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EDUCATION

Postdoctoral Fellow, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina,
Jan. 1990 - Dec. 1992.

Ph.D. (Sociology), University of Michigan, 1990.

M.A. (Sociology), University of Michigan, 1986.

M.A. (Sociology), University of Iowa, 1984.

B.A. (Sociology with Statistics), University of Ghana, 1980.

POSITIONS HELD

Associate Professor, Sociology Department, Lehman College Sept 1, 2005 to present
Assistant Professor, Sociology and Social Work Dept. Lehman College Sept. 1, 2000 – August
30, 2005

Assistant Professor, Sociology Dept, Union College, Sept 1, 1998-Aug 30, 2000.

Visiting Scholar, Population Research Laboratory, Department of Sociology, University of
Southern California. Jan 1, 1997 - Sept 1, 1998.

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Brown University, Jan 1, 1993 – Dec 30, 1996.

COURSES TAUGHT AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Advanced Tutorial in Sociology	Population and society
Africa: social and demographic trends	Rural sociology
African population and development.	SAS programming
American demography	Social inequality
Fertility control policies	Social research methods
Gender and development	Sociology of fertility
Introduction to sociology	Sociology of the family
Mortality and morbidity;	Statistics/Quantitative methods
Population and development	Tutorial in Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Articles and Book Chapters

Benefo, Kofi D. (2010) "Determinants of condom use in Zambia: a multilevel analysis." *Studies in Family Planning* 41.1: 19-30.

Benefo, Kofi D.(2007). Determinants of Zambian men's extra-marital Sex: A multi-level analysis. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*.

- Benefo, Kofi D. 2006. The community-level effects of women's education on reproductive behavior in rural Ghana. *Demographic Research* 14(20): 485-508
- Benefo, Kofi D. and Vijayan K. Pillai 2005. The Reproductive effects of family Planning programs in rural Ghana: Analysis by Gender. *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 40(6): 463-477
- Benefo Kofi D. 2004. "Child schooling and contraceptive use in Rural Africa. A Ghanaian case study." *Population Research and Policy Review* 24(1):1- 24
- Benefo Kofi D. 2004. "Are partner and relationship characteristics associated with condom use in Zambian nonmarital relationships?" *International Family Planning Perspectives* 30(3): 118-127
- Benefo, Kofi D. 2004. "Mass media and HIV/AIDS prevention in Ghana" *Journal of Health & Population in Developing Countries*, Published 5 May 2004 .URL: <http://www.jhpdnc.unc.edu>.1-18
- Benefo Kofi D. and Vijayan K. Pillai. 2003. "Determinants of women's nonfamily work in Ghana and Zimbabwe." *Canadian Studies in Population* 30(2): 389-408
- Benefo Kofi D. and Baffour K. Takyi. 2002 "Mass media effects on AIDS knowledge and sexual behavior in Africa with special reference to Ghana." *International Journal of Social Science and Policy* 22(4/5/6): 77-99
- Benefo, Kofi D. 1999. "Cultural perspectives on West African fertility change." In R. Leete ed. *Dynamics of Values in Fertility Change*. International Studies in Demography. Oxford. Clarendon press. Pp. 331-342
- Pillai, Vijayan, P. Bartle and Kofi D. Benefo. 1997. "Sexual activity among secondary school girls in Zambia: Implications for policy." *Journal of Biosocial Science* 29: 297 - 301
- Benefo, Kofi D. and T. Paul Schultz. 1996. "Child mortality and fertility in the Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana." *World Bank Economic Review*. 10(1): 123-158
- Benefo, Kofi D.1995. "Cultural perspectives on West African fertility change." in *Proceedings of the IUSSP Seminar on Values and Fertility Change*, Sion, Switzerland.
- Benefo, Kofi D. 1995. "A multilevel analysis of the determinants of the duration of postpartum abstinence in Western Africa." *Demography* 32(2): 139-157
- Pillai, Vijayan K. and Kofi D. Benefo. 1995. "Schoolgoing female teenagers in Zambia: sexual activity and the role of the family." *International Journal of Contemporary Sociology* 31:(2): 125-133
- Benefo, Kofi D., Amy Tsui and Joseph De Graft-Johnson. 1994. "Ethnic differentials in child-spacing practices in Ghana: Analysis of the 1988 Demographic and Health Survey." *Journal of Biosocial Science* 24(3): 311-326
- Benefo, Kofi D. and T. Paul Schultz. 1994. "Child mortality and fertility in the Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana." *World Bank Living Standards Measurement Study Working Paper 103*
- Benefo, Kofi D. and Allan Parnell. 1991. "The determinants of infant feeding practices in Ghana: Evidence from the 1988 Demographic and Health Survey." *Proceedings of the 1991 Demographic and Health Survey World Conference*, Washington, DC
- Parcel, T. and K. D. Benefo. 1987. "Temporal change in occupational differentiation." *Work and Occupations* 14(4): 514-532

PARTICIPATION AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Presentations at Professional Conferences

Benefo, Kofi "Community Determinants of Intimate Partner Violence Against Ghanaian Women: a multilevel analysis" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Hilton San Francisco Union Square, San Francisco, Aug 09, 2020

Benefo, Kofi. "Community Gender Inequality and Extramarital Sex among Zambian Men: A Multilevel Analysis" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Hilton New York Midtown & Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel, New York City, Aug 09, 2019

Benefo, Kofi. "Community Determinants of Wife Beating Attitudes Among Zambian Women and Men: A Multilevel Analysis" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Pennsylvania Convention Center & Philadelphia Marriott, Philadelphia, PA, Aug 09, 2018

Benefo, Kofi. " District Demographic Sex ratios and Intimate Partner Violence among Zambian Women: A Multilevel Analysis " Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 22-25, 2015 Chicago, Hilton Chicago, Palmer House

Benefo, Kofi. "The Determinants of Zambian Couples' Reproductive Goals" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Hilton San Francisco Union Square and Parc 55 Wyndham San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, Aug 15, 2014

Benefo, Kofi. " Multilevel analysis of the determinants of spousal differences in reproductive goals." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 17-20, 2012 Denver Colorado Convention Center & Hyatt Regency

Benefo, Kofi. " As Aids Stigma a Barrier to HIV Testing in Zambia? A Multilevel Analysis" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 20 - 23, 2011 Caesars Palace Las Vegas, Nevada

Benefo, Kofi. "The Structural Determinants of Sexual Coercion Among Zambian Women: A Multilevel Analysis" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Hilton Atlanta and Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, GA, Aug 14, 2010

Benefo, Kofi. "Community-level Determinants of Transactional Sexual Activity in Zambia: A Multilevel Analysis" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Hilton San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, Aug 08, 2009

Benefo, Kofi. "Community-Level Determinants of Consistent Condom use in Zambia" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, TBA, New York, New York City, Aug 11, 2007

Benefo, Kofi. "A Multilevel Analysis of Extramarital Sex in Zambia" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Marriott Hotel, Loews Philadelphia Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, Aug 12, 2005

Benefo, Kofi. "Commercialization and Women's Marital Power in Uganda" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Hilton San Francisco & Renaissance Parc 55 Hotel, San Francisco, CA., Aug 14, 2004

Other Conference Participation

Table presider: table 3. contraceptive use in Sub-Saharan Africa. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 1-4, 2008 Boston, Hynes Convention Center, Sheraton, Marriott

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service as Article Editor and Invited Reviewer

African Studies Review
American Journal of Sociology
Archives of Sexual Behavior
BMC Public Health
BMJ Open
Demography
Health & Place
HIV/AIDS Review
International Journal of Behavioral

Development
Journal of Population Research
Population Policy and Research Review
Sage Open
Sociological Quarterly
Sociological Focus
Studies in Family Planning
Social Forces
Sociological Forum

Service as Grant Reviewer:

National Science Foundation

Consulting:

Member, African Dissertation Internships Awards Review Committee, Rockefeller Foundation, 1991-1999.

Research Consultant, World Bank, African Technical Division, The World Bank Project on "Economic and Policy Determinants of Fertility in Sub-Saharan Africa"-1991.

Service on National Organizations

Member, Editorial Board of Sage Open: Oct 2015 to present

Professional Affiliations:

American Sociological Association

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

Department Service:

Department chair July 1, 2017- June 30, 2020
Chair, Personnel and Budget Committee Sept 2017 – June 2020
Member, Personnel and Budget Committee Sept. 1, 2016-June 30, 2017
Member, Technology Committee May 1, 2017 to present
Member, Technology Committee
Member, Faculty Search Committees
Member, Educational Policy Committee
Member, Assessment Committee Sept 1, 2016 to present
Member, Department Observation Committee
Member, Department Peer Observation Committee
Assessment Coordinator
Library Liaison July 1, 2019 to present
Member, Technology Committee
Website coordinator
Summer department chair

College Service:

Member, Educators Preparatory Council July 1, 2020 to present
Member, School of Education GPA Waiver Appeals Committee, July 1, 2020 to present
Member, School of Natural and Social Sciences Executive Committee July 1, 2017-June 30, 2020
Member, Task Force for Public Spaces to Reimagine the Music Building Lobby. Jan 1, 2020-June 30, 2020
Member, Committee on Tenure, Promotion, and Certificate of Continuous Employment, July 1, 2017-June 30, 2020
Member, Faculty Personnel and Budget Committee May 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020
Member, Campus Life and Facilities Committee, Sept 1, 2016 to present
Department Representative, College senate July 1, 2004-June 30, 2004
Secretary, Library, Technology and Communications Committee July 1, 2002- June 30, 2004
Member, Departmental Representative of the Comparative Culture Distribution Area
Member, Lehman College General Education Committee July 2003- June 30, 2009
Sociology Department Assessment coordinator
Member, Technology Fee committee
Member, College Senate, Sept. 1, 2016-Sept. 1, 2017
Member, 2018-2019 University Committee on Research Awards (*UCRA*) panel on Law, Criminal Justice, Sociology and Urban Studies -July 1, 2018-July 1, 2019
Member, 2009-2010 University Committee on Research Awards (*UCRA*) panel on Law, Criminal Justice, Sociology and Urban Studies -July 1, 2009-July 1, 2010
Faculty Liaison, PSC-CUNY Sociology Review Panel of the University Committee on Research Awards July 1, 2006-June 30, 2009

RESEARCH GRANTS

Externally funded grants

Co-principal investigator, 2004-2005 National Science Foundation Grant. “Integrating data analysis into the curriculum: Responding to the scientific literacy gap among undergraduate students in the Social Sciences” \$175,000
American Sociological Association Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline 2001
National Institute of Health P-30 African Research Grant, 1994.

Internally funded grants

PSC-CUNY Research Award 2013-2014
George N. Schuster Fellowship Award 2003
PSC-CUNY Research Award 2002-2003
George N. Schuster Fellowship Award 2001
PSC-CUNY Research Award 2001