

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DATA

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EDUCATION

2018 – 2023: Ph.D. in African Studies (submitted thesis awaiting defense), University of Ghana Legon. Thesis title: ‘The Birifor Funeral Performance.’

2010 – 2012: M.Phil. Ghanaian Language Studies (Dagaare), University of Education, Winneba.

Thesis Title: *The Aesthetic of Kɔntɔmbɔɔr (Birifor Festival) Songs*

2000 – 2004: B.ED. Ghanaian Language (Dagaare) University of Education, Winneba.

Long Essay Title: *A Case Study on the Extent of Tuition and Study of Dagaare in Wa Secondary School.*

1998/1999: GCE A-Levels (November/December–Private Candidate)

1993 – 1996: Teacher’s Certificate ‘A’ (3-Yr. Post Sec.) NJA Training College Wa.

1988/89 – 1993: G.C.E. Ordinary Level, Wa Secondary School

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

August 2014 to date: Lecturer in Dagaare, Department of Gur-Gonja – UEW, Ajumako

2013 October – 2014 July: Principal Research Assistant in Dagaare, Department of Gur-Gonja, UEW, Winneba.

September 2004 – May 2007: Subjects Teacher (Dagaare & English) – Limanyiri Model JSS, Wa Municipality, Wa.

September 2003 – April 2004: Internship (Teaching Practice), Dagaare–Wa Senior Secondary School.

RESPONSIBILITIES AS A LECTURER

Designing Course Syllabi, preparing and delivering lectures, conducting assignments, quizzes and mid-semester examinations to assess students' level of understanding. Setting end of semester exam questions and counselling of students. Conducting and publishing research work. Supervision of undergraduate students' Long Essays, Creative Writing, teaching practice, pre-internship and post-internship seminars.

Courses taught since appointment as a lecturer

Course Titles	Course Codes
• Principles and Rules of Writing Dagaare	DAG111
• Essay Writing in Dagaare	DAG121
• Cultural Studies in Dagaare	DAG123
• Oral Literature of Dagaare I	DAG241
• Comprehension and Summary in Dagaare	DAG242
• Translation Practice in Dagaare and English	DAG352
• Creative Writing in Dagaare	DAG353
• Research Project in Dagaare	GPD472
• Oral Literature of Dagaare II	DAGE481
• Oral Translation & Interpretation	DAGE482
• On-Campus Teaching Practice in Dagaare	EDC362
• Introduction to Literature in English	LIT111
• Introduction to Communication and Study Skills	GPD111D
• Language Situation and Planning in Ghana	GHL112
• Comparative cultural studies	GHL121D
• Post-Internship Seminar	GPD481

MAIN AREAS OF RESEARCH

- Literature (Written & Oral)
- Cultural Studies
- Comparative cultures

- Translations
- Orthography development
- Indigenous languages documentation

PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS

Sanortey, T.D. (2024). *Ansoyel* (a drama in Dagaare) (in print)

Sanortey, D. T., Alfred Bakyee (2024). *Dagaare Yelkããyelli–Karendeyeni Te Tɔ Karenderi Ata* (Dagaare Oral Literature, Early Grade). Etd. CoDeL–UEW (in print)

Sanortey, D. T. (2024). *Dagaare Kannebaŋaapare ane Kyooɔroo–Gyuunia Haae Sakuuri (JHS)* (Comprehension and Summary). Etd. CoDeL–UEW (in print)

Sanortey, D. T. (2023). ‘The Birifor Funeral Performance’, Ph.D. Thesis submitted to the School of Graduate Studies–Institute of African Studies, (IAS), University of Ghana (awaiting defense)

Sanortey, D. T., Edward Nanbigne (2021). ‘A comparative study of Birifor and Lobire folktales’ 56th *Linguistics Colloquium, Linguistik International*: Manuscript.

Sanortey, T.D. & Dorzie, G. B. (2021). *Ka Te Kanne Segerewiiri I Sanorteydorzie*

Publication.

Sanortey, D. T. (2020). ‘Verbal Praise Performance in Birifor Funerals’ *Legon Journal of Humanities*: Unpublished.

Sanortey, D. T. (2012). *The Aesthetics of Kɔntɔmbɔɔr (Birifor Festival) Songs*. M.Phil. Thesis. University of Education, Winneba.

Sanortey, T.D. (2013). ‘The Literary Devices in Kɔntɔmbɔɔre (Birifor Festival)’ Songs. *Journal of African Cultures and Languages*. Vol.2 issue 1, pp.121–131.

Sanortey, D. T. and Dorzie G. (2016). Characterization in Birifor Folktales *Ife Journal of Languages and Literatures* Vol. 02(01). Pp.139 – 153.

Dogbey, E., Sanortey, T. D. (2018). The Efficacy of Saliva among the Ewe and the Birifor People of Ghana. *African Journal of Applied Research (AJAR)*, 4(1), Pp. 81 – 92.

Dorzie, G & Sanortey, T.D. (2016) ‘The Morphological Analysis of Affixes in Dagaare,’ a paper co-presented at the 9th Linguistic Association of Ghana (LAG) Annual Conference–GILLBT, Tamale.

Sanortey, T.D. & Dorzie, G. (2016) ‘The Duality of Birifor Inheritance.’ Paper co-presented, Faculty of Ghanaian Languages Weekly Seminar – Ajumako.

Sanortey, T.D. (2015). ‘A Thematic Analysis of Birifor Festivals Songs.’ *Linguistics Association of Ghana*: Unpublished.

CONFERENCES /SEMINARS /WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

7th May 2024: Presentation on the **Implementation of the New Senior High School Curriculum** by National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NaCCA)–JAM. Conference Centre, Winneba

14th October 2023: **2nd Conference of Dagaare Language and Culture Development** by Dagaare Teachers Association (DATA) –GNAT Hall, Wa

21st – 23rd September 2023: Association of Teachers of Ghanaian Language (ATGL) Biennial Conference–UEW-College of Languages, Ajuamako. Theme: **Sustaining our Languages and Culture through effective teaching: Challenges and Prospects of the 21st Century teacher.** Presented a paper on ‘**Formation of Regional Ghanaian Language Associations**’

5th August 2023: OSIS 2 Training Workshop, Department of ICT –Ajumako, VCR.

14th June 2023: Copyright Workshop by Ejeku Creative Innovation –Ajumako, VCR.

7th June 2023: Faculty of Ghanaian Languages Weekly Seminar–VCR, presented a paper on ‘**The theatre of Birifor funeral**’

4th January 2021: Virtual Class (V. Class) Training on Teaching, ICT Dept., ICT Lab. – UEW, Faculty Block.

25th – 28th November 2020: 56th Linguistics Colloquium: Linguistics Association of Germany. Virtually presented a paper, ‘A comparative study of Birifor and Lobire folktales.’

24th September 2020: Workshop on how to move Excel Results of Levels 100 and 200 to ITS sheet. ICT Dept.–Ajumako.

24th April 2020: Learning Management System (LMS) Orientation on Assessment using the Moodle. ICT Department – Ajumako.

12th March 2020: Writing for Grand Proposal. Externally Funded Projects –Video Conference Room, Ajumako.

26th February 2020: Faculty of Ghanaian Languages Weekly Seminar. Presented a paper, ‘Verbal Praise Performance in Birifor Funerals’–Video Conference Room, Ajumako.

28th February 2020: Institute of African Studies. Defended PhD. Thesis Proposal: ‘The Birifor Funeral Performance’–Senior Members Conference Room, IAS, Legon.

5th – 9th July 2019: Retreat. Presented paper, ‘A comparative study of conceptualising feminist abilities in Ali’s *Fo Bay Ka Wola* and Aidoo’s *The Girl Who can and Other Stories*’: Faculty of Ghanaian Languages–Nzulezu

22nd June 2018: The use of ICT. Multimedia Tools for effective teaching and Learning ICT Dept.–UEW, Ajumako

24th – 25th October 2017: Second School of Languages Conference (SOLCON.II). Presented a paper, ‘A comparative Analysis of Birifor and Sissaala Proverbs’–Legon.

14th – 15th August 2017: Empowering Ghanaian Languages for Sustainable Education: Association of Teachers of Ghanaian Language – Assembly Hall, Ajumako

31st July – 5th August 2017: 30th West African Languages Congress & 10th Linguistic Association of Ghana (LAG) Annual Conference: The Role of Language in the Integration and Development of West Africa: UEW-Winneba, Ghana. Co-presented a paper, ‘Ellipsis in Dagaare Proverbs.’

17th – 22nd July 2017: National Core Trainers’ Workshop on Early Grade Reading Materials Implementation Programme, USAID Partnership for Education: LEARNING – Mikly Hotel, Kumasi.

19th – 24th June 2017: National Core Trainers' Workshop, USAID Partnership for Education: Learning – Ejisu-Kumasi.

4th August 2016: 1st International Multi-Disciplinary Conference for Postgraduate Students. Co-presented on 'Characterization in Birifor Folktales.'

15th January 2016: Linguistic Association of Ghana (LAG) Workshop on Introduction to Qualitative Methods using SPSS & Technology to Enhance Teaching – Dominion University College, Accra.

12th – 13th January 2016: IEDE Workshop for Lecturers on students' Internship Programme and Action Research: ICT Center, South Campus, UEW, Winneba.

25th – 27th July 2015: Linguistic Association of Ghana (LAG) Annual Conference – Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi.

22nd – 25th July 2015: National Policy on Public Private Partnership (PPP) Knowledge Transfer for Translators and Reviewers; Bureau of Ghana Languages – Lands Down Hotel, Kitase.

11th – 16th March 2015: Course Management Training Workshop – IEDE, Winneba

3rd – 5th February 2015: Codification, Standardization and Communication (LALICOM): Linguistic and Literary Perspectives on English and Indigenous Languages Use in Anglophone West Africa: Faculty of Languages Education, University of Education, Winneba and the Department of English, University of Lagos – UEW, Winneba.

16th January 2015: A participant on The art of teaching and supervision: Linguistic Association of Ghana (LAG) – University of Ghana, Legon.

2nd – 4th September 2014: Workshop on teaching of Introduction to Literature, Semantics, Linguistics and Communication Skills – Communication and Media Studies Department; UEW, Winneba.

17th January 2014: Participant; Linguistic Association of Ghana (LAG) Workshop – UEW, Winneba.

19th – 21st November 2013: Participant, Culture, Communication and Indigenous Knowledge on Upper West Regional Development Strategic Plan–Wa Polytechnic & the Regional Coordinating Council.

21st – 25th October 2013: Capacity Building Workshop on “The Teaching of Language and Literacy”, St. Louis College of Education, Kumasi.

2012 – 2013: Trainer of Dagaare facilitators of School for Life – Wa West.

3rd – 5th October 2012: Initial Training for Trainer of Trainers Workshop of School for Life for Dagaare facilitators – Ghana Community Development Association (GCDA) Conference Hall, Tamale.

23rd – 24th September 2011: Participant, International Conference in Honour of Professor Emeritus J. H. Nketia, Institute of African Studies – Legon.

22nd – 25th February 2011: Ghana Institute of Linguistics, Literacy and Bible Translation (GILLBT) Annual Seminar Week, Tamale. Paper presented ‘The Aesthetic of Kɔ̄ntɔ̄mbɔ̄ɔ̄ (Birifor Festival) Songs.’

15th – 22nd December 2007: Facilitator for National Service volunteer teachers on “The Preparation of Lesson Notes in Dagaare”, National Service Secretariat – Wanye Renewal Center, Wa.

19th – 23rd March 2006: HIV/AIDS Workshop for Basic School Teachers in Wa Municipality. Presented a demonstration lesson in Dagaare on “How One Can Acquire an HIV”, GES – Wa Secondary School.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

1st August 2023 – date: Department Exams Officer, Gur-Gonja Education, UEW–Ajumako.

1st August 2023 – date: Academic counsellor Dagbani and Kasem Level 200, Department of Gur -Gonja Education, UEW–Ajumako

23rd September 2023 – date: National Secretary, Association of Teachers of Ghanaian Language (ATGL)

16th April 2023–30th May 2023: Chairman, 4-Year Degree Programme B.A. Indigenous Communication– Faculty of Languages Education College of Ghanaian Languages Education

2nd February 2023 – date: Chairman, Faculty of Ghanaian Languages Weekly Seminar Presentation

December 2021–November, 2023: Reviewer, Martmag Books for Early and Upper Grades in Dagaare.

1st August 2020 –1st February 2024: Board Member, Faculty of Ghanaian Languages Education–Ajumako.

1st August 2017 – 1st August 2020: Department Exams Officer, Gur-Gonja Education, UEW–Ajumako.

2016 to date: Zonal Co-ordinator, BECE Dagaare WAEC: Agona-Swedru.

24th July – 5th August 2017: Monitor, National Core Trainers’ Facilitation for DTSTs ToTs on Early Grade Reading Materials Implementation Programme for four districts in Western Region, USAID Partnership for Education: Learning.

28th June – 8th July 2017: Monitor, National Core Trainers’ Facilitation for DTSTs ToTs for four districts in Ashanti Region, USAID Partnership for Education: Learning.

16th – 18th May 2017: Validation of Early Grade Literacy Teaching Materials in Dagaare Instruction for Learning: USAID Partnership for Education–GILLBT, Tamale.

22nd December 2015 – 2nd February 2016: Member, Re-accreditation Committee for Dagaare Unit: Department of Gur-Gonja Education, UEW–Ajumako

2014 – 2021: Academic counsellor: Kasem, Gurune & Dagaare Level 100, Department of Gur-Gonja Education, UEW–Ajumako

22nd – 25th July 2015: Reviewer, National Policy on Public Private Partnership (PPP) in Dagaare Transfer for Translators; Bureau of Ghana Languages–Lands Down Hotel, Kitase.

23rd – 28th March 2015: Reviewer: Translation and Transposition of Dagaare Literacy and Numeracy, CBE–Anomabo.

10th & 13th December 2014: Radio talk show to sensitize people on the need to study Dagaare at UEW, Ajumako – Radio Progress & Radio Upper West, Wa.

14th – 21st July 2014: Editor, Birifor Literacy and Numeracy for CBE–Saltpond.

February – October 2013: Resource person in Dagaare and Birifvɔr on Children’s Rights, Protection and Support for twenty selected Birifor communities, Center for the Alleviation of Poverty, Environment and Child Support (CAPECS) –Wa West.

April 2012 – October 2013: Trainer of School for Life facilitators in Dagaare and Birifvɔr – Wa West.

May, 2011 – March 2014: Patron, Wa Birifor Women Association (WABRIWA)

February, 2011 – December 2013: President, Wa Birifor Community Association (WABCA)

October 2003 – October 2013: Guest Artiste in Dagaare – Radio Upper West, Wa.

16th October – 8th December 2012: Returning Officer, Electoral Commission – Wa West Constituency.

September 2004 – December 2012: Oral translator in Dagaare on Community Durbars, Ghana Health Services (GHS) – Wa West.

1st October 2008 – 31st October 2013: PRO, District Education Office – Wa West.

1st October – 12th December 2008: Deputy Returning Officer, Electoral Commission – Wa West Constituency.

September 2007 – August 2008: CRS /GES District Partner Supervisor – Wa West.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

2014 to date: University Teachers Association of Ghana (UTAG)

2014 to date: Linguistic Association of Ghana (LAG).

2000 to date: Association of Teachers of Ghanaian Language (ATGL)

2020 to date: Dagaare Teachers Association (DATA)

COMPUTER SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Internet Navigation
- Microsoft Excel

- Learning Management System
- Virtual Class

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