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EDUCATION

Florida International University *Miami, FL*
Ph.D. Political Science *2022 - Present*

Dissertation Title: "Personalization and the Survival of Political Parties in Africa: The Conditioning Effects of Party Origins and Institutionalization"

Expected Defense: Spring 2027

Completion Date: June 2027

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Tatiana Kostadinova (Advisor), Dr. John F. Clark, Dr. Todd Makse, Dr. Albert Wuaku

Subfields: Comparative Politics & International Relations

Florida International University **Miami, FL**
M.A., Political Science 2022 - 2024

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology **Kumasi, Ghana**
Master of Public Administration (with thesis)

University of Education, Winneba **Winneba, Ghana**
Post Graduate Diploma in Education (with thesis)

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology **Kumasi, Ghana**
B.A. Political Studies

ACADEMIC AND POLICY APPOINTMENTS

2026 – Present Graduate Assistant, FIU Embrace – Disability 20 (D20) Engagement Group Formalization at the G20 Initiative

- Support Development of White Paper and Policy Framework of the D20 Engagement Group into the G20
- Assist the Development of the D20 Governance Architecture and D20 Transitions
- Participate in D20 Weekly Steering Committee Meetings targeting G20, D20 Engagement Group Formalization
- Integrating Steering Committee feedback
- Member of Disability 20(D20) Engagement Group Transition Team
- Working closely with the incoming UK D20 Engagement Group

2022– 2026 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Politics and International Relations, FIU
2021– 2022 Assistant Registrar, Family Health University, Ghana

HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Year	Award	Awarding Institution
2026	Clark-Alonso Scholarship	Florida International University
2026	Best Graduate Paper Award	Florida Political Science Association
2026	Best Graduate Paper Nomination	Florida Political Science Association
2026	Received Competitive Graduate Assistantship	FIU Embrace, Disability 20 (D20) Policy Initiative (2026) for G20
2026	Provost Dissertation Completion Fellowship	Florida International University
2026	Graduate and Professional Student Committee Academic Conference, (APSA and FPSA conferences)	Florida International University
2025	Best Teaching Assistant in Political Science	Department of Politics and International Relations, Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, Florida International University
2025	Nominated for Best Teaching Assistant Award	Department of Politics and International Relations, Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, Florida International University
2025	The only student Nominated to Represent Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) and Florida International University at the Raisina Dialogue in India	Observer Research Foundation, India
2025	One of three students representing U.S. Universities at the 2025 Raisina Dialogue - New Delhi, India	Observer Research Foundation, India
2025	One of 60 students nominated globally to attend and represent their respective universities at the Raisina Dialogue, 2025 - New Delhi, India	SIPA, FIU and Observer Research Foundation, India
2025	Graduate and Professional Student Committee Academic Conference Travel Grants	Florida International University
2024	Invitation to the 8th Annual Tbilisi International Conference, Republic of Georgia	SIPA, Florida International University
2024	Graduate and Professional Student Committee Academic Conference Travel Grants (MPSA)	Florida International University
2023	SIPA Fellowship, 7th Annual Tbilisi International Conference, Republic of Georgia	SIPA, Florida International University
2018-2019	Most Outstanding Teacher Awards	RisingSun Montessori School, Accra
2014	First Class Honours	Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi

RESEARCH

Peer Reviewed Publications

- Abane, J. A., & Asamoa, E. Y. (2022). COVID-19 Pandemic and Vulnerability in Private Educational Sector Employment in Ghana: A Study of Three Municipalities in the National Capital. *Journal of Social Development Studies*, *3*(1), 16-28.
- Asamoa, E. Y. (2026). Beyond electoral design: A cross-national analysis of electoral systems and violence in 66 emerging democracies. *Social Sciences & Humanities Open*, *14*, 103654. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssaho.2026.103654

Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Entries

- Abane, J. A., & Asamoa, E. Y. (2020). The Bureaucratic Structure Hypothesis. In *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance* (pp. 1-5). Springer, Cham.
- Abane, J. A., Abubakari, M., & Asamoa, E. Y. (2023). Structure of Bureaucratic Decisions. In *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance* (pp. 12435-12440). Cham: Springer International Publishing.
- Abane, J. A., & Asamoa, E. Y. (2023). Performance Information Under Austerity: Using Outcome Measures to Set Budget Priorities. In *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance* (pp. 9288-9296). Cham: Springer International Publishing.
- Abane, J. A., Sakolsatayotorn, P., & Asamoa, E. Y. (2023). Bureaucratic Machine. In *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance* (pp. 1277-1282). Cham: Springer International Publishing.

Accepted to Be Published

- Asamoa, Ernest Yeboah. Personalization, Institutionalization and Party Survival: A Cross-National Analysis of Political Parties in Africa. *Florida Political Chronicle* (Accepted).
- Asamoa, Ernest Yeboah. Divergent Political Pathways: Institutional Factors Driving Independent Presidential Wins in Benin and Two-Party Dominance in Ghana. *African Journal of Democracy and Governance* (Accepted).

Papers Under Review

- Asamoa, Ernest Yeboah. "Does Foreign Policy Convergence Matter in the Performance of Foreign Assistance on Democracy? Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa." (Under Review)
- Asamoa, Ernest Yeboah and Nvidah Erzuah. "Building Pro-environmental Behaviors: Mechanisms Linking Participation to Citizen Climate Self-Efficacy." (Under Review)

In Preparation for Submission

- Asamoa, Ernest Yeboah. "Party Personalization and Development Outcomes in Africa: Evidence from US Economic Assistance."
- Nvidah, Erzuah, and Asamoa, Ernest Yeboah. "Building Pro-environmental Behaviors: Mechanisms Linking Participation to Citizen Climate Self-Efficacy."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record *Florida International University*

Fall 2026	CPO 3204: African Politics (Syllabus Design and Development)
Summer 2026	CPO 3010: Comparative Politics: Theory and Practice
Fall 2025	CPO 4057: Political Violence and Revolution
Summer 2025	CPO 2002: Introduction to Comparative Politics
Spring 2023-Summer 2024	ENC 1101: Writing and Rhetoric

Graduate Teaching Assistant *Florida International University*

Spring 2026	POS 3703: Methods of Political Analysis
Spring 2026	POS 4931: Conspiracy Theories
Fall 2025	CPO 4057: Political Violence and Revolution
Spring 2025	CPO 4737: Human Rights and Democratic Transitions
Fall 2024	CPO 4614: Politics in Eastern Europe
Fall 2024	CPO 2002: Introduction to Comparative Politics
Fall 2023	ENC 1101: Writing and Rhetoric

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026 "U.S.-China Competition: Public Perceptions and the Democratic Effects of Aid." American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston MA.

2026 "Big Men and Institutions: Personalization and Party Survival across 44 Countries." American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA.

2026 "Personalization, Institutionalization and Party Survival: A Cross-National Analysis of 44 Countries." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2026 "Beyond Insurgency: Diagnosing Coup Signals and Democratic Breakdown in the Sahel in the Context of U.S. Foreign Policy." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2026 "Personalization, Institutionalization and Party Survival: A Cross-National Analysis of Political Parties in Africa." Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Saint Leo, FL.

2026 "Digital Charisma: Social Media Influencers and the Legitimation of Power Across Regime Types in the Digital Platform Era." FIU Graduate Student Conference, Miami, FL. (With Sedinam Kumah).

2025 "Party Politics and Personalization: Survival of Personalist Parties in Africa." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

2025 "The Influence of Personalized Political Parties on Economic Growth in Africa: A Study of U.S. Economic Assistance." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2025 "Executive Orders and the Personalization of Politics." Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, FL.

2024 "Impact of Chinese and U.S. Aid on Democracy in Africa." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2024 "Institutional Factors Contributing to the Success of Independent Candidates in Ghana and Benin." Southern Political Science Association Conference, virtual.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2026 — Pilot Consulting (EveryWhere): How to improve survey research in Africa

2021 - 2022 — Assistant Registrar, Family Health University / Family Health Medical School, Accra, Ghana

- Supported institutional administration, curriculum and handbook review, appointments and promotions, accessibility initiatives, and university governance committees.

2017 - 2021 — Teacher / Administrator, RisingSun Montessori School, Accra, Ghana

- Managed classroom instruction and administration; contributed to syllabus development, accessibility initiatives, and school policy through the Parent-Teacher Association.

2019-2021 — Independent Policy Consultant

- Developed policy proposals and party-platform material addressing governance, inclusion, and institutional development.

2014-2015 — Administrative Assistant, Ga South Municipal Assembly

- Completed National Service supporting local government administration and records management

INTERNATIONAL POLICY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE ENGAGEMENTS

2026 — **Policy Contributions to Disability 20 (D20) Initiative at the G20**

• Serves on the D20 Steering Committee
• Developing a White Paper focused on aligning the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Sustainable Development Goals with the D20 Formalization in the G20
• Designing the Governance Architecture of the D20
• Participate in D20 Working Group Events and Activities
• Conceptualizing the Governance Framework of the D20

2025 — **Delegate, Raisina Dialogue, New Delhi, India**

• Led a team to reimagine the United Nations in a way that is more effective and efficient
• Selected among 60 students globally to develop proposals on strengthening the United Nations, emphasizing inclusion, representation, and effective multilateralism

2024 — **Delegate, 8th Tbilisi International Conference, Republic of Georgia**

• Participated in high-level discussions on democracy, conflict, global governance,

	human rights, global security, U.S. Leadership and institutional reform
2024	**Founder, Kratos Institute** • An organization focused on Research, Democracy Diagnostics, Political Stability and Economic Development
2023	**Delegate, 7th Tbilisi International Conference, Republic of Georgia** • Participated in high-level discussions on democracy, conflict, global governance, human rights, global security, U.S. Leadership and institutional reform

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

2026	Panel Chair, Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting – Comparative Politics
2026	Chair and Planning Committee Member, FIU Graduate Conference on Democratization in the Global South
2026	Blind Reviewer, FIU Graduate Student Conference Committee
2025	Panel Chair, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting – Political Institutions in Africa
2025	Team Lead: Proposal for Inclusive and Effective Multilateral System: Raisina Dialogue, 2025, New Delhi, India
2023–2024	Vice President, Politics and International Relations Graduate Student Association, FIU
2023–2024	Treasurer and Founding Member, African Graduate Students Association, FIU
2021–2022	Secretary to 7 Committees at Family Health University College
2020–2021	Acting Communication Secretary, Democratic People's Party, Ghana
2017–2021	Headed Several Committees and Organizations at RisingSun Montessori School

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)
- Florida Political Science Association (FPSA)

CERTIFICATIONS AND ADVANCED TRAINING

- Artificial Intelligence: How it Works and its Impact – Florida International University (2025)
- Data Science for Public Policy – Florida International University (2024)
- Microsoft Certified: Azure Data Fundamentals – Microsoft (2023)
- Thinking and Communicating with Data – Florida International University (2023)
- Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research Course – CITI Program (2023)
- Introduction to Data Analytics – Alison (2023)
- Introduction to Microsoft Power BI – Alison (2022)
- Fundamentals of Starting and Running a Business – Young African Leaders Initiative Network (YALI) Certificate (2015)

METHODS, TECHNICAL SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

- Quantitative: Data development and management; panel-data analysis; survival analysis; experimental design.
- Qualitative: Content analysis; triangulation; qualitative coding.
- Software: Stata; R; NVivo; Microsoft Power BI; Lucidchart and others
- Languages: English (Proficient), Twi (Proficient), Ga (Fluent), Pidgin (Fluent)
- Teaching Software: Proficient in Canvas

SELECTED PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

- Asamoa, Ernest Yeboah. 2024. "Takeaways from the 8th Tbilisi International Conference." FIU Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs/Reports/Spotlight.
- Asamoa, Ernest Yeboah. 2020. "My Turn." Ghana Broadcasting Corporation.