

# EBENEZER KOBINAH OFFEN

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## SUMMARY

**Objective** : To engage in advanced research in Linguistics, using my expertise in languages and pedagogy, with a focus on language preservation. I seek to contribute to the discourse on indigenous language documentation and revitalization, leveraging innovative methodologies for the benefit of cultural heritage preservation.

**Interests** : Phonetics and Phonology, Morphology and Syntax, Computational Linguistics, Lexicography.

**Software** : Doccano, Praat, MS Office Suite,  $\LaTeX$ , Canva.

**Skills** : Website Management, Communication, Transcription, Translation, Interpersonal Skills, Subtitling.

## EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Arts, Fante Education** July 2021

University of Education, Winneba, Ghana

**Research** : Using Research Method to Improve Students' Understanding of Negative Past Tense in Akan (Fante) Language at Bompeh Senior High Technical School.

**General Arts (West Africa Examination Certificate)** May 2016

Bompeh Senior High Technical School, Takoradi, Ghana

Courses : Literature in English, Government, History, Fante

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Fante Language Coordinator (Remote)** November 2023 – Present

FACITtrans Group, Chicago, Illinois

- Provides Translation, Reviewing and Proofreading Services.

**Akan Content Creator** [[Link](#)] August 2021 – Present

Bolingo Communication and Media Consult, Accra, Ghana

- Responsible for creating online news contents in the Akan language.
- Perform translation, transcription and proofreading tasks from Akan to English and the vice-versa.
- Act as an Akan language teacher, subtitler and voice-over artiste.
- Manage social media accounts and oversee content dissemination.

**Fante Wikipedia Community Team Lead and Contributor** [[Profile](#)] February 2021 – Present

Wikimedia Foundation Inc., Accra Ghana

- Lead and train new community members in Wikimedia projects.
- Contributing to the Fante Wikipedia Incubator.
- Contributing to Wikipedia sister projects.
- Fante Wikipedia Community Social Media manager.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Teaching Assistant** October 2021 – October 2022

University of Education, Winneba, Ghana

- Assisted in grading assignments and exams, and provided feedback to students.
- Collaborated with the course instructors to prepare lecture materials and reported students' progress.
- Assisted students facing academic difficulties and provided guidance and counseling support.

**Instructor, English Language, Literature in English & Fante (Internship)** January – May 2021

Bompeh Senior High Technical School, Takoradi, Ghana

- Developed and delivered course lectures on Literature in English, English language and Fante language.
- Acted as a mentee, actively participating in understudying roles.

**Instructor, English Language & Fante**  
Excellence Pathway Academy, Kwesimintsim, Ghana

**August 2016 – September 2017**

- Instructed students in both English and Fante languages, from upper primary to the Junior High School level.
- Served as an Executive Board member, contributing to the activities of the school's graduation committee.

## CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

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1. **Fante language translator**, Defending Human Rights in the Age of Artificial Intelligence-A UNESCO, SALTO Participation & Resource Center & European Year of Youth project headed by Kadri Maripuu (October 2022).
2. Featured on a Podcast by Awula Adei Quaye on localizationafrica.com on the topic : Taking a Glance at The Fante Language (August, 2022) [[Link](#)], [[Link](#)]
3. **Voiceover Artiste & Translator (Itranscribe Consult Ghana)**, Scientific Animation Without Borders (SAWBO) COVID-19 Education Advertiser (Fante), in collaboration with USAID, PURDUE University, Michigan State University, Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs, SUMAQ USA, Feed the Future ; The US government's Global Hunger and Food Security Initiative (February, 2021) [[Link](#)]

## CONTRIBUTED BOOKS

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1. Bosiwah, L., Afari-Sackey, F. & **Offen, E.K.** (2022). "Mbofra Mfantse Adzesua Buukuu (A Basic 1 Fante Book)". Accra : Masterman Publications Limited. ISBN : 978-9988-9104-4-0
2. Bosiwah, L., Afari-Sackey, F. & **Offen, E.K.** (2022). "Mbofra Mfantse Adzesua Buukuu (A Basic 2 Fante Book)". Accra : Masterman Publications Limited. ISBN : 978-9988-9104-6-0
3. Bosiwah, L., Afari-Sackey, F. & **Offen, E.K.** (2023). "Mbofra Mfantse Adzesua Buukuu (A Basic 3 Fante Book)". Accra : Masterman Publications Limited. ISBN : 978-9988-9104-8-8
4. Bosiwah, L., Afari-Sackey, F. & **Offen, E.K.** (2023). "Mbofra Mfantse Adzesua Buukuu (A Basic 4 Fante Book)". Accra : Masterman Publications Limited. ISBN : 978-9988-9105-0-1
5. Bosiwah, L., Afari-Sackey, F. & **Offen, E.K.** (2022). "Mbofra Mfantse Adzesua Buukuu (A Basic 6 Fante Book)". Accra : Masterman Publications Limited. ISBN : 978-9988-9105-4-9
6. Obeng A.N., Amoh S., **Offen, E.K.**, Nketsia L.D. (2022). "Akan Kasasua ne fa bi (Mfantse)". Mankessim : Yasode Press.
7. Bosiwah, L., Afari-Sackey, F. & **Offen, E.K.** (2021). "Mbofra Mfantse Adzesua Buukuu (A Basic 5 Fante Book)". Accra : Masterman Publications Limited. ISBN : 978-9988-9105-2-5

## WORKSHOP & CONFERENCES ATTENDED

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1. GRASAG National Impact Conference 2023 – Jophus Anamoah Mensah Conference Center, University of Education, Winneba. (June, 2023).
2. Ghanaian Language Wikipedia Meetup 2023 – Tamale, Ghana (May, 2023).
3. Fante Wikipedia Western Region Workshop - Duapa Werkspce, Takoradi (May, 2022).
4. Fante Wikipedia Central Region Workshop - Code Coast Central Tech Hub, Central Region (February, 2022).

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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1. **Youth Organiser**, Opened Door Assemblies of God Church, Apremido, Takoradi, Ghana (2021 – Present).
2. **Organiser**, Mfantsefo Nkabomu Kuw, University of Education, Winneba, Ghana (2019 – 2021).
3. **President**, Debaters' Club, Bompeh Senior High Technical School, Takoradi, Ghana (2013 – 2016).
4. **Member**, Oil and Gas Scholars Team, Bompeh Senior High Technical School, Takoradi, Ghana (2013 – 2016).

## HONORS & AWARDS

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1. Best Graduating Fante Student, Akan-Nzema Department, Faculty of Ghanaian Languages, University of Education, Winneba, Ghana (2021).
2. Best History Student, Bompeh Senior High Technical School, Takoradi, Ghana (2015).