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PROFILE

Kofi Appiah is a senior lecturer at the Department of Religion and Human Values, University of Cape Coast, Ghana. He holds a doctorate in theological ethics from the University of Tübingen, Germany, a Post-Graduate Diploma in psychology from the University of London, and Graduate Eligibility Status of the British Psychological Society. Kofi Appiah also holds a diploma in theology from the University of Ghana, and another in teaching in higher education from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya. He has taught short courses at the Kofi Anan International Peace Keeping Training Centre in Accra, the Athenaeum of Ohio in Cincinnati, and Tangaza College in Nairobi, Kenya. Now at the University of Cape Coast, he focuses on the study of religions and ethics with keen interest in the praxis of decentering knowledge (production) in institutions of higher education in the global south. His current research project entitled Ghana Values Study explores the role of religion in the conceptualization and transformation of values in the search for culturally unique character strengths in Ghana. The study departs from other studies regarding Character Scaffolding from the perspective of positive psychology.

RESEARCH

Interests	values research · ethics · philosophy of religion
Areas	Education · Sociology and Political Science · Religious studies · Political Science and International Relations · Anthropology · Molecular Biology

RESEARCH SUMMARY

16	49	3	2	0.51	0%
Publications	Citations	h-index	i10-index	Field-weighted impact	World top 10%

Counted from the 16 publications listed below, 2000–2023. Field-weighted impact is the mean over the 8 works scored for it; 1.00 is the world average for works of the same field, type and year. 0 of the 8 papers scored for it are among the world's most cited tenth for their field, type and year.

POSITIONS

Senior Lecturer 2011–present
Religion & Human Values, University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

BPS
Psychology, British Psychological Society, London, United Kingdom

PGD Psych
Psychology, Royal Holloway University of London, Egham, United Kingdom

PGTHE
Education, Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya

PhD
Faculty of Theology, University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany

DISTINCTIONS, MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Ghana Studies Association
Legon, Ghana

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles 13

1. **Simon Kofi Appiah** (2023). Biblical interpretation and the moral function of religion: Towards the building of a just and equitable society in Ghana. *Oguaa Journal of Religion and Human Values*. https://doi.org/10.47963/ojorhv.v7i1.1150
2. **Simon Kofi Appiah** (2022). FetishAgain? Southern Perspectives on the Material Approach to the Study of Religion. *Open Theology*. https://doi.org/10.1515/opth-2022-0197
3. **Simon Kofi Appiah** (2022). Thinking Africa in Postmission Theology: Implications for Global Theological Discourse. *Exchange*. https://doi.org/10.1163/1572543x-bja10007
4. **Simon Kofi Appiah** (2020). Divorcing Polygyny in the African Colonies: Interpreting the Encounter between Mission Christianity and African Polygamy. *POLYGAMOUS WAYS OF LIFE PAST AND PRESENT IN AFRICA AND EUROPE| POLYGAME LEBENSWEISEN IN VERGANGENHEIT UND GEGENWART IN AFRIKA UND EUROPA*. https://www.torrossa.com/gs/resourceProxy?an=5617316&publisher=FZT653#page=146
5. **Simon Kofi Appiah**, Mawuloe Kodah (2020). I think therefore I am. *Religious Studies and Theology*. https://doi.org/10.1558/rsth.40475
6. **Simon Kofi Appiah**, & Kodah (2020). I think therefore I am: linking human exploitation to religious irrationality in Kourouma's Allah Is Not obliged. *Religious Studies and Theology*. https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Mawuloe-Kodah/publication/341205989_I_think_therefore_I_am_Linking_human_exploitation_to_religious_irrationality_in_Kourouma's_Allah_Is_Not_obliged/links/5eb97878299bf1287f7db52b/I-think-therefore-I-am-Linking-human-exploitation-to-religious-irrationality-in-Kouroumas-Allah-Is-Not-obliged.pdf
7. **Simon Kofi Appiah** (2018). Stolberg's Typology of Religioscientific Frameworks and Science and Religion Education in Ghana. *Oguaa Journal of Religion and Human Values*. https://doi.org/10.47963/ojorhv.v4i.349
8. **Simon Kofi Appiah** (2016). The Debate on the Use of Genetic Technology and Production of GM Foods in Ghana: Ethical Perspectives. *Contemporary Journal of African Studies*. https://doi.org/10.4314/contjas.v3i2.5
9. **Simon Kofi Appiah** (2014). Peace brewed in an African pot: Women, elders, religious leaders and youth working for peace. *African Christian Studies*. https://scholar.google.com/scholar?cluster=4131636902717876203&hl=en&oi=scholarr
10. **SK Appiah** (2013). Continuity and discontinuity in traditional African narrative ethics. *Research on humanities and social sciences*. https://scholar.google.com/scholar?cluster=8824296268806090010&hl=en&oi=scholarr
11. **Simon Kofi Appiah** (2012). The Challenge of a Theologically Fruitful Method for Studying African Christian Ethics: The Role of the Human Sciences. *Exchange*. https://doi.org/10.1163/157254312x617132
12. **Simon Kofi Appiah** (2003). The quest of African identity. *Exchange: Journal of Contemporary Christianities in Context*. https://www.africabib.org/rec.php?RID=249327244
13. **Simon Kofi Appiah** (2000). Africanness-inculturation-ethics: in search of the subject of an inculturated Christian ethic. *Forum Interdisziplinäre Ethik*. https://ixtheo.de/Record/1613504373

Book chapters 3

1. Samuel Awuah-Nyamekye, **Simon Kofi Appiah** (2022). Colonial Marginalities and Post-Colonial Fragments: Inter-Faith Networking for Development in Ghana. *Sustainable development goals series*. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-89807-6_13
2. **Simon Kofi Appiah** (2020). From faith through hospital to faith: Value prisms of health seeking in Ghana. *Themes in Religion and Human Security in Africa*. https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003017080-16/faith-hospital-faith-simon-kofi-appiah
3. A. Hackman-Aidoo, **Simon Kofi Appiah** (2015). Assessing the 'shift' in healing spaces: Home-based faith healing in Cape Coast. *Communication, culture and health*.