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## FORMAL EDUCATION

**Ph.D. Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University** Expected May 2021

- Dissertation: *Essays on Technology Adoption and Cooperative Mergers*  
(Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Yeager)

**MSc. Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University** August 2017

- Thesis: *Spatial Heterogeneities of Warming Impacts on Corn Yields in Ghana*  
(Chair: Dr. Xiaofei Li)

**BSc. Agricultural Economics, University of Ghana** May 2013

- Thesis: *Analysis of Agricultural Students Venturing into Self-employed Agribusinesses: Evidence from Ghana* (Advisor: Dr. Yaw Osei-Asare)

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Teaching

- Instructor, Kansas State University Fall, 2020  
Course: *Decision Tools for Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness* (AGEC 115)
- Teaching Assisting, Kansas State University Fall, 2017  
Course: *Natural Resource and Environmental Economics* (AGEC 525)

### Research

- Research Assistant, Kansas State University August 2017-Present
- Research Assistant, Mississippi State University August 2015- July 2017
- Research Assistant, University of Ghana September 2013- July 2014
- Field Research Assistant, RIPS, University of Ghana August 2011- July 2015

### Publications

- **Ofori, E.**, Griffin T., and Yeager, E. (2020) “Duration analyses of precision agriculture technology adoption: What’s influencing farmers’ time-to-adoption decisions?” *Agricultural Finance Review*
- **Ofori, E.**, Sampson, G., and Vipham, J. (2019) “The effects of agricultural cooperatives on smallholder livelihoods and agricultural performance in Cambodia.” *Natural Resources Forum*

## Works in Progress

- Identifying spatial heterogeneities of warming impacts on corn yields and assessing potential climate smart agriculture mitigation strategies: Evidence from Ghana
- Smallholder participation in agricultural commodities markets via agricultural cooperatives: Evidence from Ghana
- Heterogenous adoption patterns of precision agriculture technology and productivity effects

## Conference Presentations

- **Ofori, E.**, Yeager, E., and Briggeman B. “Agricultural Cooperative Mergers and Efficiency Gains: An Ex-Ante Analysis” Selected Paper, *Southern Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting*, Louisville, KY, February 2020
- **Ofori, E.**, Tsiboe F., and Xia, T. “Imported and Local Rice Substitutability in Ghana: A Demand Analysis” Selected Poster, *Southern Agricultural Economics Association Annual meeting*, Louisville, KY, February 2020
- **Ofori, E.**, Harri, A., and Li, X. “Spatial Heterogeneities of Warming Impacts on Corn Yields in Ghana.” Selected Paper, *Southern Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting*, Mobile, AL, February 2017
- **Ofori, E.**, and Osei-Asare, Y. “Analysis of Agricultural Students in Sub-Saharan Africa Venturing into Self-employed Agribusinesses: Empirical Evidence from the University of Ghana.” Selected Paper, *Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, August 2016

## FELLOWSHIPS/GRANNTS

- NCR-SARE Graduate Student Grant Program. (\$14,955). “Kansas Cover Crop Seed Variety Optimization Tool.” **Ofori, E.**, (Project Director), Griffin T. (Primary Mentor) (*Under Review*)
- CoBank Research Fellowship. (\$5,000) “Cooperative mergers and efficiency gains: An ex-ante analysis.” **Ofori, E.**, (Project Director), Yeager, E., and Briggeman, C.B. (Primary Mentors)

## LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Journal Referee, *Agronomy Journal* July 2020 - Present
- President, International Coordinating Council, KSU May 2019- April 2020
- Electoral Commissioner, GAAS, University of Ghana May 2012- April 2013
- Member, African Student Union, KSU August 2017- Present
- Member, Southern Agricultural Economics Association January 2017- Present
- Member, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association January 2016- Present

## **SKILLS AND PERSONAL INTERESTS**

### **Computer Skills**

- R, STATA, ArcGIS, LaTeX, MS Office

### **Languages**

- English (Fluent), French (Basic), Ewe (Native), Akan (Fluent), Ga-Adangbe (Fluent), West African Creole (Fluent)

### **Personal Interests**

- Philanthropy, Personal Development, Politics, Traveling

## **REFEREES**

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