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Education

Ph.D. in International Business Administration Finance	Texas A&M International University Aug 2020 – May 2024 (Expected)
Master of Science Economics Data Science	South Dakota State University Aug 2017 – May 2019 Jan 2018 – May 2019
Bachelor of Arts (Honors) Economics	University of Cape Coast Aug 2012 - May 2016

Certification and Training

Corporate Finance Institute (CFI) Financial Modeling & Valuation Analyst (FMVA)	June 2020
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Research Interests

Empirical Corporate Finance, International Business, Financial Econometrics, and Economics

Research

Publication

- 1 Do or Die: Analysis of Bankruptcy Risk from a Research and Development Perspective (with Nacasius U. Ujah). *International Trade Journal*, 2022
- 2 Labor investment efficiency and cash flow volatility (with Xinhui Huang). *Finance Research Letters*, 2022
- 3 Impact of COVID-19 exposure on working capital management: The moderating effect of investment opportunities and government incentives. *Finance Research Letters*, 2022
- 4 Working Capital Management and Managerial Talent (with Nacasius U. Ujah. and Collins Okarfo), *International Journal of Managerial Finance*, 2020

Working Papers

- 1 Religious and Linguistic Diversity: Opportunity or Threat to Working Capital Management? (with Ned Kock and Nacasius U. Ujah). R&R at *Review of Corporate Finance*
- 2 Interest Rate, Inflation, and Firm Efficiency: The Impact of Economic Policy Uncertainty (with Nacasius U. Ujah). R&R at the *Journal of International Money and Finance*
- 3 How Many Times Until a Coincidence Becomes a Pattern? The Case of Yield Curve Inversions Preceding Recessions and The Magical Number 7 (with Ned Kock). **Submitted**
- 4 Audit fee and labor investment inefficiency (with Xinhui Huang and Leiza Nochebuena-Evans). **Ready for submission.**
- 5 Peer-to-Peer Lending: A friend or foe to the payday lending-crime relationship (with Leiza Nochebuena-Evans). **Ready for submission.**

- 6 Global policy uncertainty and working capital management: Does national culture matter? (with Nacasius Ujah). **Ready for submission**
- 7 Economic policy uncertainty and firm efficiency (with Renee Oyotode-Adebile and Nacasius U. Ujah). **Ready for submission**
- 8 CFO gender and working capital management (with Leiza Nochebuena-Evans and Haibo Wang). **Submitted**
- 9 CEO power and corporate hiring decision (with Xinhui Huang and Nacasius U. Ujah). **Submitted**
- 10 Within-country diversity and economic performance: The role of financial technology (with Patrick Glavee, Nana Twum Owusu-Peprah, and Ned Kock). **Ready for submission**
- 11 Oil price and working capital management: Does investment tax credit matter? (with Stephen Owusu and Nacasius U. Ujah). **Ready for submission**
- 12 Readjusting the speed of leverage adjustment during the crisis (with Xinhui Huang). **Ready for submission**

Work in Progress

- 1 Marketing spending, production cost, R&D spending, and marketing performance: Evidence from COVID-19 (with Yinghong Susan Wei)
- 2 Product life cycle and firm efficiency
- 3 Managing working capital in corrupt countries (with Nathaniel Graham)

Conferences Attended

- 2022: Financial Management Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2022, 2021: Annual Western Hemispheric Trade Conference, Laredo, Texas
- 2022, 2019: Southwestern Finance Association. New Orleans, Louisiana; Houston, Texas
- 2020: Western Economic Association International Conference - Denver, Colorado
- 2018: Atlantic Economic Conference, New York
- 2018: Midwest Econometrics Group Conference, Madison, Wisconsin
- 2018: International Food and Agribusiness Management Association (IFAMA), Buenos Aires, Argentina (Student Case Competition)
- 2017: 9th Microfinance Conference, Central Region, Ghana

Honors and Awards

3rd Boca Corporate Finance and Governance Conference

- 2022: Best Discussant Award

Honor Society, *Texas A&M International University*

- 2022: Love of Learning Award (\$500)
- 2022: Phi Kappa Phi

Western Hemispheric Trade Conference (WHTC)

- 2022: Honorable Mention Award
- 2021: Best Student Paper Award

Texas A&M International University – Laredo, TX

- 2020-present: Graduate Research Assistantship
- 2021-present: IT Scholarships for Ph.D.

South Dakota State University – Brookings, SD

- 2018: Graduate Research Assistantship
- 2017: Graduate Teaching Assistantship

University of Cape Coast – Cape Coast, Ghana

- 2016: Overall Best Economics Student
- 2016: 2nd Best Social Sciences Student
- 2016, 2015, 2014: Dean's Award of Academic Excellence

Ad hoc Reviewer

- *International Review of Financial Analysis*
- *International Journal of Managerial Finance*
- *Heliyon*
- *Finance Research Letters*
- *Managerial Finance*
- *Journal of Asian Business and Economic Studies*

Leadership Activities

- President, Economics Graduate Students Association (EGSA), South Dakota State University (SDSU), Brookings, USA
- Vice President, EGSA, SDSU, Brookings
- Deputy Organizing Secretary Geographical Society (GEOSOC) - Cape Coast, Ghana.

Invited Speaker

- 2022: 3rd University of Cape Coast – School of Economics/Applied Economics Faculty Research Seminar Series

Professional Affiliations

- 2022 – present: Financial Management Association
- 2022 – present: Southwestern Finance Association