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EDUCATION

- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign** **Champaign, IL**
Master of Science in Library and Information Science May 2025
Relevant Coursework: Reference & Information Services, Instructional Strategies & Techniques for Information Professionals, Instructional Strategies for Media Literacy, Academic Librarianship, E-Learning
- University of the People** **Champaign, IL**
Master of Science in Education May 2026
Relevant Coursework: Reference & Information Services, Instructional Strategies & Techniques for Information Professionals, Instructional Strategies for Media Literacy, Academic Librarianship, E-Learning
- MountCrest University College** **Accra, GH**
Bachelor of Laws Completed four semesters (Jan. 2021 – July 2023)
Completed coursework: Administrative Law, Contract Law, Law of Torts, Legal Method, Legal Writing, Commercial Law, Company Law, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Human Rights Law, Legal Writing, Legal Research
- University of Ghana** **Accra, GH**
Bachelor of Arts in Information Studies (Minor: Political Science and Sociology) August 2020
Relevant Coursework: Information Sources, Academic Writing, Research Methodology, Diversity in People & Culture, Information Storage & Retrieval, Indexing & Abstracting, Automated Information Retrieval

OTHER CERTIFICATIONS

- Ohio State University**
Certificate in Teaching Information Literacy May 2025
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
Certificate in Teaching in the Hybrid Classroom January 2025
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
Certificate in Teaching Media Literacy December 2024
- Coursera Project Network**
Introduction to Project Management - Certificate November 2020

ADDITIONAL TRAINING RECEIVED

- Core IRB – Protection of Human Subjects (CITI Program, September 2024)
- Research with Children – SBR (CITI Program, September 2024)
- Legal Writing (MountCrest University College, Accra, Ghana, September 2019)
- Integrity School (Ghana Integrity Initiative, Accra, Ghana, September 2019)
- Certificates in Servant Leadership and Community Organizing for Action (Young Africa Leaders Initiative, October 2018)
- Annual Leadership Training Camp (John A. Kufuor Foundation, July 2018–2020)

TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign** **Champaign, IL**
Guided Research Experience Fall 2024
 - Conducted research on "Teens and Intentional Technology Use" under the guidance of Professor Rachel Magee
 - Prepared questionnaires and annotated scholarly articles for further research on the topic
- School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign** **Champaign, IL**
Teaching Demonstration/Research Activities August 2023 - December 2024
 - Co-authored three journal articles and contributed to a chapter in the book "[The Glamorous: Welcome to the World of Information Sciences](#)"
 - Authored a [LibGuide on Research for Beginners](#)

- Delivered a teaching session on “Virtual Literacy: How to Conduct an Image Search” and a talk on “Why Libraries Should Have a Social Media Presence”
- Researched and presented a position paper on the topic “Should Libraries Have Social Media Presence?”
- Delivered a six-minute lighting talk on “Why Libraries Should Have Social Media Presence”
- Researched and presented a deep dive on the research question “How is the Effectiveness of the COVID-19 Vaccines Framed by Mainstream Media?”
- Researched and prepared a comprehensive Instructional Design on the topic “Introduction to Visual Misinformation and Disinformation” in accordance with the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy
- Led a 15-minute teaching session on the topic “Virtual Literacy: How to conduct an image search” with Media Literacy Educators as my audience
- Prepared a [Constructivist Media Decoding \(CMD\) Activity Plan](#) for Media Literacy Educators on Visual Literacy
- Researched and led a 10-minute teaching session on the topic “Promoting Knowledge and Training among Information Professionals”
- Reviewed and presented a three-page summary of three resources useful for teaching media and Information Literacy
- Prepared and led an instructional design for “Introduction to Visual Misinformation and Disinformation,” enhancing media literacy in the academic community

Horsham Education Consult

Administrative/Legal Assistant

Accra, GH

January 2023 - July 2023

- Conducted legal research, reviewing authoritative sources and summarizing relevant case law to support legal practitioners
- Assisted in preparing reports and research summaries for various legal practitioners
- Oriented learners on how to navigate law databases like LexisNexis

University of Ghana

Teaching/Research Assistant

Accra, GH

September 2020 - July 2023

- Taught and assessed undergraduate students in the Department of Information Studies and assisted instructors in grading and research – courses taught and assessed: information sources, information in society, records management, information services and user studies, indexing and abstracting, and research methodology
- Offered lab sessions for Microsoft Suite and SAKAI LMS for first-year students
- Supported research on Media and Information Literacy in Ghanaian schools, contributing to data collection and transcription
- Assisted final-year students with their undergraduate research and proposal reviews

Foso D/A Basic School

Volunteer Teacher

Foso, Eastern Region, GH

June - July 2017

- Taught and assessed pupils of Primary five and six English, Mathematics, and Social Studies
- Held three personal hygiene sessions for female students

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Graduate Assistant

Champaign, IL

August 2023 - Present

- Coordinate workshops and consultations on accessible materials and tools
- Support instructors on how to navigate the Canvas Learning Management System
- Provide technical and academic support to students, staff, and faculty
- Provide virtual and in-person reference services over chat, phone, scheduled appointments, and walk-ins
- Assist in the development of accessible course materials and troubleshoot technical issues
- Manage social media platforms and communication
- Create instructional videos, tutorials, and articles
- Provide bi-weekly reports to supervisors, ensuring that students and faculty receive effective support

Horsham Education Consult

Administrative/Office Assistant

Accra, GH

January - July 2023

- Provided frontline support and managed schedules, client records, and course materials
- Assisted instructors and students with Moodle LMS and how to navigate online library databases

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Consultant

Accra, GH

November 2021 - Present

- Provide guidance and support for clients considering educational opportunities

- Offer research and community project advising through scheduled sessions
- Manage client records, research, and prepare progress reports

Balme Library

Accra, GH

Intern

February – April 2018

- Provided reference services through chat, walk-ins, and phone
- Guided patrons on how to use the University of Ghana online Catalogue (UGCat) to retrieve library materials
- Processed students' requests for electronic resources access and "off-campus" access
- Oriented patrons on the "fair use" principle, borrowing library material, and accessing online library resources
- Performed book shelving, shelve-weeding, book acquisition, and cataloguing

PUBLISHED ARTICLES AND ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Antwi, V.** (2023). It's not just about . . . LIBRARIES. In *The Glamorous: Welcome to the world of Information Sciences*. IOPN. <https://pb-sandbox.library.illinois.edu/is510/chapter/its-not-just-about-libraries/>
- **Antwi, V.**, Asiedu, P. K., & Fosu, E. K. (2024). How social media framed the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccine. *IRE Journals*, 8(5), 330–338. <https://www.irejournals.com/index.php/paper-details/1706530>
- Idoko, J. E., David, O. S., **Antwi, V.**, & Edwards, Q. (2024). Enhancing Information Literacy and User Engagement through Biomimicry in Social Media Design Using Adaptive and Personalized Product Approaches. *IRE Journals*, 8(5), 211–226. <https://www.irejournals.com/paper-details/1706504>
- "Should Libraries have Social Media Presence? An Analysis of the Schools of Thought": Accepted in the *International Journal of Library and Information Science* on February 21, 2025

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Ghana Library Association (GLA), member January 2017 - Present
- International Federation of Library Association (IFLA), member September 2024 to Present
- American Library Association (ALA), member
- Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), member January 2024 – Present
- Illinois Library Association (ILA), member January 2024 - Present
- National Association for Media Literacy Education (NAMLE), member January 2024 – Present

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- ALA Library Learning Experience (LibLearnX) January 2025
- American Library Association Core Forum November 2024
- INFOCon November 2024

TECHNICAL AND SOFTWARE SKILLS

- Learning Management Systems/Instructional Technology: Canvas, Moodle, Sakai,
- Content Management Systems: Springshare, WordPress, Knowledge Base, SharePoint
- Word Processing: Microsoft Suite, Adobe Acrobat, Google Suite,
- Graphic Design: Canva, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop
- Video Production: scripting, directing, editing, transcription, captioning, Kaltura, Adobe Premier, Subtitle Edit,
- Social media management: Meta Suite, YouTube, TikTok
- Programming: Tableau (beginner), Python (intermediate)
- Proficient in the use and navigation of legal and academic databases,
- Excellent student and community engagement skills
- Effective communication, time management, organization, and leadership
- Strong understanding of ACRL frames and standards, media and information literacy, library ethics, and research methodology
- Excellent in engaging customers virtually and in person

ACTIVITIES / LEADERSHIP

- Student Representative, Diversity Committee, UIUC iSchool 2024/2025
- Student Representative, MSLIS/CAS Program Committee, UIUC 2023/2024
- President, Information Studies Students' Association, University of Ghana 2019/2020
- President, Civic Education Club, University of Ghana 2019/2020

VOLUNTEER / COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Klean Ghana Project, Executive Secretary June 2019 – September 2020
- Cell Not Hell Project, Kumasi Central Prison, Ashanti Region, Ghana April, 2019

- Health and Education Outreach, Ofoase Ayeribi, Eastern Region, Ghana December 2019
- Health and Education Outreach, Atebubu, Bono Region, Ghana December 2018
- Rural Education Campaign, Kwahu Afram Plains South, Eastern Region June – August 2017

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Balz, Dan & Nancy Scholarship; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Spring 2025
- Balz, Dan & Nancy Scholarship; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Fall 2024
- Sharp, Katherine Scholarship; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Spring 2024
- Stewart Library Science Fund; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Fall 2023
- Scholar, Kufuor Scholars Program 2020
- Presidential Medal, His Excellency John A. Kufuor November 2020
- Test for Ghana Scholarship 2018 - 2020

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Language: English