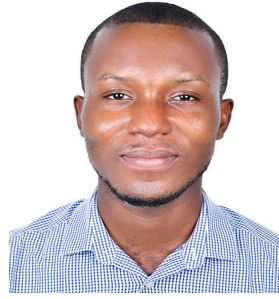


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A. Profile:

Mr. Sylvester B.A. Akyea is an upcoming Africanist historian with a background in Sociology. Mr. Akyea has a passion for research, teaching and an appetite for knowledge. Writing on Ghanaian history, his research interests transcend themes including economic, slavery, environmental, and military history.

Sylvester is currently working on the following papers for publication: “Essential War Supplies of Timber” in the Gold Coast During the Second World War and Stereotyping Africa: British Colonial Attitude Towards Timber Exploitation in the Gold Coast.

B. Education

Year	Qualification	Institution
2019 - 2022 (Awaiting Graduation)	Master of Philosophy in History	Department of History, University of Ghana, Legon
Feb. 2021 - June 2021	Erasmus + Student Exchange Programme	University of Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic
2014 - 2018	Bachelor of Arts in History and Sociology (Combined Major)	University of Ghana, Legon

C. Selected Academic Papers

- “The Timber Industry of Colonial Ghana and the Second World War, 1938 - 1956.” MPhil. History Thesis, Department of History, University of Ghana, August 2022.
- “Symbolic Conquest: Rethinking University of Hradec Králové’s Commemoration of the Velvet Revolution, November 17, 2019.” A term paper for the course HIU/EMETH: Methodological Aspects of Research in Central Europe. It was submitted to the Institute of History of the Philosophical Faculty at the University of Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic, Summer Semester, June 2021.
- “A History of the National Service Scheme in Ghana, 1973 - 2000.” Unpublished B.A., History Long Essay, Department of History, University of Ghana, June 2018.
- “The Role of the National Labour Commission (NLC) in Settling Industrial Disputes, its Achievements, Challenges, and Ways to Improve,” Unpublished Term Paper, Department of Sociology, University of Ghana, April 2018.

D. Scholarships/Awards

- Participant: Erasmus+ Student Mobility Programme at University of Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic, Summer Semester 2021.
- Scholarship Award: Adjaye Endowment Scholarship in History (AESH), at the Department of History, the University of Ghana for the 2020/2021 Academic Year.

E. Employment History

DATE & POSITION	INSTITUTION	DUTIES
Jan 2023 - Ongoing ● Tutor	The Morning Star International High School	I teach History and Sociology to IGCSE and A Level students
Jan 2022 - Dec. 2022 ● Graduate Assistant	Department of History, University of Ghana. Assigned to Prof. Ofosu-Mensah Ababio.	I taught history to undergraduate students during tutorial sessions and assisted my supervisor/lecturer in preparing lecture notes. Courses include: Earliest Civilizations, Selected Topics in World History, and African History I & II.
Oct 2013- Dec. 2020 ● Teacher	Grade ‘A’ College	I taught Government, History, Social Studies, and Integrated Science.

Aug. 2019- Feb. 2020 ● Teacher (Part-time)	Home Tuition	I taught History 9389, International History 1945 – 1991, Cambridge International Examination (A-Level)
Sept. 2018 - July 2019 ● National Service Personnel/Teaching Assistant	Department of History, University of Ghana, Legon	Organized tutorial sessions for these courses: HIST 213: Africa and the Wider World Since 1800. HIST 427: Colonial Rule and Africa Response. HIST 328: Economic History of West Africa, 1890 – 1945 Invigilating End of Semester Examination

F. Entrepreneurship

Founder, ResearchGap Consult. *The institution seeks to contribute to Ghanaian and African Studies by providing research assistance in the Social Sciences and Humanities while safeguarding academic best practices. Activities include archival research and data collection; historical site tours; family history/biographical research, thesis reviews; and others.*

1. Research Activities

- Research Assistant: “Labour and Social Movements in Ghana, 1940s- 1980s”. Library and Archival Data Collection, November 2022 - ongoing.
- Research Consultant : “African American’s in Nkrumah’s Ghana Project”. Archival Data Collection, March - May 2022.
- Research Assistant: “Gomoa Nsuaem Slave Route Research Project”. Oral Tradition and History Data Collection, Sept. 2020 - April 2022.
- Research Consultant: “History of Ghana Project”. Data Collection, Jan.-Sept. 2021
- Research Consultant: “Encyclopaedia Africana Archival Research at PRAAD - Accra”, Sept. 2021.

2. Thesis Review

- Through ResearchGap Consult, I have reviewed several theses in History both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. However, due to ethical reasons, detailed information on these reviews can not be disclosed here.

G. Contribution to Nation Building: Project Proposal

Date: 6th February, 2019

Project Title: “National Service Accommodation Project, NASAP.”

Prepared for: The Ghana National Service Scheme,

Proposal status: Under consideration

Project Description:

“NASAP is a comprehensive project proposal designed to address the residential accommodation challenge faced by National Service Personnel (NSPs) under the Ghana National Service Scheme (Act 426, 1980).” The project will aim at constructing hostels to provide residential accommodation to service personnel nationwide.

H. Conferences, Lectures & Workshops

- **Presenter (forthcoming: 10-12 August, 2023):** The School of Arts Colloquium—2023, University of Ghana. Theme: Rethinking West Africa’s Environment: An Arts and Humanities Perspective. Paper: “Essential War Supplies of Timber” in the Gold Coast During the Second World War.
- **Organizer and Resource Person:** History Long Essay Workshop 2023 for all Tertiary History Students in Ghana. Theme: Facilitating Historical Research for Academic Excellence. Convened both online and on campuses throughout the country, 29th April-14th April, 2023.
- **Organizer and Resource Person:** History Long Essay Workshop for Undergraduate Students at the Department of History, University of Ghana. Convened at the Department of History Library, 15th October, 2022.
- **Participant:** Grantsmanship Workshop for UG Graduate Students, at the Cedi Conference Centre, 8th - 9th September 2022. Organised by the Office of Research Innovation and Development, University of Ghana
- **Participant:** A 2-Day Virtual Training on Business Intelligence and Analytics, December 18-19, 2021. Organized under the Office of Institutional Advancement, Office of the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ghana, Legon.
- **Participant:** IZA/FCDO Online Development Economics Course for Sub-Saharan Africa, 2021.
- **Participant:** Workshopping Series No. 3: Thesis Introduction 17-18 November 2021, Staff Development and Learning Resource Centre. Organized by the University of Ghana-Carnegie Writing Centre and the Centre for Teaching and Learning Innovation (CTLI).

- **Presenter:** The Next Generation Thought Leaders (Next G) Conference on Environment and Sustainability, organized by the Institute for Environment and Sanitation Studies (IESS), University of Ghana, July 28-29, 2021. Paper: “The Timber Trade and Environmental Degradation in Colonial Ghana, 1938-1957”.
- **Attendee:** Climate Change and Sustainability Knowledge Dissemination Workshop. Theme: Creating Impactful Knowledge for Sustainable Development, organized by Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability Studies, on November 26-27, 2020 at Centre for Africa Wetlands, University of Ghana Campus.
- **Guest Lecture:** Invited for a virtual presentation on “Ghana’s Independence Day Celebration” to Year 2 students of Al-Rayan International School (ARIS), Accra, on October 27, 2020.
- **Attendee:** A one-day symposium titled “Infrastructural Legacies and Futures of the African City”, organized by Urban Studies, University of Basel, Switzerland, in collaboration with the Institute of African Studies, the University of Ghana, on 4th November, 2019 at J.H.K. Nketia Conference Hall, Institute of African Studies - UG.
- **Attendee:** Ghana Studies Association 3rd Triennial Conference titled ‘Ghana as Center’ at the School of Law, University of Ghana, 10-13 July 2019.
- **Attendee:** Dubois-Nkrumah-Padmore Memorial Lecture captioned, “Social Justice and the Return of the Global Slave Trade: Are We for Sale?” Organized by W.E.B. Du Bois Memorial Centre for Pan Africa Culture in Collaboration with George Padmore Library and Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park on 20th September, 2018 at W.E.B. Du Bois Memorial Centre, Cantonment, Accra.

I. **Skills and Competencies**

I possess a repertoire of teaching, writing, research experience and proven skills evident in:

- Historical Research and Data Collection (library and archival sources)
- Computer literacy with competency in Microsoft and Google Office applications.
- I am a confident communicator with excellent interpersonal, analytical, presentation, and editorial skills.

J. **Professional/Institutional Affiliation**

- Alumni Coordinator, History Students Association of Legon (University of Ghana)
- Member, Ghana Studies Association (GSA)
- Member, The Historical Society of Ghana

K. Language Proficiency

- English Language
- the Twi dialect of the Akan language, and Gã.

L. Referee

- **Professor Ofosu-Mensah Ababio**

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