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ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL DEGREES AND INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED

Academic/Professional Degrees

2004 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Gender Studies

2016 Barrister-at-Law (BL)

2014 Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

2003 Post Graduate Diploma in Research,

2000 Post Graduate Certificate in Research

1997 BA (Hons) Economics and Sociology

1988 Teacher Certificate A –3 Year Post Secondary

Other Professional Certificates

1. Certificate Gender Smart Leadership for Female professionals (Leading with Confidence), KNUST . Held in Ghana, September, 2023.

2. Certificate Advanced Cyber security and Digital Forensics, KNUST - Centre for Capacity Building and

Innovation, (CCBI), organised by the Department of Computer Science KNUST , May 2022

3. Certificate Cyber Security and Digital Forensics, KNUST- By Centre for Capacity Building and Innovation, Centre (CCBI), KNUST organised by the Department of Computer Science KNUST , November, 2021

4. Executive Certificate Security Intelligence and Forensic Studies, KNUSTFORD University College, September – November, 2021

5. Certificate - International Arbitration Law and Practices, Ghana ADR Hub- KNUST, April, 2019

6. Certificate - Arbitration Advocacy, Ghana ADR Hub – January, 2018

7. Certificate - Mediation and Conflict Resolution: Catholic University College of Ghana, Fiapre Marian Conflict Resolution Centre (MCRC) 2017

BRIEF PROFILE

Francess Dufie Azumah is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Sociology and Social Work, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), where she has been since 2004. She specializes in interdisciplinary social research, focusing on social and developmental issues of women in Ghana. As a sociologist, gender and social research consultant, Francess has collaborated with numerous international and local organizations. Her notable projects include working with the Canadian Government's CIDA-PSU on gender equality in Ghana, the World Bank and Government of Ghana on land rights and social livelihoods, and T-TEL on gender equity and social inclusion toolkits. Additionally, she has conducted KNUST-funded research on sexual abuse victims in Kumasi.

Francess' research interests encompass women's and children's welfare and livelihoods, as well as crime victims and perpetrators within the criminal justice system. She investigates women's access to farmland, leadership roles, health services, and maternal and child health, while also exploring child care, education, and livelihood. In the realm of crime, her focus is on justice system access and victim protection. Her extensive experience informs her teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, covering subjects such as Gender and Development, Deviance and Social Control, Criminology, and Research Methods. At a macro level, Francess aims to contribute to the literature on women's and children's welfare, victimology, criminology, and social protection in Ghana and beyond. Using both quantitative and qualitative methods, her research addresses cultural norms, women's challenges in patriarchal societies, and strategies for empowerment and equality. She also explores childcare, education, and the role of stakeholders in protecting vulnerable groups. Francess advocates for pragmatic approaches to crime victim support and prevention. Her significant contributions to knowledge are reflected in her numerous publications accessible on platforms like ResearchGate, Google Scholar, ORCID, and Academia.edu.

Francess holds a Ph.D. in Gender Studies, specializing in gender, women, and development, and is a Barrister at Law (BL), underscoring her interdisciplinary expertise in sociology.

RESEARCH

Areas: Sociology and Political Science · General Health Professions · Information Systems · Pediatrics, Perinatology and Child Health · Safety Research · Economics and Econometrics

RESEARCH SUMMARY

23	177	7	6	1.36	9%
Publications	Citations	h-index	i10-index	Field-weighted impact	World top 10%

Counted from the 23 publications listed below, 2017–2026. Field-weighted impact is the mean over the 23 works scored for it; 1.00 is the world average for works of the same field, type and year. 2 of the 23 papers scored for it are among the world's most cited tenth for their field, type and year.

POSITIONS

Senior lecturer 2004–present

Department of Sociology and Social Work, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

PhD 2000–2004
University of Hull, United Kingdom, University of Hull, United Kingdom, United Kingdom, British Virgin Islands

DISTINCTIONS, MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Ghana Bar Association (GBA) 2016–present
Kumasi, Ghana

Senior lecturer 2012–present
Sociology and Social Work, KNUST, Ghana Sociological and Anthropological Association, Kumasi, Ghana

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles 23

1. Victoria Ahenkan, Jonathan Mensah Dapaah, **Francess Dufie Azumah**, Vivian Paintsil, Gideon Dekyi Kodom (2026). Sociocultural Beliefs, Interpretations and Care Pathways: Implications for Childhood Cancer Education in Ghana. *Journal of Cancer Education*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s13187-026-02855-8
2. **Francess Dufie Azumah**, Dawuda Abdulai, Cynthia Dalmeida, Nachinaab John Onzaberigu (2026). The roles of women in intelligence gathering and their coping strategies in combating crime in the Ghana Police Service: a study at the Kumasi Police Command. *SN Social Sciences*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s43545-026-01336-5
3. Victoria Ahenkan, Jonathan Mensah Dapaah, **Francess Dufie Azumah**, Vivian Paintsil, Gideon Dekyi (2026). Unmet needs and coping strategies of fathers caring for children with cancer in Ghana. *Discover Psychology*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s44202-026-00746-z
4. Awinaba Amoah Adongo, Jonathan Mensah Dapaah, **Francess Dufie Azumah** (2024). Gender and Access to Justice in the Informal Court System in Ghana: A Descriptive Phenomenology in a Patriarchal Society. *Current Social Sciences*. https://doi.org/10.2174/012772316x277583231229091308
5. Awinaba Amoah Adongo, Jonathan Mensah Dapaah, **Francess Dufie Azumah**, John Nachinaab Onzaberigu (2024). Maternal and child health care access to skilled delivery services among Ghanaian rural mothers. *Research in Health Services & Regions*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s43999-024-00042-0
6. Awinaba Amoah Adongo, Jonathan Mensah Dapaah, **Francess Dufie Azumah** (2023). Gender and leadership positions: understanding women's experiences and challenges in patriarchal societies in Northern Ghana. *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*. https://doi.org/10.1108/ijssp-02-2023-0028
7. Kwadwo Ofori-Dua, **Francess Dufie Azumah**, John Onzaberigu Nachinaab, Muazu Mohammed (2022). Addressing the Needs of Victims: The Standpoint of Crime Victims Within the Obuasi Municipality. *Journal of Victimology and Victim Justice*. https://doi.org/10.1177/25166069221117185
8. **Francess Dufie Azumah**, Nachinaab John Onzaberigu, Awinaba Amoah Adongo (2022). Gender, agriculture and sustainable livelihood among rural farmers in northern Ghana. *Economic Change and Restructuring*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10644-022-09399-z
9. Awinaba Amoah Adongo, **Francess Dufie Azumah**, John Onzaberigu Nachinaab (2021). A comparative study of quality of health care services of public and private hospitals in Ghana. *Journal of Public Health*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10389-021-01479-0
10. Belinda Lebene Ami Bamezor, Theophilus Quaicoe, John Boulard Forkuor, **Francess Dufie Azumah** (2021). Exploring Stakeholder Perceptions of Quality Early Childhood Education in Private Day Care Centers in Ghana: A Qualitative Approach. *Education Research International*. https://doi.org/10.1155/2021/6695936
11. Awinaba Amoah Adongo, Jonathan Mensah Dapaah, **Francess Dufie Azumah**, John Onzaberigu

Nachinaab (2021). The influence of sociodemographic behavioural variables on health-seeking behaviour and the utilisation of public and private hospitals in Ghana. *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*. https://doi.org/10.1108/ijssp-03-2021-0068

12. **Francess Dufie Azumah**, Enock Baah, John Onzaberigu Nachinaab (2020). Causes and Effects of Illegal Gold Mining (Galamsey) Activities on School Dropout and Residents at the Tutuka Central Circuit in Obuasi Municipality in Ashanti Region, Ghana. *Journal of Education*. https://doi.org/10.1177/0022057420905109
13. **Francess Dufie Azumah**, John Onzaberigu Nachinaab, Samuel Krampah, Pius Nzeh Ayim (2020). Determinants of Target Victim Selection: A Case Study of Criminals from Gambaga Prisons. *Journal of Victimology and Victim Justice*. https://doi.org/10.1177/2516606920927258
14. **Francess Dufie Azumah**, Joana Obeng Nyarko, Samuel Krampah, John Onzaberigu Nachinaab (2019). Community-Police Relations and Informant Identity Protection: Evidence from Some Selected Communities in the Brong-Ahafo Region, Ghana. *Current Urban Studies*. https://doi.org/10.4236/cus.2019.72011
15. **Francess Dufie Azumah**, John Onzaberigu Nachinaab, Charles Danso Sintim, Samuel Krampah (2019). Crime Analysis and Conventional Policing Strategies: Evidence from a Community in the Western Region, Ghana. *International Journal of Social Science Studies*. https://doi.org/10.11114/ijsss.v7i4.4336
16. **Francess Dufie Azumah**, Samuel Krampah, John Onzaberigu Nachinaab, Shirley Serwaa Asante (2019). Gender-based violence against persons with visual impairment and their coping strategies in Kumasi metropolis, Ghana.
17. **Francess Dufie Azumah** (2019). Street Homes and Its Security Implications in Kumasi Metropolis-Ghana. *International Journal of Social Science Studies*. https://doi.org/10.11114/ijsss.v7i2.4094
18. **Francess Dufie Azumah**, Krampah Samuel, Nachinaab John Onzaberigu (2018). Effects of Family Structure on the Academic Performance of Children: A Case Study of Ayeduase R/C Junior High School in the Kumasi Metropolis, Ghana. *International Journal of Social Science Studies*. https://doi.org/10.11114/ijsss.v6i10.3643
19. **Francess Dufie Azumah**, JOHN ONBERIGU Nachinaab (2018). LIFESTYLE OF FEMALE HEAD PORTERS. *International Journal for Innovation Education and Research*. https://doi.org/10.31686/ijier.vol6.iss2.950
20. **Francess Dufie Azumah**, Michelle Kyei- Donkor, Samuel Krampah, John Onzaberigu Nachinaab (2018). Perception of Youth on Transgender Individuals: A Case of Kumasi, Ghana. *International Journal of Innovative Research and Development*. https://doi.org/10.24940/ijird/2018/v7/i11/nov18018
21. Vincent de Paul Kanwetuu, Robert Kuchengye Mokulogo, **Frances Dufie Azumah** (2018). Understanding Adolescents' Sexual Behaviour in Ghana: Information Sources and Their Effects. *Sexuality & Culture*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s12119-018-9509-3
22. **Francess Dufie Azumah**, John Onzaberigu Nachinaab (2017). COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE, PERCEPTION AND ATTITUDE TOWARD BREAST CANCER IN SEKYERE EAST DISTRICT-GHANA. *International Journal for Innovation Education and Research*. https://doi.org/10.31686/ijier.vol5.iss6.733
23. **Francess Dufie Azumah**, Nachinaab John Onzaberigu, Mensah Manfred (2017). Incidence of Domestic Violence Against Women and Children. *International Journal for Innovation Education and Research*. https://doi.org/10.31686/ijier.vol5.iss3.629