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PROFILE

Sampson is a Linguist with the Department of Ghanaian Languages and Linguistics, University of Cape Coast, Ghana. He received his Ph.D. from the IGRA Gradschool at Universität Leipzig, Germany. His research broadly focuses on theoretical issues in the syntax and morphology of Kwa (Niger-Congo) languages of West Africa, especially Gã and Akan (both spoken in southern Ghana). He has worked on a range of topics, including pronouns, clausal determiners, marking definiteness, negative polarity, and inherent complement verbs, among others in these languages. He is, presently, the Local Investigator for Akan in the European Research Council-funded LeibnizDream Project.

RESEARCH

Interests	Syntax · Morphology
Areas	Language and Linguistics · Linguistics and Language · Anthropology · Cultural Studies · Demography · Experimental and Cognitive Psychology

RESEARCH SUMMARY

22	179	7	6	6.96	33%
Publications	Citations	h-index	i10-index	Field-weighted impact	World top 10%

Counted from the 22 publications listed below, 2011–2025. Field-weighted impact is the mean over the 6 works scored for it; 1.00 is the world average for works of the same field, type and year. 2 of the 6 papers scored for it are among the world's most cited tenth for their field, type and year.

POSITIONS

Lecturer 2018–present
Department o Ghanaian Languages and Linguistics, University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

D.Phil. 2014–2017
Institut für Linguistik, Universität Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany

M.Phil. Linguistics 2009–2011
Department of Linguistics, University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana

B. A. (Linguistics with Study of Religions) 2004–2008
Department of Linguistics, University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana

DISTINCTIONS, MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Regular 2015–present
Association of Contemporary African Linguistics, N/A, United States

Regular 2010–present
Linguistics Association of Ghana, Accra, Ghana

Universität zu Köln 2025

Institük für Linguistik, Cologne, Germany

Visiting Researcher 2023
Department of Linguistics, Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium

Faculty 2023
Department of Linguistics, University of Ghana, Legon-Potsdam Winter School, Legon, Accra, Ghana

Faculty 2022
African Linguistics School 6, Porto Novo, Benin

Secretary 2021–2025
Linguistics Asscociation of Ghana, Accra, Ghana

Visiting Doctoral Student 2016
Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles 17

1. Agata Renans, Akua Campbell, **Sampson Korsah** (2025). Bare singular and plural kinds. *Proceedings from Semantics and Linguistic Theory*. https://doi.org/10.3765/4k395041
2. Akinbiyi Akinlabi, **Sampson Korsah**, Sharon Rose, Abdul-Razak Sulemana, Daniel Aremu, Nina Hagen Kaldhol, Mark Simmons, Tajudeen Mamadou, Leonel Tadjo Fongang, Augustina Owusu, Comfort Ahenkorah, Samuel Owoahene Acheampong, Colin Brown, Harold Torrence (2025). Cross-disciplinary approaches to Information Structure in Niger-Congo languages. *OAPEN (The OAPEN Foundation)*.
3. Agata Renans, **Sampson Korsah**, Akua Campbell (2025). Deriving (anti)-uniqueness: demonstratives in Ga (Kwa). *Journal of Semantics*. https://doi.org/10.1093/jos/ffaf005
4. **Sampson Korsah**, Andrew Murphy (2024). The Absence of Islands in Akan: The Role of Resumption. *Languages*. https://doi.org/10.3390/languages9040127
5. **Sampson Korsah** (2023). On unexpected exceptions to prosodic vacuity and verbal resumption in Akan. *Snippets*.
6. **Sampson Korsah** (2022). Object drop in Gã and the Radical Pro-Drop Generalization. *Frankfurter Afrikanistische Blätter*.
7. **Sampson Korsah** (2019). Islands and resumption in Asante Twi. *Proceedings of the 36th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*. https://www.lingref.com/cpp/wccfl/36/paper3466.pdf
8. **Sampson Korsah** (2019). Removing clausal determiners in Kwa. *Structure Removal*. https://www.philol.uni-leipzig.de/fileadmin/Fakult%C3%A4t_Philo/Linguistik/Forschung/LAB/LAB_94/lab94.pdf#page=251
9. **Sampson Korsah**, Andrew Murphy (2019). Tonal reflexes of movement in Asante Twi. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11049-019-09456-9
10. **Sampson Korsah** (2016). Beyond resumptives and expletives in Akan. *Diversity in African languages*. https://books.google.com/books?hl=en&lr=&id=ncn1DQAAQBAJ&oi=fnd&pg=PA103&dq=info:XCHvm_-9VEgJ:scholar.google.com&ots=tqYEFz-B6H&sig=CmnUNLJTAuR6EihEkxfSqFPTJjY
11. **Sampson Korsah** (2016). What can tone tell us about successive-cyclic movement? Evidence from Asante Twi. *Proceedings of NELS*. http://www.andrewmurphy.de/papers/korsahmurphy16-nels.pdf
12. **Sampson Korsah** (2015). From polarity to reduplication in Gã. *Ms., Universität Leipzig*. https://www.philol.uni-leipzig.de/fileadmin/Fakult%C3%A4t_Philo/Linguistik/Forschung/LAB/LAB_93/LAB93_02_korsah.pdf
13. **Sampson Korsah** (2015). Ga imperatives and Richness of the Base. *Universität Leipzig, manuscript*. https://www.academia.edu/download/80425120/Korsah2015.pdf
14. **Sampson Korsah** (2015). High tone insertion in Akan as a reflex of successive-cyclic movement. *Workshop*

on Morphosyntactic Triggers of Tone. University of Leipzig. https://research.uni-leipzig.de/featuralaffixes/Abs/KorsahMurphy.pdf

15. **Sampson Korsah** (2015). On deriving inherent complement verb constructions. *Proceedings of ConSOLE*. https://www.student.universiteitleiden.nl/binaries/content/assets/geesteswetenschappen/lucl/sole/console23-updated.pdf#page=55
16. **Sampson Korsah** (2015). Tonal reflexes of successive-cyclic movement in Asante Twi. *Ms., Leipzig University*. https://scholar.google.com/scholar?cluster=3297619152360354142&hl=en&oi=scholarr
17. **Sampson Korsah** (2011). Transitivity and inherent complementation in Ga. *Unpublished M. Phil Thesis, University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana*. https://scholar.google.com/scholar?cluster=17881044467035376 08&hl=en&oi=scholarr

Book chapters 1

1. **Sampson Korsah** (2024). Remarks on nominalised adjectives in Gã. *Studies in language companion series*. https://doi.org/10.1075/slcs.235.12kor

Reports 3

1. AZIAKU VINCENT ERSKINE, **Sampson Korsah** (2022). Studies in Ghanaian Languages and Linguistics. *Köppe*. https://scholar.google.com/scholar?cluster=5752549698457094980&hl=en&oi=scholarr
2. **Sampson Korsah** (2017). Reduplicated Indefinites in Gã: Concord or Polarity? *Universität Tübingen*. https://scholar.google.com/scholar?cluster=12993581022521241942&hl=en&oi=scholarr
3. **Sampson Korsah** (2016). Replicative Processes in Grammar. *Institut für Linguistik*. https://www.philol.uni-leipzig.de/fileadmin/Fakult%C3%A4t_Philo/Linguistik/Forschung/LAB/LAB_93/LAB93.pdf

Theses 1

1. **Sampson Korsah** (2017). Issues in Kwa syntax: Pronouns and clausal determiners. *Universität Leipzig*. https://home.uni-leipzig.de/muellerg/igra2/publikationen/Korsah2017a.pdf