

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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<b>Philosophy:</b>	<i>To enhance the thinking of students through interactive teaching and learning.</i>
<b>Research Interest:</b>	<i>Phonology, Syntax, Interfaces between aspects of linguistics, Communication Studies and African Studies</i>

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## 1. ACADEMIC DEGREES AND INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED

### 1.1. Academic degrees earned with dates

- i. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Linguistics, June 2005
- ii. Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in Linguistics, June 2001
- iii. Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Linguistics and Philosophy, June 1997

### 1.2. Institutions attended with dates

- i. 2001 – 2005: University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- ii. 1998 – 2001: University of Tromsø, Tromsø – Norway
- iii. 1993 – 1997: University of Ghana, Legon – Accra

## 2. TEACHING, SERVICE AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### 2.1. Academic ranks held and subjects taught

August 2012 – Present	<b>Head of Department,</b> Department of Modern Languages, Kwame Nkrumah University of Sciences and Technology, Kumasi-Ghana
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August 2011 – Present:	<b>Senior Lecturer,</b> Department of Modern Languages, Kwame Nkrumah University of Sciences and Technology, Kumasi-Ghana
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- October 2006 – July 2011: **Lecturer,**  
Department of Modern Languages, Kwame Nkrumah  
University of Sciences and Technology, Kumasi-Ghana
- June 20 – July 31, 2010: **Visiting Assistant Professor**  
African Studies Programme, School of Humanities,  
University of Hong Kong
- Sept 2007 – June 2009: **Part-Time Lecturer,**  
Department of Communication Studies, Christian  
Services University College, Kumasi-Ghana
- August 2009 – June 2010: **Part-Time Lecturer,**  
Department of Linguistics, University of Ghana, Legon-  
Accra, Ghana
- October 2005 – August 2006: **Tutor and Research Assistant,**  
Department of Linguistics, University of Hong Kong  
Carrying out tutorials; helping in the preparation of  
lecture materials and marking test/exam papers; helping  
in the organization of departmental summer school,  
workshops and other functions; teaching in departmental  
summer school (SCOWAS)
- Sept. 2001– August 2005: **Ph.D. candidate and Teaching Assistant**  
Undertaking of research particularly for my Ph.D.  
studies/thesis; carrying out tutorials; helping in the  
preparation of lecture materials and marking test/exam  
papers; helping in the organization of departmental  
summer school, workshops and other functions; teaching  
in departmental summer school (SCOWAS)

## 2.2. Others

1. **Examination Officer:** Department of Modern Languages, KNUST, October 2010  
-July 31, 2012
2. **Interpreter** (part-time): United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Hong  
Kong, S. A. R., September 2005 – September 2006
3. **Court interpreter** (part-time): Judiciary Department, Hong Kong S.A.R., August  
2004 – September 2006
4. **Teacher** (National Service): Asanteman Senior Secondary School, Kumasi,  
Ghana, October 1997 – August 1998, teaching *Economics, English, and  
Social/Cultural Studies*

5. **Teacher** (National Service): Duase Junior Secondary School, Kumasi, Ghana, October 1992 – August 1993, teaching *English, Social/Cultural Studies, and Agricultural Science*

### 2.3. Supervision of student project/thesis/research

Several undergraduate projects: e.g. Miss Rosina Akosua Dzifa Nkpeh, *“Effective business language and its impact on the client”*

## 3. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

- i. Member and Vice-President: Linguistics Association of Ghana, Aug. 2010 –
- ii. Member and Secretary: African Human Language Technology (HLT) Society, Jan. 2009 –
- iii. Member and Localizer: African Network for Localisation (ANLoc), Dec. 2010 –

## 4. AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP

Award	Organization	Duration
Quota Programme Fund	Lånakassen, Norway	September 1998 – June 2001
Postgraduate Studentship	Research Services (HKU)	September 2001 – August 2005

## 5. PERSONAL SKILLS

- Excellent writing, verbal, organizational, teaching and interpersonal skills
- Research minded and Strong presentation abilities
- Capability in working individually or in a team and Ability to work under pressure
- Highly motivated and energetic
- Versatile, Affable, Reliable and Dedicated
- Pays attention to details and to duty
- Computer literate (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Photoshop, etc.)

## 6. PERSONAL INTEREST

- Dancing, Cycling, Work-out (gym) and Walking, and Reading

## 7. LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS:

- Bodomo, Adams, **Charles Marfo** and Lauren Hall-Lew. 2010. *Let's Speak Twi: A Proficiency Course in Akan Language and Culture*, Stanford: CSLI Publications. [ISBN: 978-1-5758-660-4], 150 pages.

- **Marfo, Charles.** 2009. *Aspects of Akan Grammar and the Phonology-Syntax Interface.* Saarbrücken: Lambert Academic Publishing. [ISBN: 978-3-8383-2791-4].
- **Marfo, Charles (Ed.).** 2008. *Reflections on Religion and Science.* Kumasi: University Printing Press. [ISBN: 998-8-7815-5-5].

#### PAPERS IN JOURNAL AND CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS:

- **Marfo, Charles,** Kwame Opoku-Agyeman and Joseph Nsiah. 2011. Symbols of Communication: The Case of *Àdìnkra* and other Symbols of Akan, *International Journal: Language, Society and Culture* 32: 63-71:  
[<http://www.educ.utas.edu.au/users/tle/JOURNAL/issues/2011/32-08.pdf>]
- Nsiah, Joseph and **Charles Marfo.** 2011. What is in a title? A reading of Amma Darko's *The Housemaid*, in Gordon Collier (ed.) *Sphere Public or Private of Matatu: Journal for African Culture and Society*, Vol. 39: 363-376:  
[<http://www.rodopi.nl/senj.asp?BookId=MATATU+39>]
- Dramani, Aminu and **Charles Marfo.** 2010. Managing workplace conflict in the school environment: Challenges, rewards and the way forward, *Journal of Language, Technology & Entrepreneurship in Africa*, Vol. 2 (2): 31-48;  
<http://ajol.info/index.php/jolte/article/viewFile/61520/49648>
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2010. The Structure of Akan Compounds: Some Prosodic Structural Insights. In M.E. Kropp Dakubu, Nana Aba Amfo, E.K. Osam, K.K. Saah and G. Akanlig-Pare (eds.) *Studies in the Languages of the Volta Basin* 6, 141-152, Accra: Combent Impressions.
- Abakah, Philomena and **Charles Marfo.** 2009. Expressing culture through drama: A reading of Anowa and The Marriage of Anansewa. *Journal of Language, Technology & Entrepreneurship in Africa*, Vol. 1 (2): 175-186.
- **Marfo, Charles** and Solace Yankson. 2008. Religiously Incorrect: An Overview of some Religion-Centred Language. In Charles Marfo (ed.) *Reflections on Religion and Science*, 155-164, Kumasi: University Printing Press.
- **Marfo, Charles** and Solace Yankson. 2008. The structure of the 'CCV' syllable of Akan. *Concentric: Studies in Linguistics* 34.2: 85-100.
- Bodomo, Adams and **Charles Marfo.** 2006. The morphophonology of noun classes in Dagaare and Akan. *Studi Linguistici e Filologici Online* 4.2: 205-244.
- Bodomo, Adams, **Charles Marfo,** Andrew Cunningham and Sally Mok. 2006. A unicode keyboard for African languages: The case of Dagaare and Twi. *International Journal of Technology and Human Interaction*, 2(1), 1-20.
- **Marfo, Charles** and Adams Bodomo. 2005. Information structuring in question-word fronting and focus constructions of Akan. *Studies in African Linguistics*, Vol. 34.2, Ohio State University Publication.

- **Marfo, Charles.** 2005. Akan focus and topic constructions and the prosody-syntax interface. *Journal of West African Languages* 32.1: 45-59.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2004a. On tone and segmental processes in Akan phrasal words: A prosodic account. *Linguistik online* 18: 93-110, Bern, Switzerland: [http://www.linguistik-online.de/18\\_04/marfo.pdf](http://www.linguistik-online.de/18_04/marfo.pdf).
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2004b. The prosody-syntax interface in Akan focus and topic constructions. *Proceedings of the 4<sup>th</sup> Postgraduate Research Forum on Linguistics*: 125-133, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong: <http://www.hku.hk/linguist/conf/prf/4prf-proceedings.pdf>.
- **Marfo, Charles** and Adams Bodomo. 2004. Information processing in question-word fronting and focus constructions of Akan. In M. Butt and T.H. King (eds.), *Proceedings of the LFG04 conference*, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand: <http://cslipublications.stanford.edu/LFG/9/lfg04marfobodomo.pdf>

#### PRESENTATIONS:

- **Marfo, Charles.** 2012. Rules in the Akan Focus and Topic Constructions and the Phonology-Syntax Interface. Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL) 43, Tulane University, March 15-17, 2012.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2011. Expressing cultural knowledge through literature: Some insights from drama. 3rd. Inter-University Seminar for Doctoral Studies in Ghana, KNUST (NODA Hotel, Fumesua), April 18-22, 2011.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2010. Optimizing structure: The case of the 'CCV' syllable of Akan. Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL) 41, University of Toronto, May 6-8, 2010.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2010. Towards the Creation of a Keyboard for African languages: The case of Akan. *African Human Language Technologies Conference*, Djibouti City, Djibouti, 17-20 January, 2010.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2009. The Structure of Akan Compounds: Some Prosodic Structural Insights. Paper presentation at *Colloquium 2009: Languages of the Volta Basin*, University of Ghana, Legon, Accra, January 12-17, 2009.
- **Marfo, Charles** and Solace Yankson. 2008. Religiously Incorrect: An Overview of some Religion-Centred Language. Paper presentation at the 1<sup>st</sup>. *Religion and Science Conference*, Great Hall Conference Room, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, June 18-June 21, 2008.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2008. The Role of the Christian Intellectual in Church Growth. Paper presentation at the 1<sup>st</sup>. *HOFSA Intellectual Forum*, Aseda House, Adum-Kumasi, January 19, 2008.

- **Marfo, Charles.** 2007a. Ingredients for Academic Success. Paper presentation at the 1<sup>st</sup>. *HOFSA Annual Retreat*, Republic Hall, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, July 16-20, 2007.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2007b. The 'CCV' syllable structure of Akan: An optimality-theoretic analysis. Paper presentation at the 1<sup>st</sup>. *Departments of English and Modern Languages (KNUST) Academic Retreat*, Busua Beach Resort, March 9-11, 2007.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2005. Symbols of expression: The case of *Adinkra* symbols of Akan. Paper presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> *Roundtable Discussion on African Studies*, African Studies Group, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. May 25, 2005.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2004. *Kofi Annan and other Akan names: A study of personal names in the Akan language*. Paper presentation at the 1<sup>st</sup> *Roundtable Discussion on African Studies*, African Studies Group, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. May 25, 2004.
- Bodomo, Adams, **Charles Marfo** and Parco Wong (2004). The linguistic, cultural and ethnic repertoire of Tsim Sha Tsui's Chungking Mansions: A Study in urban anthropological linguistics. Paper presentation at the *Linguistic Society of Hong Kong Annual Research Forum (LSHK ARF) 2004*, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology on December 2004.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2002a. Aspects of the phonology-syntax interface in Akan. Paper presented at the 33<sup>rd</sup>. *Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 33)*. U.S.A.: Ohio University, Athens. March 2002.
- Bodomo, Adams and **Charles Marfo.** 2002. The morphophonology of noun classes in Dagaare and Akan. Paper presented at the 33<sup>rd</sup>. *Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 33)*. U.S.A.: Ohio University, Athens. March 2002.
- **Marfo, Charles.** 2002b. On question-word fronting and focus constructions in Akan: An LFG account. Paper presentation at the *Linguistic Society of Hong Kong Annual Research Forum (LSHK ARF) 2002*, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology on December 2002.

## BOOK REVIEW

- Marfo, Charles. 2012. Book Review – The Akan Noun Phrase: Its Structure and Meaning. *Ghana Journal of Linguistics* 1.1: 79-88.

## 5. REFEREES:

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