

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**EDUCATION**

PhD	Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis (2013) <i>Dissertation: The Relationship between Household Economic Resources and Youth Academic Performance in Ghana: A Multilevel Structural Equation Modeling</i>
MSW	Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis (2008)
BA	University of Ghana (Social Work with Sociology) (2004)

***Additional Training***

Certificate of Completion: Introduction to ArcGIS II  
 Environmental Systems Research Institute & Washington University in St. Louis (2007)

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Educational and economic disparities
- Youth asset development
- International social development
- Community development
- Geographic information systems (GIS)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE*****Research***

2014-Present	Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
July 2013- Dec 2013	Instructor, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2013-Present	Research Associate: YouthSave Ghana Experiment, Center for Social Development at Washington University in St. Louis

- 2011-2013 Research Assistant: Assisting with formative and market research concerning the design of an economic empowerment project for youth living in Kibera, Nairobi, Kenya. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (G. Chowa, PI)
- 2010 Principal Investigator: Spatial analysis of financial institutions and financial inclusion in Ghana (Independent Study)
- 2010 Research Assistant: Livestock or the Pen: Is Education a Route out of Poverty for Pastoralists, Supported by the Chronic Poverty Research Center, United Kingdom (PI: C. Lesorogol)
- 2009-Present Research Associate: YouthSave Project: Testing Impact of Youth Savings Accounts on Developmental Outcomes for Youth and Household Finances and Well-Being. Center for Social Development, Washington University in St. Louis (M. Sherraden, PI)
- 2009 Feasibility Consultant: Evaluation of prospects for working with financial and research institutions, and NGOs in Ghana to implement a youth asset building project, Save the Children, USA
- 2009-Present Research Associate: AssetsAfrica Project: Impacts of Asset-Building Intervention for Households in Rural Uganda. Center for Social Development, Washington University in St. Louis (G. Chowa, PI)
- 2007-2008 Graduate Research Assistant: AssetsAfrica Project: Impacts of Asset-Building Intervention for Households in Rural Uganda. Center for Social Development, Washington University in St. Louis (G. Chowa, PI)
- 2006 Assisted the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER, Ghana) to conduct surveys on Household Food Insecurity and Vulnerability in the Northern Region of Ghana
- Direct Social Work Practice***
- 2007 Group Activity Coordinator (Practicum): After school program for children and teens, Make a Difference Center, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2004-2006 Assistant Field Project Officer: Food security and health programs for deprived communities, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Ghana
- 2004 Group Facilitator (Practicum): Group facilitation, Rotary Club of Tema, Ghana
- 2003 Case Manager (Practicum): Case management services, SOS Children's Village, Tema, Ghana

**HONORS**

2008-present	The Roma & Raymond Wittcoff Scholar in Arts & Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis
2006-2008	Clara H. Barton Graduate Scholarship, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis
2004	Academic Excellence Award: Award presented for graduates with First Class Honors, Master and Council of Legon Hall, University of Ghana
2003/2004	Academic Excellence Award: Award presented for outstanding performance at the Level 300 Examination, University of Ghana
2002/2003	Academic Excellence Award: Award presented for outstanding performance at the Level 200 Examination, University of Ghana
1996-1998	Merit Scholarship from the Government of Ghana, St. Peter's Secondary School, Nkwatia, Ghana

**PUBLICATIONS*****Peer-reviewed Publications***

1. Chowa, G., **Ansong, D.**, & Despard, M. (In-Press). Financial Capabilities: Multilevel Modeling of the Impact of Internal and External Capabilities on Rural Households. *Social Work Research*.
2. **Ansong, D.**, Chowa, G., & Grinstein-Weiss, M. (2013). Future Orientation as a Mediator between Assets and Perceived Household Economic Stability: A Structural Equation Modeling Approach. *Social Work Research*, 37(2), 147-158. doi: 10.1093/swr/svt012
3. Chowa, G., Masa, R., Wretman, C., & **Ansong, D.** (2013). The Impact of Household Possessions on Youth's Academic Achievement in the Ghana YouthSave Experiment: A Propensity Score Analysis. *Economics of Education Review*, 33, 69-81.
4. Lesorogol, C., Chowa, G., & **Ansong, D.** (2013). Inheritance or Education? An investigation of predictors of mobility out of poverty among pastoralists in Samburu District, Kenya. *Journal of Developing Societies*, 29(2), 213-232.
5. Chowa, G., Masa, R., & **Ansong, D.** (2012). Determinants of saving among low-income individuals in rural Uganda: Evidence from AssetsAfrica. *Advances in Applied Sociology*, 2(4), 280-291. DOI: 10.4236/aasoci.2012.24037.
6. Lesorogol, C., Chowa, G., & **Ansong, D.** (2011). Livestock inheritance and education: Attitudes and decision-making among Samburu pastoralists. *Nomadic Peoples*, 15(12): 82-103.

7. Chowa, G., & **Ansong, D.** (2010). Student directed projects: An international case study for Social Work education. *Journal of Social Work Education, 46*(2): 285-291.
8. **Ansong, D.**, & Chowa, G. (2010). Youth savings preferences and the potential for asset accumulation: The case of Masindi, Uganda. *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher, 22*(3): 402-419.
9. Chowa, G., **Ansong, D.**, & Masa, R. (2010). Assets and child well-being in developing countries: A research review. *Children and Youth Services Review, 32*:1508-1519.
10. Chowa, G., & **Ansong, D.** (2010). Youth and savings in AssetsAfrica. *Children and Youth Services Review, 32*: 1591-1596.

### **Research Briefs, Reports, and White Papers**

1. **Ansong, D.** & Chowa, G. A. N. (2013). Visual demonstration of academic performance and parental involvement in Ghana (YouthSave Research Brief 13-17). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
2. Sherraden, M. S., & **Ansong, D.** (2013). *Conceptual development of the CYFI Model of Children and Youth as Economic Citizens* (CSD Research Report 13-03). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
3. Sherraden, M. S., & **Ansong, D.** (2013). *Research evidence on the CYFI Model of Children and Youth as Economic Citizens* (CSD Research Report 13-04). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
4. Chowa, G., **Ansong, D.**, Masa, R., Despard, M., Osei-Akoto, I., Richmond, A., ... Sherraden, M. (2012). *Youth and saving in Ghana: A baseline report from the YouthSave Ghana Experiment*. St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
5. Chowa, G. A. N., **Ansong, D.**, & Osei-Akoto, I. (2012). *Parental involvement and academic performance in Ghana* (YouthSave Research Brief 12-42). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
6. Child and Youth Finance International. (2012). *Children and youth as economic citizens: Review of research on financial capability, financial inclusion, and financial education*. Research Working Group Report. Amsterdam: CYFI. [Contributor].
7. Masa, R., Zou, L., Sherraden, M., Chowa, G., Ssewamala, F., **Ansong, D.**, Johnson, L., Sherraden, M. (2010). *Youth savings: Initial insights from the demand side* (Research Brief, CSD publication No. 10-11). Center for Social Development. Washington University in St. Louis.

8. **Ansong, D.** (2009). *Ghana country assessment for Youth Development Accounts* (CSD Country Brief 09-39). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.

## PRESENTATIONS

### *Conference Presentations*

1. Ansong, D. (2013). *Exploratory and Confirmatory Factor Analyses of the Commitment to School Scale for Middle School-Aged Youth in Ghana*. Research design and measurement workshop to be presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 17th Annual Research Meeting, San Diego, CA.
2. Chowa, G., Masa, R., Wretman, C., Ansong, D., Osei-Akoto, I. (2013). *Individual and School Effects on Academic Performance of Youth in the Ghana Youthsave Experiment*. Research design and measurement workshop to be presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 17th Annual Research Meeting, San Diego, CA.
3. Masa, R., Chowa, A., & Ansong, D. (2012). *Determinants of Saving among Low-income Rural Households in Uganda*. The 2012 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
4. Chowa, A., & Ansong, D. (2011). *Impacts of an asset building intervention on household well-being in rural Uganda*. The 2011 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Tampa, FL.
5. Chowa, A., & Ansong, D. (2011). *Understanding contextual factors that explain the savings trends of youth in rural communities in Sub-Saharan Africa*. The 2011 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Tampa, FL.
6. Petra, M. M., Ansong, D., & Cunningham-Williams, R. M. (2011, February). *The Utility of Collateral Informants for Validating Self-Reported Gambling Behavior: A Meta-Analysis*. Poster presentation for the Graduate Research Symposium, Washington University in St. Louis, MO.
7. Chowa G.A.N. & Ansong, D. (2010). *Understanding the financial capability for the youth in AssetsAfrica: The case of Masindi, Uganda*. Global Youth Enterprise and Livelihoods Development Conference. Washington D.C. September 14-16, 2010.
8. Chowa, G.A.N., & Ansong, D. (2010). *Youth savings in AssetsAfrica*. Child Development Accounts: Research and Policy Symposium; St Louis, November 12- 14, 2008.
9. Chowa, G.A.N., Ansong, D., & Masa, R. (2010). *Assets and child well-being in developing countries: A research review*. Child Development Accounts: Research and Policy Symposium: St Louis, November 12- 14, 2008.

**Invited (Non-Refereed) Presentations**

1. Ansong, D. (2012, November). Youth and savings in Ghana. The 2012 African Students of Social Work Seminar, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis.
2. Ansong, D. (2010, May). *Promoting Financial Inclusion in Ghana: Spatial Analysis of the Availability and Accessibility of Banks*. Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis.

**University Guest Lectures and Invited Lectures**

1. Ansong, D. (2013, November). Geographic Information Systems Applications in International Development. Guest lecture in the course, Community Practice: Global Perspectives at the School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
2. Ansong, D. (2013, September). Preparing for the Job Search. Invited presentation at the Professional Seminar for the Doctoral Program, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
3. Ansong, D. (2011, October). *YouthSave: Innovations in Asset Building for Youth*. Brown School National Council Meeting, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis.
4. Ansong, D. (2011, November). *Choosing the Teaching Assistantship that is Right for You*. Teaching Workshop, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis. (Invited Panelist).

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Fall 2013	Instructor: <b>Foundations of Evidence-Based Practice and Program Evaluation</b> . School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Master's Level Course)
Fall 2013	Instructor: <b>Introduction to Social Statistics and Data Analysis</b> . School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (PhD Level Course)
Spring & Fall 2012	Instructor: <b>Evaluation of Programs and Services</b> , Washington University, Brown School of Social Work, (Master's Level Course)
Fall 2012	Teaching Assistant: <b>Seminar in Social Work Theory and Knowledge</b> , Washington University, Brown School of Social Work, (Ph.D. Level Course). Instructor: Michael Sherraden, Ph.D.
Fall 2012	Teaching Assistant: <b>Introduction to Advanced Research</b> , Washington University, Brown School of Social Work, (Ph.D. Level Course). Renee M. Cunningham-Williams, Ph.D.

- Spring 2012 Instructor: **Social, Political, and Economic Environment**, Washington University, Brown School of Social Work, (Master's Level Course)
- Spring 2012 Teaching Assistant: **Social Welfare Policies and Services**, Washington University, Brown School of Social Work, (Master's level class). Instructor: Michael Sherraden, Ph.D.
- Fall 2012 Teaching Assistant: **Evaluation of Programs and Services**, Washington University, Brown School of Social Work, (Master's level class). Instructor: Giovanina Gardiner, MSW
- Spring 2011 Co-Instructor: **Asset Building: Theory, Innovation, Research, Policy, and Practice**, Washington University, Brown School of Social Work, (Master's Level Course). Co-Instructor: Michael Sherraden, Ph.D.
- Fall 2010 Teaching Assistant: **Evaluation of Programs and Services**, Washington University, Brown School of Social Work, (Master's level class). Instructor: Amanda Moore McBride, Ph.D.
- Spring 2010 Teaching Assistant: **Evaluation of Programs and Services**, Washington University, Brown School of Social Work, (Master's Level Course). Instructor: Renee M. Cunningham-Williams, Ph.D.
- Fall 2009 Teaching Assistant: **International Social Development**, Washington University, Brown School of Social Work, (Master's Level Course). Instructor: Carolyn Lesorogol, Ph.D.

## GRANTS

- 2012-2013 Brown School International Dissertation Award: Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, \$7,500
- 2012-2013 Dissertation Fellowship: Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, \$3,000

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2011-2013 Academic Advisor to MSW students: Brown School, Washington University St. Louis.
- 2010-2011 Peer Reviewer: Social and Economic Development PhD Research Group, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2009-2010 Peer Mentor: Doctoral Program, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis

2006-2007 Co-chair: African Students Association, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2012-Present Committee member: Staff Parish Committee, Grace United Methodist Church, St. Louis

2012 Research Advisory Board member: Innovative Asset Building and Mentorship Initiative, St. Louis

2013 Reviewer: *Journal of Art and Education*  
*International Social Work*

2012 Reviewer: *Children and Youth Services Review*  
*Economics of Education Review*

2011 Reviewer/Consulting Editor: *Social Work Research*

2011 Reviewer: *Educational Research Journal*

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Society for Social Work and Research
- Council on Social Work Education
- Ghana Association of Social Workers