

## **RICHMOND AGYARKWA**

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### **MOTIVATION**

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An enthusiastic, self-motivated, and adaptive always delivering the best with the aim of winning on every field possible and dedicated to excelling in the field of academia particularly research in Political Science. Committed to serving humanity to my utmost capacity using knowledge acquired throughout my education coupling with perseverance to contribute to organizational growth and realization of its goals.

### **RESEARCH INTEREST**

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Current graduate student at the Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware. I seek to concentrate on politics in Sub-Saharan Africa with a broad and acute current research interests in two major areas in African politics: inclusive governance and state-building especially elites as bastions of social trust and state legitimacy, the key nexus between informal institutions and elite consensus and how this invariably affects Africa's democratic maturity specifically on the politicized advocacy of informal entity in ensuring democratic accountability in the West Africa sub-region.

### **EDUCATION**

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**PhD in Political Science and International Relations** **August 2023- Present**  
University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware, USA  
**Field:** Comparative Politics and International Relations

**Master of Arts in Political Science (English Track)** **September 2020-July 2022**  
(High Honors)  
Sciences Po (School of Research), Paris- France  
**Master's thesis title:** The good, the bad and the ugly: Rethinking Elite Consensus and prospects of Democratic Consolidation: Lessons from Ghana's Inter-Party-Advisory Committee (IPAC)  
**Thesis Advisor:** Prof. Richard Banegas  
Centre for International Research (CERI)

**Bachelor of Arts in Political Studies** **July 2019**  
(First Class Honors)  
Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi-Ghana  
**Undergraduate thesis title:** The Fourth Estate Realm: The Constitutionality of the impact of Media in the outcome of 2012 and 2016 elections in Ghana.  
**Thesis Advisor:** Assoc Prof. George M. Bob-Milliar  
Department of History and Political Studies, African Studies

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**National Youth Service-Teaching/Research Assistant, September 2019-August 2020**  
**Department of History and Political Studies, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)**

**Courses:** Governance and Leadership, Politics in Ghana, African Political System, Comparative Politics

- Provided academic support and tutorials in both one to one and in class setting to students
- Assist my immediate supervisor in conducting secondary source research and undergo bi- monthly seminar series
- Assisted in the assessment and grading of students' assignments, quizzes, and exams scripts
- Maintain scheduled office hours for students' consultation and performance feedback

## AWARDS AND HONOURS

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**MasterCard Foundation Scholar, Sciences Po- France**  
**MasterCard Foundation Scholar, KNUST- Ghana**

**August 2020-July 2022**  
**August 2015-July 2019**

- Awarded, prestigious scholarship that recognizes students with superb academic merit, leadership potential and commitment to promoting development within their communities

**Dean's Award List, Faculty of Social Sciences, KNUST**

**July 2019**

- Qualified by graduating with honors in the degree of Political Studies

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Internship**

**June 2017- August2017**  
**June 2018- August2018**

**Administrative Assistant (Head of Units)**

**Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations, Accra, Ghana**

- Coordinated scheduling, file organization, and development of office procedures
- Assisted the Chief Executive Officer (Head of Units) in planning and execution of daily operations with other Directorates and agencies in the Ministries
- Corresponded with office services to ensure prompt response of documents to other Ministries and corporate agencies
- Developed memo for the state-society relations meetings in the Ministries in Accra, Ghana.

**Internship**

**June 2016-August 2016**

**Administrative Assistant**

**UniBank (Ghana) Ltd- Madina Branch, Accra**

- Assisted the customer service officer and adviser in the accounts opening

- Printed bank statement to customers upon request
- Reviewed files for mistakes, corrections and sent copies to the Branch Manager
- Assisted the aged in filling forms
- Commended by the branch manager for exceling in a banking accounting test I partook with the entire staff

## OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

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### **Mastercard Foundation Scholars Community** **June 2019-Present**

- Member of the young KNUST & Sciences Po, MCF Scholars' community who are passionate about developmental issues across the African continent and in least developed communities

### **Project Leader**

#### **(Coursework-School of Research, Sciences Po, Paris)** **January 2021-May 2021**

- Collaborate with 2 colleagues in preparation and presentation of research findings on qualitative case study titled: Who to judge? UK Citizens' Evaluations of the Relation between State & Individual Responsibility in the Covid-19 Crisis

### **Humanities Students' Panel Member**

**2017-2018**

#### **Department of History and Political Studies, KNUST**

- Served on committees overseeing an interview section regarding prospective student-leadership positions

### **Volunteer**

**2016-2017**

#### **Political Science Students Association, Peer Mentorship, KNUST**

- Guided minority first-year students in the multidiscipline areas of the Political Studies program, social and other academic issue

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION

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Chairperson-Electoral Management of MCF Alumni, KNUST	<b>October 2022-Present</b>
Transformative leadership to design and scale solutions, Summer Sch. Paris	<b>June 2022</b>
Seminar Leadership in Africa, Sciences Po, Paris	<b>February 2021</b>
Workshop with Slate Team-Team leadership, Sciences Po, Project management	<b>2020-2021</b>
MCF Scholars Alumni Wing, Ghana	<b>2019-Present</b>
Leadership Clinic, Centre for Development, KNUST	<b>March 2018</b>
Ghana MCF Scholars Convening, Ashesi University	<b>May 2017</b>
Transforming Leadership and Governance Seminar, KNUST	<b>2015-2016</b>
Integrity Leadership Training Workshop, Dean of students Office, KNUST	<b>2015-2016</b>

## OTHER SKILLS

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**Computer:** Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint

**Language:** Fluent and proficient in English; basic in French(B1)