

## MICHAEL ADU-BREW

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### EDUCATION

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#### M.S. in Entomology

University of Maryland, College Park

08/2023 – Present

#### B.S. in Biological Science

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

09/2017 – 11/2021

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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#### University of Maryland, College Park (UMD)

Research Assistant

08/2023 – Present

- Conducting toxicity bioassays, undertaking exposure estimates, and assessing risk of pesticides on Lepidoptera, particularly monarch butterfly
- Rearing of butterflies
- Data entry and analysis
- Writing blogs on seminar presentations

#### Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana (KNUST)

*Undergraduate Project:* “Identification of insect pest on some vegetables”.

01/2021 - 10/2021

- Sampled a total of 609 insects, that spread across 8 orders, 14 families and 21 genus/species. Among our findings, we discovered that the farmers lacked knowledge of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach of controlling insect pests.
- Served as the project leader for a group of four students. Delivered an oral defense of research work to faculty members and submitted a research paper to be graded.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

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Michael, A and Krishnan, N, “Assessing the toxicity and risk of newer conventional and biological pesticides on monarch butterflies (*Danaus plexippus*)”, 2024 Eastern branch ESA annual meeting, Morgantown, WV, March 2024.

### SEMINAR BLOG

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- Jenan EL. and Michael A. “[Complex Problems Requires Complex, Data-Informed Solutions](#)”, February, 2024.
- Michael A and Ben, B. “[Going viral with a tick talk: Modeling tick life histories using fifteen years of field data](#)”, December, 2023

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Department of Theoretical and Applied Biology, KNUST [National Service] 11/2021 - 08/2022

*Teaching Assistant / Lab Instructor Assistant*

**Instructor:** Dr. Sandra Abankwa (Entomology); Dr. Augustina A. Sylverken (Microbiology); Dr. Kwadwo Boampong (Population genetics).

- Collaborated with laboratory technicians to ensure availability of chemicals for each experiment

- Worked with other teaching assistants to supervise laboratory projects of over 200 Biological science students.

### **CITA Junior High School, Akim-Oda, Ghana**

*Mathematics and Integrated Science Teacher*

[Part time]

08/2018 – 08/2019

- Instructed middle school students in Mathematics and Social Studies and prepared final year students for the B.E.C.E.

### **AWARDS, HONORS & SCHOLARSHIP**

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| ■ Phi Kappa Phi Honors   | 04/2024 |
| ■ University of Maryland, College Park (Graduate Assistantship). | 07/2023 |
| ■ College of Science Students' Achievement Program (COSSAP).     | 06/2022 |
| ■ Science Student Association (SCISA), KNUST                     | 08/2020 |

### **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

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- One of ten distinguished baccalaureates from the 2021 class to be engaged as teaching and research assistants at the Department of Theoretical and Applied Biology, KNUST.
- Outstanding performance in undergraduate Project (BIOL 455/456) in the 2021 graduating class of the bachelor's degree program in the KNUST.
- Graduated as the best student in my middle school in 2013.

### **LEADERSHIP/SERVICE**

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- Member of the Science Student Association's Advisory Board for the 2020/2021 Academic year.
- Served as the Vice President of the Science Student Association (SCISA), College of Science for the 2019/2020 Academic year.
- Served as the Chairman of the Welfare Committee, SCISA for the 2019/2020 Academic year.

### **VOLUNTEERING/OUTREACH**

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**Insect Zoo, Maryland Day** 05/2024

#### **Intern**

*Kumasi Center for Collaborative Research in tropical medicine* 10/2022

#### **Tutor**

*College of Science Students' Achievement Program (COSSAP), KNUST* 03/2022 - 08/2022

#### **Project Coordinator**

*Science Students Association (SCISA), KNUST* 11/2018

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFLIATION**

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| ■ American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). | 2024           |
| ■ Entomological Society of America                            | 2023 - Present |
| ■ Entomology Students' Association, UMD                       | 2023 - Present |
| ■ Ghana Science Association (GSA).                            | 2021 - 2023    |
| ■ Biological Science Student Association (BIOSSA), KNUST      | 2017 – 2021    |

## SKILLS

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- **Lab Skills:** LC-MS/MS, generation of toxicity dose-response curves, butterfly rearing
- **Application:** MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- **Data Analysis tools:** SPSS, Excel, R

## REFERENCE

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**Niranjana Krishnan**

*Assistant Professor*

Department of Entomology,

University of Maryland, College Park

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