

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal Details

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Current Academic Ranks and Administrative Roles

2024-Date: Lecturer, University of Education, Winneba
2020-2023: Assistant Lecturer, University of Education, Winneba
2020-2022: Academic Counsellor for Level 100 BA in Sisaali and Kasem; University of Education, Winneba, Ajumako.
2021-Date: Secretary, Department Strategic Planning Committee
June, 2022- Date: Gur-Gonja Department Representative and Technical Person, Faculty Research and Grant Proposal Writing Committee, Faculty of Ghanaian Languages, UEW, Ajumako.
Jan.-Feb. 2022: Gur-Gonja Department Representative (Member), Planning Committee for Cultural Week/International Mother Tongue Day Celebration, 14th – 21st Feb. 2022. Faculty of Ghanaian Languages Education, College of Languages Education, Ajumako.
Nov, 2021- Date: Chairman, Gur-Gonja Website Development Committee. Department of Gur-Gonja Education, UEW, Ajumako.
August, 2021: Dagaare Orthography and Language Development Workshop at Wa and Winneba. Faculty of Ghanaian Languages Education, Ajumako.
June, 2021 Gur-Gonja Department Representative (Member), Ghana languages Text Books Development Proposal Development Committee, Faculty of Ghanaian Languages Education, Ajumako.
2020 – Date: Dagaare Model Writing. CODEL/ITEL models, UEW, Winneba

Previous Positions/ Ranks Held

2015-2019: Part-Time Lecturer Ghanaian Language (Dagaare), University of Education, Winneba; Ajumako.
2012-2014: District Chief Executive for Sissala West District Assembly, Gwollu Upper West Region; Office of the President.
2010-2011: Graduate Teaching Assistant for Dagaare; University of Education, Winneba, Ajumako.
2008-2009: Executive Director; Sisaali Literacy and Development Program, Tumu.
2005-2007: Community Facilitator (CF)/Community Development Co-ordinator (CDC); Plan Ghana, Tumu.

2003-2004: School Health Education Assistant; Plan Ghana, Tumu.
 2002/2003: Dagaare Teacher Mentee; Tumu Training College, Tumu.
 1999-2002: Study Leave with Pay; Ghana Education Service, Tumu.
 1997-1998: Class Teacher; Ghana Education Service, Zini Basic School.
 1993-1996: Facilitator; Non- Formal Education for Sissala District, Wasai.

Translation related

2019 - Date Zamse Consult Translation Expert for Dagaare and Sisaali.
 1. USAID MET II FEED the Future Evaluation materials.
 2. COVID-19 Education materials

February, 2004 – Date : Consultant for SILDEP, GILLBT and ANTBA Sisaali Language Development, Literacy and Translation Projects at Tumu, Tamale and Buro respectively.

May-Aug, 2014: Consultant for GILLBT, DFID Complementary Basic Education (CBE) Sisaali Translation and Transposition of Literacy and Numeracy Project; Provided Quality Assurance

July 25th- August 30th, 2009 : Translation and Transposition of Literacy Manual for Peace Corps in Sisaali at Valley View University in Accra

August- September, 2003: Translation and Transposition of Cross-Cultural Literacy Material for Peace Corps Volunteers at Dodowa in Dagaare and Sisaali

Education

2019 - Date: PhD Candidate in Applied Linguistics, University of Education, Winneba.

Nov. 2012: M.Phil in Ghanaian Language Studies (Dagaare), University of Education, Winneba.

Feb. 2011: M.A in Linguistics, University of Ghana, Legon.

2003: B. ED. Degree in Ghanaian Languages (Dagaare) Education; University of Education, Winneba.

1997: Teachers' Certificate 'A', Tumu Training College

1993: Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination (SSSCE); Tumu Secondary Technical School

Professional Membership

1. 2008- Date : Coalition of NGOs/CSOs in Ghana
2. 2020-Date : University Teachers Association of Ghana (UTAG)
3. 2007 – Date : Member, West African Linguistics Congress (WALS)
4. 2007 – Date : Linguistics Association of Ghana, LAG
5. 2012-2014 : National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana, NALAG
6. 1997-2004 : Ghana National Association of Teacher, GNAT

Related Academic work/Administration

1. August, 2022: Chief Examiner for Dagaare: Ghana Tiatery Education Commission.
2. Feb. 2021- date: Reviewer, Ghana Journal of Linguistic.
3. Jan.-Dec. 2015: Chairman, Sisaali Orthography and Language Development Committee.

Research Activities and Fields of Interest

Descriptive Linguistics in the domain of phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, translation, Sociolinguistics, literature and cultural studies Language use in education, literacy development especially in Sisaali and Dagaare.

Research Publications

Refereed Journal Articles

1. Abubakari, H., Issah, A.S., Acheampong, O., S., & **Luri, D. M.** & Napari, J.N. (**submitted**). Socio-cultural significance and typology of personal names in the Mabia Languages of Ghana. *International Journal of Language and Culture*
2. Bodomo B. A & **Luri, M. D.** (**submitted**). *Linguistic and Cultural Notions of Environmental Conservations: Evidence from Northern Ghana.*
3. **Luri, M. D.** (**under review**). Vowel Harmony in Sisaali. *Journal of West African Languages*

Refereed Book Chapters

1. Luri, M.D. (2020). Cultural and Poetic Analysis of Dagaare and Sisaali Dirges. In Bodomo, A. Abubakeri H. and Issah, A.S.(Eds.). *Handbook of Mabia*. PP 345-367

Published Peer-Reviewed Book

1. Luri, M.D. (2022). *Dagaare Kyegebo Yelsoore*. Augustine Barnie Printing Press. Berekum.
2. Luri, M.D. (2016). *Dagaare Kyegebo Yelsoore*. SILDEP Printing Press. Tumu.

Invited Presentations/Talks

1. March 19th, 2022: Guest Speak on Sisaali Traditional Funeral Celebration at Buro in Burkina Faso on the Annual Cultural Festival of Sisaala in Burkina Faso.
2. March 18th, 2022: Guest Speak on Sisaali Traditional Marriage: Courtship, customary rite and Marriage Celebration at Buro in Burkina Faso on the Annual Cultural Festival of Sisaala in Burkina Faso.

Selected Workshops Attended

1. One day workshop on **publication avenues and journal selection** organized at the Department of Gur-Gonja Education, University of Education, Winneba with Professor Dr. Adams Bodomo, Professor of African Studies, University of Vienna, Austria as main speaker, February 24, 2022.
2. One day workshop on **language and literature of corruption in West Africa** organized by the Faculty of Ghanaian Languages Education, Ajumako campus of the University of Education, Winneba with Professor Dr. Adams Bodomo, Professor of African Studies, University of Vienna, Austria as main speaker, September 30, 2021.
3. Online conference on **typological perspective on focus marking in African languages** organized by Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales, LIER-FYT (FRE2024), Paris with Prof. Dr. Caroline Féry, Prof. Dr. Mena B. Lafkioui, Prof. Dr. Denis Creissels, Prof. Dr. Giorgi Banti, Dr. Joseph Koni Muluwa & Prof. Dr. Koen Bostoen as speakers, May 27, 2021.

Conference and Seminar Presentations

1. Abubakari, H., Issah, A.S., Acheampong, O., S., & **Luri, D. M.** & Napari, J.N. (2022). Socio-cultural significance and typology of personal names in the Mabia Languages of Ghana. A paper presented at the Institute of African Studies (IAS), Seminar Series, University of Ghana, Legon on May 26 2022.
2. Luri, M.D. (2022). *Serialization in Sisaali: An Excerpt from my ongoing PhD Thesis on the Grammar of Sisaali*. A paper presented at the Inter-University Conference for Doctoral Studies 2022. University of Education, Winneba, 18th – 20th January, 2022.
3. Luri, M.D. (2021). *The Simple Noun Phrase in Sisaali*. A paper presented at the Linguistic Association of Ghana (LAG2021), Online: 28th-30th July, 2021.
4. Issah, A. S., Abubakari, H., Acheampong, O., S., & **Luri, D. M.** (2021). *The form, distribution and interpretation of reflexivity in the Mabia languages of Ghana*. A paper presented at the virtual conference of the 55th Linguistics colloquium inter- and intralinguistic contrasts at the University of Rzeszów, Poland, September 8-11 2021.
5. Luri, M.D.(2019). *Aspects of Sisaali Dialectology*. A paper presented at the Workshop On Mabia Languages and Literature, A West African Linguistic Group. 31th West African Languages Congress (WALC 2019). Felix Houphouet-Biagny University, Abidjan. August 11th to 15th.
6. Atintono, S.A., Issah, A. S., & **Luri, M. D.** (2015). *Community involvement in orthography design: the case of Sisaali*. A paper presented at the School of Languages conference on multilingualism in the African context: Resource or challenge? University of Ghana, Legon. October 27-29, 2015.
7. Luri, M.D.(2012). *Focus Marking in Dagaare*. M.Phil. Thesis presented to the Department of Ghanaian Languages, University of Education, and Winneba. 15th November, 2011
8. Luri, M.D.(2011). *Sisaali Dialectology*. A paper presented at the Ghana Institute of Linguistics, Literacy and Bible Translation (GILLBT's) Annual Seminar Week, Tamale. 21st March, 2011

Academic Reviewer

- *Journals*

1. Dec. 2020-date: Ghana Journal of Linguistics (GJoL)

Teaching Experience at the University of Education, Winneba

Undergraduate courses taught:

1. Gur-Gonja Department

1. Comprehension and Summary in Dagaare,
2. Essay Writing in Dagaare and Sisaali
3. Advanced Composition writing in Dagaare.
4. Phonetics and Phonology I & II of Dagaare
5. Creative writing in Dagaare
6. Teaching methods (Pre- Internship)
7. Introduction to Linguistics.
8. Post-Internship
9. Translation Practice in Sisaali

10. Written Literature of Sisaali
11. Principles and Rules for Writing Sisaali
12. Introduction to Morphology and Syntax

2. Faculty Courses

1. Introduction to Linguistics.
2. Introduction to Morphology and Syntax
3. Introduction to Literature

Committee Service/Membership

1. August, 1999-Date: Initiated, lobbied, advocated and facilitated the promotion, preservation of Sisaali language and culture; and the introduction of Sisaali in the University of Education, Winneba, Ajumako.
2. Jun 2008-Date: Founder, Social Initiative for Literacy and Development Program which employed 75 staff and raised USD \$550,551.46 for various development projects in the Upper West Region.
3. June 2008-Date : Secretary to the Board of Director, Sisaali Literacy and Development Program (SILDEP), Raised funds (GHS 79,000+) to Developed the orthography of Sisaali and raised funds for full payment of 50 fresh Sisaali students' fees for 2021/2022 academic year in UEW
4. Jan. 2021 - Date: Patron: Sisaali students union, University of Education, Winneba.
5. Aug. 2020 - Date: Academic Counsellor, Department of Gur-Gonja Education, University of Education, Winneba.
6. 2020 – Date : Vice President, Tumu college of Education Allumini, Tumu.
7. Jan. 2021. Gur-Gonja Department Representative (Member), Committee set by the Faculty of Languages Education to prepare a proposal to the Ghana Education Service (GES) on the writing of Ghanaian Languages Books for first and second cycle schools in Ghana.

Consultancy Services

1. May-Aug, 2014: Consultant for GILLBT, DFID Complementary Basic Education (CBE) Sisaali Translation and Transposition of Literacy and Numeracy Project; Provided Quality Assurance
2. Jun. 9 -Jul. 4 2014. Quality Assurance Technical Person (to Dr. Samuel Awinkene Atintono) for DFID and Ghana Government project on Complementary Basic Education (CBE) to provide quality assurance on translation and transposition of Literacy and Numeracy materials on four Ghanaian languages (*Sisaali*).
3. February, 2004 – Date : Consultant for SILDEP, GILLBT and ANTBA Sisaali Language Development, Literacy and Translation Projects at Tumu, Tamale and Buro respectively.

Extra-curricular Activities

- Reading, Listening to Music and News review
- Viewing African Drama Series and general knowledge
- Socialization, Networking, Lobbying and Advocacy

Referees

1. Prof. Samuel Alhassan Issah
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Department of Gur-Gonja Department
P.O.Box 72, Ajumako
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2. Professor Avea E. Nsoh
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