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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 Department of Ghanaian Languages and Linguistics, University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana	2018–present
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EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

D.Phil. Institut für Linguistik, Universität Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany	2014–2017
M.Phil. Linguistics Department of Linguistics, University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana	2009–2011
B. A. (Linguistics with Study of Religions) Department of Linguistics, University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana	2004–2008

DISTINCTIONS, MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Regular Association of Contemporary African Linguistics, N/A, United States	2015–present
Regular Linguistics Association of Ghana, Accra, Ghana	2010–present
Universität zu Köln	2025

Institut 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 Association 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 Tadjong, 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=CmnUNLJTAuR6EihEkxfSqFPTjY
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.universiteit leiden.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=scholar>
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=1788104446703537608&hl=en&oi=scholar>

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=scholar>
2. Sampson Korsah (2017). Reduplicated Indefinites in Gã: Concord or Polarity? *Universität Tübingen*. <https://scholar.google.com/scholar?cluster=12993581022521241942&hl=en&oi=scholar>
3. Sampson Korsah (2016). Replicative Processes in Grammar. *Institut für Linguistik*. https://www.philol.uni-leipzig.de/fileadmin/Fakult%C3%A4t_Philol/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>