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D. Phil (Philosophy), University of South Africa, 2004 - 2007

M. Phil. (Philosophy), University of Ghana, 1997 - 2000

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**Research Interests:**

* African Philosophy
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* Metaphysics
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**Fellowships**

* 1st September – 30th November, 2016: Research Fellow, Neubauer Collegium, University of Chicago, Chicago, USA.
* 1st June – 31st October, 2011: Research Fellow, Academy of Mission, University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany.

**Publications:**

**Books Authored**

1. Ajei, M. O., (2014), *The Paranormal: An Inquiry into some features of an African Metaphysics and Epistemology,* Hamburg: Missionshilfe Verlag.
2. Ajei, M. O., (2012), *Africa’s Development: The Imperatives of Indigenous Knowledge and Value,* Saarbrucken: Lambert Academic Publishing

**Books Edited**

1. Ajei, M. O., (2017), *Disentangling Consciencism: Critical Essays on Kwame Nkrumah’s Philosophy,* Lanham: Lexington Books.

**Book Chapters**

1. Ajei, M. O., “Toward A Tradition Of Ghanaian Political Philosophy”, forthcoming in *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Political Philosophy*, Jenco, L., Thomas, M., and Idris, M., (eds.), Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press.
2. Ajei, M. O & Myles, N. O., (2018), “Personhood, Autonomy and Informed Consent” in Frimpong-Mansoh, Y. A. and Atuire, C. A (eds.), *Bioethics in Africa: Theories and Praxis*, Wilmington: Vernon Press, pp. 77-94
3. Ajei, M. O. (2017), “Justice and Retrieval of the African Self” in Martin Ajei (ed.), *Disentangling Consciencism: Critical Essays on Kwame Nkrumah’s Philosophy*, Lanham: Lexington Books, pp. 229-246.
4. Ajei, M. O. (2014), “Danquah's Two-faced God and Humanistic Ethics", in Adika, G., Ossom-Batsa, G., and Yitah, H. (eds.), *New Perspectives on African Humanity: Beliefs, Values & Artistic Expression*, Accra: Adwinsa Publications, pp. 39-60.
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7. Ajei, M. O. (2012), “Nkrumah and Hountondji on Ethno-philosophy: A Critical Appraisal”; inRamose, M. B. (ed), *Hegel’s Twilight*: *Essays in Honour of Heinz Kimmerle*, Amsterdam: Rodopi Publishers, pp. 131-150.
8. Ajei, M. O. (2011), “Africa’s Renaissance and the Challenge of Culture: the Failures of NEPAD”, in Lauer, H., et al (eds.), *Identity Meets Nationality: Voices from the Humanities,* Accra: Sub-Saharan Publishers, pp. 242-264.
9. Ajei, M. O. & Grills, C. (2002), “African-centered Conceptualizations and Consciousness: The Akan Model”, in Parham, T (ed.), *Therapeutic Approaches with African American Populations,* NY:Sage Publications, pp. 75-99.

**Peer-review Journal Articles**

1. Ajei, M. O & Kwesi, R. “Consciencism, Ubuntu and Justice”, accepted for publication in *The Nigerian Journal of Philosophy.*
2. Ajei, M. O. (2019), “Ontology and Human Rights”, *South African Journal of Philosophy*, 38 (1) pp. 17-29
3. Ajei, M. O. (2018), “Educating Africans: Perspectives of Ghanaian Philosophy”, *Phronimon*, Vol. 19 Number 1, 2018, pp. 1-15.
4. Ajei, M. O. (2018), “Trans-modernism and a Tradition of African Philosophy”, *Legon Journal of Humanities,* Vol. 29 (2), pp. 1-25.
5. Ajei, M. O. (2016), “Kwasi Wiredu’s Consensual Democracy: Prospects for Practice in Africa”, *European Journal of Political Theory*, Vol. 15(4) pp. 445–466.
6. Ajei, M. O. (2015), “Human rights in a moderate communitarian political framework”, *South African Journal of Philosophy*, 34:4, 4pp. 91-503.
7. Ajei, M. O. (2012), “Sports: Nkrumah’s Approach to African Unity”, *Journal on African Philosophy,* Issue 4, pp. pp. 61-75.
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9. Ajei, M. O. (2009), “The Paranormal: African Philosophy questions Science”, Legon Journal of the Humanities, Vol. 20, pp. 23 – 44.
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11. Ajei, M. O. & Grills, C. (2000), “Sunsum as Conscious Energy”, *Psych Discourse, 31, (11),* pp. 3 - 8

**Occasional Papers**

1. Ajei, M. O. (2001), *Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Good Governance in Ghana: The Traditional Akan Socio-Political* Example, Occasional Paper No. 31, Accra: Institute of Economic Affairs.

**Grants:**

* 2018 – Ongoing: Principal Investigator, Multi-partism, Social Fragmentation and Nation Building, funded by a US 30, 000 Andrew Mellon Foundation Grant
* 2014-2017: Co-Principal Investigator, Domesticating Global Justice: Modern African Political Thinking in Global Context, funded by a GBP 115, 000 Levehulme Foundation Grant
* 2009-2011: Principal Investigator, Conservation of Nature: Perspectives of Akan Philosophy, funded by GHC 9, 000 University of Ghana Research Grant

**Professional Associations:**

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