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Education

- Ph.D. Rhetoric and Composition**, The University of Texas at El Paso April 2022
Concentration: Rhetoric and writing
Dissertation: *Digital Literacy Readiness of First-Year Composition Students*
Committee: Dr. Lucia Dura (Chair), Dr. Beth Brunk-Chavez, and Dr. William Robertson
- M.Phil. English**, University of Cape Coast (UCC), Cape Coast, Ghana, November 2013
Concentration: Discourse analysis, English language, African literature
Thesis: *Genre Analysis of Ghana's Presidential Inaugural Addresses*
- B.Ed. Arts**, University of Cape Coast (UCC), May 2008
Concentration: Secondary Education, English language and literature, History, philosophy

Academic Appointments

- Instructor**, Department of English, Texas Christian University 2022
Main responsibility: Teaching various undergraduate composition and writing
- Assistant Instructor**, Department of English, The University of Texas at El Paso 2016-2022
Main responsibility: Teaching Rhetoric and Writing Studies (RWS) 1301/02 and tutoring in the Writing Center.
- Principal Research Assistant**, Dept. of Communication Studies, University of Cape Coast, Ghana 2009-2016
Main responsibility: Mainly taught First-Year Composition/Academic Writing, editing and proofreading at writing center.
- Senior Tutor**, College of Distance Education (CoDe), University of Cape Coast and Takoradi 2014-2016
Main responsibility: Teaching diploma and post-diploma students various English Language/Literature-related courses including English Syntax, Methods of Teaching Basic School English, African Literature and Communicative Skills.
- Demonstrator (Adjunct instructor)**, Department of English, UCC; 2011-2016
Main responsibility: Assist in teaching English courses like Theories of Grammar, Structure and Style, English Proficiency for Francophone students, and Aspects of English Grammar.
- Part-time Tutor**, Distance Education Program, University of Education, Winneba, Ghana. 2011-2013
Main responsibility: Teaching English language, supervising students' research and grading final exams papers.

Publication Activity

Boakye, S.J. (Manuscript in Preparation to be Submitted to *Composition Studies*). Transnational Students and Racism: Using Critical Race Theory to Harness Student Rhetorical Agency in the Rhetoric and Composition Class

Torto, R.T., **Boakye, S.J.**, Otchere, G., Yeboah, N.A., Owusu-Peprah, J. (2016). An Exploration of the Correlation between First Year Students' Performance in Communicative Skills and their Performance in English in the WASSCE. *Asian Journal of Humanities and Social Studies* (4) 1.

Boakye, S.J. (2014). "Our democracy has been tested to the utmost limit": An exploration of the use of assertives in Ghanaian presidential inaugural addresses". *Language, Discourse and Society* 3 (1), 68-87.

Coker, W. & **Boakye, S.J.** (2013). "My Brothers and Sisters": On the Rhetoric of the Late Ghanaian President Atta Mills in the Context of the 2009 Inaugural Address. *Media Dialogues* 6 (15), 83-99.

Boakye, S.J. (2013). Suspense Strategies in Buchi Emecheta's *Head Above Water*". *Language in India* 13 (4), 247-259.

Presentations and Workshops

Boakye, S.J. "Skills Students Want Prioritized When Integrating Digital Literacy Pedagogy in First-Year Composition" Computers and Writing Conference, East Carolina University.

May 2022

Boakye, S.J. "Transnational Students and Racism: Can Critical Race Theory Harness Students' Rhetorical Agency in the Rhetoric and Composition Class?" Southern Humanities Conference, Memphis, TN.

January 2022

Boakye, S.J. "Digital Literacy in the Composition Classroom: A Case Study University of Texas at El Paso RWS Professional Development Workshop.

October, 2020

Boakye, S.J. Digital Literacy in First-Year Composition: Could There Be Standards for Freshman Transnational Students? Computer and Writing, Lansing, Michigan.

June 2019

Boakye, S.J. Technology in the Teaching and Learning of First-Year Composition in Ghana. Computer and Writing, Fairfax, Virginia

May 2018

Boakye, S.J. Composition and information literacy: How colleges in developing countries can enhance information literacy education. Savannah, Georgia.

September, 2018

Boakye, S.J. "Presidential rhetoric on health: An examination of Ghana's State of the Nation Address" University of Cape Coast Faculty of Arts Colloquium. Cape Coast, Ghana.

March 2014

Awards and Grants

Juergen-Strauss Funds, \$2,100

2021

Dodson Travel Grant, \$500

2018

Baker-Hernandez Travel Fund, \$1,200

2018

The Diana Natalicio Fellowship, University of Texas at El Paso, \$5,000

2016

University Teaching

RWS 3355 Workplace Writing, University of Texas at El Paso.

RWS 1302 Rhetoric & Composition II, University of Texas at El Paso.

RWS 1301 Rhetoric & Composition I, University of Texas at El Paso.

CMS 101 Communicative Skills 1, University of Cape Coast

CMS 102 Communicative Skills 2, University of Cape Coast

Administrative Appointment

Assistant Director, Rhetoric and Writing Studies

2019 -2020

Assisted PhD applicants; helped to organize orientation for new students; maintained RWS social media presence; organized lecture series, etc.

Service

El Paso Institute of Chess (EPIC); Responsible for drafting presentations for outreach programs, creating brochures, creating content for website and social media pages, researching on chess, etc.