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EDUCATION

PhD Student, Criminal Justice Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Aug. 2024–Present
Master of Science, Criminal Justice Sciences Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois GPA: 3.98/4.00 Thesis: Cyberbullying Among College Students	Aug. 2022–May 2024
Bachelor of Arts, Social Work and Sociology University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana	Aug. 2014–May 2018

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Cyberbullying • Human Trafficking • Cybercrime • Victimization • Juvenile Justice

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

Thesis

Asiamah, G. Y. (2024). *Cyberbullying among college students*. Theses and Dissertations, 1883. Illinois State University repository.
Manuscript Submitted

Lane, D., DeCamp, W., Frazier, S., & **Asiamah, G.** *Body modifications as doing gender: Empirical relationships and personal accounts of tattoos and piercings as signifying gender and sexual orientation*. Manuscript submitted to *Sexualities*.

Research Projects in Progress

Appiah-Kubi, J., Teye, A. T., & **Asiamah, G.** *Employment promotion as a protective factor for economic resilience among deported youth in Ghana*.

Asiamah, G. & Wooditch, A. *Regional disparities in U.S. evaluations of anti-trafficking efforts: Tier rankings and the Trafficking in Persons Report*.

Wooditch, A., & **Asiamah, G.** *U.S. discretion in global anti-trafficking assessments: Delayed downgrades and sanction waivers*.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Seeing Cyberbullying Everywhere? Perceived Commonness Predicts Victimization but Not Perpetration in Illinois State University American Society of Criminology, 81st Annual Meeting - Chicago, Illinois Upcoming presentation, November 2026	2026
A Meta-Analytic Examination of Cyberbullying Interventions in the United States: A Social Learning Theory Perspective American Society of Criminology, 80th Annual Meeting - Washington, DC	2025
Body Modification Practices and Sexual Identities Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting - Montréal, Canada	2024
Cyberbullying Among College Students American Society of Criminology, 78th Annual Meeting - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	2023
Cyberbullying Among College Students Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, 26th Annual Student Research Symposium - Illinois State University	2023

RESEARCH GRANT

Pinion Grant (Office of Student Research Travel Grant) Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois	2023
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice

Aug. 2024–Present

Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

CJ 1001 Introduction to Criminal Justice; CJ 2001–001 Introduction to Juvenile Justice; CJ 2401 Nature of Crime; CJ 2501 Introduction to Criminal Law; CJ 2597 Criminal Justice Research Methods; CJ 3306 Ethics, Crime, and Justice; CJ 3403 Organized Crime; CJ 3408 Forensic Psychology; CJ 3506 Cyber-Investigations, Digital Forensics, and the Law; CJ 4097 CJ Capstone Seminar.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice Sciences

Aug. 2022–May 2024

Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois

CJS 207 Contemporary Policing in America (Fall 2022); CJS 201 Crime and Behavior (Fall 2023); CJS 218 Social Construction of Crime (Fall 2023); CJS 102 Individuals, Society, and Justice (Spring 2024); CJS 208 Criminal Law (Spring 2024).

PEER REVIEW & ACADEMIC SERVICE

Ad Hoc Reviewer

Present

Emerging Adulthood

Peer review of multiple manuscripts.

Treasurer, Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association

2024–Present

Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Advisor, Redbird Gaming

2022–2023

Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Administrative Assistance, Outreach Ministry

2026–Present

Church of Pentecost (PIWC), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Executive Leader, Youth and Pensa Ministry

2026–Present

Church of Pentecost (PIWC), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Volunteer, PIWC Food Donation Center

2026–Present

Church of Pentecost (PIWC), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Treasurer, Church of Pentecost, Normal Assembly

2023–2024

Normal, Illinois

Volunteer, McLean County Re-entry Program

2022–2024

McLean County, Illinois

Student Mentor, STL Amandi Foundation

2017–2018

Accra, Ghana

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Conference Assistant

May–Aug. 2023

University Housing Services, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois

Customer Experience Specialist

Dec. 2019–July 2022

Multichoice Ghana Limited, Accra, Ghana

Executive Administrative Assistant

Sept. 2018–Oct. 2019

Enterprise Life Assurance Ghana Limited, Accra, Ghana

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Teaching in Higher Education

2026

Temple Online Certification Program

2026

Mental Health First Aid Workshop

2023

Crisis Intervention Workshop

2023

RESEARCH TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

Students Conducting No More Than Minimal Risk Research

CITI Program

Practice Runs Training

CITI Program

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Society of Criminology