

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- **B.A.** 1977: University of Science & Technology, Ghana -- Economics/Geography
- **M.S.** 1980: Indiana University of Pennsylvania --Geography & Regional Planning
- **M.A.** 1990: University of Iowa — Geography (Regional Development)
- **Ph.D** 1993: University of Iowa — Geography (Regional Development)

Other Professional Training

- Public Policy Evaluation & Analysis, 1981, *Graduate School of Public & International Affairs (GSPIA)*, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Urban & Regional Policy Analysis, 1986, *School of Urban & Public Affairs (SUPA)*, Portland State University, Oregon.

Professional Experience

- 2004-Present: **Associate Professor** of Geography, *University of Northern Iowa*
- 2000-04: **Assistant Professor** of Geography, *University of Northern Iowa*
- 1994-00: **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Geography, *University of Connecticut*
- 1988-92: **Teaching Assistant & Instructor**, Department of Geography, *University of Iowa*
- 1982-85: **Lecturer in Geography**, Department of General & African Studies, *University of Science & Technology, Ghana*

Courses Taught

1. Cultural Geography: 970:114(g);
2. Economic Geography: 970:101
3. Regional Geography -- African Development: 970:141(g)
4. Human Geography: 970: 010;
5. Non-Western Cultures -- Africa: 680:128 (Honors)
6. Non-Western Cultures -- Africa: 680:128;
7. World Geography: 970:040

Research Interests

- Industrialization (Formal & Informal Sectors) and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa;
- Political Economy of Regional Development;
- Third World/International Development and Policy;
- Tropical Timber Trade, The Environment and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa; Regional Economic Restructuring;
- The Role of the Human Factor in Third World Development;
- Globalization;
- Diffusion of Computer and Telecommunications Technology in Sub-Saharan Africa

Research Experience

- 1998-Present: Economic Reform/Restructuring, Industrialization, Trade and Structural Transformation in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- 1996-97: Third World Debt, the Timber Trade, Development and the Environment.
- 1995-96: Trade Patterns and Relations Within The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
- 1991-92: Structural Adjustment and Changes in Ghana's Formal Wood Processing Industry

I. Selected Publications – Peer- Reviewed Book Chapters

- Owusu, J. Henry. 2006. “Political/Economic Convenience and Unprecedented Deforestation in Sub-Saharan Africa: Development Lessons from Ghana’s Adjustment Program” – Chapter 10 (pp. 161-181) in Konadu-Agyemang, K and Panford, K .eds. *Africa in the 21st Century: Pertinent Socio-Economic and Development Issues.* Aldershot, Hampshire UK: Ashgate International.
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- Owusu, J. Henry. 2004. “Structural Adjustment *sans* Spatial Integration: Another Sub-Saharan African Development Policy Debacle.” Chapter 4 (pp. 75-110), in Adjibolosoo, S. B-S. K. (ed.), *The International Development Program of Activities: What are We Doing Wrong?* Bloomington, IN: 1st Books.
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- Owusu, J. Henry. 2001. “Economic Recovery, Debt and Dependence in African Economies: The Case of Ghana”, Chapter 2 (pp. 17-39), in Columbus, F. (ed.), *Politics and Economics of Africa, Vol. I,* Huntington, NY: Nova Science Publishers.
- Owusu, J. Henry. 1998. “The Myth of Development Under Ghana’s Structural Adjustment Program: Evidence From The Formal Wood-Processing Sector (1983-1991),” Chapter 12 (pp.193-216), in Adjibolosoo, S. B-S. K. and B. Ofori-Amoah (eds.), *Addressing Misconceptions About Africa’s Development: Seeing Beyond The Veil.* Lewiston, NY: The Edwin Mellen Press.

II. Selected Publications – Peer- Reviewed Journal Articles

- Owusu, J. Henry. 2001. “Determinants of Export-Oriented Industrial Output in Ghana: The Case of Formal Wood Processing in an Era of Economic Recovery.” *The Journal of Modern African Studies.* Vol. 39, No.1, pp. 51-80.
- Owusu, J. Henry. 2001. “Spatial Integration, Adjustment and Structural Transformation in Sub-Saharan Africa: Some Linkage Pattern Changes in Ghana.” *The Professional Geographer.* Vol. 53, No.2, pp. 230-247.
- Dean M. Hanink and J. Henry Owusu. 1998. “Has ECOWAS Promoted Trade Among Its Members?” *Journal of African Economies.* Vol. 7, No. 3, pp. 363-383.
- Owusu, J. Henry. 1998. “Current Convenience; Desperate Deforestation: Ghana’s Adjustment Program and the Forestry Sector.” *The Professional Geographer,* Vol. 50, No. 4, pp. 418-436.
- Owusu, J. Henry. 1998. “Adjustment, Industrial Locational Incentives and Structural Transformation in Ghana.” *The East African Geographical Review.* Vol. 20, No. 2, pp. 1-24 (Lead Article).
- Owusu, J. Henry. 1995. “Structural Adjustment and African Development: Evidence from Ghana’s Formal Wood-Processing Sector.” *Review of Human Factor Studies.* Vol. 1, No. 2, pp. 60-79.

Recent Presentations

- “*Structural Adjustment and Development in Ghana*,” Presented at The Center For Contemporary African Studies, University of Connecticut, Storrs. Spring, 1995. (Invited).
- “*Structural Adjustment and African Development: Evidence from Ghana’s Formal Wood-Processing Sector (1983-1991)*.” Presented at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, April 9-13, 1996, Charlotte, NC.
- “*Structural Adjustment and African Development: Evidence from Ghana’s Formal Wood-Processing Industry in Terms of Spatial and Sectoral Linkages (1983-1991)*.” Presented at the Department of Geography, University of Connecticut. Storrs, CT. (Colloquium Series), April 26, 1996.
- “*A Dangerous Encounter: Structural Adjustment and Changes in Ghana’s Forest Sector*”, Presented at the Annual Meeting of the New England & St. Lawrence Valley Geographical Society, November 1-3, 1996, Clark University, Worcester, MA.
- “*Current Convenience; Future Fright: Ghana’s Adjustment Program and the Formal Wood-Processing Sector.*” Presented at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, April 1-5, 1997, Fort Worth, TX.
- “*Industrial Location and Linkage Patterns under Ghana’s Structural Adjustment Program*”, Presented at the 94th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 24-29, 1998, Boston, MA.
- “*Structural Adjustment and Formal-Informal Sector Interactions: The Case of Ghana’s Wood Processing Industry*”, Presented at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 23-27, 1999, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- “*Adjustment, Debt and Dependence in African Economies: The Case of Ghana*”, Abstract submitted for the 96th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, 2000, Pittsburgh, PA.
- “*Determinants of Export-Oriented Industrial Output in Ghana: The case of Formal Wood Processing in an Era of Economic Recovery.*” Presented at the Department of Geography, University of Northern Iowa., Cedar Falls, IA (Colloquium Series), October 30, 2000.
- “*Determinants of Export-Oriented Industrial Output in Ghana.*” Presented at the 97th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, February 27- March 3, 2001, New York, NY.
- “*The Changing Geography of Ghana’s Timber Trade.*” Presented at the Department of Geography, University of Northern Iowa., Cedar Falls, IA (Colloquium Series), November 13, 2002.

Recent Presentations (Contd.)

- “*The Changing Geography of Ghana’s Timber Trade.*” Presented at the 98th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 19 - March 23, 2002, Los Angeles, CA.
- “*Colonial and Post-Colonial Regimes and Structural Transformation in Ghana: Reflections from the Wood-Processing Industry.*” Presented at the 99th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 4 - March 8, 2003, New Orleans, LA.
- “*Human Factor Development and Spatial Integration as Critical Elements in African Development Policy*” Presented at the 100th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 14 - March 19, 2004, Philadelphia, PA.
- “*New Trends in Ghana’s Timber Trade.*” Presented at the 101st Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG), April 5 - April 9, 2005, Denver, CO.

Other Publication Activities

- Reviewer, *African Geographical Review*
- Reviewer, Prentice Hall Publishers, *World Regions in Global Context: Peoples, Places and Environment*
- Reviewer, *Geoforum*
- Reviewer, *Race, Gender & Class Journal*
- Reviewer, *The Geographical Journal*
- Reviewer, *The Professional Geographer*
- Reviewer, Book Proposal (Addison Wesley Longman Ltd., England) on *African Development.*
- Reviewer/Advisory Board Member for Dushkin/McGraw-Hill’s publication, *Student Atlas of World Geography.*

Current Book Project

- “*Africa, Tropical Timber, Turf and Trade: Geographic Perspectives on Ghana’s Timber Industry in the Colonial & Postcolonial Eras.*” Contracted to be Published by The Edwin Mellen Press. Lewiston, N.Y.

Current & Future Research Projects

- "The Changing Geography of Ghana's Timber Industry"
- "Deconstruction of the Formal and Informal Production Sectors as Analytical Categories in the Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa"
- Globalization and the Diffusion of Computer and Telecommunications Technology in Sub-Saharan Africa

Professional Memberships

- Member, International Advisory Board, International Institute for Human Factor Development (IIHFD), Langley , BC , Canada
 - Research Associate, IIHFD
 - Member, International Institute for Human Factor Development Society
- Member, Association of American Geographers (AAG)
- Member, The Affirmative Action and Minority Status Committee of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) – 2005-2008
- Interim Chair, The Affirmative Action and Minority Status Committee of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) – 2005-2006