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EDUCATION

University of South Florida Tampa, FL
Ph.D. in Sociology
Master of Arts in Sociology May 2020
Thesis: “The home-making practices of African international Students in the U.S.”
Committee: Margarethe Kusenbach (Chair), Beatriz Padilla (Co-chair), Jammie Sommer
University of Ghana Accra, Ghana
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology May 2017
Minor: Linguistics

AREA OF INTEREST

Citizenship, Space and Place, Global Migration, Africa, Environment, Postcolonialism and Decoloniality, Globalization and Development, Qualitative Methods, Quantitative Methods.

FELLOWSHIP

University Graduate Fellowship (\$8,666) Fall 2021 – Spring 2022
University of South Florida

PRESENTATIONS

2022 **Alphonse Opoku.** “Home Away from Home: African Students’ Practices of Integration in the United States.” American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA.
Alphonse Opoku, Hayden J. Fulton, Rabiw Asante. “Constructing Privacy and Community Online: U.S. Young Adults’ Creation of Community on Social Network Sites.” Southern Sociological Society, Birmingham, AL.

2021 **Alphonse Opoku.** “African Students’ Transnational Spaces: Different Understandings of Home and Integration.” International Forum on Global South Studies, Virtual.

Alphonse Opoku. “African International Students’ Transnational Domestic Spaces: Divergent Understandings of Home and Integration.” Transnational Migration Workshop and Exchange, Virtual

SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS

Opoku, A. & Sommer, J. M. “Can Democracy Reduce Forest Loss?: A Cross-National Analysis.”

Jester, J., Fatima, S., Opoku, A., Bangalore, N., Hennawi, F., Nabbie, C., Saravanan, S., Duit, A., Hargrove, A., Sommer, JM. “Narratives of Environmentalism in National Laws.”

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

University of Ghana

2021 – 2022

Topic: Privacy and safety practices of youths on social media:
A comparative study between the U.S. and Ghana.

Research Assistant

Refast Consult Limited, Tema

2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Instructor

University of South Florida

Social Science Statistics

Fall 2022

Introduction to sociology

Summer 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021

Graduate Teaching Assistant

University of South Florida

Social science statistics

Spring 2021

Introduction to sociology

Fall 2020(online), Spring 2019

Social Psychology

Fall 2019

Guest Lecture

University of South Florida

Contemporary Social Theory Fall 2020
Title: “Paradigm Shifts. Their Global Reach and Response”

University of South Florida
Introduction to Sociology (Online) Fall 2020
Topic: Race and Ethnicity

Teaching Assistant
University of Ghana 2017-2018

ORGANIZATIONAL INVOLVEMENT AND SERVICE

Sociology Graduate Student Association
University of South Florida
Treasurer 2021-2022
Secretary 2020-2021

Panel Discussion

Preparing a Statement of Teaching Philosophy September 8, 2021

Planning your Own Future: Conversations with USF
Graduate Student Panel – The Graduate School Experience September 24, 2021

Conversations with USF Graduate Student Panel – The
Graduate School Experience. September 25, 2020

Perusing Graduate School: USF Undergraduate Panel
Discussion September 16, 2020

SKILLS

Statistical Analysis STATA R ArcGIS Pro Qualtrics NVivo Excel

AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association

Southern Sociological Society

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REFERENCES

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