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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Transportation Safety, Advanced Traffic Signal Control and Simulation, Urban Transportation Planning, Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation, Public Transportation Systems, Transportation Demand Forecasting.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering (Transportation) Sep 2022 - Present
Northeastern University, Boston, MA (GPA: 4.00/4.00)
Research Advisor: Professor Peter Furth

Master of Science in Civil Engineering (Transportation) Sep 2022 - Present
Northeastern University, Boston, MA (GPA: 4.00/4.00)

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Aug 2018 - Sep 2022
Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi
Recognition: Best Graduating Student, Class of 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, Northeastern University, Boston, MA Sep 2023 – Present

- Development of advanced traffic signal controls and simulations
- Assessment of the accessibility of public transit infrastructure
- Investigation of barriers to low-stress bicycle network connectivity

Research Assistant, Dr. Tutu's Lab, Civil Engineering Dept., KNUST Jan 2022 - Sep 2022

- Empirical investigation of aggregate retention benefits of waste-modified asphalt
- Report preparation, summarizing collected survey data through interview conduction

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Project: Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) at Intersections Jun 2024 – Present
Funding Agency: Center for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety (CPBS), USDOT

- Investigating how detrimental high-stress crossings are to overall bike network connectivity
- Developing LTS criteria to evaluate the comfort level of cyclists on various road types

Project: Accessible Bus Stop Design in the Presence of Bike Lanes Sep 2023 – Jun 2024
Funding Agency: Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)

- Investigated bus rider and bicyclist behavior and interactions at floating and constrained bus stops.
- Proposed design improvements and guidance to mitigate conflicts between bus riders and bicyclists.

RESEARCH PROJECTS (continued)

Project: Using Traffic Signal Timing to Reduce Speeding Opportunities

Sep 2023 – Apr 2024

Funding Agency: Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)

- Developed Synchro traffic simulation models for the case study corridors.
- Developed a software tool for estimating speeding opportunities on arterials.
- Submitted a guidebook for timing traffic signals in a way that reduces speeding opportunities.

PUBLICATIONS

Drafted and under internal review

1. **N. D. Obeng-Amoako**, K. A. Tutu, A. L. Senaya, B. N. Kassim, F. Owusu-Ansah, E. Damoah, and S. Worclachie (2024). Modification of Bitumen with Waste Materials for Enhanced Aggregate Retention in Chip Seal Roads. Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. Yu-Min (Thomas) Yanga, Dewan Tanvir Ahammed, **Nathan David Obeng-Amoako**, Eleni Christofa, Chengbo Ai, and Peter Furth. (April 2024). Accessible Bus Stop Design in the Presence of Bike Lanes. Poster. *2024 MassDOT Transportation Innovation Conference*. Worcester, MA.
2. **Nathan David Obeng-Amoako**, Arthur Louis Senaya, Bundu Kassim, Francisca Owusu-Ansah, Eugene Damoah, Santus Worclachie, and Kenneth A. Tutu. (April 2023). Modification of Bitumen with Waste Materials for Enhanced Aggregate Retention in Surface-Dressed Roads. Lectern. *3rd IRF Africa Regional Congress & Exhibition*. Accra, Ghana.

RESEARCH REPORTS

1. Eleni Christofa, Chengbo Ai, Peter Furth, Yu-Min Yang, Dewan Tanvir Ahammed, and **Nathan David Obeng-Amoako**. (2024). *Accessible Bus Stop Design in the Presence of Bike Lanes*. Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT).

SELECTED GRADUATE-LEVEL TERM PAPERS

Engineering Probability and Statistics (IE 6200) – Northeastern University, Fall 2024

Topic: Assessing the Impact of Electric Bikes on Urban Mobility: A Case Study of Boston's Bluebikes

Analyzed Bluebikes data to evaluate the impact of electric bicycles on mode choice and urban transportation dynamics. Applied statistical models to assess changes in demand for public bike-sharing systems.

Transportation Demand Forecasting and Model Estimation (CIVE 7381) – Northeastern University, Fall 2024

Predictive Dynamic Charging for Electric Vehicles (EV) Using Optimization and Reinforcement Learning

Developed a system to predict future EV charging demands using the XGBoost algorithm, optimizing charging strategies through both reinforcement learning and optimization models with the aim of minimizing user charging costs and time and recommending optimal charging stations, durations, and modes (fast vs. normal) based on real-time demand forecasting using the Adaptive Charging Network (ACN) dataset.

JOURNAL REVIEWS

1. Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Aug 2024 – Present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Northeastern University, Boston, MA

1. Summer School Program Assistant (Sustainable Transportation)

June 2024 - Aug 2024

Location: Technische Universiteit Delft, The Netherlands

- Assisted in teaching sustainable urban transportation concepts with a focus on Dutch practices
- Inspired students to adopt transportation strategies that promote car-free urban mobility
- Explored safe street designs and bike path infrastructure in several Dutch cities

2. Graduate Teaching Assistant (Statics and Solid Mechanics)

Sep 2023 – Dec 2023

- Tutored key statics topics and offered tailored guidance to meet diverse learning needs
- Evaluated student performance by grading assignments and offering detailed feedback

Principal GRE/SAT Tutor, G-S Educational Consult, Kumasi

Aug 2021 - Oct 2022

- Engaged prospective GRE test-takers in high-level cognitive activity
- Facilitated differentiated instruction for GRE and SAT students

Teaching Assistant, Irrigation & Drainage Engineering, KNUST

Jan 2022 - May 2022

- Activity-oriented instruction of drainage design using *Autodesk Civil 3D*®
- Development of course outlines and preparation of lecture materials

CERTIFICATIONS

- Engineer-in-Training (EIT) certification (FE Civil) – ([Verify](#))

Sep 2024

Massachusetts Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors

- Basic Life Support (CPR & AED) Provider – ([Verify](#))

American Heart Association

Apr 2024

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- Associated Consultants Ltd. Award for Best Graduating Student, KNUST
- Provost Award for the Best Student in College of Engineering, KNUST (4 times)
- Provost Award for Excellent Students in College of Engineering, KNUST (4 times)
- Academic Excellence Award, Ghana Engineering Students' Association, Ghana
- Global Finalist, Unilever Future Leaders League Business Pitch Competition, U.K.
- Finalist, African Climate Adaptation Innovation Challenge, Ghana
- Scholar, Tullow Oil Scholarship Scheme, Ghana
- Semifinalist, National Science and Maths Quiz (NSMQ), Ghana

Jul 2023

2019 - 2022

2019 - 2022

Sep 2022

Jul 2022

Mar 2022

Apr 2019

Jul 2018

RELEVANT SKILLS

- **Python, R** – data analysis, machine learning, predictive analysis
- **Minitab, MS Excel** – data visualization, statistical computing, data organization
- **PTV Vissim/Vistro** – traffic flow simulations, traffic signal analysis, traffic impact analysis
- **Synchro** – traffic flow modeling, traffic signal timing optimization
- **ArcGIS, QGIS** – mapping, visualizing and analyzing spatial data for informed decision making

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Civil Engineer, BHM Construction Int'l UK Ltd., Tema **Nov 2022 – Jul 2023**

- Investigation of traffic problems and recommendations to improve traffic flow/safety
- Evaluation of construction materials for compliance with environmental standards

Civil Engineering Trainee, China Henan Int'l Corporation Ltd., Kumasi **Sep 2021 - Dec 2021**

- Construction quality control and monitoring through hands-on lab experiments
- Safety protocol compliance assessment at construction site of a 12 km urban highway

SELECTED NEWS AND PRESS

1. College of Engineering, Northeastern University. (August 2024). "PhD Student Reflects on the Sustainable Transportation Dialogue of Civilizations in Holland." <https://coe.northeastern.edu/news/a-reflection-on-the-sustainable-transportation-dialogue-of-civilizations-course-in-holland/>
2. Twitter. (June 2024). "Transit-friendly traffic signal timing can reduce MBTA Bus 39 delay by 90% at two intersections" by Peter Furth. <https://x.com/PeterFurth/status/1801694153098858812>

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- New England Intelligent Transportation Society (NEITS) **Sep 2023 - Present**
- Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) **Jan 2024 – Present**

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Department Rep., College of Engineering. PhD Council, Northeastern Univ. **Jun 2024 – Present**

- Meeting with advisor to discuss new ways of improving the PhD experience
- Organizing weekly coffee hours and semesterly happy hours for PhD students

Executive C'ttee Member, CEE Graduate Student Council, Northeastern Univ. **Feb 2024 – Present**

- Developing and implementing strategic plans to enhance graduate student experience
- Serving as a liaison between the departmental chair and the graduate student body

Executive Vice President, Student Energy Society, KNUST **Jan 2022 – Oct 2022**

- Portfolio progress tracking on timelines and performance metrics in strategic plan
- Participation in global meetings to report on the completion of deliverables

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (continued)

Team Lead, Senior Capstone Design Project, KNUST

Jan 2021 - May 2022

- Effective prioritization of project tasks leading to successful project completion
- Periodic scheduling of project meeting with teammates to discuss work progress

Project Coordinator, Engineers Without Borders, KNUST

Aug 2021 - Jul 2022

- Development and management of association's records in online database
- Supervision of the structural design of a footbridge for a deprived village called Ullo

Communications Director, Young Professionals and Youth Coalition, Ghana

Jan 2021 - Dec 2021

- Social media management to curate consistent communications content
- Organization of in-person and virtual engagements with members and partners

President, Civil Engineering Students' Association, KNUST

Feb 2020 - Sep 2021

- Coordination of fundraising events to secure administrative equipment
- Establishment of academic support scheme for underachieving students

REFERENCES

Available upon request