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PERSONAL PROFILE

I am a development geographer with special interest in the study of coastal livelihoods and rural development. I have been teaching Geography courses at the university level for the past few years. With the knowledge and experienced gained, I hope to train and nurture students to become independent scholars/thinkers with the ability to work in a multidisciplinary/multi-sectorial environment. I aspire to seek pragmatic solutions to the development challenges that confront developing countries especially at the local level.

EDUCATION

2021 University of Education, Winneba, Ghana -Postgraduate diploma in teaching and learning in higher education.

2016- 2020- Seoul National University, South Korea –Degree: Ph.D. in Geography

Title of Dissertation: Impacts of overfishing and the petroleum industry on the livelihoods of fisherfolk in the Western Region of Ghana.

Thesis advisor: Professor Edo Andriesse.

Courses Taken included:International Development Seminar on Urban and Regional Environment, International Development Workshop on Urban and Regional Environment, Seminar in Physical Geography (Climate change and dynamic earth processes), Methodological issues in Regional studies (Qualitative research methods in human geography), Studies in Geographies of Developing Areas (Human geographical perspectives with special reference to Southeast Asia), Seminar in Geopolitics and Economy of Space, Economic Geography, Cultural Geography, Historical Geography, Studies in Geography of Korea.

2013-2015-. Silla University, South Korea-Degree: MBA in International Tourism Management

Title of Thesis: A study on the effect of tourist motivation, choice attribute, satisfaction and destination loyalty; case study of Ghana.

Thesis Advisor: Professor Kim Jae Won

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Courses Taken Included: World Tourism Geography Studies, Tourism Resources Research, Analytical Studies for International Tourism, Organizational Behavior in the Hospitality Industry, Leisure & Tourism Industry Research, Tourism Survey Methods, Event Planning Research, Seminar on Travel Agency Management, International Hotel Operations.

2011- 2012-Silla University, South Korea. Global Korea Scholarship: Korean language Training.

2004-2008- University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana. BA (Geography & Resource Development with Archaeology)

Courses Taken Included: Environmental Ecology, Climatology, Introduction to Resource Analysis, Geography of Gender and Development, Basic Statistics, Techniques of Regional Science, Research Methods, Map Interpretation and Analysis, Archaeology and the Natural Environment.

Grants Awards

Project Lead: Climate change education, awareness and communication among coastal fisherfolk in Ghana and Philippines. Funded by the Global Development Network. Japanese Government. (2024-2025)

Lead researcher -Ghana; Towards achieving just transition in rural communities: Green growth while leaving no one behind. (Ghana, South Korea, Tanzania, Greece Thailand & Philippines) Funded by National Research Foundation of Korea (2023-2026)

The viability and environmental implications of plastic waste buy-back schemes Funded by Josping Group of Companies-Ghana (2022-date).

Adapting to climate change in Coastal Livelihoods in Ghana, Tanzania, Thailand and the Philippines. Funded by the National Research Foundation of Korea (2017-2019).

Conferences and workshops attended

Ghana Geographers Annual Conference ; Advancing human, space and technology nexus for sustainable, , 3rd-7th September, 2024, University of Ghana. Presented a paper on : Effects of fishing technology use on coastal livelihoods and marine sustainability in Ghana.

Development Studies Association Conference ,2024: Social justice and development in a polarising world. SOAS University of London, 26-28 June, 2024. Presented a paper titled : The same old story: 'Saiko' practices and coastal livelihoods in Ghana's small-scale fisheries. (Virtual).

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GDAC 2023 Communication Training (1 -5th April 2024). Virtual Training.

Coastal futures: Charting priorities for resilience, Ocean decade conference satellite event, April 11, 2024 (Virtual Participant)

7th Biennial Social Science Conference (March 24-25th 2024). University of Education, Winneba, Ghana. Presented a paper titled : The same old story: 'Saiko' practices and coastal livelihoods in Ghana's small-scale fisheries.

6th ISDE International Lectures. (September 26, 2023). Digital Coast for Climate Resilience with Drones. International Society for Digital Earth, China. Virtual.

West Africa Marine Science Symposium (WAMMS) .18TH-20TH August, 2023. University of Ghana and African Regent Hotel, Accra , Ghana. Presented a paper on ; Factors influencing closed fishing compliance : case study of the Central Region of Ghana.

Center For Maritime Development and Technology, Periodic Maritime Dialogue: Matters arising from the closed fishing season. 8th August, 2023. Virtual.

Ghana Geographers Annual Conference, 16th-19th November, 2022. University of Cape Coast. Presented a paper titled; The effects of rising fuel cost and closed fishing season on the livelihoods of small-scale fisherfolk in the Central Region of Ghana.

Resilient Lagoon Network West Africa Conference, 4th-7th July, 2022, University of Education, Ghana.

Sustainability Research and Innovation Congress .20th -24th June. 2022. University of Pretoria, South Africa. Virtual. Presented a paper on COVID-19 and informal migrant traders in West Africa.

Stakeholder Webinar on Sargassum in West Africa. 21st June, 2022. University of Ghana. Virtual.

Early carrier perspectives on Canceral Geography. June 10, 2022(Virtual). Royal Geographical Society with the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom.

Regional Studies Association E-festival, Regions in Recovery Conference. 21st March -1st April , 2022. (Virtual), Presented a paper titled ;The effects of covid-19 pandemic on small-scale tourism & hospitality firms in coastal Ghana.

Charting African Waterscapes A Conference on African Maritime History Across Time and Space 28th-29th March 2022, Online Conference. Presented a paper titled- Contested space in Ghana's coastal waters: The political ecology of fishing and the petroleum industry in Ghana

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Association of African Research Universities (ARUA)-Biennial Conference, 17th-19th November, 2021, University of Pretoria, South Africa. . Presented a paper titled – Impacts of COVID-19 and the livelihoods of small-scale coastal fisherfolk in Ghana.

7TH School of Social Sciences International Conference University of Ghana 3rd-4th November, 2021 . (Virtual). Presented a paper titled- Local differentiation and climate change in coastal Ghana.

Edinburgh Catalyst Regional Conference in West Africa, 23rd -25th June, 2021, Ridge Royal Hotel, Cape Coast, Ghana. Presented a paper titled : “ The Covid -19 Pandemic and Coastal fisheries livelihoods systems : Socio-economic implications for small-scale fisherfolk in Winneba, Ghana.

Regional Studies Association E-festival, Regions in Recovery. 2nd-18th June , 2021. (Virtual)

International Virtual Conference by the Institute of Educational Research and Innovations, University of Education, Winneba, 18th -19th May 2021 (Virtual).

Workshop on thesis supervision, organized by the Department of Geography Education, University of Education, Winneba, 2020. (Virtual)

Workshop on grant proposal writing organized by the Department of Geography Education, University of Education, Winneba, 16th-17th December, 2020. (Virtual)

From open access to closed fishing regime: Lessons from small-scale fisheries in the Western Region, Ghana. Paper presented at the 14th China-Japan-Korea joint conference on Geography, Okayama University, Japan, 2019.

Assessing in-situ adaptation amidst vulnerabilities in African coastal fisheries; Lessons from Ghana and Tanzania. Paper presented at the Korean Geographical Society Conference, Kunkuk University, Korea, 2018.

Transnational Ties: African logistics traders in Seoul. Paper presented at European Association of Development and Training Institutes, Bergen, Norway, 2017.

Professional experience

Examinations Officer, Department of Geography Education, University of Education, Winneba, Ghana August, 2022-til date.

- Coordinate all examinations in the Department
- Assign invigilators to an examination room

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- Print examination questions under the supervision of the Head of the Department
- Ensure that examination scripts get to the appropriate examiner
- Report all examination irregularities to the Head of the Department
- Ensure update to date academic records of students
- Compile a comprehensive summary of Departmental results for Departmental and Faculty Board Meetings

Lecturer, Department of Geography Education, University of Education, (2020-till date)

- Co-develop teaching materials on the Regional Geography of Ghana and Africa
- Co-teach undergraduate courses in the Regional Geography of Ghana and Africa
- Develop teaching materials on Political Geography
- Co-teach undergraduate courses in Political Geography
- Co-develop teaching materials on the Geography of Tourism and Recreation
- Co-teach undergraduate courses in the Geography of Tourism and Recreation
- Develop teaching materials on Geography and Development in Low and Middle Countries
- Teach postgraduate courses in Geography and Development in Low and Middle Countries
- Develop teaching materials on Geography and Development in Africa
- Teach postgraduate courses in Geography and Development in Africa.
- Perform any other duties assigned by the Head of the Department

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography, Seoul National University, (September 2017-February, 2018).

- Delivered tutorials to undergraduate and graduate students
- Special lectures on (Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa) to undergraduate and graduate students
- Administrative and research support to the academic supervisor

SC Global Corporation, Busan, Korea

Overseas Business Development Officer (March 2015- October 2016)

- Market survey on African markets
- Sales and invoicing
- Freight forwarding and port operations

Teaching and Research Assistant, Department of Geography & Resource Development, University of Ghana, Legon and City Campus, Accra. (October 2008- June 2011).

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- Delivered tutorials to undergraduate students in Introduction to Map Work
- Delivered tutorials to undergraduate students in Introduction to Human Geography
- Delivered tutorials to undergraduate students in Regional Geography with Special reference to East Africa.
- Perform any other duties assigned by the Head of Department and Academic Supervisor

Korea Telecom, South Korea.

Tutor/volunteer. (March, 2018-December, 2018).

- Teach English Language to Korean Kids
- Special lectures on African culture to Korean kids

Seoul Metropolitan Government, South Korea. Internship with Seoul Metro / Subway (January, 2017-March, 2017).

- Offers route search and direction assistance to foreign commuters on Seoul subway train
- Customer care to foreigners and Korean subway passengers
- Restocking of money in vending machine and other related machines
- Perform any other duties assigned by the station master

Publications

Journal Articles

Andriesse, E, Kim, J., Thipakorn, S., Pham, T, N.Q., Karunaratne, A.Y and Owusu, Y (2024). Introduction to the forum on the COVID-19 pandemic and international migrant workers: Geographies of (im)mobility and governance challenges. *Geographical Review*, DOI: 10.1080/00167428.2024.2387220

Owusu, V. (2024). Effects of closed fishing season on small-scale fisheries and coastal livelihoods in Ghana. *Fisheries and Aquatic Science*.

Nyavor, S., Amposah, S., Owusu, V., & Kwame, B. John (2023). Compensation payment for fisherfolk during closed-season fishing: Lessons from small-scale fisherfolk in Ghana. *Cogent Social Sciences*, DOI: 10.1080/23311886.2023.2282502

Owusu, V., Tamatey, L. E., Adjei, M., & Ogbe, M., (2023). Impact of offshore petroleum extraction and “ocean grabbing” on small-scale fisheries and coastal livelihoods in Ghana. *Maritime Studies*, 22:17.

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Sheburah Essien , R, Adjei, M & Owusu , V (2023).Towards an Integrated Approach to Solid Waste Management in Ghanaian Cities, Ghana Journal of Geography Vol. 15 (2), 2023 pages 33-60Doi: <https://dx.doi.org/10.4314/gjg.v15i2.2>

Abakah, S & Owusu, V (2023). Impacts of Illegal Fishing and Ocean Dependence on the Livelihoods of Coastal Fisherfolk in Ghana. Ghana Journal of Geography Vol. 15 (1), 198-225.

Adjei, M., Owusu, V and Essian, R.S. (2023). The role of socioeconomic factors, psychological motivations, and social networks in women's participation in community-based fishery management in Ghana. Coastal Management. DOI: 10.1080/08920753.2023.2211373

Owusu, V., Adu-Boahen, K., Kyeremeh, S., Demanlie, I., & Eshun, P. (2023). Factors influencing compliance of closed fishing season: Lessons from small-scale coastal fisheries in the Central Region of Ghana. Humanities and Social Sciences Communication. doi.org/10.1057/s41599-023-01513-4

Andriese, E., Saguin, K., Ablo, A., Kittitornkool, J., Kongkaew, C., Mangena, J., Onyango, P., Owusu, V & Yang , J. (2022). Aligning bottom-up initiatives and top-down policies? A comparative analysis of overfishing and coastal governance in Ghana, Tanzania, the Philippines, and Thailand. Journal of Rural Studies.

Owusu, V.& Andriese, E. (2022). Local differentiation and adapting to climate change in coastal Ghana. Geographical Review.

Owusu, V. & Adjei, M. (2021). Politics, power, and unequal access to fisheries subsidies among small-scale coastal fisherfolk in Ghana. Ocean and Coastal Management Journal. 214.105920.

Owusu, V. & Andriese, E. (2020). From open access to closed fishing season: Lessons from small-scale fisheries in the Western Region of Ghana. Marine Policy <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.marpol.2020.104162>

Owusu, V.(2020). Impacts of the petroleum industry and overfishing on the livelihoods of fisherfolk in the Western Region of Ghana. PhD Dissertation, Seoul National University. South Korea.(Available Online).

Owusu, V. (2019). Impacts of the petroleum industry on the livelihoods of fisherfolk in Ghana; A case study of Western Region. The Extractive Industries and Society. <http://authors.elsevier.com/sd/article/S2214790X19302394>

Yang, J., Owusu, V., Andriese, E., & Ablo, A. (2019). In-situ adaptation and coastal vulnerabilities in Ghana and Tanzania. Journal of Environment & Development. 28 (3), 282-308.

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Owusu, V. (2019). A comparative analysis of South Korean vrs Indian ODA strategies in Africa: The case of South Korean Engagement in Ghana and Rwanda. *SNU Journal of International Affairs*. 3 (2) 71-97.

Owusu, V., & Boafo, A. Y. (2018). Opportunities and challenges for multi-level-stakeholder participation in community-based ecotourism development: The Case of the Boabeng-Fiema Monkey Sanctuary, Ghana. *Journal of the Economic Geographical Society of Korea*, 21 (1).54-68.

Oppong-Yeboah, N. Y, Owusu, V. & Kim , J. W. (2018). Why do African students choose to study in South Korea ? *Journal of MICE & Tourism Research*, 18 (53), 19-36.

Owusu, V. (2017).Transnational ties: African logistics traders in Seoul. *Seoul National University Journal of International Affairs*, 2 (1), 13-25.

Owusu, V., Yifan, W., & Kim, J. W. (2017), An Analysis of push and pull travel motivations of Chinese students in South Korea. *Journal of Mice and Tourism*. 47 (1). 7-26.

Book Chapters

Owusu, V. Atanga, A, A., Boafo, Y, A., Gyabaah, K, & Boateng, R. (2023). The Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Small-Scale Hospitality and Tourism Businesses in Coastal Communities in Ghana. In Dube, D., Mensah, I., & Chapungu, L (eds). *COVID-19, Tourist Destinations and Prospects for Recovery: Volume Two: An African Perspective*. Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-24655-5_2

Owusu, V., Boafo, Y.A., Adjei, M., Boateng, R. (2022). The COVID-19 Pandemic and Coastal Fishery Livelihood Systems: Socio-economic Implications for Small-Scale Fisherfolk in Winneba, Ghana. In: Brunn, S.D., Gilbreath, D. (eds) *COVID-19 and a World of Ad Hoc Geographies*. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-94350-9_89

Service to the University and the Community.

List of Committees and academic association

- Member, Integrated Development, Economy and Governance Research Group, Department of Geography Education, UEW.
- Member, Proposed Tourism and Mobility Unit Committee, Department of Geography Education, UEW.
- Member, Geography Education Week Planning Committee, Department of Geography Education, UEW.

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- Member, Ghana Geographers Association.
- Member, American Geographers Association
- Member, Development Studies Association, United Kingdom
- Member, Korea Geographical Association
- Member, Economic Geography of Korea.
- Fellow, The Regional Water and Environmental Sanitation Center, (RWESCK) Kumasi.
- Founding member, Korea-Ghana Friendship Association.

Researchgate Profile link : <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Victor-Owusu-4>

Review for academic journals

Maritime Studies

- Geographical Review
- Humanities and Social Sciences Communications

Journal of Current Science and Technology

- Cogent Food and Agriculture
- Geoforum
- Ocean and Coastal Management
- Cogent Social Sciences
- Ghana Journal of Geography

Scholarships and awards

(2006) University of Ghana Partial Scholarship.

(2011) Korea Government Scholarship for Graduate Students.

(2015) Best Foreign Graduating Student, Silla University, Korea.

(2016) Seoul National University Global Scholarship

Referees

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