



Graduate Teaching Assistants, September 2020. From left to right: Oluwafemi Osho, Femi Alademehin, Vivian Barnes, Acheme Acheme (far back), Daniel Ochekwu (center, standing), Taylor Schubert (center, sitting), Mariter White, Agaba Ame-Oko (leaning against the wall), and Joy Amponsah.



Manushri Pandya graduated from Gujarat University, India, with a B.A. in English Literature. Her previous work experience includes an internship as an IT technical writer with Cytokinetics in San Francisco, CA. In fall 2020, she taught ENGL 3560 Technical Writing.



Femi Alademehin earned a bachelor's degree in electrical and electronics engineering from the University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Nigeria, and worked as a credit personnel and investment banker at Guaranty Trust Bank in Nigeria. He enjoys traveling and adventure. In fall 2020, he taught ENGL 1120 Exposition and Argumentation.



Desmond Adu Brempong has a bachelor's degree in Information Technology from the Ghana Technology University College in Accra, Ghana. Currently, he serves as the Public Relation Officer of the African Student Association (ASA) at Missouri S&T. He enjoys playing soccer, video games, and recording music. In fall 2020, Desmond taught ENGL 1120 Exposition and Argumentation.



Martha Bentil has a BA in Publishing Studies from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana, and an MBA in Banking and Finance from Bologna Business School, Italy. Before coming to S&T, Martha worked as a Branch Manager at Group Nduom (GN) Bank in Ghana. In fall 2020, she taught ENGL 3560 Technical Writing.

Prior to joining our department, Mary Russell earned a BA in English and an MA in Teaching from Columbia College, Columbia, MO, and worked in both the non-profit sector and the Missouri Senate. Outside of her classes and GTA responsibilities, Mary manages an Airbnb in a historic farmhouse and enjoys hiking and kayaking. In fall 2020, she taught ENGL 1120 Exposition and Argumentation.



Prior to starting graduate studies at Missouri S&T, Joy Amponsah completed a BS in Economics at the Central University in Accra, Ghana, and worked as a Data Analyst for Safety and Environmental Research Consultancy Limited in Ghana. She is currently one of our two department representatives on the Council of Graduate Students. Joy enjoys singing, cooking, reading, and travelling. In fall 2020, she taught ENGL 1120 Exposition and Argumentation.

In addition to a BS, MPhil., and PhD in Mining Engineering, Kenneth Bansah has an MS in Geological/Geophysical Engineering. His work experience includes positions as a lecturer at the University of Mines and Technology, Tarkwa, Ghana; an engineering/environmental consultant at Safety & Environmental Research Consultancy Limited, Ghana; and a graduate research assistant in the Department of Mining Engineering at Missouri S&T. In fall 2020, he taught ENGL 3560 Technical Writing.



Mariter White is the current president of the Missouri S&T chapter of the Society for Technical Communication (STC). She has a BS in Technical Communication from Missouri S&T. In her free time, she writes short stories and enjoys playing video games. As well as being a GTA in our department, she is a Graduate Research Assistant in the Department of Psychological Science. The paper she is working on is about why people are adopting smart home systems and their reactions to those systems. In fall 2020, she taught TCH COM/ENGL 1600 Introduction to Technical Communication.



Agaba Ame-Okó earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Nigeria. He spent a few years teaching at a university before enrolling at Missouri S&T for a second graduate degree. Beyond academics, Agaba loves community interactions and keeps a close watch on political activities of interest. His favorite pastime is soccer, which he plays sometimes, and watches as often as he can. If he were not a teacher, Agaba would have been a farmer. He dreams of owning a farm someday—a dream he may as well make a retirement plan. He believes it would be nice to wake up every morning to a serene environment with exceptionally clean air. In fall 2020, he taught ENGL 1120 Exposition and Argumentation.



Daniel Ochekwu has a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics and extension from the University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Nigeria. He is a social development and education enthusiast who has overseen several projects relating to education, economic empowerment, health, and well-being. Prior to joining Missouri S&T, Daniel worked at Teach for Nigeria as a Leadership Development Manager and served as an Ambassador of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for TeachSDGs. During his time at Teach for Nigeria, he co-founded the Mentor an African Child Initiative (MACI), an NGO with a vision to create access to opportunities in ICT, leadership, and mentorship for children from low income communities across Africa. Daniel enjoys engaging young minds, helping them see the big picture, and encouraging them to go after their dreams. In fall 2020, he taught ENGL 1120 Exposition and Argumentation.



Taylor Schubert started his education at Missouri S&T in 2015. Since then, he has served as personnel director on the Executive Board for KMNR 89.7 FM, secretary of the Undergraduate Student Leadership Council, member of Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, and a technical editor for the Missouri S&T Office of Graduate Studies. In Spring 2018, he graduated summa cum laude with a BA in English and is currently working on an MS in Technical Communication. When not in classes or instructing his students, Taylor works as a sous-chef at the St. James Public House Brewery. In his free time, he enjoys listening to music, playing *Escape from Tarkov*, and spending time with friends and his faithful chocolate labrador Luther. In fall 2020, he taught ENGL 1160 Writing and Research.



Acheme Christopher Acheme majored and earned his first degree in electrical and electronics engineering from the University of Agriculture, Makuridi, Nigeria.

Early in his career, he worked at four different IT companies as a salesman, an instructor, and a network engineer. Later, he founded Printon (a print-on-demand web solution for individuals and small businesses). Acheme thinks of himself as a solution provider and dreams of not only building a sustainable print business but also supporting small businesses in Africa to achieve their maximum potential. He has a lovely wife and enjoys playing and watching soccer. In fall 2020, he taught ENGL 1120 Exposition and Argumentation.



Vivian Barnes is one of the current department representatives on the Council of Graduate Students at Missouri S&T. Prior to joining our department, she earned a BS in

Actuarial Science from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, and an MBA from the University of South Wales, Wales, U.K. She worked for close to 10 years in the oil and gas industry as a drilling fluids specialist for Halliburton Ghana Limited. Aside from teaching, Vivian is a Marketing Peer Wellness Educator for Miner Wellness. She loves travelling and exploring new places. She also loves cooking, especially trying out new recipes. In fall 2020, she taught ENGL 1120 Exposition and Argumentation.



For ten years, Oluwafemi Osho taught cyber security science at the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Nigeria. Prior to this, he headed the IT/systems department at one of the leading

mortgage banks in Nigeria. A Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH), with expertise in cybersecurity, privacy, and trust, he has a bachelor's degree in mathematics/computer science and a master's degree in mathematics. He is a member of several reputable associations, such as the Global Commission for the Stability of the Cyberspace Research Advisory Group (GCSC-RAG), Cyber Security Experts Association of Nigeria (CSEAN), and Internet Society (ISoc), and a fellow of the Nigerian School on Internet Governance. In fall 2020, he taught ENGL 1120 Exposition and Argumentation.

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



Marcos Buznego, an English major from St. Louis, received the Maxwell C. Weiner Scholarship in English. We are thankful to have such an excellent major in our department.



Jessica Duncan, a technical communication major from Marion, Illinois, received the English and Technical Communication Alumni Endowed Scholarship. We are thankful to have such an excellent major in our department.