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**PERSONAL DATA**

NAME: SULEMANU N-EYARE FATIMATU

DATE OF BIRTH: 6TH DECEMBER, 1961

PLACE OF BIRTH: ACCRA

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CHILDREN: MUHAMMAD BEMMA ADAM

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**EDUCATION / QUALIFICATION**

2002-2006: M.PHIL. Study of Religions UG

1994-1996: Post Graduate Diploma in Education (Sandwich) UCC

1986-1990: B.A (Hons) First Class, Study of Religions and Arabic, UG

1989-1990: Proficiency Certificate in Arabic, University of Ain Shams, Cairo

1983-1985: ‘A’ Level, Ghana Secondary School, Tamale, N/R

1978-1983: ‘O’ Level, St. Francis Secondary School, Jirapa, UWR

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

2009- Date: Department for the Study of Religions, University of Ghana, legon

 Status: Tutor, Islamic Studies

1993- Dec. 2008: Islamic Education Unit, Greater Accra Region.

 Position Held: Regional Co-coordinator for Islamic Studies and Arabic

Feb. 1992-Sept. 1992: Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum

 Position Held: Tour Guide

Jan. 1991-Dec. 1991: National Service, Piina Senior. Sec. School, Piina, UWR

 Position Held: Teacher/ House Mistress

1985-1986: National Service, Post and Telecommunication

 Position Held: Sorter

 **SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES**

**30th-31st October, 2018:** World Wide Universities Network Project. An Intersectional Exploration of Religion and Gender –Based Violence: A Case Study of Accra in Global Context, at the Cedi Center, Department of Economics Conference Facility, University of Ghana, Legon

**19th September, 2018:** Project Inception Workshop. Re-Invigorating Humanities Research at the University of Ghana (REHURE-UG), Department of Economics Conference Facility, University of Ghana, Legon.

**15th September, 2018:** Muslim Women’s Conference. Theme: The Muslim Woman on the Move. 10th Anniversary of Stand Point Programme. Paper presented on “The Muslim Woman on the Move,” Ghana Muslim Mission Head quarters, Korle Gonno, Accra.

**1st July, 2018**: 14th Regional Conference of Ghana Muslim Mission. Theme: Importance of the Family in National Development, Ghana Muslim Mission Head Quarters, Korle-Gonno, Accra

**20th -22nd June, 2018**: International Conference on the Theme: Religion and the 21st Century City: Opening and Closures. By Department for the Study of Religions in collaboration with the School of Arts, Paper presented: “Holding Fast to the Rope of Allah: Muslim Women in Accra Show the Way,” University of Ghana, Legon.

**3rd-4th May, 2018**: Thesis Writing Workshop, School of Graduate Studies, University of Ghana, Legon

**24th March, 2018**: Accra Conversation, Theme: What next after Boko Haram. Centre on Religion and Global Affairs, Fiesta Royal Hotel, Accra.

2018**:** Annual Hall Week Celebration, Legon Hall - Islamic Dialogue on ‘The Muslim’s Lifestyle,’ Ghana Muslim Students Association (GMSA), University of Ghana, Legon

2018**:** Annual Hall Week Celebration, Liman Hall- Islamic Dialogue on ‘The Reality of Worldly

 Life Against Worship,’ Ghana Muslim Students Association, University of Ghana, Legon.

2018: Aggrey- Fraser- Guggisberg Memorial Lectures. Theme: Nkrumah and the Making of

 the Ghanaian Nation-State.

2018: Departmental Seminar, Department for the Study of Religions, University of Ghana, Legon.

 **2017**: Annual National Conference, Federation of Muslim Women’ associations in Ghana.

 Theme: The Upbringing of our Children in Contemporary Ghana: The Role of Muslim

 Women in their total Development, Wa, Upper West Region

 2017: Islamic Dialogue- Islam and Shrik, Jean Aka Nelson Hall Week Celebration,

 University of Ghana, Legon

 2017: A-3-Day National Stakeholder Conference on Educational Achievements and

 Mobility in Poor Muslim Communities in Ghana. Theme: Towards increased positive

 educational outcomes for poverty alleviation in deprived communities in Ghana- The

 Role of Stakeholders in the Muslim Community, by Baraka Policy Institute, Institute

 of Local Government Studies, Accra.

 2017: Launching Ceremony of the Madina Institute of Science and Technology, Lakeside

 Estate, New Adenta, Accra.

 2017**:** 50th Anniversary Celebration, Ghana Muslim Mission Women’s Fellowship. Theme:

 Ghana Muslim Mission Women’s Fellowship: Interrogating the Past, Shaping the

 Future, Ghana Muslim Mission Headquarters, Korle- Gonno- Accra.

 2017: UG Pan - African Doctoral Academy, University of Ghana, Legon

2017: International Conference, on Bioethics: African Perspectives, Deaprtment of

 Philosophy and Classics, University of Ghana, Legon

 2017: Beyond Jihad: Islam and Society in West Africa, Center for the study of Christianity in

 Africa and Project for Religious Freedom and Society in Africa (Yale University,

 USA), Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legfon.

2017: Launching- The National Anthem and the National Pledge in Eleven Ghanaian

 Languages, by National Commission for Civic Education, College of Physician and

 Surgeons Conference Auditorium, Ridge, Accra.

 2016: School of Arts First Seminar Series. Paper presented, “From Novotel to Public Place of

 Convenience: A Theological Reflection of Marriage Ceremonies in the Ghanaian

 Muslim Community,” University of Ghana, Legon

 2016: International Conference by Institute of Religion and Culture and the Circle of

 Concerned African Women Theologians on ‘Creating safe spaces for women and girls:

 the role of religion and culture in West Africa,’ Talitha Qumi Centre, Trinity

 Theological Seminary, Legon.

 2016: Annual National Conference, Federation of Muslim Women’s Associations in Ghana,

 Islamic Girls’ Senior High, Suhum, Eastern Region.

 2016: Inaugural Lecture by Prof. Edward Kofi Quashigah on the topic: Constitution Building,

 Constitutionalism and National Values: Whither Ghana, Great Hall University of

 Ghana, Legon.

 2016: National Strategic Conference on Muslim Education in Ghana, Theme: “Developing the

 Muslim Community in Ghana Through Effective Educational Leadership and

 Performance,” Baraka Policy Institute, Accra.

 2016: The Church and Politics: The Ghanaian Experience, Department of Religious Studies and

 Church Administration, Catholic Institute of Business and Technology, Accra. Delivered

 by Most Rev. Peter Kwasi Sarpong.

 2016: One Day Seminar on ‘Attitudinal and Behavioral Change: A pre-requisite for sustainable

 Development,’ organized by the Youth wing of the Federation of Muslim Women’s

 Associations in Ghana, Accra.

 2016: M.phil Seminar presentations, SRC Union Building, University of Ghana, Legon

 2016: Doctoral Programme for Multicultural Innovation, Department for the Study of Religions,

 University of Ghana, Legon.

 2016: Inter-Cultural Dialogue: The Role of Religion in Cultural Education. Presented by the

 Cultural Consulate, Islamic Republic of Iran and the Department for the Study of

 Religions, University of Ghana, Legon.

 2016: VC’S Lecture delivered on the topic: ‘Transforming Research in the Social Sciences:

 Measurement, Visualization, Interpretation and Experimentation,’ University of Ghana,

 Legon. Delivered by Prof. Christopher Udry.

2016: Aggrey - Fraser- Guggisberg Memorial Lectures. By Prof. Ian Shapiro.

 Theme: Fighting Political Domination. University of Ghana, Legon.

 Topic: Lessons from South Africa’s Transition: The Role of Business.

 2016: International Workshop on Religion and Development, Department for the Study of

 Religion, University of Ghana, Legon.

2015: Lecture Series and Workshop between Department for the Study of Religions,

 University of Ghana and Faculty of Theology, University of Basel, Switzerland

2015: International Conference held under the auspices of The LeverHulme Trust Network on

 Domesticating Global Narrative Theorizing: Modern African Political Thinking in Global

 Context. Theme Normative Disorientation and Institutional Instability, University of

 Ghana, Legon.

 2015: Theme: Inter-Religious Disturbances: Buddhist and Christians. Presented by Prof. James

 Heising, SRC Building, University of Ghana, Legon.

 2015: Departmental seminar on “Research in the Humanities: The Contemporary Approach.”

 University of Ghana, Legon. Delivered by Prof. Afolorunso Olalekan Dairo.

2014: Training workshop on Examination System, by Academic Quality Assurance Unit,

 University of Ghana, Legon

2014: 12th Faculty of Arts Colloquium. Theme: Strengthening the Humanities through

 Interdisciplinary and Trandisciplinary Research, University of Ghana, Legon

2014: Annual National Conference, Ghana Muslim Mission. Theme: Accelerating the Holistic

 Development of the Ghanaian Muslim Community through the Provision of Educational

 Infrastructure.

2014: Regional Conference, Ghana Muslim Mission. Theme: Striving Towards Attainment of

 Good in this World and Good in the life hereafter.

2014: Second Consultation of African Women and African Disporan Women in Religion and

 Theology. Theme: Texts of Terror, Texts of Empowerment: Reimaging Sacred Canon in

 Africana Womanhood.

2013: Research Conceptualization workshop, University of Ghana, Legon

2013: 11th Faculty of Arts Colloquium. Theme: From Theory to Practice, Insights from the

 Humanities, University of Ghana, Legon

2013: International Summer School, Berlin Graduate School for Muslim cultures societies,

 Berlin. Themes: Re-configurations of Islam in Sub-Saharan Africa: Islamic Practices,

 Imaginations, Groups, and Actors in the African Context.

2013: Ramadan Seminar, Ghana Muslim Ladies Association, Accra. Theme: Transforming the

 Muslim Women: The Role of Ramadan.

2013: Regional Conference, Federation of Muslim Women’s Associations in Ghana, Accra.

 Theme: Transforming the Muslim Woman through Da’wah for Holistic Development.

2013: 55th Annual National Conference, Ghana Muslim Mission, Accra. Theme: Accelerating

 the Holistic Development of the Ghanaian Muslim Community through the Provision of

 Educational Infrastructure

2012: 10th Faculty of Arts Colloquium. Theme: Understanding African Humanity: Religion and

 Modernity in the 21st Century, University of Ghana, Legon

2011: 9th Faculty of Arts Colloquium. Theme: Creating in Diversity: Exploring our Differences

 for Nationhood, University of Ghana, Legon

2011: Departmental Retreat at Dodowa, Accra

2010: Association of African Universities, University of Ilorin, Nigeria

2010: 8th Faculty of Arts Colloquium. Theme: Communicating as a Nation: Back to the Future,

 University of Ghana, Legon

2009: The African Humanities programme launched of 2010 Fellowship under the Auspices of

 the American Council of Learned Societies, University of Ghana and Funded by

 Carnegie Corporation, University of Ghana, Legon:

 2009: 7th Annual Faculty of Arts Colloquium. Theme: The Humanities and the Construction of

 National Identity, University of Ghana, Legon

2006: Country Development Workshop, organized by Islamic Development Bank, Accra

2006: Conference of Moral –Re-Armament/ Initiative of Change, Caux, Switzerland

2006: WILDAF- Women in Law and Development in Africa, Accra

2005: AWLA- African Women Lawyers Association, Accra

2005: Africa Regional Conference of Faith-Based Organizations, Abuja, Nigeria

2005: Moral Re-Armament/ Initiative of Change International Conference on Clean Africa Campaign Leadership Training Workshop, Abokobi, Accra

2004: Registration of Muslim Marriages organized by Legal Resource Centre, Accra

2003: Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC), Accra

2002: International Visitor Programme, U S A.

1999: Family Planning and the Muslim Community organized by the Muslim Family Counseling

 Services, Accra

1999: ICII- International Council for Islamic Information organized by the Federation of

 Muslim Women’s Associations in Ghana, FOMWAG, Accra.

1998: 8TH Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Harare, Zimbabwe

1998: Capacity Building workshop organized for Head teachers on Management and School

 Administration, Islamic Education Unit, Greater Accra.

1993: In-Service Training workshop organized for Arabic Teachers, Islamic Education Unit,

 and Greater Accra Region.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2002: Project work: Attitude of Muslim Parents Towards Secular Education: A Case Study of Nima in the Ayawaso Sub-District.

2006: Thesis: Leadership in the Ghanaian Muslim Community: The Role of Federation of Muslim Women’s Associations in Ghana (FOMWAG)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Since assuming duty as a Tutor in the Department, I have taught the following Courses at the undergraduate level.

 SREL 473: Islam in West Africa

SREL: 448 Islam and African Culture

SREL 313: Qur’anic Studies

SREL 337: Life of Muhammad

SREL 409: Faith and Practice of Islam

SREL 067: Introduction to Islamic Doctrine

SREL214: Introduction to Ethical Theories and Religious Ethical systems

SREL393: Gender Issues in Religion and Culture

SREL 111: Introduction to Islam

SREL 346: Islam in Ghana

**ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS**

* PhD Thesis on Socio-Religious Development of Muslim Women in Ghana: An Appraisal of Six Women Groups.
* Women, Politics and Religion
* Women and Leadership in Islam
* Women and Islamic Learning in Ghana
* Sexuality and Marriage in Islam
* Islamic Organizations in Sub-Saharan Africa
* Youth Development in the Muslim Community
* Islam and Development
* Religion in the 21st Century City: Opening and Closures

**PUBLICATION**

Sulemanu, N. F. (2013). Mitigating Violence Against Women in the Ghanaian Muslim Community: The Role of the Federation of Muslim Women’s Associations in Ghana (FOMWAG). In R.M. Amenga-Etego & M. A. Oduyoye (Eds), *Religion and Gender –Based Violence: West African Experience* (pp405-434). TLSS AND Asempa Publishers.

Sulemanu, N.F. (2015). ‘Those who Entrusted Their Affairs to woman Will not prosper’: Its Implication in the Ghanaian Muslim Community. In Rosetta E. Ross and Rose Mary Amenga-Etego (Eds) *Unraveling and Reweaving: Continental and Diasporan African Women Discuss Texts, Gender, Violence, and Taking Charge of Their Lives*. Mary Land: Lexington Books.

Sulemanu, N.F. (2018) “Education a tool for Sustainable Development: The Role of Muslim NGOs in Ghana.” In George Ossom –Batsa, Nicoletta and Rabiatu Deinyo Ammah (Eds) *Religion and Sustainable Development: Ghanaian Perspectives*. Citta del Viticano: Urbaniana University Press.

**PUBLIC ADDRESSES/ CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2018: Annual Hall Week Celebration, Legon Hall - Islamic Dialogue on ‘The Muslim’s Lifestyle,’ Ghana Muslim Students Association (GMSA), University of Ghana, Legon

2018: Annual Hall Week Celebration, Liman Hall- Islamic Dialogue on ‘The Reality of Worldly

 Life Against Worship,’ Ghana Muslim Students Association, University of Ghana, Legon.

2017: 50th Anniversary Celebration, Ghana Muslim Mission Women’s Fellowship. Theme:

 Ghana Muslim Mission Women’s Fellowship: Interrogating the Past, Shaping the

 Future, Ghana Muslim Mission Headquarters, Korle- Gonno- Accra.

26th-29 July 2016, “Sexuality and Marriage in Islam: The Ghanaian Muslim Experience”7th Biennial AASR Conference on ‘Religion, Sexuality, and Identity in Africa and African Diaspora,’ University of Ghana, Legon, Accra

26th March, 2016, 13th Annual Regional Conference, Ghana Muslim Mission Korle Gonno, Accra. Theme: “Behavioral and Attitudinal Changes as Pre-Requisites for Sustainable Development.”

21st May, 2016, National Strategic Conference on Muslim Education in Ghana, Theme: “Developing the Muslim Community in Ghana Through Effective Educational Leadership and Performance,” Baraka Policy Institute, Accra.

26th-29 July 2016, “Sexuality and Marriage in Islam: The Ghanaian Muslim Experience”7th Biennial AASR Conference on ‘Religion, Sexuality, and Identity in Africa and African Diaspora,’ University of Ghana, Legon, Accra.

20th -21st October, 2016, International Conference by Institute of Religion and Culture and the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians on ‘Creating safe spaces for women and girls: the role of religion and culture in West Africa’, Talitha Qumi Centre, Trinity Theological Seminary, Legon.

1996- Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians, Nairobi, Kenya

1998- 8th Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Harare, Zimbabawe.

20022003- 2005- Africa Regional Conference of Faith –Based Organizations, Abuja, Nigeria

2005- Moral Re -Armament/ Initiative of Change International Conference on Clean Africa Campaign Leadership Training Workshop, Abokobi, Accra

2006- Conference of Moral Re-Armament/Initiatives of Change, Caux, Switzerland.

2006- Country Development Workshop, organized by Islamic Development Bank, Accra.

2010- Association of African Universities, University of Ilorin, Nigeria.

**PUBLIC ADDRESSES/ CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2011- “Uniting the Ghana Muslim Mission through Family Life”, Regional Conference of the Ghana Muslim Mission Women Fellowship

2010- “Challenges Facing the Muslim Ummah in Ghana,” Regional Conference of Ghana Muslim Mission.

2010- “Choosing the right partner for marriage in Islam” Ghana Muslim Students Association, Accra Polytechnic.

2010- “Courtship in Islam” Ghana Muslim Students Association, Mensah Sarbah Hall.

2010- “Challenges of the career Muslim Woman” GMSA Ladies wing, Legon

2010- “Women in Pre-Islamic Arabia” Islamic University College, Accra

2009- “Child Upbringing in Islam” GMSA Drama Group, Greater Accra Region.

2009- “The Role of the mother in Islam” Association of Muslim Female Graduates, Accra.

2009- “Educating the Muslim girl Child the role of the mother” Ghana Muslim Mission, Accra.

2009- “The Role of Religion in good Governance” RESAG, Legon

2009- “Spirituality in the Contemporary World and its impact on the Family-An Islamic Perspective” Institute of African Women in Religion and Culture, Trinity Theological Seminary, Accra.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION**

* Ghana National Association of Teachers
* Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians
* African Association for the Study of Religions (AASR)
* Federation of Muslim Women’s Associations in Ghana

**EXTENSION ACTIVITIES**

Member: Tutorial Board, Mensah Sarbah Hall

Patron: Upper West Students Association, University of Ghana, Legon

Patron: Wangara Students Association (WANSA), Legon.

Patron: Banda Students Association (BANSA), Legon

Patron: East Ayawaso Tertiary Students and Associations, Accra.

Patron: Initiative of Change (LOC), Legon.

Welfare Secretary: Department for the Study of Religions, Legon.

Patron: Ghana Muslim Students Association, Legon

Tutor: City Campus.

Member Chartered member, Toast Masters International

**AWARDS**

* Given by Banda Students Association, Legon.
* Wangara Students Association, Legon
* Ghana Muslim Students Association, Legon Branch, Accra.
* Ghana Muslim Students Association, Legon Hall.

**References**

* Prof. Elizabeth Amoah

Department for the Study of Religions

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* Dr. Rabiatu Ammah

Department for the Study of Religion

University of Ghana

Legon

* Rev. Prof. Ntreh

Department for the Study of Religion and Human Values

University of Cape Coast,

Cape Coast.