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Areas of Interest: *Morpho-syntax, Semantics, Morphology-Semantics interface, Syntax*

Major research languages: *Akan and English*

Education

2020-2026 **PhD, Linguistics**, Yale University
Advisors: Veneeta Dayal & Jim Wood

2015-2019 **BA, Linguistics**, University of Cape Coast
Thesis: *A Re-look at Akan Plural Morphology in Contextual Allomorphy*
Advisor: Sampson Korsah

Research Experiences:

2024-2026 **Dissertation title:** *The Morpho-Syntax and Semantics of Number marking in Akan*

Supervisors: Prof Veneeta Dayal (Co-Chair) and Prof Jim Wood (Co-Chair)

2023 **Qualifying Paper 2 title:** *The Structure and dynamic implementation of Aspectual verbs in Akan*

Supervisor: Prof Maria Pinango

2022 **Qualifying Paper 1 title:** *The Semantics of Akan Number Morphology*

Supervisor(s): Prof Veneeta Dayal (Chair) and Prof Jim Wood

2019 **Bachelor's thesis title:** *A Re-look at Akan Plural Morphology in Contextual Allomorphy*

Supervisor: Dr. Sampson Korsah

Presentations

Talks:

- 2024 Title: *The Split number analysis for Akan plural morphology*
55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), 2nd-4th May 2024 (Montreal-Canada)
- 2024 Title: *Two types of subject resumption in Akan*
55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), 2nd-4th May 2024 (Montreal-Canada) [with Ka-Fai Yip]
- 2023 Title: *The syntax-semantics analysis of Akan plural morphology*
45th Annual conference of the German Linguistic Society (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft, DGfS) 7th-10th March 2023 (Cologne-Germany)
- 2022 Title: *Non-agreeing resumptive pronouns and partial copy deletion*
University of Connecticut Linglunch, April 26,2022 [with Ka-Fai Yip]
- 2022 Title: *We want to know, must you answer this question?*
The Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS) 2022 November 12, 2022 (Yale University) [with Yuyang Liu]
- 2022 Title: *On the particle(s) of anaa in Akan*
The African Linguistics School workshop 2022 , July 28-30, 2022 at Porto Novo, Benin
- 2021 Title: *Non-agreeing resumptive pronouns and partial copy deletion*
SYNC 2021, CUNY Graduate Center (Virtual), December 4th 2021 [with Ka-Fai Yip]
- 2021 Title: *A reply to Kandybowicz or a new ye in Akan*
Structural Asymmetries in African languages(SAIAL) 2021 conference (Virtual) 15-16th April,2021 [with Sampson Korsah]
- 2020 Title: *Say tweaa(not apuutɔɔ): a linguist contribution to the COVID-19 fight*
Faculty of Arts Public Lecture, University of Cape Coast. 25th August, 2020 [with Sampson Korsah]
- 2020 Title: *A reply to Kandybowicz or a new ye in Akan*

Ghanaian Languages and Linguistics Departmental Seminar, University of Cape Coast . 2nd March 2020 [with Sampson Korsah]

Posters:

- 2024 Title: *Multiple plural(s) in Akan*
Workshop on Morphology at Princeton, March 23rd 2024
- 2023 Title: *Pluralization Strategies in Akan*
SALT satellite Yale , May 4th 2023
- 2023 Title: *Pluractional reduplication in Akan*
The 97th Annual Meeting 2023 LSA, January 5-8th 2023 (Denver, Colorado)
- 2022 Title: *Non-agreeing resumptive pronouns and partial Copy Deletion.*
The 96th Annual Meeting 2022 LSA (Washington DC)[with Ka-Fai Yip]
- 2022 Title: *The four anaa particle(s)*
Language Diversity, Linguistic Theory and Cultural Identity in South Asia (Yale University)

Publications

- 2023 On unexpected exceptions to prosodic vacuity and verbal resumption in Akan
Snippets, March, 2023 doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.7358/snip-2023-044-kooa> [with Sampson Korsah and Augustina Owusu]
- 2022 Natural semantic metalanguage of Akan. *Journal of West African Languages* .
2022, Vol. 49 Issue 1, p46-66 [with Rachel Thompson and Wendy Amoako Kwakye]
- 2022 Non-agreeing resumptive pronouns and partial Copy Deletion. *UPenn Working Papers in Linguistics* 29.1, 206–215. [with Ka Fai Yip]
- In prep The description and syntax of the particle(s) *anaa* in Akan.
- In prep The Structure and dynamic implementation of Aspectual verbs in Akan

Academic Services

Conference organizations:

2023 Organizing committee, The 33rd meeting of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) (May 12th-14th 2023, Yale University)

2022 Organizing committee, The Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS) (November 12th 2022, Yale University)

Other services:

2018 Faculty of Arts Students Association Treasurer (University of Cape Coast)

Other study experience

June-July 2023 LSA Linguistics Institute, Linguistics Society of America, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, U.S.A

June-July 2022 African Linguistics School, Porto Novo, Benin

June-July 2019 African Linguistics School, Rhode University, Grahamstown, South Africa