Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2022 -2022 Postdoctoral Fellow, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- 2020 -2022 Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Toronto Scarborough, Toronto, Ontario
- 2019 Ph.D. Social Justice Education and Environmental Studies University of Toronto, Canada.
- 2014 MA, Social Science Education, and Environment and Health University of Toronto, Canada.
- 2012 MPhil, Agricultural Administration University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana.
- 2003 BSc (Hons), Agricultural Economics University of Cape Coast, Ghana.

AREAS OF RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Social determinants of health and nutritional health
- Environment and social justice
- Anti-Black Racism
- Health Equity and Education
- Community-based research
- Food systems research

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2024 2025 Associate Director (Graduate Officer), MSW Program, Algoma University, ON
- 2022 Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, Algoma University, Sault Ste. Marie
- 2022-2022 Postdoctoral Fellow, Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University, Halifax
- 2022 2022 Lecturer, Dept. of Health and Society & International Development, University of Toronto Scarborough
- 2022-2022 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Health and Society, University of Toronto.
- 2013 -2019 Graduate Research Assistant, OISE-SJE, University of Toronto, Canada.
- 2009 -2013 Vice Principal, Salmaniya Junior High School, Accra, Ghana.
- 2009 2013 Assistant Examiner, West African Examination Council, Accra, Ghana.
- 2005 2009 Teacher, Salmaniya Junior High School, Accra, Ghana.

MEMBERSHIP IN UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

2025 -	Member, Editorial board of Axia Journal of Family and Community Medicine
2025 -	Member, Ethics Review Committee, Algoma University, ON, Canada
2025 -	Appeals and Academic Standards Committee, Algoma University, ON, Canada
2024 - Present	Member, Faculty Hiring Committee. School of Social Work, Algoma University. Brampton Campus
2022 - present 2023 -present	PTAC community, School of Social, Algoma University, On, Canada. Member, Equity Committee, School of Social Work. Algoma University, ON, Canada
2023 - present	Member, Curriculum Committee, School of Social Work, Algoma University, ON, Canada.
2024 - 2025	Member, Graduate Council, Algoma University, ON, Canada
2023 -2025	Member, Research Advisory Committee (RAC), Algoma University, ON. Canada
2022 -2025	Co-Lead, MSW Program Development Committee, School of Social Work, Algoma University, ON, Canada.
2023 -2024	Chair, Anti-Black Racism Working Group, Algoma University, ON. Canada.
2023 -2024 2023	Member, Multifaith Dialogue Committee, Algoma University, ON, Canada Member, Search Committee for Administrative Assistant, Sault Ste. Marie, School of
	Social Work, Algoma University, ON, Canada. Oct/10/2022
2023	Member, Search Committee, Offsite Administrative Assistant, School of Social Work,
	Algoma University, ON, Canada.
2023	Member, Search Committee, Administrative Assistant, Timmins, School of Social Work.
	Algoma University, ON, Canada.
2023	Member, Search Committee, Sectional Faculties in Thunder Bay, Oshki Institute and
	Algoma University. ON, Canada.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

- Sneh Mari, Student supervised for reading course, July to August 2025
- Elizabeth Mary Byron, Student Supersized for reading course May to June 2025
- Christian, Sheryl, Student Supersized for reading course May to June 2025
- Hamda Jama, Student Supersized for reading course May to June 2025
- Sneh Maria, Student Supersized for reading course May to June 2025
- Sanders, Ashley, Student Supersized for reading course May to June 2025
- Katelin Silva, Student Supersized for reading course, May to June 2025
- Sadia Syed, Student Supersized for reading course May to June 2025

- Maville, Dysen, Student Supersized for reading course. From June to July 2024
- Hawke, Kylan. Student supervised for the field Practicum. From January to April 2024.
- Melanie Hannah: Student supervised for readings course and research. From January to April 2024.
- Hettmann, Sonja: Student supervised for field practicum. From April to September 2023.

Teaching Experience

Year	Term	Position	Degree	Enrolment
		Assistant Professor		
2025	Fall	SWRK3006F01-Antiracism In Social Work	BSW/BA	25
		SWRK 3456F02: Social Work Research and	BSW/HBW/BA	80
		Program Evaluation		
		SWRK 2127F02: Introduction to Social	BSW/HBW/BA	79
		Work		
		SWRK3006F03-Antiracism In Social Work	BSW/HBW/BA	
2025	Winter	SWRK 3596N: Social Work Philosophy and	BSW	30
		Ethics		
		SWRK 2127N: Introduction to Social	BSW/BA	79
		Work		
		SWRK 3006: Anti-Racism in Social Work	BSW/BA	81
2024	Fall	SWRK 3456N: Social Work Research and	BSW	16
		Program Evaluation		
		SWRK 3006: Anti-Racism in Social Work	BSW/BA/BCOSCO	74
		SWRK 3207N: Critical Social Policy in the	BSW/BA	22
		North		
		SWRK 3596N: Social Work Philosophy and	BSW	28
		Ethics		
2024	Spring	SWRK1007N - Introduction to Social Work:	BSW/HBW/	70
		Anishinaabe, Structural and Feminist	BA//BSc	
2024	****	Perspectives (24SS)	D 0444 (44D444	
2024	Winter	SWRK 2127AE: Introduction to Social Work	BSW/HBW	14
		Research	DCW/HDW	20
		SWRK 3596N: Social Work Philosophy and Ethics	BSW/HBW	20
		SWRK 3207N: Critical Social Policy in the	BSW/HBW	14
		North	DS W/IID W	14
2023	Fall	SWRK 4006NE: Critical Mental Health and	BSW/HBW	10
2023	1 un	Madness	DS WILD W	10
		SWRK 3456N: Social Work Research and	BSW/HBW	19
		Program Evaluation	BS ((/IIB ()	17
2024	Winter	SWRK 2127AE: Introduction to Social Work	BSW/HBW	9
2023		Research		
		SWRK 3596N: Social Work Philosophy and	BSW/HBW	12
		Ethics		
		SWRK 2127AE: Introduction to Social Work	BSW/HBW	15

		Research		
2022	Fall	SWRK 4206N – Northern and Rural Social	BSW/HBW	12
2022	Fall	Work Practice	BS ((/IIB ()	12
		SWRK 3456N: Social Work Research and	BSW/HBW	10
		Program Evaluation	Do Wille W	
		Course Instructor		
2022	Summer	HLTC28 Special Topics in Health Studies:	BSc/BA	20
		Food Sovereignty and Health Equity,		
		University of Toronto.		
2021	Fall	New Paradigms of Development: The Role of	BSC/BA	30
		Emerging Powers, University of Toronto		
2021		Teaching Assistant		
2021	Winter	HLTB31H3: Special Topics in Health:	BSc/BA	60
		Finding Synergy among Science, Policy, and		
2020	- 11	Action	D.G	
2020	Fall	HLTB41: Introduction to Social	BSc/BA	56
		Determinants of Health, University of		
2010		Toronto	70.7	
2019	Fall	IDSA01H3: Introduction to International	BSc/BA	60
2010		Development Studies, University of Toronto,	70.7	=-
2019	Fall	HLTC46H3: Globalisation, Gender &	BSc/BA	70
• • • •		Health, University of Toronto		
2019	Fall	HLTB41: Introduction to Social	BSc/BA	60
		Determinants of Health, University of		
2010	F 11	Toronto	DG /DA	70
2019	Fall	HLTA02: Foundations in Health Studies,	BSc/BA	58
2010	0	Part I, University of Toronto	DCC/D A	70
2019	Summer	HLTA03: Foundations in Health Studies,	BSC/BA	70
2010	G :	Part II, University of Toronto	DCC/D A	
2019	Spring	HLTA02: Foundations in Health Studies,	BSC/BA	60
2010	****	Part I, University of Toronto	DCC/D A	50
2019	Winter	HLTA03: Foundations in Health Studies,	BSC/BA	58
2010	F 11	Part II, University of Toronto	DCC/D A	<u> </u>
2018	Fall	HLTA02: Foundations in Health Studies,	BSC/BA	60
2010	F-11	Part I, University of Toronto	MAMED	25
2018	Fall	SES 3914H: Anti-Colonial Thought and	MA/MED	25
2010	F-11	Pedagogical Challenges	/Ph. D	20
2018	Fall	SJE3916: Women in Leadership Positions: Intersectionalities and Leadership Practices,	MA/MED /Ph. D	30
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2017	Winter	Sociological Implications in Education	MA/MED	25
2017	vv iiitei	Modernization, Development, and Education in African Contexts, University of Toronto	/Ph. D	23
2016	Fall	1925H: Indigenous Knowledge and	MA/MED	28
2010	1 an	Decolonization: Pedagogical Implications,	/Ph. D	20
		University of Toronto	/1 II. D	
2016	Fall	SES 3914H: Anti-Colonial Thought and	MA/MED	30
2010	1 an	Pedagogical Challenges, University of	/Ph. D	50
		Toronto	/1 II. D	
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2016	Winter	SJE3916: Women in Leadership Positions:	MA/MED	28
		Intersectionality and Leadership Practices,	/Ph. D	
		Sociological Implications in Education,		
		University of Toronto		

Administration and Management Experience

2014 -2015	Departmental Advancement Outreach Coordinator, OISE-SJE, University of Toronto.
2006 - 2013	Business Consultant, Pamicad Company Limited, Accra, Ghana.
2004 - 2005	Operations Manager, Pamicad Company Limited, Accra, Ghana.

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Major Empirical Research

2019	Assessing indigenous food systems and cultural knowledges among smallholder farmers in Ghana towards environmental sustainability education and development. Ph.D. Thesis to be submitted to the Department of Social Justice Education and the School of the Environment of the University of Toronto, Canada.
2014	African indigenous food crops: Their roles in combating chronic diseases in Ghana. Master's thesis submitted to the Department of Social Justice Education and the School of the Environment of the University of Toronto, Canada.
2012	Analysis of food security status across farming households in the Central Region of Ghana. MPhil thesis submitted to the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, University of Ghana.
2003	Socio-economic aspects of small ruminants' production and marketing in Ayawaso Sub-Metro Area. BSc. Dissertation submitted to the School of Agriculture, University of Cape Coast, Ghana.

PUBLICATIONS

Summary of Publication

Edited book	3
Refereed Book Chapters	8
Articles in Peer-reviewed Journal	14
Articles in conference Proceedings	2
Working paper	1
Mentioned in Media	15
Guest lecture Presentations	28
Papers presented at conferences	35

Google Scholar Citations Stats (https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=0LRBWRQAAAAJ&hl=en)

	All	Since 2020
Citations	416	290

	All	Since 2020
<u>h-index</u>	10	9
i10-index	10	9

Edited books

- **Demi**, S.M. & Wane, N (2026). Food, Culture, Identity and Environment: A Global Perspective. Springer Nature. In Press
- Dei, G. J. S. & Demi, S. M. (eds) (2021). Theorizing the 'anti-colonial. New York, NY: Dio Press Inc.
- Dei, J. G. S., Darko, I. N., MacDonell, J., **Demi**, S. M. & Akanmori, H. (eds) (2018). African proverbs as epistemologies of decolonization. New York, NY: Peter Lang.

Book Chapters Peer-Reviewed

- **Demi, S. M, &** Hettmann, S. (2025). Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Well-being and Mental Health of the Black Population in Scarborough. In Zangeneh, M, & Nyaga, D. (eds)Critical Ethics on Mental Health and Madness. Springer.
- **Demi**, S. M. (2024). Black People in Scarborough's Experiences with Mental Health During the COVID-19 Pandemic. In Nyaga, D. & Torres, R.A (eds). *Reimagining Mental Health and Addiction Under the COVID-19 Pandemic*. Springer Nature
- **Demi,** S. M. (2021). Local Ghanaians' Resistance Against GM Crops. G. J. S. Dei, & Demi, S. M. (eds), *Theorizing the 'anti-colonial* (pp.126-139). New York, NY: Dio Press Inc.
- Dei, G. J. S. & **Demi**, S. M. (eds) (2021). Reframing the "Anti-Colonial" for New Futures: An Introduction. In G. J. S. Dei, & Demi, S. M. (eds), *Theorizing the 'anti-colonial* (pp.1-13). New York, NY: Dio Press Inc.
- **Demi,** S. M. (2019). Reclaiming cultural identity through decolonization of food habits. In Wane, N, Todorova, M. & Todd, K. L. (Eds), *Decolonizing the spirit in education and beyond: Resistance Solidarity Indigenous pedagogies and cultural resistance in education (Pp.117-136). Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan.*
- **Demi**, S. M. (2017). Using African Indigenous Food Crops as local remedy against chronic diseases: Implications for healthcare systems in Ghana. In Kapalanga, J. & Fymat, A. L. (eds), *Science research and education in Africa: Proceedings of a conference on science advancement* (pp 198-226). Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
- **Demi**, S. M. (2016). Black Africans and Aboriginals coalition for decolonization struggles: The missing links. In Dei, G. J. S. & Lordan, M. (Eds). *Anti-colonial theory and decolonial praxis* (Pp.143-162). New York, NY: Peter Lang.
- Kuwornu, J. K. M., **Demi,** S. M & Amagashie, D. P. K (2014). Food security status and coping strategies of farming households: Evidence from the Central Region of Ghana. In Seini, A. W., Egyir, I. S. & Kuwornu, J. K. M. (Eds), *Developments in agricultural economics and contemporary issues in Ghana*

(p.101-115). University of Ghana Readers, Agricultural Science Series, Volume 2. Tema, Ghana: Digi Books.

Journal Articles Peer-Reviewed

- Demi, S. M.; Ahmed, T.A. (2025). Effects of Climate Change on Indigenous Food Systems and Smallholder Farmers in the Tolon District of the Northern Region of Ghana. *Green Health*, 1, 0. https://doi.org/10.3390/greenhealth1030000
- Mark, A. & **Demi,** S. M. (2025). Factors Affecting Farmers with Disabilities towards Access to Extension and Advisory Services in Ghana. Asian Journal of Agricultural Extension, Economics & Sociology Vol. 46 (6), 1-6. DOI: https://doi.org/10.9734/ajaees/2025/v43i62757
- Demi, S. M. (2025). "Tete Wo Bi Ka, Tete Wo Bi Kyere" The Past Has Something to Say, The Past Has Something to Show: Ghanaian Indigenous Farmers' Practices as a Research Methodology. Journal of Critical Research Methodologies, 1(2), 48-63.
- Cabral, L., Ranta, R., **Demi, S.**, Dominque. I., May, J., Neel C., Nkomo, G., Vieira, Walser, M. (2025). Grass-roots Innovation for Justice in Urban Food Provisioning. IDS Working Paper 619. Brighton: Institute of Development Studies. https://doi.org/10.19088/IDS.2025.015
- **Demi**'S. M., Sicchia'S. R., Dei, G. J.S., Gebremikael, L., Shasw, T. & Gebreyesus, A. (2024). "The Higher You Go the Whiter It Gets": Experiences of Black Healthcare Providers and Users in the Canadian Healthcare System. *Journal of Concurrent Disorder*. 1-25. DOI: doi.org/10.54127/YMIP1887.
- Ezazeki, O., Amposah-Dacosta, E., **Demi**, S. M., et al. (2024). A protocol for modelling the factors influencing the deployment of the COVID-19 vaccine across African countries. PLoS ONE 19(11): e0311800. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0311800
- **Demi,** S. M., Sicchia, S. R., Dei, G, J.S., Gebremikael, L, Shawn, T. (2024). Resiliency Against Food Insecurity Among the Black Population in Scarborough during the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Agriculture & Food Security* (2024) 13(26), 1-20. https://doi.org/10.1186/s40066-024-00474-4
- Gebremikael, L., Sicchia, S., **Demi,** S. M., & Rhoden, J. (2022). Afrocentric approaches to disrupting anti-Black racism in health care and promoting Black health in Canada. *Canadian Medical Journal, Vol.* 194 (46), E1448-E1450. https://doi.org/10.1503/cmaj.220456
- Asirvatham, R. **Demi**, S. M., Ezezika., O. (2022). Are Sub-Saharan African National Food and Agriculture Policies Nutrition-Sensitive? A case study of Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Nigeria, and South Africa. *Agriculture & Food Security* (2022) 11(60), 1-20. https://doi.org/10.1186/s40066-022-00398-x
- **Demi**, M, S. & Sicchia, S. R. (2021). Agrochemicals use practices and health challenges of Smallholder farmers in Ghana. *Environmental Health Insights*. 15: 1-11. DOI: 10.1177/11786302211043033
- **Demi**, M, S. (2016). Traditional ecological knowledge: Implications for natural resource management. *Journal of Management and Applied Sciences, Vol.* 2(3), 103-109.
- Demi, S. M & Kuwornu. J.K.M. (2013). Assessing the degree of food insecurity among farming

- households: Evidence from the Central Region of Ghana. *Research on Humanities and Social Sciences*. Vol. 3(3), 51-61.
- Kuwornu, J.K.M., **Demi.** S. M & Amagashie, D.P.K. (2013). Comparative analysis of the food security status of farming households in the coastal and the forest communities of the Central Region of Ghana. *Asian Journal of Empirical Research* 3(1), 39-61.
- Kuwornu, J.K.M., **Demi**, S. M, & Amagashie, D.P.K. (2013). Analysis of food security status of farming households in the forest belt of the Central Region of Ghana. *Russian Journal of Agricultural and Socio-Economic Sciences*, *1*(13), 26-42.

Non-Referee Publications

Demi, S. M. (2016). Indigenous food cultures: Pedagogical implications for environmental education. Under review. An international colloquium on Global governance/politics, climate justice & agrarian/social justice: Linkages and challenges. Colloquium Paper No. 2. https://www.iss.nl/sites/corporate/files/2-ICAS_CP_Demi.pdf

WORK IN PROGRESS

Journal Article under

- Ezezika, O. Kotsaftis, T.S., Hines, C., Quibrantar, S, Demi, S. M.⁴ Ameyaw et al. (2025). Beyond Hesitancy, Uncovering the System-Level Drivers of COVID-19 Vaccination in Africa: A Systematic Review. Under review, *British Medical Journal*
- Demi, S. M (2025). Pairwise and three-country comparisons of high and low COVID-19 vaccination rates in 12 African countries-A protocol [with Ezezika, O., Sonko, B., Amponsah-Dacosta, E., Ameyaw, E. K., Omwenga, E. O., Kandala, N. -K, Djuidje, N. M., Raimi, M. O., Surakat, O., Ariyo, O., Malande, O.O., Mong'are, S., Demi, S. M., Ndodo, E, Quibrantar, S., Fatima, K., Abdullahi, M., Edor, J., Elemuwa, C. O., Ibrahim, K. –L., Kalisa, R. Nebe, O. J., Ogunwale, A. O., Afaayo, R., & Zelalem, M. Luginaah, I]. *PLOS*

Book Chapter Under Review

- Demi, S. M & Henttman, S. (2026). Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Wellbeing and Mental Health of the Black Population in Scarborough. Under review, Journal of Critical Social Work.
- Demi, S. M. (2026). Indigenous food cultures: Pedagogical implications for environmental education. Under review. In **Demi**, S.M. & Wane, N. *Food, Culture, Identity and Environment: A Global Perspective*. Springer Nature. In Press
- Darko, I. N. & Demi, S. M. (2026). African Indigenous Health Practices: Healing beyond the body. In Demi, S.M. & Wane, N. Food, Culture, Identity and Environment: A Global Perspective. Springer Nature. In Press

Darko, N. I, **Demi**, S. M, & Boateng, M. O. (2026). Commercialization of the Sacred: An Emerging Trend in Religious Practices in Ghana. In **Demi**, S.M. & Wane, N. *Food, Culture, Identity and Environment: A Global Perspective*. Springer Nature. In Press

SCHOLARSHIPS, HONOURS AND AWARDS

Total Award and Scholarship: \$410 196.00

Years	Total Award	Award Source
2022	(\$70,000)	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Dalla Lana School of Public Health,
		University of Toronto (\$70,000) (declined)
2022-2023	\$62,000	Black Health Collaborative Postdoctoral Fellowship, Dalhousie
2020-2022	\$135, 964	University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada UTSC Inclusive Excellence Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of
2020-2022	\$133, 904	Toronto Scarborough, Toronto, ON.
2019	_	African Scholars Emerging Academic Award, African Alumni
		Association of the University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.
2019	\$500	The Lisa Robinson Award for Excellence in Research,
		Black Graduation, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.
2019	-	2019 Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award, School of Graduate
		Studies
		Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.
2018	\$1,500	Senior Doctoral Fellow, Department of African Studies, New College of
		the University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.
2018	\$6,000	Doctoral Completion of Award, Department of Social Justice Education,
		University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.
2018	\$2,779	Travel Research Grant, School of Graduate Studies, University of
		Toronto, Toronto, ON.
2014-2018	\$156,297	Doctoral Funded Student Scholarship, School of Graduate Studies,
		University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.
2017	\$3,100	Travel Research Grant, School of Graduate Studies, University of
		Toronto, Toronto, ON.
2013-2014	\$38,356	Master's Funded Student Scholarship, School of Graduate Scholarship,
	4.700	University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.
2015-2016	\$500	George Burwash Langford Award for the 2015-2016 academic year.
		Award in recognition of Excellence in Environmental Research and
		Leadership, School of the Environment of the University of Toronto,
2014 2015	¢1 100	Toronto, ON.
2014-2015	\$1,100	The Green Saver Alastair Fairweather Memorial Award in the Environment for 2014/2015 Academic year, School of the Environment,
		University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.
2015	\$1,100	Conference Grant, School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto

FUNDED PROJECTED

2025 – 2027 Co-applicant [CIHR Grant] Strengthening Pandemic Vaccine Preparedness in

Africa (SPAVPA) 2.0: Lessons from African Countries with high and low COVID-19 vaccination rates [with Ameyaw, EK; AmponsahDacosta, E; Ariyo, O; D; Djuidje Ngounoue, M; Kandala, N; Luginaah, IN; Malande, OO; Mong'are, S; Ndodo, ND; Omwenga, EO; Raimi, MO; Sonko, B; Surakat, OA] [\$313,651]

- 2025 2027 Co-Applicant [CIHR Grant] Strengthening Pandemic Vaccine Preparedness in Africa (SPAVPA): Lessons from African countries with high and low COVID-19 vaccination rates. [with Ezezika, O., Amponsah-Dacosta, E; Ariyo, O; Luginaah, IN; Malande, OO., Ameyaw, EK; Demi, SM; Djuidje Ngounoue, M; Kandala, N; Mong'are, S; Ndodo, ND; Omwenga, EO; Raimi, MO; Sonko, B; Surakat, OA] [\$100,000.00]
- 2025-2026 Algoma University Promising Researcher Grant (AUPRG) [\$10,000]
- 2024 2026 Exploring the Classroom Experiences of Black and Asian Faculty Members and Students in Northern Ontario Universities During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Internal Algoma Unity Strategic Initiative Award Funding. [With Dr. Dionisio Nyaga and Dr. Rose Ann Torres] [\$90,000].
- 2024-2026 Scoping review of food Histories in Canada, Algoma University Research Fund. [\$5000].
- 2022 2026: Co-Applicant [SSHRC Insight Grant] Building Back Better from Below (B4)]: Harnessing Innovations in Community Response and Intersectoral Collaboration for Health and Food Justice Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic. [with Dr. Alex Shankland and team, IDS, University of Sussex, UK; Vera Schattan P. Coelho and Team, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Dr. Suzanne Sicchia, Dr. Erica Di Ruggiero, Dr. Bettina von Lieres, Dr. David Roberts, Mr. Liben Gebremikael, University of Toronto. [\$195,000]
- 2021 2024 "Increasing Participation of Black Communities in Toronto in COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake", Public Health Agency of Canada, [with Dr. Jacobet Wambayi, Professor David Zakus, Debbie Spicer, Mercy Iyamu] [\$5,000].

PROJECT SUBMITTED AND AWAITING THE RESULT

2025 Strengthening Pandemic Vaccine Preparedness in Africa (SPAVPA): An Interdisciplinary Study of COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation in High- and Low-Performing African Countries [with Omwenga, E., Mong'are, S., Zaranyiak, T., Ariyo, O., Ngianga-Bakwin, K and Ameyaw, E. K]

PROJECT THAT WE SUBMITTED BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL

- Co-Applicant [Scaling up access to Vaccines: Learning from experience in low- and high-performing countries in Africa. New Frontiers in Research Fund Exploration 2023 [with Omwenga, E., Mong'are, S., Zaranyiak, T., Ariyo, O., Ngianga-Bakwin, K and Ameyaw, E. K]
- Lead Applicant, The role of food histories and food cultures in community-led responses to food insecurity: A scoping review. SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grant.

SELECTED GUEST LECTURES/KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

2025	Promoting a Healthy Workplace Culture Through Dismantling Microaggression. Keynote Address Presented at Soo Area Hospital as part of Black History Month Celebration. Sault Ste. Marie, February 19, 2025.
2024	Dismantling Racist Systems and Barriers in the Workplace. Keynote address presented at

The story that never was: Challenging the narratives about Africa and Black people. Keynote address presented at the meeting of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria, Canada Branch. Toronto, Ontario. February 25, 2024.

IDERG Symposium, Timmins Together. The City of Timmins. March 21, 2024.

- Engaging Black Future Through Dismantling Anti-Black Racism in The Academy. Keynote address at Black History Month Event by Black Students Association. Algoma University, Sault Ste. Marie. Feb, 16, 2024
- Co-Moderator: Black Futures & Afro-Futurism, a keynote by Professor Barrington Walker. Black History Month, Algoma University. Feb. 15, 2024
- Social Work Care in Black: The Role of Afrocentricity. Brown Bag Seminar celebrating Black History Month, Social of Social Work, Algoma University, Sault Ste Marie. Feb. 8, 2024.
- Afrocentric Theories and Afrocentricity in Social Work. A presentation in Social Work Class at Algoma University and OSHKI-WENJACK. Thunder Bay. Nov. 7, 2023
- Unpacking the menace of Islamophobia: The Role of Social Workers. A Brown Bag Presentation at the School of Social Work, Algoma University, Oct. 20, 2023.
- 2023 Critical Review of Food Banks in Canada, Prospect, Constraints and Alternatives. Paper Presented as Workshops on Alternative Model of Food Banks: A Case Study in UK, Brazil, France and Canada. Kingston University, London. Sept. 11, 2023.
- Host and Co-Moderator: "Emancipation without Freedom": Blacks and the Struggles to be Human in Canada". Lecture Presented by Professor Paul B. Adjei at Emancipation Day, Algoma University, Canada. August 1, 2023.
- Co-Moderator: Active Resistance and the Politics of Blackness by Celina Caesar Chavannes and Faisal Hassan, Black History Month Celebration. Algoma University, St Sault Marie, ON. Canada February 10, 2023.
- 2023 Co-Moderator: Breaking Down Colonial Structures and The Architects of Black Racism by Professor George Dei, Black History Month, Algoma University, St Sault Marie, ON. Canada. February 03, 2023.
- Slavery, anti-Black racism and covid 19: Experiences of Black healthcare providers in GTA. International Day for the Abolition of Slavery. EDI Office, Algoma University, Sault Ste Marie, 2nd December 2022.
- 2022 COVID-19 pandemic and Food Security: Experiences of the Black Population in Scarborough. Training the Trainers, October 11, 2022

2022 Indigenous Food Systems and Climate Change: Experiences of Smallholder Farming Households in Ghana, School of Continue and Distance Education, College of Education, University of Ghana, Legon. August 19, 2022. 2021 Food Security and Environmental Protection Using Indigenous Approach: Ryerson University, Department of Social Work, Undergraduate Class: SWP 402-701E Social Policy. April 13, 2021. 2021 Food Insecurity and Race: The Perfect Marriage, Guest lecture, Department of Health and Society, UTSC, Undergraduate class: HLTD80 Critical Health Education. February 24, 202 2020 Environmental health and policy: An indigenous perspective. A guest presented at the Department of Social Work, University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, 8th December 2020. 2020 Assessing the health challenges of smallholder farming households in Ghana. Inaugural speaker for seminar series. Department of Health and Society, University of Toronto, Scarborough, Toronto, ON. 16th November 2020. 2020 Food regime analysis and indigenous food systems: Implications for development. Lecture at the Center for Critical Development Studies, University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC). Undergraduate Class: IDSA01H3 Introduction to International Development Studies, 9th July 2020. 2019 Indigenous food systems and rural development in Ghana. Lecture at the Center for Critical Development Studies, University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC), Undergraduate Class: IDSA01H3 Introduction to International Development Studies, 13th November 2019. 2019 Critical Assessment of Indigenous Food System among Smallholder Farmers in Ghana: An Environmental Justice Perspective. Brown Bag Speaker Series, Department of Social Justice Education, OISE, University of Toronto, 23rd April 2019. 2019 Assessing Indigenous Food Systems Among Smallholder Farmers in Ghana Towards Environmental Sustainability and Development. Lecture at New College of the University of Toronto as part of Senior Doctoral Fellow Speaker Series on March 26, 2019. 2019 Fanon and Education: Possibilities and Challenges. Graduate class, OISE U of T, SES3915H: Frantz Fanon and Education Pedagogical Possibilities. Jan. 16, 2019. 2018 Indigenous Food Systems and Climate Change: Experiences of Smallholder Framers in Ghana. Student Presenter, Research Day, School of the Environment, University of Toronto, April 18, 2018. 2018 Rural Development in the Era of Globalization: Implications for Indigenous Food Systems in Ghana. Professor Njoki Wane Thesis Group Meeting, Department of Social Justice Education of the University of Toronto. April 6, 2018. 2018 Sustainable Practices of Smallholder Farmers in Ghana in response to Climate Change. Professor George Dei's thesis Group Meeting, Department of Social Justice Education of the University of Toronto. March 23, 2018.

- Race as Social Construct, Readings from Multiple Lenses: Undergraduate Class, New College, U of T, New 347H: Critical Race and Anti-Racism Studies. Winter 2017, Sept. 12.
- Development from an African Perspective. Graduate Class, OISE, University of Toronto, 1924H: Modernization, Development and Education in African Contexts. Winter, 2017, Jan 9.
- Scientific, Social and Cultural Context of Race and Ethnicity. Graduate Class, OISE U of T 1922H: The Sociology of Race and Ethnicity. Fall, 2016, September 13.
- 2016 Ghanaian Proverbs as Epistemology of Healing. Graduate Class OISE, U of T, SESE 2999: Sociology of Indigenous and Alternative Approaches to Health and Healing Practices: Implications for Education. Winter, 2016. Oct. 18
- Food Insecurity among Farming Households: Evidence from the Central Region of Ghana. Paper presented as a guest speaker at the GreenSaver Organization Event, Toronto. May 2015.

CONTRIBUTION TO TRAINING

- I collaborated with colleagues from the Institute for Development Studies [IDS], University of Sussex, London and Kingston University, London, to conduct training and workshops on Critical Review of Food Banks in Canada, Prospects, Constraints and Alternatives as part of a Workshop on Alternative Model of Food Banks: A Case Study in the UK, Brazil, France and Canada. Kingston University, London. Sept. 11, 2023.
- I collaborated with colleagues from the School of Social Work, Algoma University to conduct two days of training on unconscious bias and Antiracism for workers of Extendicare, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, from June 5-6, 2023.
- We conducted a two-day unconscious Bias and Anti-racism training for students and workers of Northern College, Timmins, Northern Ontario, from 28-30 June 2023.
- 2023- I collaborated with colleagues from School Social Work, Algoma University to conduct a two-day training workshop on Anti-racism and settler colonialism for students and workers of OSHKI –Wenjack in Thunder Bay from July 17 -18, 2023.
- 2022- I conducted a workshop on Anti-racism and food security training and a workshop for workers of Thrive Plan organization, Sault Ste. Marie, October 11, 2022

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 Mitigating the Climate Crisis Using Land-Based Practices of Smallholder Farmers in Ghana. Paper to be presented at the University of Education, Winneba. August 12, 2025
- Effects of Neoliberal Agricultural Policies on Land-Based Practices of Indigenous Farmers in Ghana. A paper presented at the International Conference on Mental Health and Land-Based Healing. Shingwauk, kinoomaage Gaming, Sault Ste. Marie, ON, April 24 25.

- 2025 Chair, Panel on Longing for Land-Based Healing: Deep and Rippling Impact of Water and the Canoe. International Conference on Mental Health and Land-Based Healing. Shingwauk, kinoomaage Gaming, Sault Ste. Marie, April 24 25.
- 2025 Chair, Panel on Reconnection to Ancestral Lands as A Form Of Healing. the International Conference on Mental Health and Land-Based Healing. Shingwauk, kinoomaage Gaming, Sault Ste. Marie, ON, April 24 25.
- Mitigating the Contemporary Climate Crisis: Lessons from Indigenous Food Systems in Ghana. Panel on (ENV4) Risky solidarities at the planetary threshold. Congress 2024 at McGill University, Monterey. June 17- 21, 2024. [with Sicchia, S. R., Dei, GJS., Gebremikael, L & Shaw, T].
- Experiences of Black Healthcare Providers in GTA During COVID-19. Monthly Stakeholders Meeting, University of Western Ontario. April 23, 2024.
- 2024 Panel member: Spiritual Healing and Mental Health. ICMHA | International Conference on Mental Health and Addictions. Brampton, Canada. April 25 -26.
- 2024 Black Youth and Mental Health Situation in Canada: A Critical Review. ICMHA | International Conference. Brampton, Canada. April 25 -26 on Mental Health and Addictions. Brampton, Canada. April 25 -26
- Anti-Black racism and COVID-19: Experiences of Black healthcare providers in GTA. XII Decolonization conference: Speaking out & speaking up in Fugitive Places. OISE University of Toronto. Nov. 9 -12, 2023. Neoliberal
- Genealogy of Teaching and Learning as a Care Technology, School of Social Work, Algoma University. XII Decolonization conference: Speaking out & speaking up in Fugitive Places. OISE University of Toronto. Nov. 9 -12, 2023. [with Nyaga, D and Torres, RA]
- Envisioning alternatives to the food bank model during protracted crises: the experiences of Brazil, Canada and the UK. A workshop was conducted at Kingston University, London, UK.
- 2023 Chair, panel on Afrocentricity and Education. XII Decolonization conference: Speaking out & speaking up in Fugitive Places. OISE University of Toronto. Nov. 9 -12, 2023.
- Chair, Panel on Capitalism and Coloniality: Countering the Logics of Land as Resource. XII Decolonization conference: Speaking out & speaking up in Fugitive Places. OISE University of Toronto. Nov. 9 -12, 2023. [with Sicchia, S. R., Dei, GJS., Gebremikael, L & Shaw, T]
- Resiliency against Food Insecurity among the Black Population in Scarborough during the COVID-19. The 26th Annual Conference. Washington DC. Thurgood Marshall Center Trust September 13—15, 2023 [with Sicchia, S. R., Dei, GJS., Gebremikael, L & Shaw, T]
- 2023 Chair, Panel on "Effects of COVID-19 in Teaching and Learning", International Conference on Mental Health and Addiction, Algoma University, Brampton, ON. Canada. April 27-28.
- 2023 Chair, Panel on Mental Health of Children and Youth, International Conference on Mental

- Health and Addiction, Algoma University, Brampton, ON. Canada. April 27-28.
- Chair. Panel on "Violence, Mental Illness and Colonization" International Conference on Mental Health and Addiction, Algoma University, Brampton, ON. Canada. April 27-28.
- Black People in Scarborough Experiences with Mental Health During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Paper presented at the International Conference on Mental Health and Addiction, Algoma University, Brampton, ON. Canada. April 27-28.
- Health Implications of Agrochemical Use Practices Among Smallholder Farmers in Ghana. Paper presented at the 2019 SASA Annual International Scientific Conference. Theme: International Research in Africa, Toronto, Canada, June 6-9, 2019.
- Climate Adaptation and Coping Mechanism of farmers in Northern Ghana. Paper presented on a Panel on "Emerging Issues on Environment". OISE Graduate Students Research Conference 2019, Educational Design: A Science, Art and/or Tool for Transforming Futures, Toronto, March 29 to 30th, 2019.
- Helping or Killing our Framers: Environmental Impacts of Agrochemical use among Smallholder Farmers in Ghana. Decolonizing Conference 2018, Dialoguing and Living well Together. Centre for Integrated Anti-Racism Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada. November 8th to 10th, 2018.
- 2018 Critical Reflections on the African Food Systems. A paper presented at 18th Annual Graduate Students Research Conference (GSRC): Creating Possibilities for Change on Education. OISE University of Toronto. April 2018.
- Climate Adaptive Strategies and Resiliency of Smallholder Farmers in Northern Ghana. 22nd Annual Conference of African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF), Toward the Building of a New Africa: Weaving the Past, the Present, and the Future, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia. The USA, March 29-31, 2018.
- Rethinking Environmental Education to Emphasize Indigenous Knowledge: The Role of Indigenous Food Systems. 4th, Globalization, Diversity, and Education Conference: Power and Cultural Politics in Antiracist and Decolonial Education and Educational Research: Intersectionality, Resistance, and Survival, Washington State University, USA, February 22-23, 2018.
- 2016 Climate Change and Food Systems: What Can We Learn from Indigenous Food Cultures? Paper presented at International Conference on Critical Education. Middlesex University London, UK. 10-13 August 2016.
- Traditional Ecological Knowledge: Implications for Natural Resource Management. Paper presented at the RW-8th International Conference on Arts, Education, and Social Science (ICAES) organized by Research World. Berlin, Germany, January 30-31, 2016.
- Indigenous Food Cultures: Pedagogical Implications for Environmental Education. Paper presented at the International Colloquium, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS). The Hague, Netherlands, February 4-5, 2016. Colloquium Paper No. 2. Available online.

- Using African Indigenous Food Crops as Local Remedy Against Chronic Diseases: Implications for Healthcare Systems in Ghana. Paper presented at Society for the Advancement of Science in Africa (SASA), third Annual Science Research and Education in Africa Conference, Toronto, August 2015.
- 2015 Reclaiming Cultural Identity through the Decolonization of Eating Habits. Paper presented at the 9th Annual Decolonizing the Spirit Conference on Indigenous Pedagogies and Cultural Resistance in Education, Toronto. April 2015.

SERVING AS REVIEWER TO THE FOLLOWING JOURNAL/ORGANIZATION

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Government of Canada
- The Nordic Journal of African Studies (NJAS)
- Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ),
- The North African Journal of Food and Nutrition Research (NAJFNR)
- Diaspora, Indigenous, and Minority Education (DIME)
- Journal of Inclusive Education
- Journal of Ethnicity and Substance Abuse
- Canadian Food Studies

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

2022-	Continental African Diaspora Scholars Network - Canada (CADSN-Canada)
2020-	Canadian Sociological Association, CSA
2018-	Vice President, West African Sub-region, Society for Advancement of Science in Africa
	(SASA), Canada.
2015- 2018	Member, Society for Advancement of Science in Africa (SASA), Canada.
2018-	Member, Environmental Studies Association of Canada, ESAC,
2018-	African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF), Washington, USA.

MENTIONED IN MEDIA

- Grassroots projects provide a more dignified alternative to food banks, research suggests. Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, UK. https://www.ids.ac.uk/news/grassroots-projects-provide-more-dignified-alternative-to-food-banks-research-suggests/
- 2024: 'You can effect change': Anti-racism symposium in Timmins. The Daily Press. March 22, 2024. https://www.timminspress.com/news/you-can-affect-change-anti-racism-symposium-held-in-timmins?utm_source=ground.news&utm_medium=referral
- You can affect change': Anti-racism symposium held in Timmins. Timmins together Event on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (IDERD) symposium. Timmins today. March 21, 2024. https://www.timminstoday.com/local-news/you-can-affect-change-anti-racism-symposium-held-in-timmins-8492162.

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- 2023 Algoma University Signs MOU with Omushkego Education and Payukotayno. June 9, 2023. https://mushkegowuk.ca/posts/2023-06-09 algoma-university-signs-mou-with-omushkego-education-and-payukotayno
- 2023 LETTER: Urgent action needed on steel plant pollution. March 20, 2023.

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- 2023 'It's like we're coming to light in the city'. Timmins Today, Feb. 1, 2023. https://www.timminstoday.com/local-news/its-like-were-coming-to-light-in-the-city-6457960
- African community in Timmins commemorates Black History Month. CTV News, Feb. 1, 2023 https://northernontario.ctvnews.ca/african-community-in-timmins-commemorates-black-history-month-1.6256158
- Award-winning researcher to study food insecurity in Scarborough with a new postdoctoral program. UTSC News. 9 February 2021. https://buff.ly/3d329bz.
- 'Going back to my centre': How Suleyman Demi used PhD research at U of T to improve lives in Ghana. University of Toronto News, October 30, 2019.

 https://www.utoronto.ca/news/going-back-my-centre-how-suleyman-demi-used-phd-research-u-t-improve-lives-ghana
- 2019 Awards ceremony celebrates U of T's African scholars, community leaders, U of T News. October 10, 2019.

 https://www.utoronto.ca/news/awards-ceremony-celebrates-u-t-s-african-scholars-community-leaders
- 'Going back to my centre': How Suleyman Demi used PhD research at U of T to improve lives in Ghana. October 31, 2019.

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- 'Do not let anyone take this moment away from you': U of T Mississauga hosts third annual Black Grad celebration, University of Toronto News, July 03, 2019

 https://www.utoronto.ca/news/do-not-let-anyone-take-moment-away-you-u-t-mississauga-hosts-third-annual-black-grad, U of News.
- 2019 Seizing "the opportunity to lead and to serve": Hundreds of Students receive Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award, University of Toronto News, 24 April 2019.

https://www.utoronto.ca/news/seizing-opportunity-lead-and-serve-hundreds-students-receive-gordon-cressy-student-leadership, U of T News.

CONFERENCE ORGANISING

- Member, Conference Organizing Committee for XII Decolonizing Conference 2023, University of Toronto, ON. 2023/09 /9-12
- Committee Member, Mental Health and Addiction Conference, April 27-28. Algoma University.
- Vice Chair, Local Organizing Committee, 5th Annual Society for the Advancement of Science in Africa (SASA) conference 2019, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, 2019/06
- Coordinator, 2nd Biannual and 12th Centre for Integrative Anti-Racism Studies (CIARS)
 Decolonizing Conference 2018, University of Toronto, 2018/11
- Coordinator, 1st Biannual and 11th CIARS Decolonizing Conference 2016, University of Toronto, 2016/11
- Member, Conference Organizing Committee, SASA Conference 2015, U of T, 2015

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES, SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Macebearer, Algoma University, Timmins, 2023 Convocation
- Board Member, African Community in Timmins, 2023-2024
- Chair, Award Committee for Marian Fung Award for Student Leadership, OISE GSA, 2019/03
- Member, Award Committee for "David E. Hunt Award for Excellence in Graduate Education"
 OISE, University of Toronto, 2019/02
- Member, Award Committee for "Award for Excellence in Initial Teacher Education, OISE,
 University of Toronto, 2019/02
- Member, Award Committee for "Award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching" OISE,
 University of Toronto, 2019/02
- Vice President Academic, OISE Graduate Students Association, Univ. of Toronto, ON, Canada, 2018/5-2019/06
- Vice President Finance, Graduate Student Association, OISE, Univ. of Toronto, 2016/05-2018/4
- Delegate, Racial Justice & Human Rights Conference, CUPE Toronto, ON. Canada, 2016/01
- Delegate, 2015 CUPE National Convention, Vancouver, Canada, 2015/11
- Vice Chair, Environment Justice & Sustainability Committee, U of T/GSU, 2015/04 2016/03
- Financial Coordinator, Social Justice Education Student Caucus/U of T, 2015/09- 2016/08
- Poll Clerk, Election, and Referenda, Graduate Students Union, U of T, 2014/02
- Secretary, Kasoa Teachers' Villa Housing Project Association, 2010/09-2013/07
- Member, Welfare & Planning Committee, Graduate Student Association, University of Ghana

(UG), 2011 -2012

- Student Executive, Graduate Students Association, University of Ghana 2011 -2012
- Presiding Officer (Volunteer), Ghana Presidential & Parliamentary Elections, 2012/11 & 12
- Participant, Specialist Training Course on Scientific Writing by IDRC Canada at the Regional Institute for Population Studies, UG, 2012/06
- Participant, Knowledge & Skill Enhancement Workshop -Thesis Writing, UG/SGS, 2012/03
- Participant, Frontier Estimation: Theory and Application, organized by Agricultural Economics
 & Agribusiness Dept., UG, 2011/01
- Attendee, Focus on Agriculture: Market-Driven Agriculture for Accelerated Rural Development. African Connection by ADVANCE, GTZ, and the Ghana government. 2010/10
- Participant, HIV/AIDS Awareness: Teacher as Agent of Change. MOE, 2005/12
- National Service Person (Teacher), Salmaniya Junior High School, 2004
- Member, Association of Agriculture Students, Education Committee, UCC, 2002-2003

LANGUAGES

Akan | Native Proficiency Reading, Writing, and Speaking

English | Advanced Proficiency Reading, Writing, and Speaking

Hausa | Native Proficiency Reading, Writing, and Speaking

Ga | Basic comprehension

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