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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Public Administration and Public Policy

Expected: May 2027

Auburn University, Auburn, AL

- *Dissertation*: Climate-Resilient Water Infrastructure: Government–Third-Sector Partnerships and Collaborative Governance in Vulnerable Communities
- *Committee*: Dr. John C. Morris (Co-chair), Dr. Megan E.H. LaFrombois (Co-chair) Dr. Kelly A. Krawczyk, Dr. Spencer Goidel

2020

Master of Philosophy in Public Administration

University of Ghana, Legon

- *Thesis*: Impacts of International Monetary Fund Loan Conditionality on Civil Service Bureaucratic Quality
- *Committee*: Dr. Daniel Appiah and Dr. Thomas Boabeng

2017

BSc., Business Administration (Concentration: Human Resource Management)

Central University, Ghana

RESEARCH INTERESTS

· Environmental Policy & Governance · Water Policy and Infrastructure Resilience · Collaborative Governance
· Nonprofit and Public Administration · Digital Governance · Crises Management

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Nyadzi, B. K. & Morris J. C. (2026). E-Government and Public Trust in Developing Countries: A Systematic Review and Research Agenda. *International Journal of Public Administration*, 49 (3), 178-202.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01900692.2025.2597453>

Nyadzi, B. K. & Appiah, D. (2025). Impacts of IMF Loan Conditionality on Impartiality in Civil Service Personnel Administration in Ghana. *Public Administration and Development*, 45 (5): 498-512.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/pad.70013>

Morris, J. C. & **Nyadzi, B. K.** (2024). Using Punctuated Equilibrium Theory to Explain Changes in Policy Outputs: The Case of the U.S. Coast Guard. *Politics & Policy* 52(6):1417-1436. <https://doi.org/10.1111/polp.12638>

Asamoah, K. & **Nyadzi, B. K.** (2022). An Examination of the Roles Played by Legislators in Ghana's Management of the COVID-19 Pandemic. *The Theory and Practice of Legislation* 10 (2), 203–222.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/20508840.2022.2104531>

Policy Report

Amin, A., Kabirkoohi, P., **Nyadzi, B. K.**, & Zhang, X. (2025). *Assessing the capacity of local officials in Alabama to plan for weather resilient water infrastructure and management*. Research report funded by Alabama Water Resources Research Institute & U.S. Geological Survey (Section 104g), Auburn University.

Under Review

“Understanding Crisis-Driven Innovation: Actors, Temporal Dynamics, and Mechanisms of Change” (with Erzuah Nvidah, Sarah Whitney Lagble, Ellen Aduboahene, and Kwame Asamoah).

WORKING PAPERS

- Framing Resilience in a Polarized Policy Environment: How NGOs and Local Officials Communicate Climate Adaptation in Alabama.
- Governance Mechanisms and Policy Tools for Building Water Infrastructure Resilient to Severe Weather: Insights from Southeastern US Communities.
- The Role of Civil Society Density in Strengthening Democracy and Political Participation: Does Higher Density Lead to Higher Political Participation? (With Jude Ugwuoke and Kelly A. Krawczyk).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Nyadzi, B. K.** (2026, March). Bridging Gaps: Third-Sector Partnerships for Climate-Resilient Water Infrastructure in Vulnerable Communities. *American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Conference*, Hollywood, CA.
- Ugwuoke, J., Oricha, P., & **Nyadzi, B. K.** (2025, November). Nonprofit Market Competition and Its Impact on Fundraising Performance. *Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) Annual Meeting*, Indianapolis, IN.
- Morris, J., Heim-LaFrombois, M., Goidel, S., Harris, P., Vasconcelos, J., Amin, A., Kabirkoohi, P., Zhang, X., & **Nyadzi, B. K.** (2025, September). Assessing the Capacity of Local Officials in Alabama to Plan for Climate-Resilient Water Infrastructure and Management. *Alabama Water Resources Conference*, Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, AL.
- Nvidah, E. & **Nyadzi, B. K.** (2025, March). Managing Crises through Public Sector Innovation: Insights from the COVID-19 Pandemic. *American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Conference*, Washington D.C.
- Nyadzi, B. K.** (2025, January). Policy and Regulatory Frameworks for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in E-Government: A Systematic Literature Review of Developing Countries. *Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference*, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Nyadzi, B. K.** & Amin, A. (2025, January). Revisiting the Credible Commitment Theory and the International Criminal Court: A Qualitative Inquiry. *Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference*, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Kong, L. & **Nyadzi, B. K.** (2025, January). Protestantism vs. Confucianism: Cultural Impacts on Democratic Performance- A Comparative Analysis of Germany, Japan, and South Korea. *Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference*, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Nyadzi, B. K.**, Ugwuoke, J., & Krawczyk, K. (2024, November). The Role of Civil Society Density in Strengthening Democracy and Political Participation in West Africa: Does Higher Density Lead to Higher Political Participation? *Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) Annual Meeting*, Washington D.C.
- Morris, J. & **Nyadzi, B. K.** & McNamara, M. W. (2023, September). Using Punctuated Equilibrium Theory to Explain Organizational Change: The Case of U.S. Coast Guard. *Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA) Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA.
- Nyadzi, B. K.** & Nvidah, E. (2023, April). The Effect of IMF Loan Conditionality on Civil Service Bureaucratic Quality in Ghana. *80th Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference*, Chicago, IL.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor of Record — POLI 1050: Global Politics and Issues** Fall 2025; Spring 2024; Fall 2023
Auburn University, Department of Political Science
- Independently designed and delivered thrice-weekly lectures for undergraduate students
 - Facilitated discussions, developed instructional materials, and assessed student assignments
 - Enrollment: 52 students (Fall 2025); 29 (Spring 2024); 66 (Fall 2023)
- Instructor of Record — POLI 1090: American Government in a Multicultural World** Spring 2025
Auburn University, Department of Political Science
- Independently designed and delivered thrice-weekly lectures for undergraduate students

- Facilitated discussions, developed instructional materials, and assessed student assignments
- Enrollment: 68 students

Teaching Assistant 2022–2026

Auburn University, Department of Political Science

- Facilitated weekly discussions, graded assignments, and co-taught course sections

POLI 3120: Introduction to Comparative Politics Spring 2026

POLI 3000: Research Methods in Political Science Fall 2024

POLI 3270: Public Policy Spring 2023

POLI 3260: Organization Theory Fall 2022

Teaching and Research Assistant 2021–2022

University of Ghana, Department of Public Administration and Health Services Management

- Conducted weekly tutorials and MPhil seminar presentations; prepared course materials and reading lists
- Supported faculty research through literature reviews, data collection, and research assistance

Teaching Assistant 2017–2018

Central University, Department of Human Resource Management

- Conducted weekly tutorials, prepared course materials, and assessed student assignments
- Supported course delivery and student learning across undergraduate human resource courses

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University Writing, Auburn University

Graduate Program Assistant May 2026–Present

- Provide individualized writing consultations to graduate students across disciplines
- Develop handbooks, worksheets, and instructional resources on writing and communication
- Facilitate in-class workshops, online seminars, and graduate writing programs

Department of Political Science, Auburn University

Graduate Teaching Assistant / Graduate Research Assistant 2022–2026

- Supported undergraduate instruction, course delivery, and student learning across political science courses
- Contributed to faculty research through data collection, analysis, and project support

International Election Observer, Liberian National Elections

- Observed electoral processes and supported election monitoring and reporting
- Collaborated with local NGOs to facilitate election-related activities

Human Resource Intern, Sedco Publishing Ltd., Accra, Ghana

- Supported recruitment, employee records, and routine human resource operations

Statistical Assistant, Kaneshie Polyclinic, Accra, Ghana

- Assisted with data entry, statistical records, and routine data management

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Auburn University

Summer 2025

Assessing the Capacity of Local Officials in Alabama to Plan for Climate-Resilient Water Infrastructure and Management Alabama Water Resources Research Institute & U.S. Geological Survey (Section 104g)

- Supported fieldwork, interviews, field notes, and transcription across Alabama counties
- Contributed to data analysis
- Contributed to the development of a policy white paper based on project findings

GUEST LECTURES

“Modern Challenges in African Resource Utilization.”	Spring 2024; Spring 2025; Spring 2026
AFRI 2000: Introduction to Africana Studies, Auburn University.	
“Civil Society Density and Political Participation in Nigeria, Ghana, and Liberia.”	June 4, 2025
University of Ghana Business School, Amegashie Auditorium	

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Lead Graduate Assistant , Department of Political Science, Auburn University	Fall 2025–Spring 2026
Member , Auburn University Recruitment Team, University of Ghana Visit	Summer 2025
Manuscript Referee , African Affairs, Oxford University Press	December 2024
Manuscript Referee , International Journal of Public Administration	September 2026
Discussant , Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action Conference	November 2024
Undergraduate Coordinator , African Students Association, Auburn University	Fall 2023–Spring 2024

HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

Frédéric Bastiat Fellowship , Mercatus Center, George Mason University 2025–2026 \$5,000
Professor Denis Kingsford Greenstreet Prize for Best Graduating MPhil Student , University of Ghana 2022
Best Graduating Human Resource Management Student , Central University, Ghana 2017
European Union Erasmus+ Mobility Scholarship , Mendel University, Czech Republic 2020 €4,820

CONFERENCE & TRAVEL FUNDING

Departmental Conference Travel Fund , Auburn University Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2025 \$750 each
Graduate Student Council Travel Fellowship , Auburn University 2025 \$400
Endowment Fund for Excellence in Public Administration , Auburn University 2024 \$750
Prestage-Cook Travel Award , SPSA 2024 \$300

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Certificate in Public Financial Management, <i>International Monetary Fund</i>	2021
Certificate in Government Financial Statistics, <i>International Monetary Fund</i>	2021

RESEARCH & ANALYTICAL TOOLS

Statistical & Data Analysis: R (intermediate) — statistical inference, regression analysis, panel-data analysis, interaction models, and data visualization	
Visualization & GIS: ArcGIS (beginner) — mapping, geocoding, and spatial analysis	
Qualitative Analysis: NVivo (intermediate); ATLAS.ti (intermediate) — qualitative coding and thematic analysis	

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)
The Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)
Consortium on Graduate Communication
Pi Sigma Alpha