New and Returning Graduate Teaching Assistants

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) 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.

Femi Alamehin earned a bachelor's degree in electrical and electronics engineering from the University of Agriculture, Makuridi, 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.

Agaba Ame-Oko 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. His favorite pastime is soccer, which he plays sometimes and watches as often as he can. If he were not a teacher, Agaba would be a farmer. He dreams of owning a farm someday—a dream he may as well make a retirement plan. In fall 2020, he 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. She is currently one of two department representatives on the Council of Graduate Students. Joy enjoys singing, cooking, reading, and traveling. In fall 2020, she taught ENGL 1120 Exposition & Argumentation.

In addition to a BS, MPhil, and PhD in Mining Engineering, **Kenneth Brempong** 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.

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. 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.

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.

English and Technical Communication

Daniel Ochekwu has a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics and extension from the University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Nigeria. Prior to joining Missouri S&T, Daniel worked at Teach for Nigeria as a Leadership Development Manager. 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
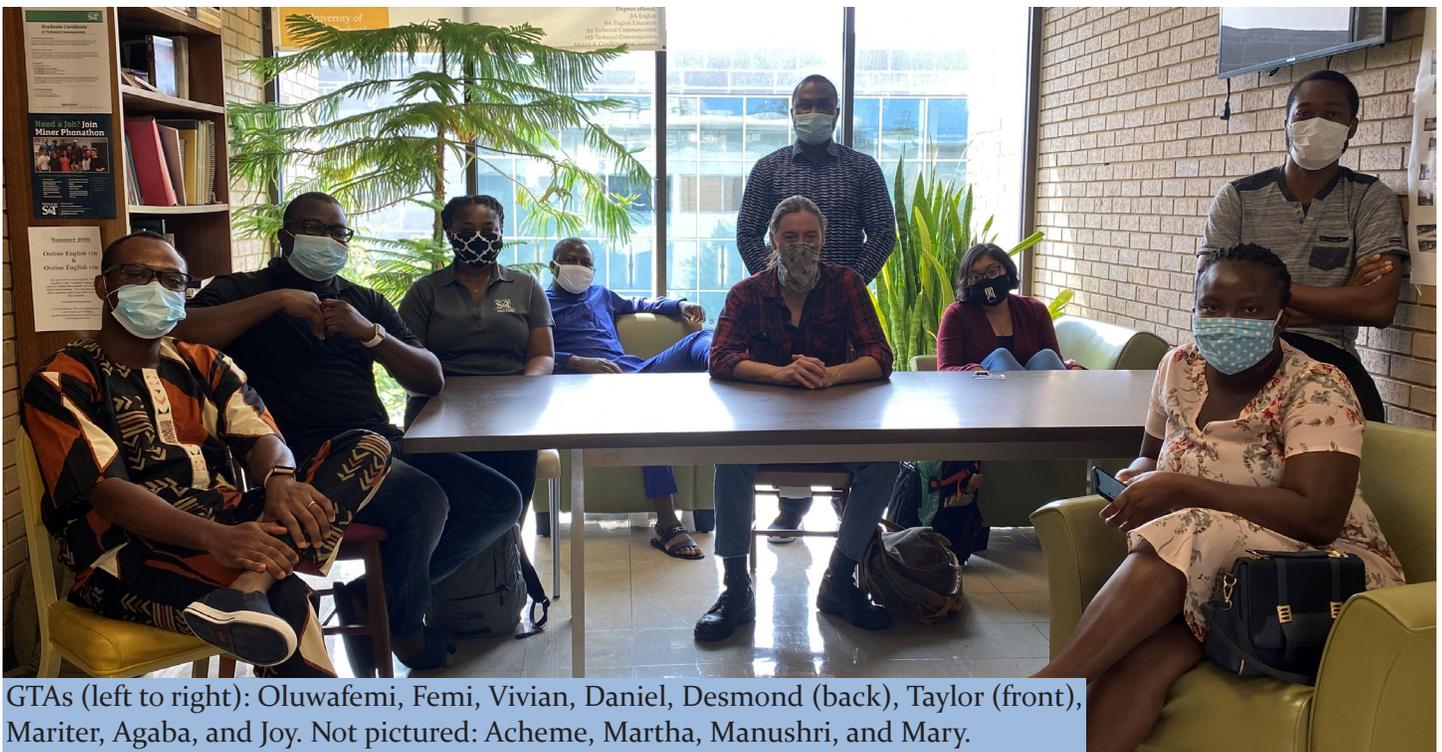
For ten years, **Oluwafemi Osho** taught cyber security science at the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Nigeria. Prior to this, he headed the IT/systems department at one of the leading mortgage banks in Nigeria. A Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH), with expertise in cybersecurity, privacy, and trust, he has a bachelor's degree in mathematics/computer science and a master's degree in mathematics. In fall 2020, he taught ENGL 1120 Exposition and Argumentation.

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.

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.

Taylor Schubert started his education at Missouri S&T in 2015 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.

Mariter White is the current president of the Missouri S&T chapter of the Society of Technical Communication (STC). She has a Bachelor of Science 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 also a Graduate Research Assistant in the Department of Psychological Science. In fall 2020, she taught TCH COM/ENGL 1600 Introduction to Technical Communication

GTAs (left to right): Oluwafemi, Femi, Vivian, Daniel, Desmond (back), Taylor (front), Mariter, Agaba, and Joy. Not pictured: Acheme, Martha, Manushri, and Mary.