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# **Education**

PhD, Counselor Education
 Dec 2014

**Major: Clinical Mental Health** 

**Minor: Human Sciences** 

Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS.

Ms. Clinical Mental Health Counseling
 May, 2013

Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

• M.Phil, Human Development June 2009

Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

Trondheim, Norway.

BA, Psychology
 May 2006

**Minor: Political Science** *University of Ghana* 

Legon, Ghana.

# **Professional Teaching Experience**

## **Assistant Professor**

Department of Counseling and Human Services, University of Scranton,

# August 2015-present.

- Population
  - o Undergraduate students at The University of Scranton
- Responsibilities
  - o Teaching undergraduate level courses in counseling and human services
- Courses taught
  - o Fall 2015
    - CHS 241 Case Management and Interviewing
    - CHS 242 Counseling Theories
    - CHS 341 Multicultural Counseling

# **Graduate teaching Experience**

- Guest Lecturer: SLCE 1001:True Maroon: Student Counseling Services, Fall 2014
- Guest Lecturer: COE 8063: Research Techniques for Counselors, Fall 2013
- Guest Lecturer: AAS 4783: African Civilization-Late Period in Egyptian History, Fall 2012
- Guest Lecturer: COE 8633: Psychosocial Rehabilitation (DSM), Spring, 2013
- Guest Lecturer: COE 8073: Cultural Foundations of Counseling, Spring 2011
- Guest Lecturer: COE 8303: Family Counseling Theory, Fall 2010
- Guest Lecturer: COE 8730: Principles of Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Fall 2010
- Graduate Teaching Assistant: Honors Introduction to Psychology, Fall 2009.
- Graduate Teaching Assistant: Honors Introduction to Child Development, Fall 2009
- Graduate Teaching Assistant: Undergraduate Psychology Student's Research Lab, Spring Semester, 2010.

#### **Publications**

# **Peer Reviewed Articles**

- **Boafo-Arthur, S. (2015).** Self-stigma, social stigma, and international student's attitudes towards counseling (Under Revision).
- Boafo-Arthur, S., Hasan, F., Haines-Stiles, L., Justice, C., & Boafo-Arthur, A. (2014). Group counseling as a
  means of addressing international students' adjustment concerns (Submitted: *Journal of International Students*).
- **Boafo-Arthur, S.** (2014). Acculturative experiences of Black African international students. *International Journal of Advanced Counselling, 36,* 115-124.

#### **Book Chapters**

- Boafo-Arthur, S., & Boafo-Arthur, A. (2015). Help Seeking Behaviors of International Students: Stigma, Acculturation, and Attitudes Towards Counseling. In K. Bista & C. Foster (Eds.), Handbook of Research on International Student Mobility, Services, and Policy in Higher Education (Accepted). Hershey, PA: IGI Global Publishers.
- **Boafo**-Arthur, S. (2015). Academic misconduct among international students: A review. In D. Velliaris (Ed.), *Handbook of Research on Academic Misconduct in Higher Education* (In preparation). Hershey, PA: IGI Global Publishers.

#### **Presentations**

- **Boafo-Arthur, S.**, Harris, Y., & Benjamin, P. (2014). The wellness zone: Ongoing trauma transformation. Presented at the 2014 Annual Conference of the Mississippi Counseling Association, Jackson, Mississippi.
- Boafo-Arthur, S. & Hasan, F. (2013). Home away from home: Surviving and thriving in a new environment.
   Research presentation at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference in Social Work and Mental Health, Los Angeles,
   CA
- **Boafo-Arthur, S**. (2012). Diversity and multicultural awareness: Interactive oral presentation at Community Counseling Services, Starkville, MS.

- Boafo- Arthur, S. (November, 2010). The multicultural therapist and interracial couples. Poster
   Presented at the 2010 Annual Conference of the Mississippi Counseling Association in Jackson, MS.
- Boafo-Arthur, S. & Frantes, K. (November, 2010). Counseling interracial Couples. Family Counseling In-Class Poster Presentation, Mississippi State University.
- **Boafo- Arthur, S.** (March, 2010). Experiences of parenting: Perspectives shared by parents and children in Ghana. Research presentation at the University of Alabama Graduate Student Research Conference.
- **Boafo-Arthur, S.** (April 2009). Parenting Styles: The role of Acculturation. Family Interactions Research Presentation, University of Alabama.

# **Conferences**

- Mississippi State University Diversity Conference, November 13-14, 2014. Starkville, Mississippi State
   University.
- Mississippi Counseling Association Regional Conference, November 4-7, 2014. Jackson Convention Center.
- Mississippi State University Men of Color Conference, August 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Starkville, Mississippi State University.
- 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference in Social Work and Mental Health, June 23-27, 2013, University of Southern California, Los Angeles-California.
- Conference on serious mental illness in the emerging adult: Challenges and solutions, held at Mississippi State University, Starkville-MS, April 2013.
- Mississippi Counseling Association Annual Conference, Jackson-Mississippi, November 2010.
- University of Alabama Graduate Student's Association Research Conference, Tuscaloosa-Alabama, March
   2010.
- Society for Research in Adolescence Biennial Conference, Philadelphia Pennsylvania, March 2010.
- Annual Social and Community Psychology Conference, Trondheim-Norway, November 2008.

# **Grants and Proposals**

- International Education Week, Create Foundation, October 2014 (Submitted proposal).
- International Education Week, SOAR Foundation, October 2014, (Submitted proposal).

# Clinical Experience

## **Staff Counselor**

Student Counseling Services, Mississippi State University

## July 2014- June 2015

- Population:
  - o Culturally and ethnically diverse traditional age, non-traditional age, and graduate students.

### • Responsibilities:

- Conduct individual intake assessments
- o Provide therapy for student clients at the university
- Complete session notes
- Screen for appropriateness of group candidates
- Facilitate groups
- Attend weekly staffing and peer consultations
- o Participate in individual and group supervision
- Case consultation
- Diagnostic consultation
- o Provide outreach services on-campus and off-campus.

#### **Graduate Assistant**

## Mississippi State University

## August 2010 - May 2014

- Responsibilities:
  - Assisting with CACREP accreditation process which included but was not limited to:
    - Working on CACREP self-study
      - Reviewed current standards.
      - Assessed compliance and assisted in developing proof of compliance with current standards.
      - Assisted with the development of departmental, administrative, and program goals.
      - Administered and analyzed data obtained from annual survey of alumni, employee, and site supervisors.
      - Assisted with the development of reports for various CACREP standards
      - Attended accreditation meetings with faculty and took minutes
    - Assisting with CACREP site visit
      - Prepared and mailed out self-study DVD's for as part of the pre-site visit process
      - Prepared self-study binders for site visit team and faculty
    - Working on post site visit review and recommendations
      - Assisted with, created, and mailed out DVD responses to initial post-site visit questions or comments
      - Assisted with, created, and mailed out DVD responses to second post-site visit questions or comments.

## **Graduate Assistant/ Mental Health Clinical Intern**

## Box Building, Mississippi State University

# August 2013-November 2013

Population:

Culturally and ethnically diverse traditional age, non-traditional age, and graduate students.

- Responsibilities
  - Managed the counseling lab
  - Conducted intake sessions
  - Provided individual counseling services
  - o Provided referral services to clients as needed
  - Provided supervision to master level practicum and counseling skills students.
  - o Participated in weekly staffing
  - Maintained case files
  - Performed other administrative duties
  - o Group counseling-International student support group

## **Graduate Assistant/ Mental Health Clinical Intern**

### Student Counseling Center, Mississippi State University

## September 2012-August 2013

Population:

Culturally and ethnically diverse traditional age, non-traditional age, and graduate students.

- Responsibilities:
  - Conducted assessments
  - Conducted intake sessions
  - Handled triage and Crisis sessions
  - Provided individual counseling services
  - Group counseling: Against all odds
  - o Provided campus and community referral services to clients as needed
  - Developed and implemented treatment plans
  - Maintained current case files and notes
  - o Participated in weekly staffing
  - Participated in outreach events and activities

## **Mental Health Clinical Intern**

# **Box Building, Mississippi State University**

# January 2012- December 2012

• Population:

Culturally and ethnically diverse traditional age, non-traditional age, and graduate students.

- Responsibilities:
  - Provided individual counseling services
  - Provided referral services to clients as needed
  - o Participated in weekly supervision
  - o Maintained current case files and notes
  - o Developed and maintained treatment plans

### **Mental Health Clinical Intern**

## **Community Counseling Services, Starkville**

## January 2012-April 2012

- Population:
  - o Elementary school children, middle school children, and senior citizens.
- Responsibilities:
  - Older adults
    - Worked with clients in the older adult's Day Treatment Program.
    - Led group sessions and activities
    - Facilitated and led various psycho-educational activities and discussions
  - Children
    - Worked with elementary school children with behavioral problems in the children's Day Treatment Program.
    - Led group sessions and activities
    - Facilitated and led various psycho-educational activities and discussions with a focus on encouraging positive social relations with self and others.
  - Assisted with the administration of above mentioned programs.

## **Student Assistant**

# **Norwegian University of Science and Technology**

# August 2008-May 2009

- Responsibilities:
  - Held key responsibility for organizing tutorials and teaching Spanish students in the Human
     Development (HD) program at NTNU.
  - Handled administrative functions for first year students in the Human Development master program by assisting in class and seminar scheduling as well as operating office hours.

#### Research

### Mississippi State University

#### Spring semester 2013

- Responsibilities
  - Developed protocol for group therapy experience study
  - o Co-designed question format for qualitative study of the international student group experience
  - Applied for Institutional research board (IRB) research study approval and prepared modifications

## Research Assistant, University of Alabama

# August 2009-July 2010

- Responsibilities:
  - o Research assistant in friendship lab
    - Scheduled and assigned participants to study projects
    - Assisted in, and revised study protocol for compliance with Institutional research board (IRB) procedures.
    - Assisted in grant writing activities.

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     Development (HD) program at NTNU.
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## Student Researcher, Norwegian University of Science and Technology

### June 2009- August 2009

- Responsibilities:
  - Principal investigator: Study on experiences of parenting.
  - o Field research assistant: Study on experiences of parenting.

# **University Outreach/Service Activities**

- Outreach: Clothesline Project, Mississippi State University, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Theme: Sexual Assault Advocacy.
- Outreach: International Friendship House, Mississippi State University, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Topic: Transition Experiences of Spouses.

- Outreach: International Student Orientation, Mississippi State University, August 16, 2014. Topic: Being balanced and not overwhelmed.
- Outreach: Resident Assistant Training, Mississippi State University, August 4, 2014. Topic: Behind Closed Doors.
- Outreach: International Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation, Mississippi State University, August 4,
   2014. Topic: Culture Shock.

# **Professional Affiliations**

- National Association of Human Services, 2015- Present.
- Pennsylvania Counseling Association, 2015- Present.
- Member, Southern Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors, 2012-2015.
- Member, Mississippi Counseling Association, August 2010 2015.
- Member, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, October 2011-2014.
- Member, American Counseling Association, August 2010 2011.
- Student Member, Society for Research in Adolescence, August 2009 2011.

# **Professional Development and Trainings**

- Green Zone Initiative Training, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Safe Zone Training, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Using DSM-5: Changes for clinical practice. Training provided by Jared Keeley, Mississippi State University, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Sexual Education Response in Emerging Situations: Part 2. Training provided by Amanda Walsh in conjunction with Mississippi Coalition against sexual assault, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014
- Introduction to Motivational Interviewing. Training provided by Joan Leary in conjunction with Community Counseling Services, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- Prolonged Exposure Therapy for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, June 2-3, 2014
- Trained in: Care of victims of sexual assault March 15, 2013 at the longest student Health Center,
   Mississippi State University. Training provided by the Mississippi Coalition against Sexual Assault
   Emergency Department.

# **Certifications**

- National Certified Counselor, July 2013-May 2019
- Heartsaver CPR, American Heart Association, Jan 2012 Jan 2014
- Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training Program, Jan 2012 Jan 2013

# Other Activities

- Chapter Reviewer: International Student Mobility, Services and Policy in Higher Education, 2015
- Group leader: International student support group, Fall 2013
- Manuscript Reviewer: International Journal of Scientific Research in Knowledge, September 2013
- Group leader: Process groups for the master level introduction to group counseling class, Summer 2013
- Group leader: International student support group, Spring 2013
- Volunteer: Clothes line project, Fall 2011
- Group leader: Process groups for the master level introduction to group counseling class, Summer 2012

# References

Available upon request.