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**CURRENT POSITION:**  
**Assistant Professor – T-focussed**, Department of Economics, University of Warwick **DATE**  
Aug 2023-

**PAST APPOINTMENTS:**  
**Visiting Lecturer**, School of Economics, University of East Anglia Jan - July 2023  
**Teaching Fellow**, Department of Economics, University of Warwick 2020-2023

<b>EDUCATION:</b>	<b>DEGREE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
University of East Anglia	PhD in Economics	2020
Kwame Nkrumah Uni. of Sci. and Tech.	MPhil in Economics	2015
University of Cape Coast	B.A. in Economics	2011

**Ph.D. dissertation title:** “Essays on the Political Economy of Public Finance”

**Advisers:** Dr. Christa N. Brunnschweiler and Dr. Edward Anderson

**Committee:** Prof. Oliver Morrissey and Prof. Peter Moffatt

**FIELDS:** Political Economy, Public Finance, Intergovernmental fiscal relations, Globalisation

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

- Obeng, K.S. (2022). On the determinants and interrelationship of components of government spending. *Review of Development Economics*, 26(4), 2414-2435
- Obeng, K.S. (2021). Fiscal decentralisation and government size: Disentangling the complexities. *Journal of International Development*, 33(6), 975-1004
- Anderson, E. and Obeng, K.S. (2020) Globalisation and government spending: Evidence for the ‘hyper-globalisation’ of the 1990s and 2000s, *The World Economy*, 44(5), 1144-1176
- Obeng, K.S. and Sakyi, D. (2017). Explaining the Growth of Government Spending in Ghana, *The Journal of Developing Areas*, 51(1): 104-128
- Sakyi, D., Osei-Mensah, I., and Obeng, K.S. (2017). Inflation targeting framework and interest rates transmission in Ghana: An empirical investigation. *Journal of African Business*, 18(4): 417-434

### **WORKING PAPERS:**

- Brunnschweiler, N.C., and Obeng, K.S. (2022). Rewarding Allegiance: Political Alignment and Fiscal Outcomes in Local Government. *UEA School of Economics Working Paper 2020-05*, also available as *Warwick Economics Research Paper n.1316*. (under review). In the media: [VoxDev Post](#)
- Obeng, K.S., and Sakyi, D. (2022). How does economic globalisation affect economic growth? (under review)

### **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:**

- Crisis, public debt, and institutional quality from historical data (joint with Abrams Tagem, Ablams Estel and Kunal Sen)
- Vertical fiscal imbalance and local fiscal indiscipline (joint with Layal Aazam)
- Political alignment and public service provision (joint with Christa Brunnschweiler)
- Globalisation and Inequality (joint with John Francois)
- Spillover effects of local governance (joint with Rose Camille Vincent)

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

#### **RESEARCH:**

Research Assistant to Dr. Daniel Sakyi, KNUST (Sep 2015 - Dec 2016)

## **TEACHING:**

### **Teaching Fellow, University of Warwick**

#### Current

- EC331: Research in Applied Economics – UG
- EC235: Topics in Applied Economics (2a) – UG
- EC107: Economics 1 – UG
- EC320: Economics of Public Policy – UG
- EC346: Research Methods in Economics - UG
- EC959: MSc Economics Dissertation (Dissertation Supervisor) – PGT

#### Previous

- EC108: Macroeconomics 1 – UG
- EC122: Statistical Techniques A – UG
- EC961: Introductory Mathematics and Statistics – PGT
- MSc Finance and Economics Dissertation (Dissertation Supervisor) – PGT

### **Visiting Lecturer, School of Economics, University of East Anglia**

- ECO-6008B Political Economy (Spring 2023) – UG

### **Teaching Associate, School of Economics and Finance, Queen Mary University of London**

- Macroeconomics II (Semester A 2019) – UG
- Macroeconomics I (Semester B 2020) – UG
- Economics of Technology and Innovation (Semester B 2020) – UG

### **Associate Tutor, School of Economics, University of East Anglia**

- Introductory Macroeconomics (Autumn 2020) – UG
- Introductory Macroeconomics (Spring 2019) – UG
- Intermediate Macroeconomics (Spring 2018 and 2019) – UG
- Economic Concepts (Autumn 2018) – PGT

### **Associate Tutor, School of International Development, University of East Anglia**

- Evidence in International Development and Geography – (Autumn 2017 and 2018) – (UG)
- Methods in Human Geography (Autumn 2017 and 2018) – UG

### **Summer School Lecturer, School of Business, Garden City University College**

- Business Finance (Summer 2015) – UG
- Intermediate Economics I (Summer 2015) – UG

### **Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology**

- Elements of Economics II (UG) - 2014/5015 Academic year

### **Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Cape Coast**

- Principles of Economics I and II (2011/2012 Academic year) – UG
- Elements of Economics I and II (2011/2012 Academic year) – UG
- Mathematical Economics (2011/2012 Academic year) – UG

## **GRANTS:**

Co-Investigator (with Joy Malala), Warwick Research Development Fund (RDF) Strategic Award, “Between Life and Debt: Minding the Dignity and Equity gap in the UK Consumer Credit Market”, £13,865

## **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy	2022-
PhD Studentship in Social Sciences-Economics (UEA)	2017-2019
SeNSS Econometrics Masterclass	2018

## **COMMITTEE AND LEADERSHIP:**

Organising Committee, T-focused Research Day, Warwick Economics	2023-
Warwick Economics Africa Coordinator	2023-
Member, Warwick Africa Hub Steering Committee, University of Warwick	2022-
UG and PGT Conference Support Grant, Warwick Economics	2021-
Member, MSc Admissions Team, Warwick Economics	2021-
Exam Paper Assessor, Warwick Economics	2021-
Exam Feedback Reviewer, Warwick Economics	2021-

## **CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE/PRESENTATIONS:**

2023 NICEP Conference 2023, University of Nottingham

2022	STEG-IGC-CEPR Conference on Structural Transformation, Growth, and Economic Development, London School of Economics 2022 NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development, NOVA SBE, 2022 (scheduled)
2021	BREAD Conference on the Economics of Africa, International Growth Centre (IGC) Royal Economic Society (RES) Conference, Queens University Belfast RES Symposium of Junior Researchers, Queens University Belfast
2020 (scheduled)	2020 Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society CSAE Conference 2020, University of Oxford Royal Economic Society (RES) Conference, Queens University Belfast RES Symposium of Junior Researchers, Queens University Belfast
2018	XXI Applied Economics Meeting University of Alcala, Spain Royal Economic Society (RES) Conference University of Sussex African Review of Economics and Finance (AREF), University of Witwatersrand

#### **OTHER INVITED TALKS & POLICY IMPACT**

June 2023	Launch of the UNCTAD-Warwick-REPOA Initiative for the Establishment of an Africa Inequality Learning Group <i>Panel discussant</i> <a href="#">Link</a>
July 2022	INVISIBLE Research and Diversity conference: “Rewarding Allegiance: Political Alignment and Fiscal Outcomes in Local Government”
June 2021	Workshop on Exploring a PhD in Economics, The Black Economists Networks and Royal Economic Society <i>Panel discussant</i>
2018	Public and Environmental Economics Research Centre (PEERC), University of Johannesburg, South Africa

#### **AFFILIATIONS:**

Member, Political Economy and Public Economics Research Group, Department of Economics, University of Warwick  
Member, Macroeconomics and International Economics Research Group, Department of Economics, University of Warwick  
Member, Development and History Research Group, Department of Economics, University of Warwick  
Member, Royal Economic Society  
Member, European Economic Association

#### **RESEARCH SUPERVISION:**

Warwick Economics - MSc Economics dissertation (4 students - 2021/2022; 4 students - 2022/2023)  
Coventry Business School, Coventry University - MBA consultancy projects (12 students - 2021/2022)  
Warwick Economics - Undergraduate dissertations (11 students - 2022-2023; 10 students - 2021/2022; 6 students – 2020/2021)  
Warwick Business School (WBS) – MSc dissertations (4 students 2020-2021)  
Institute of Distance Learning (IDL), KNUST - Supervision of (7) and 1st Internal Examiner of (3) MSc/MPhil Industrial Finance and Investment students (2015/2016)

#### **REFEREEING ACTIVITY:**

**Associate Editor** – Cogent Economics and Finance

**Refereeing:** World Development; Applied Economics; Journal of International Development; South African Journal of Economics; Journal of Developing Areas; African Development Review; Research in Globalization; Journal of Financial Economic Policy; Foreign Trade Review; Global Business Review

#### **OTHER INFORMATION:**

Languages: Akan (Native Speaker); English (Native Speaker); French (Basic)  
Citizenship: Ghana