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- 2021 PhD in Urban Studies & Planning, University of Sheffield (UK), *pass without corrections*
PhD thesis title: “Children’s community space experiences in Nima: Tracing racializing assemblages of the human”
- 2010 MSc in Urban Planning; Master of International Affairs, Columbia University (US)
- 2006 BA in International Studies; BJ in Journalism University of Missouri (US), *magna cum laude*
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Academic Publications (published)

- Okoye, V.O.** (2022). ‘Everyday spatial practices and production of urban commons in Accra, Ghana’ in Stephen Marr and Patience Musisa (eds.) *Politics and Practices of DIY in African Cities*. London: Zed Books
- Okoye, V.O.** (2021). ‘Black digital outer spaces: Constellations of relation and care on Twitter.’ *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 00, 1-4. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/tran.12495>
- Okoye, V.O.** and Aminu, Y.L. (2021). ‘Planning, community spaces, and youth urban futures, from Accra’ in Michele Lancione and Colin McFarlane (eds.) *Thinking Global Urbanism: Essays on the City and its Future*. London, UK: Routledge, 117-127
- Okoye, V.O.** (2021). ‘Fakery and fabrications in Kumasi’s “modern” market.’ *Journal of African Cultural Studies*, 33(3), 370-376, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13696815.2021.1950523>
- Hart, J., **Okoye, V. O.**, and Oduro-Frimpong, J. (2021). On collaboration and communication “in the now.” *Africa Today*, 67(4), 88-94. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2979/africatoday.67.4.06>

Academic Publications (in preparation)

- Okoye, V.O.** ‘Front porch theorizing: Conceptualizing global Black geographies through the human, magic, and Blackness in Accra’s Nima neighborhood.’
- Okoye, V.O.** (to be submitted June 2022). ‘Decolonising feminist urban research.’ In: *International Handbook on Gender and Cities*. Linda Peake, Grace Adeniyi-Ogunyankin, Anindita Datta (eds). Cheltenham, UK: Elgar Publishing.

Other Selected Publications

- Okoye, V.O.** (2021). *The Supervision of Black PhD Students in UK Geography*. RACE Group, Royal Geographical Society-Institute of British Geographers.
- Okoye, V.O.** (2020). *Street Vendor Exclusion in ‘Modern’ Market Planning: A Case Study from Kumasi, Ghana*. WIEGO Working Paper. Manchester: WIEGO.
- Okoye, V.O.** and Spread-Out Initiative NGO. (2019). *Nima Space Artists: Stories and Poems by Spread-Out Initiative NGO Students Imagining Improvements for Nima’s Public Spaces*. Accra, Ghana: Trinity Printing.
- Okoye, V.O.** (2019). “Becoming Local: Histories of ‘Nigerians’ in Accra.” *The Metropole: The Official Blog of the Urban History Association*.
- Okoye, V.O.**, Sands, J. and Debrah, A. (2010). *The Accra Pilot Bus-Rapid Transit project: Transport-Land Use Research Study*. Columbia University Earth Institute’s Millennium Cities Initiative.

Forum, Conference, Workshop, and Paper Session Organizing

- 2022 Feminist Geographies: Pushing Boundaries Conference, University of Colorado/virtual (co-organizer)
- 2021 Global Forum on Black Urbanism, University of Sheffield (co-organizer)
- 2021 ‘Global Black Geographies: Racialized Spaces, Black Space-Making & Theorizing in Africa and African Diaspora’ sessions. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting (co-organizer)

2018 Sheffield School of Architecture Manifesto/s PhD Conference, University of Sheffield
(co-organizer)

Selected Presentations

- 2022 'Thinking Accra's Black Geographic Mobilities through Migration (Hi)Stories.' Black in Geography Series (University of Cambridge)
- 2021 'Supervision of Black PhD Students in Geography in the UK.' RGS-IBG Annual Conference.
- 2019 'Theorizing from Black Global Souths: Young People's Space-making Practices in Accra, Ghana.' Frontiers of the Urban: Thinking Concepts and Practices Globally (UCL)
- 2019 'Young People's Embodied Experiences of Public Space: Learning from Everyday Life in Nima.' Ghana Studies Association Triennial Conference (University of Ghana)
- 2018 'Margins' Roundtable. Speculative Infrastructures & Cities-in-the-Making (University of Sheffield)
- 2018 'Building a Decolonial Feminist Research Framework.' Sheffield School of Architecture Manifesto/s PhD Conference (University of Sheffield)
- 2018 'Making Way for 'Modern' Markets: Street Vendor Exclusion in Local Planning in Kumasi, Ghana.' African Centre for Cities International Urban Conference (University of Cape Town)
- 2017 'Open City: Conversation on Inclusion and Exclusion in African Cities' Roundtable. European Conference on African Studies (University of Basel)

Selected Public Engagements

- 2021 'Incontestable: A Virtual Salon About Intimate Black Geographies.' Online Roundtable
- 2021 'Best Practices in the Supervision of Black PhD Students in Geography.' Online Roundtable
- 2020 'Race and Modern Architecture.' Architecture Foundation Book Week. Online Roundtable
- 2018 'Talk About Change: Writing As Resistance' Festival of the Mind. Sheffield, UK
- 2017 'More Aphrike #6 Shifting Spaces: Accra, Ghana' Salon. M.Bassy. Hamburg, Germany
- 2017 Akwaaba Photo: Youth Photography Exhibition. Jamestown Cafe, Accra, Ghana

Honors, Grants & Awards

- 2022 Black Geographies Writing Workshop Grant, Department of Geography, Sheffield Hallam University
- 2021 University of Sheffield ADH Crook Thesis Prize: Contributions Towards Social Justice in Planning
- 2020 International Journal for Urban and Regional Research (IJURR) Foundation Studentship
- 2019 University of Sheffield Postgraduate Research Experience Programme Grant
- 2019 American Planning Association International Division Student Research Grant
- 2019 Postcolonial Studies Association Student Research Grant
- 2017-20 University of Sheffield Faculty of Social Sciences Doctoral Scholarship
- 2009,10 Columbia University GSAPP and SIPA Masters Scholarships

Academic Service

- 2021-22 Guest Editor, *Field: Journal*, Issue 8: Embodying an Anti-Racist Architecture. Sheffield School of Architecture, University of Sheffield
- 2020-21 Peer Reviewer, *CITY, Journal of Architectural Education*, *Journal of African Cultural Studies*
- 2019-20 EDI Committee, School of Architecture, University of Sheffield
- 2017-18 PhD Students Representative, Student-Staff Committee, University of Sheffield

Teaching Experience

- 2021- Lecturer in Human Geography (undergraduate), Sheffield Hallam University (maternity cover)

- 2021 Tutor; Trajectories in Urban Design (masters), University of Sheffield
- 2020 Tutor; Urban Design Thesis (masters), University of Sheffield
- 2020 Teaching Assistant; Critical Spatial Theory (masters), University of Sheffield
- 2018, 19 Tutor; Architecture Writing Workshop (undergrad, masters, PhD), University of Ghana
- 2018 Teaching Assistant; Urban Design Studio (masters), University of Sheffield
- 2018 Teaching Assistant; Principles of Research Design (masters), University of Sheffield
- 2017-21 Teaching Assistant; Urban (Hi)Stories (undergraduate), University of Sheffield

Selected Professional & Research Experiences

- 2021 Research Assistant, Supervision of Black PGRs in Geography (University of Birmingham, UK)
- 2017 Consultant, 100 Resilient Cities Baseline Assessment (Lagos), Zerihun Associates (Lagos, NG)
- 2015-18 Urban Policies Specialist, WIEGO: Women in the Informal Economy: Globalizing & Organizing (Accra, GH; Lagos, NG; Durban, SA)
- 2011-14 Technical Advisor, USAID/Ghana Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Project (Accra, GH)
- 2011 Accra Creative City: Ga Mashie Heritage Mapping Project (Accra, GH)
- 2009-10 Researcher, Columbia University Earth Institute Millennium Cities Initiative (Kaduna, NG; Accra, GH)

Professional Memberships

Ghana Studies Association, Lagos Studies Association, American Association of Geographers