Ayisi and Dr. William Bekoe

Spring 2021 ECON 608 Public Finance II  
ECON 472 Labor Economics II  
ECON 474 Money and Banking II  
ECON 312 Microeconomic Theory II  
ECON 212 Element of Economics II ECON  
216 Economy of Ghana II

Fall 2020 ECON 607 Public Finance I  
ECON 469 Labor Economics I  
ECON 473 Money and Banking I  
ECON 311 Microeconomic Theory I  
ECON 211 Elements of Economics I  
ECON 205 Economy of Ghana I

Fall 2018 ECON 101 Introduction to Economics I

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**PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES**

**Conference Attendance**

Alumni Congress and International Conference Volunteer, Department of Economics, University of Ghana. 2021

**Conference Presentations**

*Moonlighting and Wage Differentials: A Case Study of the Public and Formal Private Sectors in Ghana.* University of Montana Graduate Research Conference (GradCon), Missoula, Montana. February 2023.

*Youth Unemployment and the Effectiveness of Employment Policies in Ghana: A Gender Perspective.* AUA Centre of Excellence for Unemployment and Skills Development, International Conference. Streamed at the University of Nairobi, Kenya. July 2022.

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

May-August 2023

**Start-Up Consultant**

Blackstone Launchpad, Missoula, MT

- Assisted TAPMissoula, a start-up company, with the creation of email campaigns, online promotions, and digital ads using Canva, Slack, Wrike, and Monday, and delivery of marketing materials including outbound advertising. Crafted marketing strategy and created blog content for Instagram, Facebook, and the website. Managed print advertising campaigns. Conducted research and competitive analysis to design price schedules for the business.

- June-July 2017 **Account Manager**  
Account Unit of Finance Department, Graphic Communications Group Limited, Ghana
- Entered receipts and credit and debit notes of unsold newspapers into the database. Validated advertisements to be published in the newspaper, including checking dates, prices, and advertisement content. Reconciled applied and unapplied receipts in the Enterprise Business Solution (ORACLE).
- June-July 2015 **Risk and Assessment Manager**  
Risk and Credit Department, Dream Finance Limited, Ghana
- Accessed debtors' loan profile to build a risk assessment of all debtors. Built a comprehensive loan assessment software to easily identify risky loaners which improved the company's business.
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## **SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS**

Oral Presentation Finalist - Humanities & Social Sciences Research Category, University of Montana Graduate Research Conference (GradCon), Missoula, Montana. February 2023.

Martin & Rhoda Farris Scholarship, Department of Economics, University of Montana 2023-2024

Soroptimist International of Missoula, Ramona Roedl International Award for academic excellence, 2023-2024

Bertha Morton Scholarship (faculty-nominated), University of Montana, 2023-2024

Teaching Assistantship Scholarship, University of Montana, Department of Economics, 2022-2024

African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Collaborative Masters Scholarship Program (CMAP) Scholarship, 2019-2021

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## **CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **Campus Service**

African Union Hall, University of Ghana, Women's Committee Deputy Head, 2017

### **Community Service**

World Refugee Day, Soft Landing Missoula, Montana, June 2023

United We Eat Program, Soft Landing Missoula, Montana, 2023

College Book Sales, Fresh A Fair, Echo House, Accra, Ghana, 2017

Event Marketing, Echo House, Accra, Ghana, 2016