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Department of Political Science,  
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## **EDUCATION**

- 2021 Ph.D. Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver  
Dissertation title “An Advocacy Coalition Framework Analysis of Oil and Gas Governance in Ghana.”
- 2013 MPhil. Public Administration, University of Ghana.  
Thesis title “Assessing the Implementation of Small-Scale Mining Laws in the Prestea Huni Valley District.”
- 2009 B.A. Political Science, University of Ghana.  
Thesis title “The Politics of Implementing Educational Reforms in Ghana.”

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Environmental and Energy Policy, Policy Process, Public Administration and Management, Research Design and Methods

## **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

- 2021- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Tennessee Knoxville
- 2020-2021 Lecturer, School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver.
- 2019-2020 Graduate Student Research Fellow, Workshop on Policy Process Research, directed by Drs. Christopher M. Weible and Tanya Heikkila.
- 2017-2020 Research/Teaching Assistant, School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver.
- 2015-2017 Assistant Lecturer, Department of Public Administration and Health Services Management, University of Ghana Business School.
- 2012-2014 Research/Teaching Assistant, Department of Public Administration and Health Services Management, University of Ghana Business School.
- 2011-2014 Communications Officer, Community Libraries Foundation (NGO), Ghana
- 2011-2012 Research Assistant, Institute for Democratic Governance, Ghana.
- 2009-2010 Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Ghana.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journal Articles

- [2021] **Osei-Kojo, Alex**, Paul Lawer Kenney, Clement Mensah Damoah, and Albert Ahenkah. “Collective Learning and COVID-19 Mitigation in Ghana.” *Review of Policy Research* (forthcoming).
- [2020] Swann, William L., Terri L. Schreiber, Steven L. Wright, Mark W. Davis, Sojeong Kim, Serena Kim, **Alex Osei-Kojo**, and Megan Lamiotte. “Local Policy and Programmatic Activity to Address the US Opioid Crisis: A Cross-Sectional Survey of County Governments.” *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*, doi: 10.1097/PHH.0000000000001194.
- [2020] **Osei-Kojo, Alex** and Nancy Leech. “Kingdon’s Three Streams and Policy Change: A Mixed Methods Study of Performance Agreement in Ghana’s Civil Service.” *International Journal of Multiple Research Approaches* 11, no. 3: 298-314. <https://doi.org/10.29034/ijmra.v11n3a4>.
- [2019] **Osei-Kojo, Alex.**, Justice Nyigmah Bawole, and Emmanuel Kojo Sakyi. “The Opportunities and Constraints to Collaboration in Public Sector Management.” *Public Organization Review* 20, no. 3: 495-510. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11115-019-00452-6>.
- [2018] **Osei-Kojo, Alex** and Nathan Andrews. “A Developmental Paradox? The Dark Forces Against Corporate Social Responsibility in Ghana’s Extractives Industry.” *Environment, Development and Sustainability* 22: 1051-1071. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10668-018-0233-9>
- [2017] **Osei-Kojo, Alex.** “E-government and Public Service Quality in Ghana.” *Journal of Public Affairs* 17, no. 3: 1-6. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pa.1620>
- [2016] **Osei-Kojo, Alex.** “First Count the Cost: Privatizing Urban Waste Management Services in Sub-Saharan Africa.” *African Journal of Public Affairs* 9, no. 4: 130- 143. <http://hdl.handle.net/2263/59019>
- [2016] **Osei-Kojo, Alex**, Kwame Asamoah, and Emmanuel Yeboah-Assiamah. “Implementing Small-Scale Mining Laws in Ghana: Insights from the Prestea-Huni Valley District.” *Administratio Publica* 24, no. 3: 235-257.
- [2016] **Osei-Kojo, Alex** and Nathan Andrews. “Questioning the Status Quo: Can Stakeholder Participation Improve Implementation of Small-Scale Mining Laws in Ghana?” *Resources*, 5 no. 4. <http://www.mdpi.com/2079-9276/5/4/33>.
- [2016] Asamoah, Kwame and **Alex Osei-Kojo**. “A Contextual Analysis of the Implementation Challenges of Small-Scale Mining Laws in Ghana: A Case Study of Bekwai.” *Sage Open* 6, no. 3. [doi.org/10.1177/2158244016665885](https://doi.org/10.1177/2158244016665885).

- [2014] Ahenkan, Albert., and **Alex Osei-Kojo**. “Achieving Sustainable Development in Africa: Progress, Challenges and Prospects. *International Journal of Development and Sustainability* 3, no: 1, 162-176.

### Book chapters

- [2022] **Pierce, Jonathan, and Alex Osei-Kojo**. “The Advocacy Coalition Framework and Public Governance”. In *Handbook on Theories of Governance*, ed. Jacob Torfing and Christopher Ansell (forthcoming). Massachusetts: Edward Elgar.
- [2020] **Osei-Kojo, Alex** and Nathan Andrews. “A Political Economy of Small-Scale Mining in Ghana”. In *The Palgrave Handbook of African Political Economy*, ed. Samuel Oloruntoba and Toyin Falola, 433-447. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-38922-2\\_23](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-38922-2_23).
- [2016] Abdulai, Abdul-Gafaru., Obi Berko, Albert Ahenkan, Aaron Amertowoo, and **Alex Osei-Kojo**. “Key Trends and Issues in Ghana’s Mining Sector.” In *Ghana Business Development Review*, eds. Muhammed. A. Sanda and A-G Abdulai, chapter 3. University of Ghana Business School: Accra.

### Encyclopedia Entries

- [2019] **Osei-Kojo, Alex** and Justice Nyigmah Bawole. “Rethinking the Vicissitudes of Decentralized Governance.” In the *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance*, ed. Ali Farazmand. doi: [10.1007/978-3-319-31816-5\\_3614-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-31816-5_3614-1)
- [2018] **Osei-Kojo, Alex** and Kwame Asamoah. “Public Administration, Governance and Illegal Small-Scale Mining in Ghana.” In the *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance*, ed. Ali Farazmand. doi: [10.1007/978-3-319-31816-5\\_3615-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-31816-5_3615-1)

### Other Publications (Research Report and Op-Eds)

- [2021] Heikkila, Tanya, **Alex Osei-Kojo**, Amy Pickle, and Christopher Weible. [“Perceptions of Responses to the Covid-19 Pandemic and Energy Production in Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas.”](#)

### Revise and Resubmit

- Sebawit Bishu, and **Alex Osei-Kojo**. “Representative Bureaucracy and Family Planning Service Delivery in Tanzania: A Gendered Interaction?” *Public Administration Review (R&R)*.
- Osei-Kojo, Alex**, Karin Ingold, and Christopher M. Weible. “The Advocacy Coalition Framework: Lessons from Applications in African Countries.” *German Political Science Quarterly*.

## Manuscripts Under Review

**Osei-Kojo, Alex,** “Ghana’s COVID-19 Policy Response and Emerging Public Policy and Administration Scholarship.” *American Review of Public Administration*.

**Osei-Kojo, Alex.** “Examining Coalition and Policy Frames Stability in Ghana’s Oil and Gas Governance.” *Policy and Politics*.

## Manuscripts In Preparation

**Osei-Kojo, Alex.** “How do Policy Subsystems Emerge?” Target journal: *Journal of Public Policy*.

**Osei-Kojo, Alex.** “Polycentricity and Oil and Gas Governance in Ghana.” Target journal: *Environmental Policy and Governance*.

**Osei-Kojo, Alex,** “Policy Change in a Nascent Oil and Gas Economy.”  
Target journal: *Policy Studies Journal*.

**Osei-Kojo, Alex,** Ellis Adjei-Adams, Lord Bobbie, Alex Wilkerson, and Nancy Leech. “Themes and Variations: A Meta-Analysis of the Oil and Gas Literature in Ghana.”  
Target journal: *Resources Policy*.

## FUNDED RESEARCH

2020-2021      Lead Data Analyst, Learning and Adapting from Crises in State-Level Energy Sectors. Grant project under Drs. Christopher M. Weible, Tanya Heikkila (University of Colorado Denver), and Amy Pickle, Duke University.

## AWARDS & HONORS

2021            Founders’ Fellowship, American Society for Public Administration.

2019            Public Administration Theory Network Fellow, Public Administration Theory Network.

2019            Top Graduate Student at University of Colorado Denver, National Society for Collegiate Scholars.

2018            International Young Scholars’ Fellowship, American Society for Public Administration.

2018            Equity and Inclusion Fellowship, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management.

**GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2020 \$800 Workshop Travel Grant, National-Socio Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC), University of Maryland, Annapolis.
- 2019 \$ 5000 Dissertation Research Grant, School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver.
- 2019 \$500 Spring School Participation Grant, School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver.
- 2018 \$599 Fellowship and Conference Travel Grant, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management.
- 2018 \$500 Spring School Participation Grant, School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver.
- 2018 \$800 Workshop Travel Grant, School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver.
- 2018 \$500 Conference Travel Grant, School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver, Canadian Association of African Studies Conference.
- 2018 \$500 Conference Travel Grant, School of Graduate Studies, University of Colorado Denver, Canadian Association of African Studies Conference.
- 2016 \$2500 Conference Travel Grant, University of Ghana Business School.
- 2016 €385 Conference Travel Grant, International Institute for Social Studies, the Netherlands.
- 2016 \$2500 Workshop Travel Grant, Stellenbosch University, South Africa.
- 2016 \$1000 Conference Travel Grant, University of Ghana.
- 2016 \$3000 Research Grant, University of Ghana Business School. “Exposing the ‘Dark Forces’ Against Corporate Social Responsibility in Ghana’s Natural Resources Sector.” PI: Alex Osei-Kojo
- 2016 \$2500 Conference Travel Grant, University of Ghana Business School.
- 2015 \$2500 Summer School Travel Grant, University of Ghana Business School
- 2015 \$3000 Research Grant, University of Ghana Business School. “E-Government and Public Service Quality in Ghana.” PI: Alex Osei-Kojo.

**INVITED TALK**

- 2021 “Connecting the ACF and Policy Feedback Theory: A Study of How Policy Change Influences Policy Venues,” School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver, Nov 17.
- 2019 “Discussion with the Future Leaders of Tomorrow.” Presentation to the 2019 Equity and Inclusion Fellows of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Denver, CO, Nov. 7-9.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION

### Papers Presented

- 2020 “How Do Policy Subsystems Emerge?” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Virtual Conference, November 11-13.
- 2020 “Advocacy Coalitions and Oil and Gas Governance in Ghana.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference, Sept 10-13.
- 2019 “The Opportunities and Constraints to Collaboration in Public Sector Management.” Public Administration Theory Network Annual Conference, Denver, CO, May 30-June 2.
- 2019 “Testing the Moderating Effect of Threat on the Relationship Between Collaboration and the Intensity of Political Debate: A Study of Fracking Politics in Colorado.” 2<sup>nd</sup> International Public Policy Association Spring School, Denver CO, May 20-24.
- 2018 “Understanding Performance Agreement Policy Change in Ghana’s Civil Service: A Multiple Streams Framework Perspective.” International Young Scholars’ Workshop on Public Policy and Administration, Michoacán, Mexico, August 12-16.
- 2018 “Mining, Coalitions and Policy Change: Empirical Insights from Ghana.” 1<sup>st</sup> International Public Policy Association Spring School, Denver CO, May 21-25.
- 2018 “Conceptualizing Transparency, Accountability and Good Governance in Natural Resource Management in Ghana.” Canadian Association of African Studies Annual Conference, Ontario, Canada, May 4-6.
- 2018 “Conceptualizing Public Service Innovation as a Context-Specific Process: Insights from Ghana.” International Research Society for Public Management Annual Conference, Budapest, Hungary, April 19-21.
- 2016 “Exposing the ‘Dark Forces’ Against Corporate Social Responsibility in Ghana’s Natural Resource Sector.” 14<sup>th</sup> Development Dialogue Conference, the Netherlands, November 21-22.
- 2016 “How Local Government Reforms Have Altered Central-Local Relations in Ghana: Reflections on the Fourth Republic.” 20<sup>th</sup> International Research Society for Public Management Annual Conference, Hong Kong, April 13-15.
- 2015 “Thinking About Access to Energy Towards the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa.” Bergen Summer Research School Annual Meeting, Bergen, Norway, June 15-27.

### Panels/Seminars Organized

- 2021 “Post Covid-19 and New Directions in Public Policy and Administration Research,” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Nov. 12.

- 2020 “Emotion’s Role in Public Management,” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, June 16.
- 2019 “Doing Collaborative Research: Opportunities, Challenges and Prospects.” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference, Denver CO, Nov. 7-9.
- 2019 “Soft Skills for the Academic Job Market.” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference, Denver, CO, Nov. 7-9.
- 2018 “The Continuities and Discontinuities of the Political Economy/Ecology of Resource Extraction in Africa.” Canadian Association of African Studies Conference Annual Conference, Ontario, Canada, May 4-6.

## **WORKSHOPS ATTENDED**

- 2021 ICPSR Methods Workshop, Network Analysis I and II; Maximum Likelihood Estimation I and II, June 21- August 13.
- 2021 Methods of the Policy Process, School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver, March, 2-5.
- 2021 “Advancing Institutional Theory and Analysis: Current Initiatives Extending the Ostrom Research Agenda,” Institutional Grammar Research Initiative, Syracuse University, January 19, 2021.
- 2020 Equity Certificate Program, University of Colorado Denver, October-November 2020
- 2020 “Joining the Big Data Revolution: Big Data in Education and Social Science Research,” Institute for Research on Innovation and Science, June 15-19.
- 2020 “School of Public Affairs Teaching Webinars,” Jean Hooker, Dr. Annie Miller, and Robyn Mobbs, University of Colorado Denver, March 14.
- 2020 “Survey Development and Administration,” Dr. Leah Stokes, University of California, Santa Barbara, May 1.
- 2020 “Short Circuiting Policy: Interest Groups and the Battle Over Clean Energy and Climate Policy in the American States.” Dr. Leah Stokes, University of California, Santa Barbara, May 1.
- 2020 “Graduate Leaders in Socio-Environmental Synthesis Workshop,” University of Maryland, Annapolis, Jan 15-17.
- 2020 “Certificate of Completion: Online Skills Mastery (Canvas Platform),” University of Colorado Denver, March 2-April 26.
- 2020 “IEA World Energy Outlook: Special Report on Sustainable Recovery,” Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University, June 30.
- 2019 “Academic Skills Workshop,” Drs. Christopher M. Weible, John Ronquillo, and Mary Guy, University of Colorado Denver, March 18.

- 2019 “Seminar on News Media Textual Analysis,” Dr. Christopher M. Weible, University of Colorado Denver, March 19.
- 2019 “Cooperation in the face of Complexity: The Future of Water Governance,” Dr. Mark Lubell, University of California, Davis, April 8.
- 2019 “How to Support Student Writing,” Dean Kelly Hupefeld and Nuri Heckler, University of Colorado Denver, April 11.
- 2019 “7<sup>th</sup> Network Leadership Training Academy Workshop,” Center on Network Science, University of Colorado Denver, April 15-17.
- 2019 “Performance-Based Funding in Higher Education,” Dr. Amanda Rutherford, Indiana University, Bloomington, April 26.
- 2019 “2<sup>nd</sup> International Public Policy Association Spring School, Denver Edition, University of Colorado Denver, May 20-24.
- 2019 “R: Learning by Example,” Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Methods Workshop, University of Colorado Boulder, June 3-5.
- 2019 “Causality and Credibility in PA Research,” Dr. Justin Ross, Indiana University, Bloomington, Oct. 14.
- 2019 “Dealing with Common Source Bias and GIS for Spatial Data Analysis,” Drs. Will Swann and Serena Kim, University of Colorado Denver, November 15.
- 2019 “Critical Discussion on Multiple Streams and Social Constructions,” Drs. Vilém Novotný (Charles University), and Jonathan Pierce (Alaska Vocational Technical Center), Nov. 11.
- 2018 “Research Methods Workshop: Using MLE in Social Science Research,” Dr. Will Swann, University of Colorado Denver, Jan 19.
- 2018 “The Wicked Problem of Food, Water, and Energy in Irrigated Systems: Local Solutions for Global Problem,” Dr. Edward Weber, Oregon State University, Feb 21.
- 2018 “Social Network Analysis Workshop,” Dr. Antje Witting, Universität Konstanz, Germany, May 17.
- 2018 1<sup>st</sup> International Public Policy Association Spring School, Denver Edition, University of Colorado Denver, May 21-25.
- 2018 6<sup>th</sup> Sustainable Climate Risk Management Workshop (SCRiM), Penn State University, July 30-Aug 3.
- 2018 “Introduction to Item-response Theory: Applications to Public Affairs Research,” Dr. Will Swann, University of Colorado Denver, Oct. 12.
- 2017 “Collaborative Governance Symposium,” University of Colorado Denver, Nov. 10.
- 2017 “Seeking an Academic Job,” Drs. Kenneth J. Meier (formerly Texas A & M University) and Laurence J. O’Toole Jr. (University of Georgia), Oct. 5.

- 2016 “Short Course on Qualitative Research Methods,” University of Ghana, Oct. 3-6.
- 2016 Transdisciplinary Research Methods, Stellenbosch University, South Africa, July 4-8.
- 2015 Short Course on Research Process (Methodology),” University of Ghana, May 12-13&26.
- 2015 “Research Grant Proposal Writing Workshop,” University of Ghana, May 18-20.
- 2015 “Research Management Lifecycle Workshop,” Thomson Reuters, March 18.
- 2014 “Development Research Uptake in sub-Saharan Africa (DRUSSA) Policy Symposium,” Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ghana, Dec. 9.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Department of Political Science, University of Tennessee Knoxville**

#### **Instructor of Record**

POLS 311 Contemporary Issues in American Public Policy (Fall 2021)

POLS 556 Public Policy Analysis (Spring 2022)

### **University of Colorado Denver**

#### **Instructor of Record**

PUAD 1001 Introduction to Leadership and Public Service, online format (Spring 2021)

#### **Guest Lecture**

PUAD 5003 Research and Analytic Methods, online format (Summer 2020).

PUAD 8050 Quantitative Methods I, in-person format (Fall 2019).

#### **Teaching Assistant**

PUAD 5005 Policy Process and Democracy, online format (Fall 2020)

PUAD 4600 COVID-19: The Pandemic, Societies, and Governments, online format (Summer 2020)

PUAD 5006 Public Service Leadership and Ethics, hybrid format (Spring 2020).

PUAD 5220 Human Resource Management, hybrid format (Spring 2020).

PUAD 5001 Introduction to Public Service, hybrid format (Fall 2020).

## **University of Ghana**

### **Instructor of Record**

PAHS 318 Public Administration, in-person format (Spring 2017, 2016, and 2015).

PAHS 414 Introduction to Ethics in Administration, in person format (Spring 2016).

PAHS 308 Democracy and Policymaking, in-person format (Fall 2016).

PAHS 301 Political Setting of Public Administration, in-person format (Fall 2016, Fall 2015).

### **Teaching Assistant**

POLI 405 Politics of International Economic Relations, in-person format (Fall 2009)

POLI 447 Foreign Policy Analysis, in-person format (Spring 2010)

### **Capstone Project Supervision**

Graduated Fall 2017 Lord Horlali Bobbie

Graduated Fall 2017 Constancia Sokpor

Graduated Fall 2017 Gifty Akonnor

Graduated Fall 2017 Philip Asedunga Adjuah

Graduated Fall 2016 Mohammed Gbati Abdulai

Graduated Fall 2016 Dorothy Boakye

### **SKILLS**

**Software** STATA; R; Qualtrics; NVivo; Discourse Network Analyzer; UCINET; Automap.

### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Journal manuscript reviewer: *African Geographical Review*, 2022

Journal manuscript reviewer: *Urban Governance*, 2022

Journal manuscript reviewer: *Policy and Politics*, 2020

Member, Students' Activities Committee, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Spring 2019-present

Journal manuscript reviewer: *The Extractive Industries and Society*, 2019

Conference volunteer, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research

Conference, Nov. 8-10, 2018, Washington, D.C.

Conference volunteer, American Society for Public Administration Annual Research Conference, March 9-13, 2018, Denver, CO.

Journal manuscript reviewer: *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*, 2017.

Journal manuscript reviewer: *Sage Open*, 2015

## **SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT/UNIVERSITY**

### **Department of Political Science, University of Tennessee Knoxville**

Faculty Search Committee, 2021

### **School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver**

Ph.D. Committee Member, 2019-2020.

Organizer and Speaker, “Preliminary Exam Preparatory Workshop for Ph.D. Students.” Spring 2020.

Organizer and Speaker, “New Ph.D. Student Welcome and Orientation,” Fall 2019

Member, Ph.D. Student Association, Fall 2017-present.

### **University of Ghana Business School**

Member, Students’ Internship Committee, University of Ghana Business School, 2015-2017

Secretary, History Writing Committee, University of Ghana Business School, 2015-2017

## **MAJOR LEADERSHIP ROLES**

Co-President, School of Public Affairs Ph.D. Students Association, University of Colorado Denver, 2019-2020.

National President, Ghana National Association of Adventist Students, Ghana, 2012-2013

Vice President (Administration), Ghana National Association of Adventist Students, University of Ghana Branch, 2008-2009.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

American Political Science Association (APSA)

International Public Policy Association (IPPA)

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)

American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)