

Abridged CV

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PhD, African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon (2012)

BA (Hons), Social Sciences, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Kumasi (2002)

CAREER

- 2019-21 Director, Centre for Cultural & African Studies, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana.
- 2016-17 Visiting Research Fellow, Centre of African Studies, University of Cambridge.
- 2015 – Senior Lecturer, Department of History & Political Studies, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana.
- 2015-17 Chair/Head of Department, History & Political Studies, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Kumasi, Ghana.
- 2013-15 Lecturer, Department of History & Political Studies, KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana.

RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2020 Party Branding in Africa – Political Images, Narratives, and Voting Decisions, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). (Value of grant, €46,467).
- 2020 Africa Oxford Initiative (AfOx) Visiting Fellowship, Centre of African Studies, University of Oxford.
- 2019 Visiting Researcher to Åbo Akademi University (ÅAU), Finland.
- 2018 Recipient of KNUST Research Fund (KRef) (Value of Award: GH30,000).
- 2017 Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Programme (CADFP) grant for the development of a graduate curriculum in Historical Studies. (Value of Award, \$25,000).
- 2016 Visiting Research Fellow, University of Cambridge (Oct. 16- March 17), funded by the A.G. Leventis Foundation
- 2016 Recipient of the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Programme (CADFP) (Value of Award: \$25,000).
- 2015 APSA-Africa Workshop Alumni Professional Development Grant
- 2014 Visiting Research Fellow, Makerere University (MISR), Uganda
- 2012 Guest Researcher, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), Copenhagen
- 2011 University of Ottawa, PhD Fellow
- 2010 Recipient of the African Author Prize, the prestigious prize is awarded for the best article published in African Affairs by an author based in an African institution. (Value of Award: £500).
- 2009 Recipient of the Agyeman-Duah Prize for overall Best Graduate Student in the Master of African Studies course work, University of Ghana, Legon. (Value of Award: \$200).

ADMINISTRATIVE & MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

- 2019: Served as Country Expert for the Sweden based V-Dem Institute, Varieties of Democracy (V-DEM) Project. The V-Dem is a 'new approach to conceptualizing and measuring democracy.'
- 2018: Served as Country Expert for the UK based African Cabinet Political Elite Data (ACPED) Project.
- 2017: Applied for and managed the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Programme. The project hosted at the Department of History and Political Studies/KNUST focused on graduate student training and mentoring of Faculty.
- 2017: Consulted for World Bank – 'Sustaining Peace: Making Development Work for the Prevention of Violent Conflicts', UN-World Bank flagship study on preventing violent conflict through development policies.
- 2016: Civil Service Reform and Anti-corruption in Developing Countries – Ghana Case study, a project funded by DFID and the British Academy.
- 2016: THE NOPOOR PROJECT, the Quality of Governance and Inclusive Development Outcomes: The Ghanaian Experience, the study was sponsored by the NOPOOR research consortium.
- 2012: New Geographies of Hope and Despair, a project funded by Danish Research Council.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS - PEER-REVIEWED

- 2020: **Bob-Milliar, GM** & Nyaaba, AY. 'Political Transitions and Commissions of Inquiry: The Politicisation of Accountability in Ghana.' *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 41, No. 10, pp. 1758-1775.
- 2020: **Bob-Milliar, GM**. 'Introduction: Methodologies for Researching Africa.' *African Affairs*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/afraf/adaa011>
- 2019: **Bob-Milliar, GM** & Green, T. 'Introduction: Colonial Economic History in West Africa: The Gold Coast and Gambia in Comparative Perspective.' *African Economic History*, Vol. 47, No. 2, pp.1-11.
- 2019: Nyaaba, AY & **Bob-Milliar, GM**. 'The Economic Potentials of Northern Ghana: the ambivalence of the colonial and post-colonial states to develop the north.' *African Economic History*, Vol. 47, No. 2, pp.45-67.
- 2019: **Bob-Milliar, GM**. 'We run for the Crumbs and not for Office': the Nkrumahist Minor Parties and Party Patronage in Ghana.' *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, Vol. 57, No. 4, pp. 445-465.
- 2019: **Bob-Milliar, GM**. 'Activism of Political Parties in Africa.' Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics. Oxford University Press. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.1365>
- 2019: **Bob-Milliar, GM**. 'Place and party organizations: party activism inside party-branded sheds at the grassroots in northern Ghana.' *Territory, Politics, Governance*, Vol. 7, No. 4. pp.474-493.
- 2018: **Bob-Milliar, GM** & Paller, JW. 'Democratic Ruptures and Electoral Outcomes: Ghana 2016 General Elections.' *Africa Spectrum*, Vol. 53, No. 1, pp. 5-35.
- 2017: Kwofie, EP & **Bob-Milliar, GM**. 'Parties in a Plurality System: Candidate Nomination in Ghana's Minor Parties.' *Journal of African Elections*, Vol. 16, No. 2, pp. 24-46.
- 2017: Adjei, POW., Busia, AK & **Bob-Milliar, GM**. 'Democratic Decentralization and Disempowerment of Traditional Authorities under Ghana's Local Governance and Development system: a spatio-temporal review.' *Journal of Political Power*, Vol.10, No.3, pp. 303-325.
- 2016: MacLean, LM., **Bob-Milliar, GM**., Baldwin, L., & Dickey, E. 'The Construction of Citizenship and the Public Provision of Electricity for the 2014 World Cup in Ghana.' *The Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 54, No. 4, pp.555-590.
- 2014: **Bob-Milliar, GM**. 'Party Youth Activists and Low-Intensity Electoral Violence in Ghana: A Qualitative Study of Party Foot-Soldiers' Activism.' *African Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 15, No. 1, pp. 125-152.
- 2014: **Bob-Milliar, GM**. 'Verandah Boys versus 'Reactionary Lawyers': Nationalist Activism in Ghana, 1946-1956.' *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, Vol. 47, No. 2, pp. 287-318.
- 2013: **Bob-Milliar, GM**, & Bob-Milliar, GK. 'The Politics of Trans-Saharan Transit Migration in the Maghreb: Ghanaian Migrants in Libya, c.1980 - 2012.' *African Review of Economics & Finance*, Vol. 5, No.1, pp. 60-73.
- 2012: **Bob-Milliar, GM**. 'Party Factions and Power Blocs in Ghana: A Case Study of Power Politics in the National Democratic Congress Party.' *The Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 50, No. 4, pp. 573-601.
- 2012: **Bob-Milliar, GM**. 'Political Party Activism in Ghana: Factors Influencing the Decision of the Politically Active to Join a Political Party.' *Democratization*, Vol. 19, No. 4, pp. 668-689.
- 2012: Daddieh, CK & **Bob-Milliar, GM**. 'In Search of Honourable Membership: Parliamentary Primaries and Candidate Selection in Ghana.' *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, Vol. 47, No. 2, pp. 204-220.

- 2011: **Bob-Milliar, GM.** 'Tenɔɔgeyɛng gbɛngbɛng!' ('We are holding the Umbrella very tight'): Explaining the Popularity of the NDC in the Upper West Region of Ghana.' *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute*, Vol. 18, No. 3, pp. 455-473.
- 2011: **Bob-Milliar, GM** & Obeng-Odoom, F. 'The Informal Economy is an Employer, a Nuisance, and a Goldmine: Multiple Representations of and Responses to Informality in Accra, Ghana.' *Urban Anthropology and Studies of Cultural Systems and World Economic Development*, Vol. 40, Nos. 3-4, pp. 263-284.
- 2010: **Bob-Milliar, GM** & Bob-Milliar, GK. 'The Economy and Intra-Party Competition: Presidential Primaries in the New Patriotic Party of Ghana.' *African Review of Economics & Finance*, Vol. 1, No. 2, pp. 51-71.
- 2009: **Bob-Milliar, GM.** 'Chieftaincy, Diaspora, and Development: the Institution of Nkɔsuohene in Ghana.' *African Affairs*, Vol. 108, No. 433, pp. 541-558.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

- 2020: **Bob-Milliar, GM.** 'Ghana: Recent History.' In Iain Frame (ed.), *Africa South of the Sahara 2021, 50th Edition*. Pp.545-550. London: Routledge.
- 2019: **Bob-Milliar, GM.** 'Transnational Political Activism in the Ghanaian Diaspora.' In Joseph R. A. Ayee (ed.), *Politics, Governance and Development in Ghana*. Pp. 124-145. Lanham/Boulder/New York/London: Lexington Books.
- 2016: **Bob-Milliar, GM.** 'Chieftaincy, Diaspora, and Development.' In Kwasi Konadu and Clifford C. Campbell (eds.), *The Ghana Reader: History, Culture, Politics*. Pp. 390-395. Durham/London: Duke University Press. DOI: 10.2307/j.ctv125jqp2.86.
- 2016: Daddieh, CK & **Bob-Milliar, GM.** 'In search of Honourable Membership: Parliamentary Primaries and Candidate Selection in Ghana.' In Kwame Ninsin (ed.), *Issues in Ghana's Electoral Politics*. Pp. 13-32. Dakar: CODESRIA. ISBN 978-2-86978-694-3.
- 2014: **Bob-Milliar, GM,** & Bob-Milliar, GK. 'Mobilizing the African Diaspora for Development: the Politics of Dual Citizenship in Ghana.' In Toyin Falola & Kwame Essien (eds.), *Pan-Africanism, and the Politics of African Citizenship and Identity*, pp. 172-200. NY: Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group Press.
- 2014: Daddieh, CK & **Bob-Milliar, GM.** 'Ghana: Institutionalized Two-Party Politics.' In Renske Doorenspleet & Lia Nijzink (eds.), *Political Parties, Party Systems and Democracy in Africa*, pp. 107-128. London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2013: **Bob-Milliar, GM,** 'Discontent and Aggressive Political Participation in Ghana: the case of Party 'Foot-Soldiers.' In Erica Shaw & Hayley Mackinnon (eds.), *Africa Rising – A Continent's Future through the Eyes of Emerging Scholars*, pp. 37-62. Waterloo, Canada: CIGI Publication.

Blogs

- 2019: **Bob-Milliar, GM.** & Lauterbach, K. 'The Politics of a National Cathedral in Ghana: A Symbol of a Corrupted Government or Reaching Wakanda?', *LSE Religion and Global Society Blog*.
- 2018: **Bob-Milliar, GM.,** Afotey, PN., & MacLean, LM. 'Student protests and the weakness of democracy in Ghana.' *Africa is a country blog*.
- 2018: **Bob-Milliar, GM.,** Klaus, K., & Paller, JW. 'What do shifting grass-roots dynamics tell us about the Zimbabwe election?' *Washington Post/Monkey Cage Blog*.
- 2016: **Bob-Milliar, GM** & Paller, JW. 'Seven things to understand about elections in Ghana.' *Africa at LSE Blog*.

INVITED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019: Bob-Milliar, GM. 'Capture of the Neoliberal State: Unregulated Wealth Accumulation in Ghana.' Paper presented at the Sustainability and the State in Africa: How political rules shape conflicts and their resolution, Point Sud/MIASA, Bamako, Mali, 23-27 November.

- 2019: Bob-Milliar, GM. 'Measuring Experts Inputs in Law Making in the Parliament of Ghana,' Paper Presented at conference on 'Parliaments and Democracy in Africa', Hotel Djoloff, Dakar, Senegal, 18-20 March.
- 2018: Bob-Milliar, GM & Lauterbach, K. 'A Spiritual Topography and History of Kwadaso, Kumasi.' Paper presented at the 61st Annual Meeting of African Studies Association, Atlanta, Georgia, 29 November -1 December.
- 2017: Bob-Milliar, GM. 'Free and fair': Mapping the electoral hotspots in the Ghana 2016 presidential and parliamentary elections.' Paper presented at the African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA) 2nd Biennial Conference, University of Ghana, Legon, 12-14 October.
- 2017: Bob-Milliar, GM. 'Party Activism Inside Sheds: Place, Party Organizations and Political Behavior at the Grassroots in Northern Ghana.' Paper presented at the Research Development Group: Emerging Research from African Scholars at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, US, 30 August.
- 2016: Bob-Milliar, GM. 'Reading Garvey and Du Bois: Black Diasporan Search for Ghanaian Citizenship.' Paper presented at the Ghana Studies Association (GSA) Conference, Global Ghana, University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, 6-9 July.
- 2014: Bob-Milliar, GM & Adarkwa, N. 'Witch-hunting' or Political Accountability?: A Study of Commissions of Inquiry in Ghana, 1960s to present.' Paper presented at the 57th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, US, 22 November.

TEACHING

KNUST/Department of History & Political Studies, Kumasi

Aug.2013-date

Postgraduate and undergraduate Level Courses:

**Makerere University (Makerere Institute of Social Research), Kampala-Uganda,
Visiting Research Fellow**

2014-2016

PS8101: Contemporary African Politics (PhD), Semester II, 2014, 2015

SSR8102: Race & Decolonisation (PhD), Semester II, 2014, 2015

Students' Supervision:

Five PhD students at various stages

MPhil. Political Science – Nine (graduated), two ongoing

MPhil. Historical Studies – one (graduated), one yet to graduate

Master of Public Administration – 19 (graduated), three ongoing

BA Thesis (Political Studies & History majors) supervised since 2015 - (156)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Positions:

CO-EDITOR: *APSA Africa Workshop Newsletter* (2015-2017)

CO-EDITOR: *African Economic History* (February 2020-date)

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: *Journal of African Political Economy & Development* (JAPED), 2016-date

MEMBER OF EDITORIAL BOARD: *African Affairs*; *African Review of Economic & Finance*

Peer Review Assignments (*2020-2021 only)

Parliamentary Affairs (2020, 2021), *Third World Quarterly* (2020), *British Journal of Political Science* (2020), *Journal of Borderlands Studies* (2020)

International Service:

2020: External PhD Examiner, Wits University, South Africa.

2019-2021: Vice Chair, African Politics Conference Group (APCG), an affiliate organisation of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Section 44 & African Studies Association (ASA).

- 2018-2019: Country Expert for the Varieties of Democracy Project based at the V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.
- 2018-2019: Country Expert for the African Cabinet Political Elite Data Project (ACPED) based at the University of Sussex and funded by the European Research Council.
- 2019: Keynote Lecture, at the Annual African Review of Economics and Finance (AREF) conference, Wits Business School, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, 29 August.
- 2017: Guest Speaker, 'the state of Democracy in African', organised by Africa Research Institute, London, 30 January.
- 2017: Visiting Scholar, Department of Politics and African Studies Programme, University of San Francisco, US, 1 September.
- 2017: Visiting Scholar, Centre of African Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, 13-16 February.
- 2016: Visiting Scholar, Department of Anthropology and African Studies, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany, 13-16 December.

National Service:

- 2019-2021: External Examiner, University of Ghana.
- 2018-2020: External Examiner, University of Cape Coast.
- 2018: External Assessor of candidate for promotion from Lecturer to Senior Lecturer, University of Professional Studies, Accra.
- 2017: External Assessor of candidate for promotion from Lecturer to Senior Lecturer, University of Ghana.
- 2016: Member, Regional Elections Early Warning and Response Group (REEWARG), Ashanti Regional Peace Council.
- 2016: Consulted for the Eurasia Group, a political risk consultancy base in New York, on the risks associated with Ghana December 2016 elections, May 2016.
- 2017: Consulted for the World Bank, 'Sustaining Peace, making development work for the prevention of violent conflicts, Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire compared.'

University Service:

- 2016/2017: Chairman, Faculty of Social Sciences Research & Publications Committee.
- 2015/2016: Member, College of Humanities & Social Sciences Academic Board.
- 2018/2019: Member, Faculty of Social Sciences Academic Board.
- 2015/2016: Member, Faculty of Social Sciences Research & Publications Committee.
- 2016/2017: Member, Faculty of Social Sciences Parallel Programme Committee.
- 2019/2020: Member, Faculty of Social Sciences Committee to review graduate programmes.
- 2018-date: Adjunct Research Fellow, Centre for Cultural and African Studies (CeCAST).
- 2019/2021: Member, KNUST Animal Research Ethics Committee (AREC).
- 2017: Member, Committee to Investigate Allegations of Misconduct of Security Officers.
- 2018: Facilitator, signing of an MOU for Student Exchange Programme between KNUST and University of East Anglia, UK.
- 2019: Facilitator, Training Workshop on Transformative Curriculum and Learning Design, Faculty of Social Sciences.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION AFFILIATIONS

- African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA), 2017-date
- Ghana Studies Association (GSA), 2009-date
- African Politics Conference Group (APCG), 2012-date
- American Political Science Association (APSA), 2012-date
- African Studies Association (ASA), 2013-date