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EDUCATION

- Ph. D. University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
Major: Clinical-Community Psychology (APA Accredited)
Minors: Cultural Psychology, Labor and Industrial Relations
Dissertation Title: Culture, Emotion, and Somatic Focus.
2005.
- Internship University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Counseling and Psychological Services (APA Accredited). 2004.
- M. A. University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (UIUC)
Major: Clinical-Community Psychology
Thesis: Predictors of Mental Health and Subjective Well Being in Ghanaian Working Adults. 2001.
- B. Sc. University of Ghana
Major: Psychology
Minor: Biological Sciences
Thesis: Sports: A Catharsis of Aggression? 1996.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- July 2021- Present Professor, Tenured
Department of African American Studies
Affiliate, Department of Psychology
Virginia Commonwealth University
- Fall 2012 - June 2021 Associate Professor, Tenured
Department of African American Studies
Affiliate, Department of Psychology
Virginia Commonwealth University
- Fall 2017 Visiting Scholar, McGill University Global Mental Health Program
Division of Social and Transcultural Psychiatry
- Fall 2008 - 2012 Assistant Professor
Department of African American Studies
Virginia Commonwealth University

2006 – 2008 Assistant Professor
Department of Psychology
Fayetteville State University

2004 – 2005 Instructor
Department of Psychology
Fayetteville State University

LICENSURE

2007 - Present Licensed Psychologist and Health Service Provider, North Carolina

2005 Licensed Psychological Associate, North Carolina

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Culture and Emotion, Culture and Psychopathology, Cultural Psychology, Culture and Economic Psychology, Cultural Differences in Technology Adoption

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Osei-Tutu, A., Belgrave, F.Z., **Dzokoto, V.** (In Press). Conceptualizations of effective parenting: Perspectives of religious counselors in Ghana. *Journal of Black Psychology*.
2. Serpell, Z., **Dzokoto, V. A.**, Anum, A., Belgrave, F.Z. (In Press). Editorial: African Cultural Models in Psychology. *Frontiers in Cultural Psychology*.
3. Dutra, N. B, Chen, L., , Anum, A., Burger, O., Davis, H. E., **Dzokoto, V. A.**, Fong F.T.K., Ghelardi, S., Mendez, K., Messer, E. J. E., Newhouse, M, Nielsen, M. G. , Ramos, K., Rawlings, B, dos Santos, R. A. C., Silveira, L.G.S., Tucker-Drob, E.M., Legare, C.H. (In Press). Examining relations between performance on non-verbal executive function and verbal self-regulation tasks in demographically-diverse populations. *Developmental Science*. Advance Online Publication, <https://doi.org/10.1111/desc.13228>.
4. Asamoah-Gyadu, J.K., **Dzokoto, V.**, Osei-Tutu, A., Kenin, A. & Stahl, A. (Forthcoming, 2022). Religion and Values in Contemporary Africa: Christian Interpretations of Vice/Virtue Discourses in Ghana. *International Bulletin of Mission Research*, Advance Online Publication, <https://doi.org/10.1177/23969393211000266>.
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7. **Dzokoto, V.**, Anum, A., Affram, A., Agbavitoh, J., Dadzie, H., Mintah, R., Norman, Q., Owusu-Prempeh, C., Tawam, L., Turkson, S., Osei-Tutu, A. (2021). “A lot of Ghanaians really don’t understand the work we do”: Cultural Adaptations and Barriers in Ghanaian Psychotherapy Practice. *International Perspectives in Psychology: Research, Practice, Consultation*. <https://doi.org/10.1027/2157-3891/a000015>
8. Osei-Tutu, A., Affram, A.A., Mensah-Sarbah, C., **Dzokoto, V. A.**, Adams, G. (2021). The impact of COVID-19 and religious restrictions on the well-being of Ghanaian Christians: The perspectives of religious leaders. *Journal of Religion and Health*, 60, 2232–2249, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10943-021-01285-8>
9. Osei-Tutu, A., Kenin, A., Affram, A.A., Kusi, A.A., Adams, G. & **Dzokoto, V. A.** (2021). Ban of Religious Gatherings during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Impact on Christian Church Leaders’ Well-Being in Ghana. *Pastoral Psychology*, 70, 335–347. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11089-021-00954-5>
10. Osei-Tutu, A., Affram, A. A., & **Dzokoto, V. A.** (2021). “I Reported My Wife to Her Mother . . .” An Analysis of Transgressions Within Child-and Parent-In-Law Relationships in Ghana. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 52 (1), 94-116, <https://doi.org/10.3138/jcfs.52.1.007>
11. Osei-Tutu, A., Adams, A., Esiaka, D., **Dzokoto, V.** (2021). The Modernity/Coloniality of Love: Individualist Lifeways and Charismatic Christianity in Ghanaian Worlds. *Journal of Social Issues*. Advance online publication. <http://doi.org/10.1111/josi.12432>
12. Barnett, C., Anum, A., Acquah, B., & **Dzokoto, V.** (2021). Do Police Experience Trauma During Routine Work? An Analysis of Work-Related Potentially Traumatic Events and Expressed Trauma in a Sample of Ghanaian Police Officers. *Police Practice and Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15614263.2021.1895777>
13. Barnett, C., **Dzokoto, V.**, Allen, V, Osei-Tutu, A., Houngbeke, H., Hanu, S. (2021). Newspaper Coverage of Substance Misuse and Other Drug-Related Behaviors in Ghana: A Content Analysis of Health Communication. *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11469-020-00479-7>
14. Luhrmann, T.M., Weisman, K., Aulino, F., Brahinsky, J.D., Dulin, J.C., **Dzokoto, V.A.**, Legare, C.H., Lifshitz, M., Ng, E., Ross-Zehnder, N., & Smith, R.E. (2021). Sensing the presence of gods and spirits across cultures and faiths. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (PNAS)*, 118 (5) e2016649118, <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2016649118>.
15. Affram, A. A., Osei-Tutu, A., & **Dzokoto, V. A.** (2020). Conflict Handling in Ghanaian In-law Relationships: Implications for Face Concerns. *Journal of Family Communication*, 20 (4), 285-297. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15267431.2020.1822845>.
16. Osei-Tutu, A. Oti-Boadi, M., Affram, A., **Dzokoto, V.**, Asante, P. Y., Agyei, F., & Kenin, A. (2020). Premarital Counseling Practices among Christian and Muslim Lay Counselors in Ghana. *Journal of Pastoral Care & Counseling*, 74(3):203-211. doi: 10.1177/1542305020916721. PMID: 32967548.
17. Osei-Tutu, A., **Dzokoto, V.**, Affram, A., Adams, A, Norberg, J & Doosje, B (2020). Conceptions of well-being in four Ghanaian languages. *Frontiers in Cultural Psychology*. DOI: 10.3389/fpsyg.2020.01798
18. Barnett, C., Briggs, A., Osei-Tutu, A. & **Dzokoto, V.** (2020). How will I know if (s)he really loves me? An analysis of romantic relationship concerns in Ghanaian print media advice columns, 2000-2016. *Journal of Black Sexuality and Relationships*, 6 (3), 93-125. DOI: 10.1353/bsr.2020.0002.

19. **Dzokoto, V. A.** (2020). Adwenhoasem: An Akan Theory of Mind. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (Incorporating Man)* 26 (S1), 77-94.
20. Anum, A., Washington-Nortey, M., & **Dzokoto, V.** (2020). Strategic planning in LAMIC mental health research: A Ghana case study. *International Journal of Mental Health*, DOI: 10.1080/00207411.2020.1719621
21. Osei-Tutu, A., **Dzokoto, V. A.**, & Affram, A. A. (2019). Common presenting problems in religious lay counselling practice in Ghana. *Mental Health, Religion & Culture*, 22:8, 819-831, DOI: 10.1080/13674676.2019.1666096
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24. **Dzokoto, V.**, Hill, A., Twum-Asante, M., & Hayfron, A. E. (2019). Saying more than goodbye: emotion messages in Adinkra symbols. *Journal of Visual Literacy*, 37:4, 255-275, DOI: 10.1080/1051144X.2018.1500199
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28. **Dzokoto, V.**, Barnett, C., Osei-Tutu, A., & Briggs, A. (2018). Mental Health Reportage in Ghanaian Newspapers between 2000 and 2015: A qualitative analysis. *International Journal of Mental Health*. 47:3, 192-214, DOI: [10.1080/00207411.2018.1488557](https://doi.org/10.1080/00207411.2018.1488557)
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30. **Dzokoto, V.**; Schug, J.; Adonu, J.; & Nguyen, C. (2018). Marriage is like a groundnut, you must crack it to see what is inside: Examining Romantic Relationship Rules in Akan Proverbs. *Interpersona*, 12 (1), 1-22.
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32. **Dzokoto, V.**, Asante, R., & Aggrey, J. K. (2016). Money That Isn't: A Qualitative Examination of the Adoption of the 1 Pesewa Coin and Biometric Payment Cards in Ghana. *Ghana Studies*, 19 (1), 3-34.
33. **Dzokoto, V.**, Appiah, E., Chitwood, L.P., & Imasiku, M. (2016). The Changing Face of Money: Preferences for Different Payment Forms in Ghana and Zambia. *Journal of Applied Business and Economics*, 18 (4), 66-81.
34. **Dzokoto, V.**, Senft, N., Kpobi, L., & Washington-Nortey, P. M. (2016). Their hands have lost their bones: Exploring Cultural Scripts in Two West African Affect Lexica. *Journal of Psycholinguistic Research*, 45 (6), 1473-1497.
35. Tamir, M., Schwartz, S. H., Cieciuch, J., Riediger, M., Torres, C., Scollon, C., **Dzokoto, V.**, Zhou, X., & Vishkin, A. (2016). Desired emotions across cultures: A value-based account. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. 111(1), 67-82. DOI: 10.1037/pspp0000072.
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39. **Dzokoto, V.**, Wallace, D., Peters, L., & Bentsi-Enchill, E. (2014). Attention to Emotion and Non-western Faces: Revisiting the Facial Feedback Hypothesis. *The Journal of General Psychology*. 141(2), 151-168.
40. **Dzokoto, V.**, Opare-Henaku, A. & Kpobi, L. (2013). Somatic Referencing and Psychologisation in Emotion Narratives: A USA-Ghana Comparison. *Psychology and Developing Societies* 25(2), 311-331.
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45. **Dzokoto, V. A.**, Mensah, C., & Opare-Henaku, A. (2013). The Impact of Currency Redenomination on Monetary Gift Giving in Ghana: An Exploratory Assessment. *Business Studies Journal*, 5 (2), 69-89.

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47. **Dzokoto, V.**, Mensah, C., Twum-Asante, M., & Opare-Henaku, A. (2010). Deceiving our Minds: A Qualitative Exploration of the Money Illusion Effect in Post-Redenomination Ghana. *Journal of Consumer Policy*, 33(4), 339–353.
48. **Dzokoto, V. A.**, & Mensah, E. C. (2010). Making Sense of a New Currency: An Exploration of Ghanaian Adaptation to the New Ghana Cedi. *Journal of Applied Business and Economics*, 10 (5), 11-18.
49. **Dzokoto, V.**, Young, J., & Mensah, E.C. (2010). A Tale of two Cedis: Making Sense of a New Currency in Ghana. *Journal of Economic Psychology*, 31(4), 520 – 526.
50. **Dzokoto, V.** (2010). Different Ways of Feeling: Emotion and Somatic Awareness in Ghanaians and Euro-Americans. *Journal of Social, Evolutionary, and Cultural Psychology*, 4(2): 68-78.
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52. **Dzokoto, V.**, & Adams, G. (2007). Analyzing Ghanaian emotions through narrative: A textual analysis of Ama Ata Aidoo's Novel Changes, *Journal of Black Psychology*, 33(1), 94-112.
53. **Dzokoto, V.**; Hicks T.; & Miller, E. (2007). Student lifestyles and emotional well-being at a Historically Black University. *Education*, 127(4), 511-533.
54. **Dzokoto, V.**, & Okazaki, S. (2006) Happiness in the eye and in the heart: somatic referencing in West African emotion lexica. *Journal of Black Psychology*. 32(2), 117-140.
55. **Dzokoto, V.**, & Adams, G. (2005). Understanding genital-shrinking epidemics in West Africa: Koro, juju, or mass psychogenic illness? *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry*, 29(1), 53- 78.
56. Lo, H. W., & **Dzokoto, V.** (2005). Talking to the Master: Intersections of religion, culture, and counseling in Taiwan and Ghana. *Journal of Mental Health Counseling*, 27(2), 117-128.
57. Oishi, S.; Hahn, J.; Schimmack, U.; Radhakrishnan, P.; **Dzokoto, V.**; Ahadi, S. (2005). The measurement of values across cultures: A pairwise comparison approach. *Journal of Research in Personality*, 39(2), 299-305
58. Adams, G., & **Dzokoto, V.** (2003). Self and identity in African Studies. *Self and Identity*, (2), 345 – 359.

59. Schimmack, U.; Radhakrishnan, P.; Oishi, S.; **Dzokoto, V.**; & Ahadi, S. (2002). Culture, personality, and subjective well-being: Integrating process models of life satisfaction. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 82(4), 582-593.
60. Diener, E., Napa-Scollon, C. K., Oishi, S, **Dzokoto, V.**, & Suh, E. M. (2000). Positivity and the construction of life satisfaction judgments: Global happiness is not the sum of its parts. *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 1(2), 159-176.
61. **Dzokoto, V.**, & Adams, G. (1997). Attributions of misfortune in sport - The case of GUSA 1997 Games. *IFE Psychologia*, 5(2), 185 - 200.

BOOK CHAPTERS, TECHNICAL REPORTS, BLOGS, NON-PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Dzokoto, V.** (2020). Sighs and Signs of the Mind? Pentecostalism, Renewal, and a Ghanaian Mind Folk Theory. In Nimi Wariboko and Adeshina Afolayan (Eds). *Media, Pentecostalism and World Christianity: Contemporary Studies in Religion and Society: Essays in Honor of Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu*. Wipf & Stock, 123-136.
- Kirmayer, L.; Ademola, A., **Dzokoto, V.** (2018). Varieties of Global Psychology: Cultural Diversity and Constructions of the Self. In Roy Moodley and Suman Fernando (Eds). *Global Psychologies; Mental health and the Global South*. Palgrave Macmillan, 21-37.
- Dzokoto, V.** Mensah, E.; Choi, E., Washington Nortey, M. (2018). Let one person's tears not be infectious: Efik proverbs as emotion regulation exemplars. In Gordana Jovanović, Lars Allolio-Näcke, Carl Ratner (Eds). *The Challenges of Cultural Psychology –Historical Legacies, Future Responsibilities*. Routledge. 337-356.
- DeGraft Aikins, A., Ofori-Atta, A., Anum, A., & **Dzokoto, V.** (2014). Psychology in Ghana, a review of research and practice. In Agyei-Mensah, S., Ayee, J., & Oduro, A. (2014). (Eds). *Changing Perspectives on the Social Sciences in Ghana*. Springer Science and Business, Dordrecht, 75-84.
- Dzokoto, V.** (2012). Ghanaian Happiness: Global, Cultural, and Phenomenological Perspectives of Happiness across Cultures. In Selin, H. & Davey, G. (Eds). *Happiness across Cultures: Views of Happiness and Quality of Life in Non-Western Cultures*. Springer Netherlands. 311-327.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- Maurer, B., Wrapp, M., Middleton, C., **Dzokoto, V.**, & Fan, J. (2019). The Lessons of Fintech Apps: Design Matters for Personal Finance. Technical Report. Filene Research Institute.
- Dzokoto, V.** & Imasiku, M.L. (2016). Cashless or Cashlite? Mobile Money Use and Currency Redenomination in Zambia. Technical Report. Institute for Money, Technology & Financial Inclusion Conference, University of California, Irvine.

Mensah, E. C., & **Dzokoto, V.** (2011). Post Redenomination and Money Management among Ghana's Urban Poor. Technical Report. Institute for Money, Technology, & Financial Inclusion (IMTFI), University of California, Irvine

BLOG POSTS & NON-PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

McCann, A. Jul 28, 2020. Ask the Experts: 2020's States with the Highest & Lowest Credit-Card Debts. <https://wallethub.com/edu/states-with-the-highest-and-lowest-credit-card-debts/63822/#expert=vivian-dzokoto>

Osei-Tutu, A., & **Dzokoto, V.** (2020). Unpacking the role of religious counselling services in Ghana. <https://theconversation.com/unpacking-the-role-of-religious-counselling-services-in-ghana-127934>

Dzokoto, V., Osei-Tutu, A., Attah, D. (2019). Why we studied proverbs to understand emotion among Ghana's Akan people. <https://theconversation.com/why-we-studied-proverbs-to-understand-emotion-among-ghanas-akan-people-108285>

Dzokoto, V., Osei-Tutu, A., (2018). Ghana's newspapers do a fairly good job reporting mental health issues. <https://theconversation.com/ghanas-newspapers-do-a-fairly-good-job-reporting-mental-health-issues-105601>.

Dzokoto, V. & Aggrey, J. November 2017. (Dis)Trust in Mobile Money in Ghana: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. <http://blog.imtfi.uci.edu/2017/11/distrust-in-mobile-money-in-ghana.html>

Dzokoto, V. & Aggrey, J. October, 2017. Yet Another Cashlite Stumbling Block: "Alarming" Fraud and Mobile Money Uptake in Ghana. <http://blog.imtfi.uci.edu/2017/10/yet-another-cashlite-stumbling-block.html>

Dzokoto, V. March, 2017. Ask the Experts: Fostering Financial Literacy in the U.S. <https://wallethub.com/edu/most-and-least-financially-literate-states/3337/#vivian-afi-dzokoto>

Dzokoto, V. February, 2017. Special Perspectives Series on Demonetization in India: Before Money isn't Money Anymore....http://blog.imtfi.uci.edu/2017/02/special-perspectives-series-on_7.html

Jones, C.B., & **Dzokoto, V.** (2006). A situation-dependent method to assess the quality of parenting. *The Child, Youth, and Family Services Advocate*, 29(1), 1-5.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2021/2022 Individual Senior Residential Fellowship, Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA), University of Ghana. (Maria Sibylla Merian Centres Programme of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany). "Out Of Many Currencies, One: Understanding Eco-related Governance And Consumer Experiences In Ghana".

2021-2022 Understanding Akan Ways of Knowing: A Proverb Analysis. Science and Religion Project International Research Network For The Study Of Science And Belief In Society, University of Birmingham. PI. Amount: £14,065.00

2020-2023 Does Science “Pierce the Truth of Every Religion”? Exploring the Impact of Formal Education on Science and Religion in Ghana. Funder: University of Texas at Austin (Subgrant from “The consequences of formal education for science and religion” funded by Issachar Foundation). PI. Amount: \$195,750.00.

2020-2022 Research Project: *The Subprime Entrepreneur in the Digital Economy*. 4-VA Research grant. PI Lana Schwarz, University of Virginia. Amount: \$25,000. Role: Co-Investigator.

2018 Virginia Commonwealth University Humanities Research Center Residential Fellowship, Spring 2018. Theme: What We Ought To Feel: Instructions For Emotional Well-Being Across Cultures And Time. Semester full course load release.

2013-2015 Cashless or Cashlite? Mobile Money Use and Currency Redenomination in Zambia. Institute for Money, Technology & Financial Inclusion (IMTFI). PI. Amount: \$15,000.00

2012-2013 Making Sense of Mobile Money in Urban Ghana: Personal, Business, Social and Financial Inclusion Prospects. Institute for Money, Technology & Financial Inclusion (IMTFI). PI. Amount: \$14,500.00

2012 American Psychological Association - USNC International Travel and Mentoring Program. Amount: \$1,900.00

2011-2012 Does Mobile Money Matter? Exploring Mobile Money Adoption by Ghana’s Urban Poor. Institute for Money, Technology & Financial Inclusion (IMTFI). PI. Amount: \$14,000.00

2011-2020 Virginia Commonwealth University, various funding sources (9 mini projects totaling \$25,000.00).

- \$WAGIFY (Savings and Wealth As Goals In aFfrican american Youth): VCU Community Engagement Grant (2015/16),
- Humanities and Sciences Faculty Council Research Mini Grant for \$WAGIFY extension (2017/18),
- Exploring African Monesycapae artifacts at the British Museum (VCU Humanities Research Center Mini Grant 2015),
- VCU GLOBE Fellowship (2014/15),
- Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program & Honors College Mentor support(2020 for Amanda Stahl, 2019 for Emma North and Amanda Stahl, 2018 for Sierra Samuels, 2014 for Cindy Nguyen, 2012 for Laura Peters: range of 400 to 600 per student).

2010-2011 Post Redenomination and Money Management among Ghana’s Urban Poor. Institute for Money, Technology, and Financial Inclusion (IMTFI). Co-PI: Amount: \$15,000.00,

2006 HBCU Substance Abuse Resource Center Mini-grant. Crisis Recognition, Instructor and Student Intervention Strategies (FSU CRISIS). PI. Amount: \$5,000.00.

2005 Fayetteville State University Center for Health Disparities Mini-Grant, Co-investigator. Exploring Mental Health needs of Students at Fayetteville State University. Amount: \$26,000.00

RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS, CONSULTING, AND TRAINING

2020-2021 Research Project: *Mobile Money Opportunities: Field Trials for Empowering Women in Ghana*. University of Georgia Grant. (PI: Sophia Anong). Amount: \$25,000. Role: Collaborator.

2019 Consultant for Secure Pension Trust, Ghana

2018-2019 Consultant, Filene Research Institute: The Lessons of Fintech Apps

2018-2020 Research Project: *Being African in a Contemporary World: Exploring Spirituality and Values in Ghana*. African Theological Advance, Nagel Institute. Project Leader: J. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu FGA., PhD., DD (HC), Trinity Theological Seminary, Ghana. Amount: \$50,000.00. Role: Co-Investigator.

2018 - 2021 Research Project: *Is it well with my soul? Effects of Contemporary African religious practices on well-being*. Volkswagen Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowships in the Social Sciences in Sub-Saharan Africa Program. Project Leaders: Annabella Osei-Tutu, University of Ghana; Stefan Schmid, University of Frankfurt. Amount: 205,000 EUR. Role: Mentor.

2018 Research Project: *The Development of Teaching and Social Learning Across Cultures*. \$905,631.00. Principal Investigator: Cristine Legare. Role: Ghana Field Site Coordinator

2016- 2019 Research Project: *Spiritual curiosity and the experience of God*. Funder, Templeton Foundation. Project Leaders: Tanya Luhrmann (Stanford University) & Cristine Legare (University of Texas, Austin). Amount. \$2,884,457. Role: Ghana Consultant and Rural Field Worker.

2015- 2018 Research Project: *Poverty, I Depart You: Today I Be Moneyman. Impact of neoliberal individualism on relationship models, patterns of care, and allocation of resources in Ghana*. Funders: Volkswagen Foundation & The Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian. Postdoctoral Fellowships in the Social Sciences in Sub-Saharan Africa Program. Project Leaders: Annabella Osei-Tutu, University of Ghana; Mamadou Diawara, Universität Frankfurt am Main, Amount: 127, 900 EUR. Role: Mentor.

2011-2013 Consultant for Washington Strategic Advisors on Branchless Banking in Ghana Project

2008-Present Predeparture Cross Cultural Trainer: Education USA, Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange Study (YES) Program Ghana

2008-2015 Pre Departure Cross Cultural Child Trainer Cartus, Adult pre and post departure trainer, Global LT

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Courses Taught, Virginia Commonwealth University

Psychology: Cross Cultural Psychology (VCU campus 2013- Present), Mental Illness in the African Diaspora, Personality and Behavior of African Americans, The Psychology of Money (VCU GLOBE)

African American Studies: Interdisciplinary Research Methods, Senior Capstone Seminar, Applied Research Concepts, Introduction to African American Studies, Akan Culture and Language

Study Abroad: Cultural research in Ghana (Undergraduate Study Abroad Program Summer 2010), VCU Study Abroad in Athens, Greece Summer 2016), African Americans in Paris (Undergraduate Study Abroad Program Spring 2012, 2015, 2016)

Guest Lectures: Virginia Commonwealth University (4), Georgetown University (1), Utah Valley University, University of Ghana (4).

Courses Taught, Fayetteville State University

Undergraduate Courses: General Psychology, Behavior Modification, Theories of Personality, Introduction to Clinical and Counseling Psychology, Multicultural Psychology, Independent Study, Abnormal Psychology

Graduate Courses: Ethical and Professional Issues in Psychology, Counseling Practicum, Thesis Supervision

Courses Taught, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

Abnormal Psychology, Dialogue in the Global Village

ADVISING AND MENTORING

Dissertation committee member for:

Christina Barnett, Tenisha Riley, Annabella Opare-Henaku, Brittany Berry, Joshua Kyle Brevard (VCU, Psychology)
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University of Ghana External dissertation and masters thesis evaluator (2010- present) for:

Derek Kojo Oppong, Sharon Afokai Annang, Abraham Kenin, Sandra Awewonu Bakidamteh, Adjeiwa Akosua Affram, Tetteh Duke Lermeh K., Harriet Adjei, Bernard Nai Pobee, Enoch Oduro Asante, Asamoah-Adjepong Harry, Kenneth Owusu Ansah, Jesse Dzidzorli Blakor, Tina Frempong-Boakye, Rita Nkrumah, Eric Yao Aglozo, Pious Affum, Eric Dzakpasu, Linda Dede Ahulu, Esther Ohenewa, Joana Afful, James Mauli Gawu, Erica Danfrekua Dickson, Charity Ama Teku, Priscilla

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University of Zambia External dissertation evaluator (2020) for: Barnabas Simatende

Co-authorships with volunteer graduate students (2010- present)

Annabella Opore-Henaku, Christina Barnett, Melissa Washington-Nortey, Ashley Hill, Jessica Young (VCU Psychology)
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Co-authorships with undergraduate students (2010- present)

Laura Peters, Cindy Nguyen, Alexis Briggs, Amanda Stahl, Hortance Houngebeke.

Research Mentorship (2010- present):

Emma North, Amanda Stahl, Cindy Nguyen (VCU Honors Summer Undergraduate Research Program (HSURP))
Sarah Yankson, Amanda Stahl (Undergraduate Work Study Research Assistant program, WSRA)
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Research Abroad (Ghana):

Sarah Yankson (Psychology Major; Courtesy of the Baldacci Student Experiential Learning Fund)
Sierra Samuels (Anthropology Major; Funded by VCU Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP))

Other Undergraduate students advised:

Evan Anderson, Zumreta Dudic, Ridjie Cherry, Jessie Bryant, Nadene Chambers, Liz Seidita, Denzel Brock, Harrietta Ward, Stephanie Manu, Bridgette Taylor, Sonia Haro-Garcia, Victor Thornton, Shadie Teymourian, Kristyn Dawson, Araba Amisah, Aminah Butler

High School Student Mentorship:

Served as research advisor for 1 High School student at Woodbridge Senior High School in Northern Virginia and 1 Richmond Public School High School student doing projects on African American Studies for AP (Advance Placement) Research.

Postdoc Fellow Mentorship:

Annabella Osei-Tutu, Volkswagen Stiftung SubSaharan Africa Postdoctoral Fellow

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Dzokoto, V. (2020). Adwenhoasem: An African Theory of The Mind. Special Issue Online Launch Event: Mind and Spirit: A Comparative Theory. Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute. May 29, 2020.

Dzokoto, V. Asamoah-Gyadu, K.J., Osei-Tutu, A. (2020). Values and Spirituality in Urban Ghana. African Theological Advance Initiative Workshop, Kigali. March 2, 2020.

Dzokoto, V. (2019). Adwenhoasem: An African Theory of The Mind. Invited talk. University of Kansas, Department of Psychology, African Studies Center, and Chronic Conditions. December 6, 2019.

Dzokoto, V. (2019). Developing a marketing strategy for pensions in the informal sector: Insights from the psychology of money. Secure Pension Trust, Ghana. November 2019. Invited talk.

Dzokoto, V. (2019). "As a Ghanaian, Thou shalt not.....?": A look at vice discourse in contemporary Ghana. Misleading Theologies and Its Impact On Graduate Studies. Invited talk, Graduate Student Colloquium. Trinity Theological Seminary, Ghana. November 2019.

Dzokoto, V., Asamoah-Gyadu, K.J., Osei-Tutu, A. (2019). Ghanaian Values in Motion: An Analysis of Values in Slogans on Commercial Vehicles in Accra. Paper presented at the Nagel Legon International Conference. University of Ghana, 24-26 July 2019.

Dzokoto, V., & Luhrmann, T.M. (2019). Good News, Good Noise? A Case of Dawn Preaching in Contemporary Ghana. Paper presented at the Nagel Legon International Conference. University of Ghana, 24-26 July 2019.

Dzokoto, V., Asamoah-Gyadu, K.J., Osei-Tutu, A. (2019). From Ananse to Moesha and Beyond: Measuring Ghanaian Values. Paper presented at Ghana Studies Association 3rd Triennial Conference. University of Ghana, 10-13 July 2019.

Osei-Tutu, A., **Dzokoto, V.,** Adams, G, Norberg, J., & Doosje, B. (2019). Decolonizing Well-being: Eliciting Local Narratives in Ghana. Ghana Studies Association 3rd Triennial Conference. University of Ghana 10-13 July 2019

Dzokoto, V. (2019). Changing Science vs Religion to Science & Religion? An analysis of potential mental health treatment collaborations in Ghana. Paper presented at the International Research Network for the Study of Science and Belief in Society 1st Annual Conference. University of Birmingham, 4-6 July 2019

Dzokoto, V. (2019). Engaging And Empowering Lay Counsellors In Ghana: Evaluation Of A Workshop. Paper presented at the 40th annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture, April 25-27, 2019

Litwin, H., Williams, S., Crawford, S., **Dzokoto, V.,** Chang, D. (2018). Culturally Adapting an Observer-based Measure of the Working Alliance for Black Americans. Poster presented at the 5th World Congress of the World Association of Cultural Psychiatry. New York, New York.

Litwin, H., Williams, S., Hernandez-Vega, A., Crawford, S., **Dzokoto, V.,** Chang, D. (2018). Culturally Adapting an Observer-based Measure of the Working Alliance for Black Americans. Poster presented at the 126th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association. San Francisco, California.

Litwin, H., Williams, S., Hernandez-Vega, A., Crawford, S., Chirico, C., Smith, G., **Dzokoto, V.,** Chang, D. (2018). Culturally Adapting an Observer-based Measure of the Working Alliance for Black Americans. Poster presented at The Society for Psychotherapy Research 49th Annual Conference. Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Litwin, H., Williams, S., Hernandez-Vega, A., Crawford, S., **Dzokoto, V.**, Chang, D. (2018). Adapting an Observer-based Measure of the Working Alliance for Black Americans. Poster selected for presentation at the 2018 APA Division 45 Research Conference. Austin, Texas.

Litwin, H., Williams, S., Hernandez-Vega, A., Crawford, S., Chirico, C., Smith, G., **Dzokoto, V.**, Chang, D. (2018). Culturally Adapting an Observer-based Measure of the Working Alliance for Black Americans. Poster selected for presentation at The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Summer Conference. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dzokoto, V. (2018). Lay Counselling in Ghana: The Global Perspective. Engaging and Empowering Lay Counsellors in Ghana, August 30, 2018, University of Ghana, Accra.

Osei-Tutu, A., Adams, G., Atakere, D., **Dzokoto, V.**, & Hanke, K. Models of relationship in Ghana: Implications for development. IACCP 2018 - International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology Congress, July 1 to 5, 2018, University of Guelph, Canada.

Osei-Tutu, A., **Dzokoto, V.**, & Appiah-Danquah, R. (2018). Counseling across urban religious spaces in Ghana: Opportunities and obstacles. International conference on religion and the 21st century city: Openings and closures, 20-22 June, 2018, University of Ghana, Accra.

Dzokoto, V. (2018). Once upon a shrine: Traditional healing of the mind and soul in contemporary Ghana. Feb 2018. Virginia Commonwealth University Humanities Research Center Meet Our Authors series.

Dzokoto, V. (2017). The mind is like palm oil; when it lies still, we heat it up: Investigating the Akan theory of mind through proverbs. Panel Presentation, The Spiritual Curiosity and Experiences of God Project. AAA Annual Meeting November 2017. Washington DC

Dzokoto, V. (2017). Once upon a shrine: Traditional healing of the mind and soul in contemporary Ghana Oct 26, 2017 McGill University Global Mental Health, Montreal.

Kwakye-Nuako, C.; Osei-Tutu, A., & **Dzokoto, V.** (2017). "Obi Nka Obi": Proverbs and Conflict Resolution Among the Akans Of Ghana - Second School Of Languages Conference (Solcon II), 24th - 26th October, 2017, University Of Ghana.

Osei-Tutu, A., Adams, G., **Dzokoto, V.**, & Hanke, K. (2017). Relational mobility and socio-economic status influence attitudes toward family obligations in Ghana. Paper presented at the 15th European Congress of Psychology, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. July, 2017.

Dzokoto, V. (2017). Mobile Money in Ghana: Past, Present and Future. Mobile Money, Financial Inclusion, and Development in Africa; Cornell University Institute for African Development, Spring Symposium 2017 April 21-22, 2017.

Dzokoto, V. (2017). Cash Handling Characteristics. National Academy of Sciences Standing Committee Meeting. January 2017.

Dzokoto, V. (2016). Different ways of Feeling: Exploring Culture and Emotion from a West-African Lens. Culture, Minds and Medicine Series, Department of Anthropology, Stanford University, Oct 26, 2016.

Dzokoto, V. (2017). "Comparing Different Ways of Feeling: A Look at West Africa and North America" (Paper Session: The New Comparativism). Society for Psychological Anthropology, New Orleans, March 2017.

Dzokoto, V. & Imasiku, M.L. (2013). Cashless or Cashlite? Mobile Money Use and Currency Redenomination in Zambia. Institute for Money, Technology & Financial Inclusion Conference, University of California, Irvine.

Dzokoto, V. & Appiah, E. (2012). Making Sense of Mobile Money in Urban Ghana: Personal, Business, Social and Financial Inclusion Prospects. Institute for Money, Technology & Financial Inclusion Conference, University of California, Irvine.

Dzokoto, V. , Wallace, D. & Peters, L. (2012). Culture and Emotion: What does the body have to do with it? The International Association for Cross Cultural Psychology 21st International Congress, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

Dzokoto, V. & Skolnick, A. (2012). Different ways of feeling: Gender and disgust in Ghana and the United States. 30th International Congress of Psychology, Cape Town, South Africa.

Skolnick, A. & **Dzokoto, V.** (2012). Culture Impacts Disgust: Ghanaians Exhibit Few Gender Differences in Disgust. Poster presentation. 24th annual conference of Association of Psychological Science (APS), Chicago, May 2012.

Dzokoto, V. & Mensah, E. C. (2012). Barriers to Mobile Money Uptake in Ghana. USAID EPS Speaker's Series, Washington DC, March 2012.

Dzokoto, V. & Mensah, E. C. (2011). Does Mobile Money Matter? Exploring Mobile Money Adoption by Ghana's Urban Poor. Institute for Money, Technology, & Financial Inclusion Conference, University of California, Irvine.

Chentsova-Dutton, Y., & **Dzokoto, V.** (2011). Somatic awareness and coherence between perceived and actual physiological changes in response to emotional elicitor. Poster presented at Annual Conference of The Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP).

Dzokoto, V. (2011). Money, Technology and Financial Inclusion in Africa: What we know after 50 years of liberation. Panelist. (Panel funded by IMTFI). To be presented at African Studies Association Conference, Washington DC.

Dzokoto, V. (2010). The Psychology of Ghana's Currency Redenomination: Is the Value really the same? Paper Presented at African Studies Association Conference, San Francisco

Mensah, E. C., & **Dzokoto, V.** (2010). Post Redenomination and Money Management Among Ghana's Urban Poor. Institute for Money, Technology, & Financial Inclusion Conference, University of California, Irvine

Dzokoto, V. (2010). Conducting Mental Health Research in developing countries: Prospects and Barriers. Paper presented at Medical Anthropology in Global Africa, Kansas, September, 2010.

Dzokoto, V. & Mensah, E. (2009). An exploration of adaptation to the Ghana Cedi. National Business and Economics Society Annual Conference. March, 2009.

Dzokoto, V. (2007) Somatic-Focused Awareness: A Journey Across Cultures. Expanding Horizons of Cultural Psychology Conference. Stanford University August 14th-15th, 2007.

Dzokoto, V. (2006). Agents of Reconciliation and Social Change: Challenges of Mental Health Professionals in Ghana, West Africa. Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture, Washington DC.

Dzokoto, V. (2004). Cultural inclusions and exclusions during genital shrinking episodes in West Africa from 1997 – 2003. Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture, Rhode Island. October 2004.

Dzokoto, V. (2002). Dialogue in the Post 9/11 Global Village. Dennis H. May Conference on Diversity Issues and The Role of Counseling Centers, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.

Sen, R. & **Dzokoto, V.** (2002). Attending to intersecting identities: Programming for International Students. Dennis H. May Conference on Diversity Issues and The Role of Counseling Centers, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.

Dzokoto, V. (2000). Money Palaver: Is Money Really Important to Happiness in the Lives of Ghanaian Adult Workers. Association of African Studies 43rd Annual Conference. Nashville.

Dzokoto, V. (1999). Predictors of Mental Health and Subjective Well-Being in Modern Ghana. Midwestern Psychological Association Conference.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (Past and Present)

Higher Education Financial Wellness Alliance (HEFWA), Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture, the American Psychological Association, African Studies Association (USA-based), and The Virginia Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND PRACTICE

Independent Practice

2012- Present	Adhoc clinical consulting
2009 – 2012	Part Time Psychologist, Haymount Institute For Psychological Assessment, Fayetteville, North Carolina
September 2007 – May 2008	Part Time Counselor, Counseling and Testing Center, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Internship

Summer 2005 & 2006	Postdoctoral Internship Dorothea Dix Hospital, Raleigh North Carolina Supervisor: Nancy Lloyd, PhD.
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2005-2007

Postdoctoral Internship

Counseling and Testing Center, University of North Carolina Pembroke
Methodist College Center for Personal Development, Fayetteville,
North Carolina

Supervisors: Monica Osborne, PhD., Jeff Cassisi, PhD.
Darlene Hopkins. MA, LPC

2003-2004

Predoctoral Internship

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Counseling and Psychological Services (APA Accredited)