

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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OBJECTIVE

- ❖ To put my knowledge and skills into maximum use to achieve the best results.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

University Of Florida

- ❖ Master of Fine Art – Sculpture
- ❖ Period: From August 2023 to date

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi

- ❖ Bachelor of Arts Degree in Integrated Rural Art and Industry
- ❖ **Period:** From August 2014 to June 2018

St. Louis Senior High School, Kumasi

- ❖ West African Secondary School Certificate Examination (WASSCE)
- ❖ **Period:** From September 2010 to May 2013

PROFESSIONAL AND TEACHING EXPERIENCES

School of Art and Art History – University of Florida

Position: Sculpture Shop Assistant

Period: August 2023 – Date

Duties:

- Monitor the condition of facilities to ensure all equipment is in good working order.
- Instruct students on proper tool usage and provide advice in realizing student projects.
- Prepare and provide demos in Studio Art courses, as assigned.
- Perform daily shop maintenance and closing procedures at the end of shift, as directed by supervisor.

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.

Position: Teaching and Research Assistant

Period: September 2018 - August 2019.

Duties:

- Taking students through practical sessions of Rhinoceros 3D software.
- Walking students through topics for presentation before due date.

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- Marking examination papers.
- Taking and monitor students' attendance.
- Assisting with critiques

St. Ben's Jewellery (Industrial Practice – Part of Programme of Study)

Position: Intern

Period: April 2017

Duties:

- Assisting and making jewellery.
- Assisting staff in some tasks.
- Running some errands for the company.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

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- **KNUST Tratech Exhibition**, 2019: Royal Parade Grounds, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana
 - **Conventional Metal Fabrication Exhibition**, 2018: IRAI Gallery, Kumasi, Ghana
 - **Leather Mask Exhibition**, 2017: Royal Parade Grounds, KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana
 - **Bachelor of Art Show**, 2017: IRAI Gallery, KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana

HONORS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

2023-2025 - Grinter Fellowship, School of Art and Art History, University of Florida, \$2,250

POSITIONS HELD / MEMBERSHIP

Public Relations Officer

Society of Integrated Rural Artists, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Period: 2016/2017 Academic year

Floor Rep

Hall of residence: Africa Hall, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi Ghana

Period: 2014/2015 Academic year

SKILLS/ABILITIES

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- Good communication skills.
 - Good teaching skills.

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- Good coaching skills.
- Time consciousness.
- Ability to apply knowledge to problem solving, learn quickly and easily adapt to new environments.
- Ability to work with little or no supervision.
- Ability to work independently and under pressure, motivate myself and persevere to the target.
- Good interpersonal relations and hardworking.
- High sense of versatility.