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EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University, College of the Liberal Arts
Master of Professional Studies in Labor and Global Workers Right
International Labor Law, Comparative Employment Relation

State College, Pennsylvania
Graduation: August 2024

University of Cape Coast
Master of Arts in Human Resource Development

Cape Coast, Ghana
Graduation: September 2022

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Kumasi, Ghana
Graduation: June 2008

(Graduate Research Assistant, Trade Union lead organiser)

Name of Organization Pennsylvania State University

State College, Pennsylvania

Position Title: Graduate Research Assistant

August 2023 – Present

- Work with my Academic Advisor on research and Academic papers
- Reviewing documents related to global workers' rights and other Labor-related articles

Name of Organization: Trades Union Congress Ghana

Accra, Ghana

Position Title: Trade Union Organiser

February 2015 – August 2023

- As a trained Global lead organiser under the Organising Academy of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC-Global), I facilitate skill training activities for field organisers
- Lead the organising team to carry out organising activities within the export processing companies, Hospitality Centres, Oil and Gas Industries, and Security companies. This has increased the trade union membership in many of the affiliates' unions of my organisation

(Organiser, Research Trainee)

Name of Organization: Trades Union Congress Ghana

Accra, Ghana

Position Title: Youth Advisor

February 2015 – August 2023

- Organise training for young workers on labour market issues relevant to their course of work including leadership, communication and negotiation skills
- Represent the youth at the second-highest decision-making body meetings to promote their interest
- Trained about 1000 young workers on how to incorporate social media into trade union activities
- Carried out trade union sensitization programs in tertiary institutions for over 2000 students
- Facilitated the creation of youth structures in almost all the affiliates of the Trade Union Congress
- Organise biannual youth council meetings and quarterly youth network meetings
- Organised Quadrennial Youth Congress, which has seen a 50-50 participation of men and women at the national level leadership of the Youth Committee for two consecutive times as part of the affirmative action policy of the organisation

Name of Organization: Trades Union Congress Ghana

Accra, Ghana

Position Title: Research Trainee

February 2014 – February 2015

- Collecting and entering primary data, transcribing interviews and assisting senior researchers in literature reviews
- Facilitating trade union education

ACTIVITIES

Name of Organization

City, State

Member, Student Works at Penn State (SWAPS)

August 2023-State College

Substitute Youth Representative for West Africa, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

February 2016- ITUC Africa

*Member, Global Lead Organisers Academy of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC-Global)
Brussels*

April 2015 – ITUC Global

SKILLS

Technology: Microsoft Office suits (expert)

Language: English (fluent), French (basic)