Ashesi University – Leadership and Faculty (9/29/14)

Executive Team

Patrick Awuah, Founder & President
Qualifications: Master of Business Administration, UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business
Bachelor's degree in Engineering and Economics, Swarthmore College
Selected History: Before founding Ashesi, Patrick worked as a Program Manager for Microsoft Corporation. In 2004, Swarthmore awarded Patrick an honorary doctorate in recognition of his leadership in African higher education. Patrick Awuah was nominated a Global Leader 2007 by the World Economic Forum; and in recognition of his service to Ghana, was awarded Membership of the Order of the Volta by His Excellency, President J. A. Kufuor. He is a fellow of the Africa Leadership Initiative (a branch of The Aspen Global Leadership Network), a member of the United States Council on Foreign Relations, the Pacific Council on International Policy, and the Tau Beta Pi honor society for excellence in engineering.

Marcia Grant, Ph.D., Provost
Qualifications: Ph.D. in African Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science
Master of Arts and Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy, Fletcher School of Tufts University
Bachelor's degree in Political Science, Swarthmore College
Selected History: She has taught African, Latin American and International Politics at Oberlin College, served as foreign affairs consultant for the US Departments of State, Justice, and Labor, as Director of the Fulbright Program in Mexico, as Assistant Cultural Attaché for the American Embassy in Paris, as Director of the Edward S. Mason Program for Mid-Career Fellows at the Kennedy School at Harvard, and as Executive Director of the Institute of North American Studies in Barcelona. In 1999, Dr. Grant served as the founding Dean of Saudi Arabia's first liberal arts college for women. Since then, she has also served as Dean of the American Graduate School of International Relations and Diplomacy in Paris, as a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, and as Academic Planning Head of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at The Aga Khan University in Karachi, Pakistan.

Ruth Kwakwa, Dean of Student and Community Affairs
Qualifications: Master in City Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Bachelor's degree in Sociology, Swarthmore College
Selected History: Former consultant with the World Bank and the Swedish Development Agency and was Director of Media Strategy at Lintas Ghana Limited and Manager for Marketing, Brand Management and Alumni Relations at Redhill School, South Africa.

Michael Kwatia, Chief Operating Officer
Qualifications: B.Tech degree in Business and Finance from Barnsley College of Technology (UK), MBA in Information Systems Management from Trinity University and College (UK).
Selected History: Michael has over 20 years of international experience in business, consultancy and academia. Prior to joining Ashesi, Michael was Senior Solutions Consultant at the Cambodian based Neeka and ThakralOne subsidiaries of the 2 Billion USD Thakral Group of Companies of Singapore.

Suzanne Buchele, Associate Provost

Qualifications: Ph.D. in Computer Science, The University of Texas at Austin; M.A. in Mathematics, The University of Texas at Austin; M.S. in Computer Science, The University of Texas at Austin.

Selected History: Suzanne re-joins the Executive Team after a former tenure on the Committee from 2007-2008, while she was Acting Dean of Academic Affairs at Ashesi. Suzanne is Associate Provost, assisting the Provost in all academic matters, and she takes the lead on the development of new programs and curricula. She is also an Associate Professor of Computer Science at Ashesi. Suzanne has several years of industry experience and over 15 years of experience in Academia, primarily at Southwestern University (USA), and two years at Ashesi from 2006-2008 as a Fulbright Scholar. Suzanne rejoined the Ashesi Team in 2014.

Key Faculty

Kajsa Adu Hallberg, Lecturer

Course(s) Taught: Expository Writing; Text & Meaning; Social Theory & Leadership 1.
Qualifications: Ph.D. Candidate, African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon
Master in Political Science, Uppsala University, Sweden
M.B.A, Sodertorn College
B.Sc., Political Science, Uppsala University, Sweden
Research Interests: Political Economy; Migration Studies; Higher Education in Africa; Gender Studies; Interdisciplinary Research Methods; Digital culture and Social Media.

Sena Afi Agyepong, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

Course(s) Taught: Real Estate Development; Negotiations; Organizational Behavior.
Qualifications: Ph.D., Construction Management, KNUST
B.Sc. Building Technology, KNUST
Project Management, GIMPA
Executive Diploma in Arbitration and Mediation, Gamey and Gamey Academy of Mediation

Nathan Amanquah, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

Course(s) Taught: Programming; Programming III.
Qualifications: Ph.D., Electronics & Electrical Engineering, University of Strathclyde, UK
B.Sc., Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology
Research Interests: Management of quality of service in short range mobile ad hoc networks using middleware technique**;** ambient networks.

Lloyd Amoah, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

Course(s) Taught: Development: Asia/Africa; Leadership 3;Leadership 2; Negotiation; Conflict in African States; Africa in the International Setting; Economic Development; International Trade and Policy; Social Theory.
Qualifications: Ph.D., Public Administration, Wuhan University, China
M.A., International Relations, University of Ghana, Legon
B.A., Philosophy, University of Ghana, Legon

Research Interests: China and South-East Asian Affairs; Africa-China relations; Africa-Asia relations; Policy analysis with emphasis on public policy formation theories across different policy arenas and over time; public policy accountability in developing polities; Postmodern Public Administration/Policy Analysis; Government/Corporate Strategy; Public Sector Reform in Developing Countries; the geo-politics and political economy of development aid and North-South relations; the development of foreign policy theories for developing polities; Gender studies; Future studies; urbanization and urban space in developing countries; popular culture in developing countries; Governance and Leadership issues in Africa and Asia; sustainable development and energy policy; e-governance and ICT policy in developing countries; public administration and philosophy; qualitative research methods and methodology.

Esi Ansah, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

Course(s) Taught: Human Resource Management; Organizational Behavior; Leadership**;** Negotiation & Creative Problem-Solving.
Qualifications: Ph.D., Public Administration, Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey
M.Sc., Public Service Management, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois
M.A., Social Sciences, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
B.A. International Affairs, French & Psychology, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida
Research Interests: Service delivery and service quality across sectors (public, private, non-profit); Human resource development in the public sector (street-level bureaucracy); Social and public entrepreneurship in African development; The role of Research and Development (R&D) in African development; Social marketing and public sector branding.
Selected History: Founding Partner and Chief Executive Officer*, Axis Human Capital Ltd. (07/2007 – Present)*; Adjunct Professor, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ (09/2004 - 05/2007) Recipient of The Network Journal (TNJ) 40 Under 40 Achievers' Award, (11/2010); Aspen Institute's Africa Leadership Initiative - West Africa Fellow *(09/ 2009 – Present).*

Emmanuel Stephen Armah, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Course(s) Taught: Macroeconomics; Microeconomics & Economic Development.
Qualifications: Ph.D. Agricultural Economics, University of Illinois
M.A. Economics, Emory University
B.Sc. Engineering, Swarthmore College
Research Interests: Industrial organization; Econometrics; Agricultural Economics; Economic Development.
Selected history: Economist in Residence, Moody's Economy.com Regional Research Consultants, West-Chester, PA; Lecturer in economics, Emory University, Atlanta, GA; Lecturer in economics, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL. Recipient of The Joseph Ralph Mutti Award and The Scott B Lily Award, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA.

Rebecca Awuah, Lecturer and Head of Arts and Science Department
Course(s) Taught: Pre-calculus; Calculus; Giving Voice to Values.
Qualifications: Teaching Certificate, Washington State; Master in Teaching, Seattle University, Washington; B.S., Physics, The Evergreen State College, Washington
Research interest: Mathematics pedagogy and teaching mathematical problem solving. She conducts professional development and training for secondary mathematics teachers at local schools in Ghana.

Charles W. Jackson, Ph.D. P.E, Assistant Professor
    Qualifications: Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA (1984)
    M.S., Mechanical Engineering, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA (1980)
    S.B., Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA (1979)

Aelaf Dafla, Lecturer and Head of Computer Science Department
    Course(s) Taught: Web Technologies; E-Commerce; Operating Systems & System Administration; Computer Organization & Architecture; VLSI: Embedded Systems, Programming.
    Qualifications: M.Sc., Electronic Science, Pune University, India
    Research Interests: Application of technologies like mobile phone, computers, network, Internet, etc. to improve healthcare delivery; Electronics: instrumentation and embedded systems.

Anthony Essel-Anderson, Lecturer
    Course(s) Taught: Introduction to Finance; Financial Accounting; Finance for Non-Finance Students & International Finance.
    Qualifications: M.Phil, University of Ghana, Legon; Chartered Accountant, Ghana; B.Sc. Administration, University of Ghana, Legon.
    Research Interests: Budgeting and control; enterprise risk management; financial reporting; personal finance and accountability.

Gertrude Ayorkor Korsah, **Ph.D.,** Assistant Professor
    Course(s) Taught: Artificial Intelligence/Robotics; Programming 1, 2 & 3; Data Structures and Algorithm.
    Qualifications: Ph.D., Robotics and Artificial Intelligence, Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA
    M.Sc., Engineering, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
    B.A., Computer Science modified with Engineering, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
    Selected History: Early this year, Dr. Korsah co-founded the Africa Robotics Network, to help get more people in Africa interested in Computer Science through Robotics.

Kobina Graham, Lecturer
    Course(s) Taught: Text and Meaning; Written and Oral Communication; Social Theory and Writing Center Tutor.
    Qualifications: M.A., International Studies and Diplomacy, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
    LLB.,(Hons).,School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

Joseph Agyapong Mensah, Lecturer
    Course(s) Taught: Calculus I & II; Statistics.
    Qualifications: M.Sc. Statistics, University of Warwick, UK
    M.Sc. Mathematics, KNUST, Kumasi
    CSc. Mathematics, KNUST, Kumasi
    Selected History: Prior to his coming to Ashesi, Joseph worked with Regent University College, Accra, where he taught courses in Statistics, Algebra, Calculus and foundations of Computer Science.

Joseph Oduro-Frimpong, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
>**Qualifications:** Ph.D., Anthropology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois
>M.A., Communication, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan
>M.A., Archives Administration, University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana
>B.A. English & Linguistics (Honors), University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana
>**Research Interests:** Language & Culture; Intercultural/Interpersonal Communication;
>Sociocultural Anthropology; Qualitative Research Methods; African Popular Culture; Visual
>Culture Studies.

Kwadwo Osafo-Maafo, Lecturer
>**Course(s) Taught:** Programming II; Concepts of Programming Languages; Databases.
>**Qualifications:** M.Sc.Eng., Computer Science and Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann
>Arbor, USA
>B.A., Applied Mathematics, Lehigh University, USA (High Honors)
>B.Sc., Computer Engineering, Lehigh University, USA (Highest Honors)
>**Research Interests:** Systems, Software and Architecture: software systems, operating systems,
>database systems, digital systems, computer architecture, programming languages; Theory:
>programming languages, complexity theory, [applied] algorithms.

Anthony Ebow Spio, Lecturer and Head of Business Administration Department
>**Course(s) Taught:** Marketing; Service Marketing & Strategic Brand Marketing, Competitive
>Strategy.
>**Qualifications:** M.Sc. International Marketing, University of Strathclyde, UK
>Advanced Marketing Diploma, Institute of Marketing Management, South Africa B.A. Economics
>University of Ghana, Legon
>**Research Interests:** Nation and Place Branding; Strategic Brand Management; Entrepreneurship
>and SME strategy development; Marketing and Communication Strategy.
>**Selected History:** General Manager, DiscoveryTel Ghana; Managing Consultant, Spio & Spio
>Consulting; Marketing Manager Foods, Unilever Nigeria Plc; Marketing Manager Home Care,
>Unilever Ghana Limited

Visiting Faculty

Clarence A. Ellis
>**Course(s) Taught**: World simulations: Culture, technology and ethics
>**Qualifications**: Ph.D., Computer Science, University of Illinois
>M.S., Mathematics, University of Illinois
>B.S., Math and Physics, Beloit College
>**Research Interests:** Groupware; workflow systems; CSCW; collaboration theory; distributed
>systems; modeling and simulation; and humane interfaces to computers.
>**Selected History:** Dr. Clarence A. Ellis is Professor Emeritus of Computer Science at the
>University of Colorado. He is involved in research on groupware, coordination theory, and
>collaborative computing. Dr. Ellis has worked as a researcher and developer at MCC, Xerox P
>ARC, Bull Corp, the Institute for the Future, Bell Telephone Laos, IBM, Los Alamos Scientific Labs,
>and Argonne National Lab. His academic experience includes teaching at Stanford University,
>MIT, University of Texas, Stevens Institute of Technology, Johannes Kepler Institute in Austria,
>and at Chiaotung University in China. Clarence (Skip) Ellis is on the editorial board of numerous

journals, and has been an active instigator and leader of a number of computer associations and functions; he has been a member of the National Science Foundation Computer Science Advisory Board; chairman of the NSF Information Technology and Organizations working committee; and chairman of the ACM Special Interest Group on Office Information Systems (SIGOIS). Skip Ellis has published over 100 technical papers and reports, written several books, and lectured in more than two dozen countries.

Mary Grace Neville, Fulbright Scholar, Ashesi University
>**Course(s) Taught:** Organizational Behavior and Leadership
>**Qualifications**: Ph.D., Organizational Behavior, Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland
>MBA, Strategic Management, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania
>B.S., Radio-Television-Film, Northwestern University
>*Research interests:* humanness in organizations; positive intersection of business and society; non-economic forms of wealth; system level relationality; transformational cooperation; and applied methodologies such as appreciative inquiry and action research.
>**Selected History:** Dr. Mary Grace Neville is an Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Economics and Business, Brown College of Arts and Sciences, Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas. She is a scholar with expertise in Business Administration and Organizational Behavior and has also lived and taught in the United Kingdom for over a decade. Dr. Neville has published widely; attended and made presentations at many international conferences and has received several grants and awards due to her professional accomplishments.

Adjunct Faculty

Edward Abrokwah, Lecturer
>**Course(s) Taught:** Microeconomics; Macroeconomics; International Trade & Policy.
>**Qualifications:** Master of Public Administration, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
>B.Sc. Business Administration, Cardiff University, United Kingdom

Victor Anku-Tsede, Lecturer
>**Course(s) Taught:** Business Law
>**Qualifications:** LLB, University of Ghana, Legon

Michael Effah Asamoah, Lecturer
>**Course(s) Taught:** Finance for Non-Finance Managers
>**Qualifications:** MPhil, Finance, University of Ghana, Legon, 2012
>B.Sc., Administration (Accounting), University of Ghana, Legon, 2009

Daniel Ashitey, Lecturer
>**Course(s) Taught:** (Software Engineering)
>**Qualifications:** M.Eng. (Systems and Computer Engineering), Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, 1993
>B.Sc. (Electrical Engineering), KNUST, Kumasi, 1990

Kwame Atsiavor, Lecturer
> **Course(s) Taught:** Managerial Accounting
> **Qualifications:** EMBA, University of Ghana Business School
> Bachelor of Commerce, University of Cape Coast
> CA Ghana, Institute of Chartered Accountants

Moses Teye Ayiku, Lecturer
> **Course(s) Taught:** Managerial Accounting
> **Qualifications:** MBA, Corporate Strategy and Economic Policy, Maastricht School of Management, 2011
> Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration, GIMPA, 2008
> ICA (Ghana) Part 2
> Bachelor of Commerce, University of Cape Coast, 2000

Samuel Osei Banning, Lecturer
> **Course(s) Taught:** Advanced Database
> **Qualifications:** M.E, Computer Science and Engineering, Karunya University, Coimbatore - India 2008
> B.Sc., Computer Science, All Nations University, Koforidua-Ghana, 2006

Joseph Dadzie, Lecturer
> **Course(s) Assisted:** Pre-Calculus, Statistics
> **Qualifications:** M.Sc. Industrial Mathematics, KNUST, 2011
> M.Sc. Statistics, University of Cape Coast,2007
> B.Sc., Mathematics, KNUST, 1993

Ernest Senyo Dzandu, Lecturer
> **Course(s) Taught:** Entrepreneurship I & II
> **Qualifications:** MBA, Finance and Accounting, University of Ghana, 1994
> Chartered Accountant, Institute of Chartered Accountants (Ghana), 1994
> B.Sc. Administration (Accounting), University of Ghana, 1991

Dzifa Gakpleazi, Lecturer
> **Course(s) Taught:** Business Law
> **Qualifications:** Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois, USA
> Ghana School of Law
> B.A., (Law and Linguistics), University of Ghana

Dela Kumahor, Lecturer
> **Qualifications:** M.Sc. Product-Service Systems Design, Politecnico di Milano, Milan, Italy, 2010

Gideon Porbley, Lecturer
> **Course(s) Taught:** Social Research Methods
> **Qualifications:** Ph.D. Candidate, Development Studies, Institute of Development Studies, University of Cape Coast
> M.Phil Geography & Resource Management, University of Ghana, Legon
> B.A., Geography & Resource Development & Political Science, University of Ghana, Legon

Noam Sarfati, Lecturer
    Course(s) Taught: Supply Chain Management
    Qualifications: M.Sc., Industrial Engineering, Ben Gurion University of the Negev-Beer-Sheva, Israel, 2008
    B.A., Logistics and Economics, Bar Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel, 1999

Eliasu Dintie Umaru, Lecturer
    Course(s) Taught: Marketing
    Qualifications: MBA, Marketing, Coventry University, UK, 2009
    M.A., Communications Management, Coventry University, UK, 2007
    B.A., Social Work with Sociology, University of Ghana, Legon, 1997

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