

Godwin Aklama Djietror

Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

1998-2003 Ph.D. Geography (McMaster University)

Supervisor: Dr. Susan J. Elliott

1995-1997 M.A. Geography and Planning (The University of Toledo)

Supervisor: Dr. Samuel Attoh

1988-1991 BA (Hons) Geography with Archeology (University of Ghana)

Supervisor: Dr. Samuel T. Addo

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Aug/10 – present: Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Marshall University

Aug/04 – Aug/09: Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Central Michigan University

Sep/03 – Aug/04: Post-Doctoral Fellowship, School of Geography and Geology, McMaster University

Aug/02 – Aug/03: Research Associate, Canadian Heart Health Dissemination Project

Jan/02 – Jun/03: Instructor, School of Geography and Geology, McMaster University

Mar – May 1998: Geography Instructor, Davis College, Toledo, Ohio

Courses Taught

Aug/10 – present: Department of Geography, Marshall University

- Geographical Research
- Principles and Methods of Planning
- Urban Land Use Planning
- Urban Geography
- Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa
- Geography of Middle and South America
- Economic Geography (CT)

Aug/04 – Aug/09: Department of Geography, Central Michigan University

- Land Use Planning
- Integrated Land Use Planning (Capstone course)
- Urban Geography
- Physical Geography
- Cultures of the World
- Environmental Geography

Jun/00 – Jun/04: School of Geography and Geology, McMaster University

- Geography of Africa
- Geography of Health and Health Care
- Urban Economic Geography

Mar – May 1998: General Studies Department, Davies College, Toledo, Ohio

- World Regional Geography

Teaching Assistantship

School of Geography and Geology, McMaster University (Fall 1998 - Winter 2001):

- Geography of Health and Health Care
- Location Analysis
- Transportation Geography
- Urban/Economic Geography
- Human Geography
- Geography of Canada

Department of Geography and Planning, The University of Toledo (Fall 1995 - Spring 1997):

- Geography of Africa
- Geography of USA and Canada
- Geography of Africa
- Environmental Geography

Department of Geography and Resource Development, University of Ghana (1991 -1993):

- Theory and Practice of Geography
- Physical Environmental Systems
- History of Geographic Thought

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Courses taken

Fall, 2012:

- Completed the Quality Matters (QM) Peer Reviewer Course (PRC), sponsored by Marshall University, November 14.
- Completed the Quality Matters (QM) Workshop on Applying the QM Rubric, sponsored by Marshall University.
- Completed the Technology Enhanced Classroom Initiative (TECI) Workshop, sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, Marshall University.
- Attended the Brown Bag Series, "Preparing Students for eLearning," on Online Teaching and Learning, organized by the Marshall University Center for Teaching and Learning

Fall, 2010:

- Completed the *New Faculty Teaching Seminars* organized by Academic Affairs and the Center for Teaching and Learning at Marshall University.
- I completed training to participate in Marshall University's Blackboard Learn 9.1 Pilot Project
- Completed the Critical Thinking Faculty Development Workshop, offered by the Center for Teaching and Learning at Marshall.

Summer, 2000: Completed a credit course, *Principles and Practice of University Teaching*, offered by the Centre for Leadership in Learning, McMaster University

Spring, 2000: Completed a mini-course, *Making Formal Presentations: Lecturing*, offered by the Centre for Leadership in Learning, McMaster University

Fall, 1999: Completed a mini-course, *Leading Effective Discussions*, offered by the Centre for Leadership in Learning, McMaster University

2. Teaching-related Workshops/Seminars attended

2012: Completed the Technology Enhanced Classroom Initiative (TECI) Workshop, sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, Marshall University, February 24.

2011: Completed the Quality Matters (QM) Workshop on Applying the QM Rubric, sponsored by Marshall University, October 19.

2010: Completed the Critical Thinking Faculty Development Workshop, offered by the Center for Teaching and Learning at Marshall, December 2010.

2010: Completed the Fall 2010 New Faculty Teaching Seminar, sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning and Academic Affairs at Marshall, November, 2010.

2012

"Preparing Students for eLearning", Brown Bag Series on Online Teaching and Learning, organized by the Marshall University Center for Teaching and Learning, February 21, 2012.

2010

- Completed training to participate in Marshall University's Blackboard Learn 9.1 Pilot Project, 5 November 2010.
- Participated in "Critical Thinking Workshop," organized by the Marshall University Center for Teaching and Learning, December 3 – 4, 2010.

August 2005: Participated in a workshop on Blackboard (an information technology program that facilitates classroom teaching), organized by the Faculty Center for Innovative Teaching, Central Michigan University.

Fall, 2002: Participated in a seminar on *"How do you encourage effective on-line student discussions?"* organized by the Centre for Leadership in Learning, McMaster University.

Summer, 2001: Participated in a workshop on *Assessment of Learning: How to Build Better Multiple Choice Exams*, organized by the Centre for Leadership in Learning, McMaster University.

Summer, 2001: Participated in workshop on *Assessment of Learning: Giving Students Feedback They Can Use*, organized by the Centre for Leadership in Learning, McMaster University.

2000-2003: Four times Workshop Leader: *Teaching in a Different Culture: Focus for International Students*, Workshop and Welcome Program for New Teaching Assistants, organized by the Center for Leadership in Learning, McMaster University, Ontario.

3. Research-related Workshops attended

September, 2008: Participated in a one-day workshop on "What ORSP Can Do for You – Focus on Internal Funding," organized by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP), Central Michigan University

December, 2005: Participated in a three-day Proposal Writing workshop, organized by the ORSP, Central Michigan University

August 2001: Workshop on *Situating Place in Health Research: Putting Theory into Practice*. Department of Geography, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, August 17-19, 2001

PEER REVIEW ACTIVITY

Reviewer for the following journals:

- Environmental Monitoring and Assessment
- Journal of the Air & Waste Management Association
- Environmental Health
- Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health
- International Journal of Environmental Health Research
- International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

PUBLICATION ACTIVITY

Joseph Taabazuing , Isaac Luginaah , Godwin Djietror & Kefa M. Otiso (2012): Mining, conflicts and livelihood struggles in a dysfunctional policy environment: the case of Wassa West District, Ghana, *African Geographical Review*, 31:1, 33-49

Godwin Djietror & Joseph Inungu: Spatial patterns and covariates of heart disease death rates in Michigan, 1998-2004. *The Internet Journal of Health*. 2008 Volume 8 Number 1

Heart Disease Death Rates in West Virginia, 1999-2008. (Manuscript accepted May 6, 2013 for publication in *The Internet Journal of Health*)

CURRENT RESEARCH

- Geographic analysis of the distribution of unsafe and demolished building sites in Huntington, West Virginia. (Manuscript submitted)

RESEARCH AWARDS AND GRANTS

May 2013: Received a summer research award in the amount of \$2000 from the Faculty Senate Research Committee, Marshall University, to analyze the economic burden of unsafe buildings in Huntington, West Virginia.

May 2012: Received a summer research award in the amount of \$2000 from the Faculty Senate Research Committee, Marshall University, to conduct a geographic analysis of heart disease death rates in West Virginia counties from 1999 to 2008.

May 2011: Received a summer research award in the amount of \$2000 from the Faculty Senate Research Committee, Marshall University, to conduct a geographic analysis of the distribution of demolished and unsafe buildings in Huntington, West Virginia

October 2008: Received a research grant in the amount of \$2240 from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Central Michigan University, to collect data on the physical attributes of residential neighbourhoods in the City of Mount Pleasant

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

2011: Djietror, G. Validity of Student Participation in the Assessment of Learning. Poster Presentation, Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching, Bethesda, Maryland. June 2 – 5, 2011

2007: Djietror, G. Municipal Code Violations in the City of Mount Pleasant, Michigan, 1998-2006. Geography Department Speaker's Series. Central Michigan University, November 30, 2007

2006: Djietror, G. Spatial Patterns in Heart Disease Death Rates in Michigan, 1998-2004. 2006 East Lakes Division AAG (ELDAAG) Annual Meeting, The University of Toledo, October 21.

- 2003: Djietror, G, Robinson, K. & Elliott, S. Facilitators of and barriers to health promotion capacity building and implementation. Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers Ontario Division, Queen's University, October 24 – 26.
- 2002: Djietror, G.A., Elliott, S.J., Abernathy, T., Walter, S.D., Deluca, P.F., and Taylor, S.M. Toward Understanding Geographic Variation in Cardiovascular Disease Mortality and Morbidity in Ontario, 1986-1994. Presented at the 98th AAG Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, March 19 – 23.
- 2001: Djietror, G.A., Elliott, S.J., Abernathy, T., Walter, S.D., Taylor, S.M. and Deluca, P.F. Geographic Variations in the Rates of Potential Risk Factors of Cardiovascular Disease Mortality and Morbidity in Ontario, 1986-1994, presented at the 2001 Annual Meeting of The Canadian Association of Geographers, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, May 29 – June 3.
- 2001: Djietror, G.A., Elliott, S.J., Abernathy, T., Walter, S.D., Taylor, S.M. and Deluca, P.F. Prevalence of Potential Risk Factors of Cardiovascular Disease Mortality and Morbidity in Ontario, 1986-1994, presented at the 97th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York City, New York, February 27 – March 3.
- 2000: Djietror, G.A., Elliott, S.J., Abernathy, T., Walter, S.D., Taylor, S.M. and Deluca, P.F. Geographic Variations in Cardiovascular Disease Mortality and Morbidity in Ontario, 1986-1994, presented at the 9th International Symposium in Medical Geography, Montreal, Quebec, July 3 – 7.
- 2000: Godwin A. Djietror, Susan J. Elliott, Tom Abernathy, Stephen D. Walter, S. Martin Taylor, Patrick F. DeLuca. Temporal Variation in Cardiovascular Disease Mortality and Morbidity in Ontario, 1986-1994, presented at the 2000 Annual Meeting of The Canadian Association of Geographers, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, May 31 – June 3.
- 1999: Godwin A. Djietror, Susan J. Elliott, Tom Abernathy, Stephen D. Walter, S. Martin Taylor, Patrick F. DeLuca. Cardiovascular Disease Outcomes in Ontario, 1986-1994, poster presentation at the 50th Annual Ontario Public Health Association Conference, Toronto Colony Hotel, Toronto, November 15 –17.
- 1995: Godwin A. Djietror. The role of water transportation in the economy of the Volta Delta area, Ghana, presented at the 1995 Annual Meeting of the East Lakes Division, Association of American Geographers, Hilton Hotel, Toledo, Ohio

CONFERENCE SESSIONS ORGANIZED/CHAired

- Organized three Special Sessions (with Susan J. Elliott) on *GIS and Spatial Analysis in Public Health*, Sponsored by Medical Geography Specialty Group, at the 98th AAG Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, March 19-23, 2002. The sessions organized are as follows:
 1. GIS and Spatial Analysis in Public Health I: Applications
 2. GIS and Spatial Analysis in Public Health II: Applications
 3. GIS and Spatial Analysis in Public Health III: Methodological Debates
- Session Chair, *GIS and Spatial Analysis in Public Health II: Applications*, Sponsored by Medical Geography Specialty Group, at the 98th AAG Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, March 19-23, 2002.
- Leader, *Access to Health Care*. 2nd Annual International Health Conference of the McMaster University Students International Health Initiative, March 3-5, 2000.

- Participant, Workshop on *Let's Talk Science*, a community partnership programme. McMaster University, Ontario, October 12, 2000.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Spring 2007

Supervised the independent study of 2 graduating students in the Department of Geography, Central Michigan University

SERVICE TO MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

- Current: I serve on the Masters in Public Administration Program Advisory Committee
- Led a workshop for Marshall University Blackboard Users' Group on how to create assignments in Blackboard Learn 9.1, December 7, 2011.
- Led a workshop for Marshall University Blackboard Users' Group on how to navigate and use the full grade center in Blackboard Learn 9.1, November 16, 2011.
- Discussant, panel discussion on the documentary film, *Urban Roots*, sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and the Marshall University Student Environmental Action Coalition, October 18, 2011.

SERVICE TO GEOGRAPHY

Marshall University

- I represented the Department during the showcase session on the following Green & White Day occasions: September 2010; November 2010; February 2011; April 2011; and April 2012
- I led a Technology Enhanced Classroom Initiative (TECI) training workshop for colleagues in the Department on April 4, 2012
- I successfully established a Geography Department student internship with the City of Huntington Planning Department for September 2011 to August 2012
- I changed the course title for GEO 203 from "General Economic Geography" to "Economic Geography" to reflect to be consistent with the title by which this sub-area of human geography is popularly known in academia, and is the title used by publishers of texts on the course, including the one that is currently being used to teach it.
- I redesigned the following planning courses on the Undergraduate and Graduate curriculum: (GEO414, 415, & 416; GEO514, 515, & 516)
- I changed the sequence of GEO 615 (Geographic Thought and Methods), which emphasizes the integration of methods of geographic inquiry with each student's research focus and writing) and GEO 616 (previously GEO 609: Geographical Research), which focuses on the development of a viable research proposal. These were previously taught in reverse order.
- Since my appointment, I have served as advisor on one master's thesis committee and two comprehensive examination committees
- Coordinated a graduate student internship with the City of Huntington
- Undergraduate Advisor since August 2010

Central Michigan University

August 2004 – August 2006:

- Member of the Departmental Curriculum Committee, Department of Geography, Central Michigan University
- Member of the Environmental Studies Advisory Council, Environmental Studies Program, Central Michigan University

McMaster University

- Member of committee to draft questionnaires for *End of Course* and *End of Session* student surveys conducted by the School of Graduate Studies
- Graduate Representative, Bi-monthly Departmental Faculty Meetings

- Faculty of Social Science Representative
- Member of Departmental Weekly Seminar Committee, School of Geography and Geology
- Member of Graduate Newsletter Committee, School of Geography and Geology

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND OTHER INTERESTS

2008: Collaboration with the Planning and Zoning Department of the City of Mount Pleasant in collecting data on the physical attributes of residential neighborhoods in the city.

2006: Collaboration with the City Planner for the City of Mount Pleasant and the Zoning Coordinator for the surrounding Charter Township of Union in identifying and analyzing land use conflict along the common boundary between the City and the Township.

2000: *Let's Talk Science* – a McMaster University Community Partnership Program: Volunteer work with a teacher in the Hamilton (Ontario) public school system to illustrate and explain the science behind everyday processes to 2nd grade students.

1994: Formed an Environmental Safety Task Force for the City of Ashaiman, Ghana. Main activities: fire safety during festivities; road safety for school children; protection of shade trees

1981: Supervised a team of volunteers in cleaning up the premises of an orphanage (the SOS Children's Village in Ghana) after a flood.

AFFILIATIONS WITH PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Association of American Geographers
- Southeast Division of Association of American Geographers