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EDUCATION

PhD	2003	Social Work Research	Graduate School of Social Work University of Denver, Colorado.
M.Phil.	1995	Social Work	Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway (CSWE evaluated as equivalent to M.S.W degree in the USA)
B.A	1993	Psychology & Social Work	Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway
Associate	1981	Social Administration,	University of Ghana, Legon, Accra.

CURRENT POSITION

2009-Present	Associate Professor, College of Social Work, University of Kentucky
2003-2009	Assistant Professor, College of Social Work, University of Kentucky
2005-Present	Faculty Affiliate, Department of Gender and Women's Studies, University of Kentucky
2009-Present	Program Director, Study Abroad Program for Social Work, Uganda & Ghana

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2003-2003	Clinical Social Worker, The Bridging Project Inc., Denver, Colorado.
2002-2003	Residential Counselor, Mental Health Corporation of Denver (MHCD), Denver, Colorado.
1998-2002	Graduate Research Assistant, University of Denver Graduate School of Social

Work, Denver, Colorado.

1996-1998 Coordinator and Lecturer, University of Ghana, Social Work Unit, Legon, Accra.

1996-1997 Senior Repatriation Assistant, International Organization for Migration, Accra.

1995-1996 Social Work Consultant, UNHCR, Accra, Ghana.

1987-1990 Social Development Officer, Department of Social Welfare, Accra, Ghana.

1981-1986 District Social Welfare Officer, Department of Social Welfare, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana.

1977-1979 Assistant Welfare Officer, Department of Social Welfare, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana.

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

Sossou, M. A. & Modie-Moroka, T. (Eds.), (2016). Mental Health Conditions And Services In Selected African Countries: Implications For Social Work And Human Services Professions. Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers. ISBN: 978-1-63485-276-0

Book Chapters:

Sossou, M. A. (2014). Poverty Reduction and the Role of Social Work Education and Practice in Ghana. In C. A. Sottie, M. Dako-Gyeke, & R. J. Walls, (Eds.), *Social Work in a Changing World: Issues and Prospects*. University of Ghana Readers Series, 7, 161-133. Accra, Ghana: Woeli Publishers

Sossou, M. A. (2013). Child Protection and Child Welfare: A Global Appraisal of Cultures, Policy and Practice in Ghana, In Welbourne, P. & Dixon, J (Eds.), *Protecting Children: A Global Appraisal of Cultures, Policy and Practice*, London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, pp 232-252.

Sossou, M. A. & Modie, T. (2011). Gender equality in Africa within the empowerment tripartite matrix: Personal, Collective and Economic. In K. Osei-Hwedie, & B. Z Osei-Hwedie (Eds). *Issues, Challenges and Reflections on Social Development in Southern Africa*. Accra, Ghana: Gimpa Press, pp. 64-106.

Sossou, M. A. (2010). Refugees' life transitions from displacement to durable resettlement. In T. Miller (Ed.), *Life stress and transitions in the lifespan*, New York: Springer, 465-484.

Sossou, M. A & Daniels, T. (2002). School Social Work practice in Ghana: A hope for the future, In M. Huxtable & Blyth, *School Social Work Worldwide*. Washington, DC: NASW Press. *Pg. 93-108.*

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

Sossou, M. A., & Yogtiba, J. A (2016). Promoting social justice and human rights among vulnerable populations: Implications for social development approach in Ghana, *Social Development Issues*, *38(1)*, 25-37.

Sossou, M. A., & Yogtiba, J. A (2015). Abuse, neglect, and violence against elder women in Ghana: Implications for social justice and human rights, *Journal of Elder Abuse*, *27 (4-5)*, 422-427. DOI: 10.1080/08946566.2015.1091423.

Sottie, C. A., Dubus, N. & **Sossou, M.A.** (2013). Enhancing student outcomes through mentoring, peer counselling and parental involvement, *Prospects*, *43(3)*, 377-391.

Sossou, M. A. & Dubus, N. (2013). International Social Work Field Placement or Volunteer Tourism? Developing an Asset-Based Justice-Learning Field Experience, *Journal of Learning Design*, *6(1)*, 10-19.

Sossou, M. A & Adedoyin, C. A. (2012). A Qualitative Study of Problems and Parental Challenges of African Refugee Parents in the USA, *Professional Development: The International Journal of Continuing Social Work Education*, *15(2)*, 41-54.

Sossou, M. A. (2011). We Do Not Enjoy Equal Political Rights: Ghanaian Women's Perceptions on Political Participation in Ghana, *Sage Open*, *doi: 10.1177/2158244011410715*

Adedoyin, C. A & **Sossou, M. A.** (2011). Teaching global poverty in social work: A building-block for cultural awareness, *Journal of Global Social Work Practice*, *4 (1)*

Cook-Craig, P. G., Craig, C. D., **Sossou, M. A.**, Moldovan, S., Ojha, M. A., & Redmon, M. (2010). The process of developing an innovative teaching strategy for promoting international social work. *Journal of Global Social Work Practice*, *3(2)*, 1-12

Sossou, M. A. (2010). Assessing Refugee Resettlement Programmes in the United States and the Methodologies Used to Evaluate Outcome, *Regional Development Dialogue*, Vol. 31 (1), 59-70

- Sossou, M. A., & Yogtiba, J. A. (2009).** Abuse and neglect of children in West Africa: Implications for Social Work Education and Practice, *British Journal of Social Work*, 39 (7):1218-1234
- Craig, C. D., & **Sossou, M. A.** (2008). Complicated Grief and Its Relationship to Mental Health and Well-Being Among Bosnian Refugees After Resettlement in the United States: Implications for Practice, Policy, and Research, *Traumatology*, 14(4), 103-115.
- Sossou, M. A.,** Craig, C.D., Ogren, H. & Schnak, M. (2008) A Qualitative Study of Resilient Factors of Bosnian Refugee Women Resettled in the Southern United States, *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work*, 17(04), 365-385.
- Tuwor, T. & **Sossou, M. A.** (2008). Gender Discrimination and Education in West Africa: Strategies for Maintaining Girls in School, *International Journal of Inclusive Education* 12 (4), 363-379.
- Akafuah, R. A. & **Sossou, M. A.** (2008). Family Planning Knowledge, Attitudes and Use among Ghanaian Men: Implications for Male Involvement, *International Journal of Men's Health*, 7 (2), 109-121.
- Sossou, M. A.** (2007). Meaning of Gender Equality in Ghana: We do not Have Reproductive and Sexual Rights, *The International Journal of Continuing Social Work Education*, 10(2), 26-35.
- Sossou, M. A.** (2006). The Meaning of Gender Equality in Ghana: Women's Perceptions of the Issues of Gender Equality: Implications for Social Work Education and Practice in Ghana, *Journal of Women in Welfare Education*, (8), 37-54.
- Sossou, M. A.** (2006) Mental Health Services for Refugee Women and Children in Africa: A Call for Activism and Advocacy, *International Social Work*, 49 (1), 9-17.
- Sossou, M. A.** (2002). Widowhood practices in West Africa: The silent victims. *International Journal of Social Welfare*, Vol. 2 (3), 201-209.
- Sossou, M. A.** (2002). Corporal punishment in schools in Ghana: A social concern. *Journal of School Social Work, International Issue*, Vol. 12 (2), 83-94.
- Moroka-Modie, T. & **Sossou, M.A.** (2001). Women, criminality and multi-focal empowerment response: Some prospects for Botswana. *Journal of Social Development in Africa*. Vol. 16 (2), 5-29,

Sossou, M.A. (1997). The silent victims: Sexual abuse of female children in Ghana. *Human Rights Issues in Ghana*, Legon, Accra: Konrad Adenauer Foundation and Human Rights Study Center.

REVIEW OF BOOKS & INVITED COMMENTS ON JOURNAL ARTICLES

Sossou, M.A. (2012). Comments on Asfaw Kumssa & Jones, J.F. The Poverty Dilemma in Africa: Policies for Achieving the Millennium Goals, *Regional Development Dialogue*, Vol. 33 (2), 107-109.

Sossou, M.A. (2011). B. A. Thyer, J. S. Wodarski, L. L. Myers, & D. F. Harrison (Eds.), (2010). Cultural diversity and Social Work Practice (3rd Ed). Springfield, IL: Charles C. Thomas Publisher, Ltd. (**Book Review**), *Journal of Teaching Social Work*, Vol 31 (2) doi:10.1080/08841233.2011.563708

Sossou, M. A. (2010). Comments on Bussey, M., & James R. Moran, J. R. Assessing Human Security among American Indians: A Study of the Impact of Alcohol Use, *Regional Development Dialogue*, Vol. 31 (1), 57-58.

Sossou, M. A. (2008) *Qualitative Research for Social Justice*, (Book Review), Thousand Oak, CA: Sage Publications.

Sossou, M. A. (2005) Comments on, Nying'uro, P. O. The resource dimension of conflicts in Sub-Saharan Africa, *Regional Development Dialogue*, Vol. 26 (1), 46-47.

Sossou, M. A. (2005) Comments on, Jones, J. F. & Trujillo, K. The Zapatista rebellion in Chiapas, Mexico: Cause, crisis, and consequence, *Regional Development Dialogue*, Vol.26 (1), 121-122.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Book Project:

Craig, C.D. & **Sossou, M.A.** (**Journal Article**). Exploratory Factor Analysis of the Bosnian Version of the Inventory of complicated Grief.

Craig, C.D. & **Sossou, M.A.** (**Journal Article**). Bosnian refugee responses to completing mental health questionnaires: Does it revictimize the respondents?

Craig, C.D. & **Sossou, M.A.** (**Journal Article**). Does traumatic grief predict chronic PTSD symptomatology in Bosnian Refugees?

CONFERENCES AND PEER-REVIEWED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Sossou, M.A.** & Adedoyin, C. (2016). African Refugee Parenting Challenges in the United States of America: A Qualitative Inquiry. Paper Presentation at the 4th Annual United States Conference on African Immigrant and Refugee Health (USCAIH 2016): Health Behaviors of African Immigrants and Refugees: Rethinking Integration, Challenges and Empowerment, September 15-18, 2016, East Elmhurst, New York.
- Sossou, M.A.** & Adedoyin, C. (2013). A Qualitative Study of Problems and Parental Challenges of African Refugee Parents in the USA, Paper presentation at the 6th Strangers in New Homelands: International Conference on Immigrants and Refugees, October 17 & 18, 2013 at University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada.
- Sossou, M.A.** (October, 2012). Global Health in My Backyard: Health Care Needs of Refugees and Immigrants, Presentation at 2012 Regional Global Health Conference: Crossing Borders and Disciplines: New Horizons in Global Health, at University of Kentucky, October 26
- Dubus, N. & **Sossou, M. A.** (2012). Social Work Service Learning or Volunteer Tourism? Developing International Service Learning Experience, Paper presentation at the CSWE/Annual Program Meeting, **November 9-12**, at the Washington, DC.
- Yogtiba, J. A & **Sossou, M. A.** (**April 2012**). School Social Work Practice: Challenges and Opportunities: Examination of the effectiveness of School Social Work in Ghana Abstract Accepted for presentation at *5th International School Social Work Conference, Accra, Ghana, April 10th.-13th.*
- Sottie, C. A., Dubus, N. & **Sossou, M. A.** (**April 2012**). Building a School to Community Bridge: A mentoring model for basic Public Schools in Ghana Abstract Accepted for presentation at *5th International School Social Work Conference, Accra, Ghana, 10th.-13th.*
- Craig, C. D. & **Sossou, M. A.** (**November 2008**). Exploratory Factor Analysis of the Bosnian Version of the Inventory of complicated Grief. Poster Presentation at The *International Society for Traumatic Stress 24th Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, November 13-15, 2008.*

- Cook-Craig, P., Craig, C. & **Sossou, M. A.** (October 2007). An evaluation of an innovative strategy for promoting international social work. Paper presentation at the CSWE/Annual Program Meeting, *San Francisco, California, October 27-30.*
- Craig, C.D. & **Sossou, M. A.** (January 2007). Trauma exposure and mental health issues among Bosnian refugees: Prevalence and Effects on Mental Well-Being. Paper Presentation at *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, California, January 11-14.*
- Craig, C. D. & **Sossou, M. A.** (December, 2006). Trauma exposure and mental health issues among Bosnian refugees: Five years after resettlement. *Paper presentation at the 5th International Conference on Social Work on Mental Health and Health at Hong Kong, China, December 10- 16.*
- Craig, C. D. & **Sossou, M. A.** (November, 2006). Trauma exposure and mental health issues among Bosnian refugees: Five years after resettlement. Poster Presentation at The *International Society for Traumatic Stress 22nd Annual Meeting, Hollywood, California, November 4-7.*
- Sossou, M. A.** & Fairchild, S. (August, 2006). Rights of children: An international comparative review of child protection system in Ghana and USA, Presentation at *IFSW Global Conference, Munich, Germany, July 28-August 03, 2006.*
- Sossou, M. A.** (March 29, 2006). Global social work in the twenty-first century, Texas A & M University, Commerce, Texas. **Sossou, M. A.** (March 31, 2006). Social Work practice with refugees and immigrants Social Work Professional Day, Texas A & M University, Commerce, Texas.
- Sossou, M. A.** (July, 2004). Poster Presentation on gender equality and HIV/AIDS, NIMH Annual International Research Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Sossou, M. A.** (October, 2004). The meaning of gender equality in Ghana, *Global Social Work Congress, Adelaide, Australia.*
- Sossou, M. A.** (1999). Corporal punishment in basic schools in Ghana: Any way out? Presentation at the First International Conference of School Social Workers in Chicago, Illinois, April 21-24.
- Sossou, M. A.** (December, 1998). The role of social work in Ghana. A paper presented at New Mexico Highlands University, School of social work, December 4.

AWARDS, RESEARCH GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Sossou, M. A (PI)** & Adedoyin, C. (December 2008). A Qualitative Study of Problems and Parental Challenges of African Refugee Parents in the USA (College of Social Work Research Grant, \$ 3000).
- Craig, C.D., Cook, P.G., **Sossou**, Ojha, M., Moldovan, S. & Redmon, M. (2006). Social Work Student Responses to International Social Justice Issues: Evaluation of a peace and Reconciliation Colloquium (University of Kentucky, College of Social Work's Tracy Initiative Grant-\$3,250).
- Sossou, M. A.** (November, 2006). University of Kentucky Lyman T. Johnson's Torch of Excellence Award.
- Sossou, M. A. (PI)** & Craig, C. (June 2004). Trauma Exposure and Mental Health Issues among Bosnian Refugees in Kentucky (University of Kentucky Internal Research Grant \$15,000).
- Craig, C. D. & **Sossou, M. A. (Co-PI)**, (2004). Developmental Grant for Bosnian Research College of Social Work Grant, \$2,800.
- Sossou, M. A. (PI)** (2004). Evaluation of a Successful Transition Program (College of Social Work Grant \$3,500).
- Sossou, M. A.** (2001). African Gender Research Associateship Award, Sept-December 2001, Africa Gender Institute, University of Cape Town, South Africa.
- Sossou, M. A.** (2002). Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship, Black Effectiveness Support Team, Denver, Colorado.
- Sossou, M. A. (1998). University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work Research Assistantship Grant for two years.

GRANTS SUBMITTED BUT NOT FUNDED

- Sossou, M. A. (PI)**, Cook-Craig, P., Flaherty, C. (June, 2008). Project Proposal for Partnership to Strengthen the Institutional Capacity of Nigeria's Social Work Institutions to Ensure Comprehensive Social Services to Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Nigeria, submitted to *American International Health Alliance, Washington, DC. (\$275,000)*.

- Sossou, M. A. (PI)**, Mwansa, L. K., & Kapungwe, A. (May, 2007, October 2009).
 Assessment and Participatory Action Research of Mental Health Issues of Refugee Women and Children, Submitted to NIH (Fogarty International Research Funds), Bethesda, MD, (**\$250,000**).
- Sossou, M. A. (PI)**, (2007). The Other Side of the Story: Engaging Men in the Fight against Gender-based Violence in Ghana, Submitted to West African Research Association, Boston, MA. (**\$5,000.00**).
- Sossou, M. A. (PI)**, (2006). Sexual Abuse of Children in Ghana: Investigating Mental Well-being and Treatment Program for Victims of Sexual Abuse, Submitted to West African Research Association, Boston, MA (**\$ 5000**).
- Sossou, M. A. (PI)**, (2005). The Other Side of the Story: Engaging Men in the Fight against Gender-based Violence in Ghana, Submitted to Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, New York, NY (**\$30,000**).

TEACHING: UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Undergraduate Courses

- SW 320: Global Poverty: Responses across Cultures (Self-Created and Taught)
- SW 300: Social Work Practice I
- SW 470: Senior Seminar (Capstone Course)
- SW 430: Social Welfare Policy
- SW 445: International Social Work Field Placement in Ghana & Uganda

Graduate Courses

- SW 600: Practice 1: Theory-Based Practice With Individuals.
- SW 734: Integrative Seminar
- SW 630: Introduction to Social Welfare Policy and Services
- SW 731: Community and Family Policy
- SW 741: Family and Community Concentration Practicum II in Ghana

Teaching Evaluations

Very Good to excellent student evaluations with mean score of 3.6 to 3.8/4.0

Doctoral Students Dissertation Mentorship and Outside Examiner

- Leslie Lauren Brown, (April 2016). Mitigating Intimate Partner Violence to Promote Safe Linkage to Care for South African Women who Test HIV+ during Mobile Counseling and Testing, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville, Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member.
- Mohammed Abdulrahman Alkohaiz (2016-). Educational, Financial, And Social Needs of Multiple Disability Children's Families In Saudi Arabia. Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville, Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member.
- Miao Li (November, 2015). The Role of Adult Attachment in International Students' Acculturation Process, College of Education, University of Kentucky, Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member.
- Dia Mason (2012-Present). Acculturation Stress among International Students, College of Education, University of Kentucky, Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member.
- Amer, Rhonda George (June, 2013). The Predictors of Success of the Palestinian Arab Tawjihi Students in East Jerusalem: A Multilevel Analysis, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville, Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member
- Rhema, Susan, H. (2014). Completing the Journey: Predicting Emotional Distress in Recently Resettled Adult Refugees, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville, Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member
- Feaster, Dennis W. (April, 2012). "The Best Interest of the Child": An Exploration of the Sociocultural Agendas Associated With the Care of Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in China, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville, Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member
- Kershaw, Debra (May, 2011)"Boundaries and Breaches: Complexity and Strategy Down on the Farm, Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky, Outside Examiner
- Barney, Rob, (April, 2010). Investigating the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief's Indigenization Efforts in South Africa, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville, Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member.
- Donkor, Anthony (May 2009). Parental Involvement in Education in Ghana: The Case of the Hope International School, College of Education, University of Kentucky, Outside Examiner.

Crew, Diane .M. (December, 2006). Mental Health Workers' Attitudes toward the Mentally-Ill. Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville, Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member.

Ulrich, Stephen W. (December, 2006). International Social Work Best Practices Curriculum for Schools of Social Work, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville , Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member.

Banks, Anne, (May, 2005). An Early Risk Assessment Model for Substance and Alcohol Abuse in School-Aged Children: Using Predictors of Risk for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville, Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member.

Kim, Suk-hee, (May, 2005). Executive Cognitive Functions of Elderly HIV/AIDS Clients in a Primary Care Setting: The Importance of Social Services, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville, Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member.

Undergraduate Mentorship/Faculty Advisor for Independent Studies

Provide both academic supervision and mentorship to graduate and undergraduate students doing independent studies and Honor Programs.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- 2012 to Present: University of Kentucky, Advisory Committee on Global Health
- 2011 to Present: (June 17-July 27): Project Director, International Social Work Practice: Social Development in developing countries: Ghana (Six Week Study Abroad Program).
- 2009 (June 21-July 28): Project Director, International Social Work Practice: Social Development in developing countries: Uganda (Six week Study Abroad Program).
- 2009-Present: University of Kentucky, International Advisory Council, Member
 - 2007-2008: Appointed by Provost, College of Social Work Dean Search Committee.
 - 2007-Present: Appointed by Provost, University Committee on International Students.
 - 2007-Present: Appointed by Provost, University Internationalization Task-Force.
 - 2007-Present: Chair, International Students Recruitment Subcommittee.

- 2005-Present: Affiliated Faculty, Gender and Women's Studies, University of Kentucky.
- 2004-2005: Faculty Advisor: African Students Association, University of Kentucky.
- 2008-Present Faculty Advisor: Resident Students Association, University of Kentucky.
- 2004-2005: Faculty Advisor: Association of Black Social Workers, Student Chapter, University of Kentucky.

SERVICE TO COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

2015-2016: Chair of Admission Committee, College of Social Work

2014-2015: Chair of FAPTC Committee, College of Social Work

2014-2015: Elected to Admission Committee, College of Social Work

- 2012-2013: Elected to Budget Committee, College of Social Work
- 2011-2012: Elected to Cultural Diversity Committee, College of Social Work (Chair)
- 2011: College of Social Work Faculty Search Committee, (Member)
- 2011-Present: Elected to Curriculum Committee, College of Social Work
- 2010-2011: Elected to Admission Committee, College of Social Work
- 2009-Present: Elected to Curriculum Committee, College of Social Work
- 2009-Present: Elected to Budget Committee, College of Social Work
- 2009-Present: Elected to Admission Committee, College of Social Work
- 2008-2009: Elected to Curriculum Committee, College of Social Work (Chair)
- 2007-2008: Elected to Admission Committee, College of Social Work (Co-chair)
- 2005-Present: Ad hoc International Committee, University of Kentucky (Co-chair).

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- 2013-2014: Board Member: Common Good, North Lexington Area.
- 2009-Present: Advisory Council Member, African Refugees Support Project
- 2005-2009: Board Member: Virginia Place One-Parent Family Facility
- 2008- Present: Board Member: Ruby Bailey Family Care Center

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer: International Journal of Culture and Mental Health

Reviewer: International Journal of Child Abuse and Neglect

Reviewer: Compare: A Journal of Comparative and International Education

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).
- Member, National Association of Social Workers (NASW).
- Friend, International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW).
- Member, Ghana Social Workers Association (GASOW)