

# SHERIFF OLA

INFORMATION SCIENTIST

## PROFILE SUMMARY

Friendly and disciplined information specialist, conversant with library systems and technology, and the foundational principles and practices of cataloging and metadata. Eager to join technical services team in a library organization to boost material and resource organization and preservation. Previous library experience includes computer maintenance and troubleshooting. Commended by a supervisor for strong research and technical writing skills

## EDUCATION

### UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

2019 – 2020 | MSC FORESTRY

### UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

2017–2019 | MASTER OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION STUDIES

## EXPERIENCE

### 2020 FACULTY OF FORESTRY, UBC

Teaching Assistant

- gave constructive feedback in graded assignments that facilitated research skills learning for students
- developed robust writing solutions to improve the essay skills of non-anglophone course members
- Effectively invigilated mid and end-of-term examinations

### 2015 DIGITAL MEDIA CENTER, QEII, MUN

Digital Media Technician

- Edited and transcribed multimedia content.
- Took professional photographs using IRCC and similar official standards and specification
- Printed and scanned paper documents; troubleshoot library computer problems

### 2011 - ISSER, UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

2014 Research Associate

- Collected and analyzed survey data using tools like ODK Collect, and CSPro
- selected and recruited subjects for survey interviewing
- Trained and supervised field workers/interviewers

### 2005 - THE BALME LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

2007 Student Computer Technician

- Performed hardware and software repairs and installations
- Scheduled and implemented computer storage backups
- Inventoried equipment and computer-related supplies

## 2018 SURREY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Practicum Student

- gained practical experience in the use of library system, SirsiDynix Horizon, for reference services
- gained good understanding of cataloging and collection services as implemented in Surrey Public Library
- collected and collated web data to support library website construction

## PUBLICATIONS

1. Sunderland, T., Gaston, C., Dai, C., and Ola, s. (2020). Participation Challenges in Natural Resource Leadership for Women in Ghana. Manuscript submitted for publication
2. Ola, s. (2020). Women Leaders as Transfer Agents of Conservation Information in High Forest Zone Communities: Challenges and Opportunities. Manuscript submitted for publication
3. Ola, s. (2021). Measuring Progress in the AU's STI Agenda: a look at research production among selected African research institutions. Manuscript submitted for publication
4. Ola, s. A user experience assessment of virtual reference services in selected research libraries in Canada. Manuscript in progress
5. Ola, s. A supervised classification of e-libraries in Canada using selected web-based indicators. Manuscript in progress

## LANGUAGE

English	<div><div></div></div>
French	<div><div></div></div>
Ashanti Twi	<div><div></div></div>
Yoruba	<div><div></div></div>
Creole	<div><div></div></div>

## CONTACT

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## SKILLS

Web Development	<div><div></div></div>
Instruction Design	<div><div></div></div>
Metadata	<div><div></div></div>
Cataloguing	<div><div></div></div>
Survey Research	<div><div></div></div>
Network, Hardware, & Software Maintenance	<div><div></div></div>