

Edem Avemegah

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Education

- Ph.D.: Sociology (Community and Environment). Utah State University. start Aug. 2020
- Masters: Master of Science in Applied Sociology. South Dakota State University. 2018
– 2020
- B.A.(Honors) Degree: Social Work with Information Studies. University of Ghana. 2008 – 2012

Research Interests

Community and Environmental Sociology with a focus on:

- Agricultural conservation practices.
- Community and rural development and its impact on agricultural development and food security in developing countries.
- Best practices in conducting survey research.
- Agriculture in urbanized landscapes.

Honors and Awards

- Travel award for the 2020 Rural Sociological Society conference (\$200).
- Ghana Cocoa Board Government Scholarship (2007).

Research Publication

- **Edem Avemegah**, Wei Gu, Abdelrahim Abulbasher, Kristen Koci, Ayorinde Ogunyiola Joyce Eduful, Shuang Li, Kylie Barington, Tong Wang, Deepthi Kolady, Lora Perkins A. Joshua Leffler, Péter Kovács, Jason D. Clark, David E. Clay & Jessica D. Ulrich-Schad (2020). “An Examination of Best Practices for Survey Research with Agricultural Producers”, *Society & Natural Resources*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/08941920.2020.1804651>.

Research Presentations

- Redlin, M., M. Emery, J. Eduful, **E. Avemegah**. “Equity change initiatives in a higher education Administrative Turnover Environment: A case study.” Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Las Vegas, February 2019.
- Redlin, M., M. Emery, J. Eduful, **E. Avemegah**. “Evaluating equity change initiatives in a high administrative turnover environment: A case study [updated]. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, 2019
- Emery, M., **E. Avemegah**, Ayorinde Ogunyiola, C. Kwarisima, J. Eduful. “Evaluation of the graduate school’s professional development program. Great Plains Sociological Association. November 2019.

- **Avemegah, E.** “The Impact of Agricultural value chain on poverty reduction among farmers in developing countries: A Meta-Analysis. Great Plains Sociological Association. November 2019.

Research Experience

- A study of South Dakota farmers’ intentions to use and adoption of conservation practices: An examination of the theory of planned behavior (Master’s thesis at SDSU).
- An examination of best practices for survey research with agricultural producers in the Midwestern United States.
- The impact of extension programs and services from land grant universities in promoting sustainable agriculture.
- Participatory action research on the challenges of international students at SDSU using photovoice as a method of data collection.
- Evaluation of the graduate school’s professional development program at SDSU.
- The impact of agricultural value chain on poverty reduction among farmers in developing countries: a meta-analysis.
- The impact of poverty on rural farmers in Ghana. A case study in Savelegu Nantong District of the Northern Region. (undergraduate research project).

Professional Employment and Experience

Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Jessica D. Ulrich-Schad. Utah State University. 2020 – present.

Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Jessica D. Ulrich-Schad, Dr. Redlin Meredith. South Dakota State University. August 2018 – August 2020.

- Designed and distributed online and mail surveys.
- Conducted data management and analysis using Excel and Stata.

Project Administrator. Cell Construction Limited. Accra, Ghana. September July 2013 – August 2018.

- Supervised effective use of resources on the project (labor, material, time, etc.) and budgeting.
- Prepared project-based, weekly, and monthly financial records, including accounting for employee’s salary and wages.
- Provided quality assurance of company safety measures.

Information System Support Associate (National Service). Ghana Cocoa Board Head Office. August 2012 – July 2013.

- Installations of hardware and peripherals (printers, keyboards, scanners, etc.) on personal computers.
- Troubleshooting problems on windows operating system.
- Drafted hardware and spice work reports for my supervisor’s attention.

Supervising Assistant. Farmers Credit Groups (student internship/ fieldwork) Centre for Agriculture and Rural Development (CARD International). May 2011 – August 2011.

- Organized the farmer's forum to discuss credit loans and organizational policies, including general office administration and project/business proposal writing.
- Managed credit records, task planning, and the distribution of farm input credit and monitoring of their use and application.
- Prepared presentations on community profiles.

Membership /Service

- Rural Sociological Society (RSS). 2018 – present
- Alpha Kappa Delta Member, International Sociological Honor Society. 2018 – present.
- American Association of Behavioral and Social Science (ABSS). 2018 - 2020
- Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) 2018 - 2020
- Great Plains Sociological Association Conference (GPSA) 2018 - 2020
- Association of Students of Social Work (ASSOW). University of Ghana, Legon. 2008 – 2012.

References

Available upon request