

Mensa-Bonsu, Henrietta (Ghana)

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Curriculum vitae

Personal data

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French (written) Intermediate (oral) Intermediate

Educational qualifications

August 1984 - June 1985: Institution: Yale University; Qualification(s) obtained: Master of Laws (LL.M).
September 1980 - December 1982: Institution: Ghana School of Law; Qualification(s) obtained: Professional qualifying certificate.
October 1977 - August 1980: Institution: University of Ghana; Qualification(s) obtained: Bachelor of Laws (LL.B)
September 1975 - June 1977: Institution: Wesley Girls' High School; Qualification(s) obtained: General certificate of education (advanced level).
September 1970 - June 1975: Institution: Wesley Girls' High School; Qualification(s) obtained: General certificate of education (ordinary level).

Professional experience

November 2011 - July 2018: Employer: University of Ghana; Post title: Professor; Other information: Director, Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy.
November 2007 - October 2011: Employer: United Nations; Post title: Deputy special representative for rule of law in Liberia.
July 1985 - October 2007: Employer: University of Ghana; Post title: Lecturer.
September 1982 - July 1984: Employer: University of Ghana; Post title: Teaching assistant.
August 1980 - August 1982: Employer: Ghana Prisons Service; Post title: National service personnel.

Other professional activities

November 2014-June 2015: Member, United Nations Secretary-General's High Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations (HIPPO).

June 2006-September 2006:	International Technical Advisor to Liberian Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
May 2002-October 2004:	Member, National Reconciliation Commission of Ghana.
May 2006:	African Union Committee of Eminent Jurists on Hissene Habre Case.
November -January 2001:	OAU Committee of Eminent Jurists on Lockerbie Case.
October 1996 - June 2002:	Project Coordinator, Programme on Alternative Dispute Resolution Faculty of Law, University of Ghana

Most relevant publications

- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N. (1990) "The Young Offender And The Criminal Justice System" Vol. 18 University Of Ghana Law Journal Pp.49-71.
- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N. (1992) "Conspiracy In Two Common Law Jurisdictions - A Comparative Analysis" Vol.4 African Journal Of International And Comparative Law Pp 419-448.
- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N. (1992) "The Action For Breach Of Promise To Marry In Ghana - New Uses For An Old Rule" 1988/91 Nigerian Current Law Review Pp.45-66; [1993-95] Review Of Ghana Law 41; Cited In Donkor V. Ankrah [2003-2005] 2 G.L.R.125.
- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N. (1992) "Complicity Under The Criminal Code Of Ghana" (1991-1992) Vol 18 Review Of Ghana Law Sub.Nom.(Developments In Ghana Law) (Special Anniversary Edition To Commemorate 25th Anniversary Of Council For Law Reporting) Pp.193-219.
- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N. (1995) "Publishing Criminal Statistics - An Unexplored Asset To The Criminal Justice System." (1993-95) Vol. Xix, University Of Ghana Law Journal, Pp.32-52.
- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N. (1995) "Human Rights And Juvenile Justice" 7. Proceedings Of The Annual Conference Of African Society Of International And Comparative Law (Asicl Proc) 1995, Pp 321-347.
- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N. The Defence Of Mistake Of Fact And Claim Of Right - Matters Arising; Republic V. Kwadwo Ii" (1996-1999) Vol 20 University Of Ghana Law Journal 125 -136; Cited In Osei Kwadwo Ii V. Republic [2007-2008] Scglr 1148; Woyome V. The Republic.2016 (Unreported)
- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N. (1997) "The Ghana Legal System In An Inflationary Economy" [1996-2000] Vol. Xx Review Of Ghana Law .
- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N. (1996) "The Public Tribunal System And Human Rights." In Human Rights And Access To Justice, Konrad Adenauer, 1997.
- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N. "Economic Crime, The Criminal Law And The Criminal Law Of Ghana." (1999-2000) Vol. 4 & 5 Banking & Financial Law Journal, Pp 82-99.
- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N "Picking Up The Pieces – Issues Of The Prison System In A Post-Conflict Society" Vol. 2 No.2, Nov. 2005, Legon Journal Of International Affairs, Pp.36-54.
- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N. "The Right To Bail, Judge-Made Law And The 1992 Constitution" Banking And Financial Law Journal, January-June 2014 Vol. 3 No.1 Pp.191-223; Cited In Martin Kpebu V. Attorney-General, (Unreported); Writ No.J1/13/2015; Supreme Court Judgement Delivered On 5th May, 2016 .
- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N.: "The ICC, International Criminal Justice And International Politics", Africa Development, Vol. XI, No. 2, 2015, Pp.139-159, Council For The Development Of Social Science Research In Africa (Codesria), 2015.
- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N.: "O, The Difference That A Word Makes – Remaking Ghana By The Statute Law Revision Process" Uglj. Vol Xxviii 2015 Uglj.
- Mensa-Bonsu H.J.A.N, "The African Union's Peace And Security Architecture" A Guarantor Of Peace And Security On The Continent?" Vol.8 No 2 Lejiad August 2016.
- Mensa-Bonsu H.J.A.N, & Attuquayefio Philip K. "Rule Of Law And The 'Do You Know Who I Am' Syndrome: Reflections On Political Security In Ghana." (2016) Vol. 24 No.4, African Journal Of International And Comparative Law.

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- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N. (1997) The Criminal Law And The Health Professional In Ghana.(Institute Of Economic Affairs, No.9 Occasional Paper Series, 1997.
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- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N (2005)“Reconciliation And National Integration.”, In Reconciling The Nation Proceedings Of The Gaas/Fes Forum On National Reconciliation, Fes, Accra.
- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N. “‘Political Crimes’ In The Political History Of Ghana, 1948-1993” In Ghana Law Since Independence: History, Development And Prospects. Faculty Of Law, University Of Ghana, 2007.
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- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N. ‘Transplanting The English Oak: Legalism, Legality, Legal Pluralism And The Criminal Law Of Ghana.’ In ‘Reclaiming The Human Sciences And Humanities Through African Perspectives.’ Helen Lauer And Kofi Anyidoho (EDS) Accra: Sub Saharan Press. Vol Ii, Chapter 67 Pp. 1187-1216.
- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N., “Language That Denigrates, Language That Threatens, And The Challenge Of Nation Building Under A Constitutional Democracy.”, In A Commitment To Law: Essays In Honour Of Nana Dr. Samuel Kwadwo Boateng Asante Richard Frimpong Oppong & William Kissi Agyebeng (EDS), London: Wildy,Simmonds & Hill Publications, 2016.
- Mensa-Bonsu, H.J.A.N, “Juvenile Justice In Ghana” The International Handbook Of Juvenile Justice, Scott Decker & Nerea Marteache (EDS) Springer International Publishing Ag, 2016.

Most relevant seminars

Seminars/conferences with papers

- Seminar On Human Rights And Access To Justice "The Public Tribunal System And Human Rights - Human Rights And Access To Justice, Konrad Adenauer, 1996.
- Ghana National Seminar On Governance On ‘The Judicial System’. (U.N.D.P./Parliament Of Ghana) June, 1997.
- Ghana National Seminar On Transparency And Good Governance (U.N.D.P./Parliament Of Ghana) May, 1998 "Accountability And Transparency - The Role Of The Independent Commissions".
- Strategies For The Eradication Of Violence Against Women" Seminar On Strategies To Eradicate Violence Against Women Accra, November, 1998

- Ghana Academy Of Arts And Sciences Fortieth Anniversary Lectures, "Human Rights And Responsibilities (Duties) And The 1992 Constitution Of Ghana" November 18, 1999.
- "Sentencing Alternatives - Issues" Presented To Conference Of Judges And Magistrates' Seminar On Decongesting The Prisons, Accra, October 5, 2000
- "Assessment Of Adr Methods In Conflict Resolution" Adr Experts Conference Dakar, 7-9 March, 2001.
- "Understanding The National Reconciliation Process" Seminar For Managers Of Truth And Reconciliation Commissions, New York, 2002.
- "The National Reconciliation Process: The Role Of Religious Bodies." Annual Meeting Of Catholic Diocesan Priests, Wa, January, 2003
- "National Reconciliation Processes: The Ghana And Liberian Experience." Presented At Ugandan National Conference 'Beyond Juba - National Dialogue On Truth And Reconciliation', Faculty Of Law, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, 1-2 Dec. 2006.
- "Meeting The Challenges Of Today While Upholding Human Rights Standards" Unog/Dcaf Panel Discussion On 'Human Rights And Security Sector Reform'. Geneva, Switzerland, November, 2008.
- "Addressing Leadership Challenges In Peacekeeping Missions - A Spectrum Of Experiences" Zif/Unsc 2010 Dialogue Series, Turin, Italy, October, 2010.
- National Dialogue On Sustaining Peace, Human Security And Democratic Governance For Accelerated Development In Ghana, Govt Of Ghana, Accra, November 14, 2013.
- International Training Course On The Protection Of Refugees And Persons Of Concern. "Rule Of Law In The Protection Of Refugees And Persons Of Concern" Leciad Accra, September 13, 2013
- "The Rule Of Law In Peace Operations" Global Dialogue On Rule Of Law In Peace Support Operations Zif/Unsc Dialogue Series, Berlin, Germany, 16-17 December 2013.
- "The ICC, International Criminal Justice And International Politics" At 'International Criminal Justice Reconciliation And Peace In Africa : The ICC And Beyond'. Codesria, Dakar, Senegal, 10-12 July 2014.
- "The Judiciary And Promotion Of Accountability" 'Sovereignty And International Criminal Justice' Association Of State Parties To Rome Statute Conference Dakar, 20-21st July 2015.
- Zif/Ipss Expert Roundtable On Trilateral Cooperation In Peace Operations. Addis Ababa 7-8 October 2015.
- "Enhancing Leadership For Peacebuilding" Geneva Centre For Security And Peace (Gcsp) 7th Senior Level Peacebuilding Course 16 - 20 November 2015.
- High Level Expert Group Meeting On "Conflict-Induced Migration In Africa: Maximising New Opportunities To Address Its Peace, Security And Inclusive Development Dimensions." Accord/Unosaa/Auc/Iom Durban, 23-24 November, 2015
- "Operationalizing Peace Operations – The Hippo Report" Zif 'Afterwork Review Meeting', Berlin, 24 February, 2016.
- Expert Dialogue "Clearing The Decks After A Year Of Reviews: Operationalizing Peace Operations Reform" Zif Berlin 25-26 February, 2016.

Other international conferences attended

- International Seminar On Human And Peoples Rights (Benin, 1988)
- International Seminar On The Second Reading Of The Convention On The Rights Of The Child (Senegal, 1988)
- International Seminar On The Training Of Paralegals (The Gambia, 1989)
- Inter-Governmental Meeting Of Experts On The Draft African Charter On The Rights Of The Child (Ethiopia, 1990)
- Roundtable On Development D.S.E/ World Bank (Germany, 1997)
- African Union Summit Of Heads Of State And Governments, Banjul The Gambia, July, 2006.
- 'Working Together To Strengthen United Nations Peacekeeping' Unoo/Dpko Usa, February, 2011.

- ‘Elections And Stability In West Africa’ International Peace Institute, Usa, September, 2011
- ‘Zif’s Scenario Process Ii: The Future Of Peace Operations In The Year 2025’ Ethiopia, November, 2011.
- ‘Zif’s Scenario Process Iii : The Future Of Peace Operations In The Year 2025’ New York, June, 2012.
- 11th Annual General Meeting Of African Peace Support Trainers Association (Apsta) Addis Ababa, September 25-28, 2013.
- International Seminar On European Union Support To African Training Centres Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 25th – 26th November 2013
- 11th Biennial Meeting Of The International Human Rights Network Of Academies, Halle/Saale Germany, May, 2014 ,
- Senior Women’s Leadership In Un Seminar – Geneva, 11th October, 2014.
- United Nations Senior Mission Leaders Training Workshop, Geneva, September 29-10th October, 2014.
- Seminar On “Trends In United Nations Peacekeeping”. Greentree Estates, New York, Usa, December 2014.
- Consultations With Asia And Oceania Countries On United Nations Peace Operations– Dhaka Bangladeshi, January 20-24, 2015.
- Consultations With Member States Of African Union On United Nations Peace Operations – Addis Ababa February 9-15, 2015.
- Workshop On “Protection Of Civilians (Poc)In Peacekeeping” New York University, March 12, 2015.
- Workshop On “Sustaining Peace In Post-Conflict Settings”, New York, Usa, March 13, 2015.
- Un Conference Of Chiefs Of Defence Staff Of Member States. – March 26-27, 2015.
- Consultations With Latin American And Caribbean Countries On United Nations Peace Operations – Salvador, Brazil March, 30-31, 2015.
- “The Judiciary And Promotion Of Accountability” ‘Sovereignty And International Criminal Justice’ Association Of State Parties To Rome Statute Conference. Dakar, 20th -21st July 2015.
- United Nations Senior Mission Leaders Training Workshop, Beijing 6th -17th June 2016.
- United Nations Senior Mission Leaders Training Workshop, New Delhi 20th -31st March 2017.

Membership of professional associations and societies

- Fellow, Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences.
- Member of Executive Council of International Human Rights Network of Academies of Learning (INHRN).
- Ghana Bar Association.

Awards and honours

Academic

- 1994: Acu/Unitwin Fellowship for Women.
- 1991-92: Fulbright Fellowship.
- 1984-85: McDougal Fellowship (Yale Law School).
- 1980: McCallen Prize (Volta Hall, University of Ghana).

Other Awards

- Meritorious Service Award, Ghana Universities Staff Superannuation Scheme, 2016.
- Insight Foundation (Ghana) Girls’ Inspirer Award, 2016.

- Glitz Magazine 'Women's Inspirer Award for Excellence in Education (2016).
- Citation for Meritorious Service Ghana Armed Forces, January, 2012.
- TV Africa Award for Distinguished Women. 'Obaa Mbo' Award 2010
- Meritorious Service Award, Akafo Hall, 2004.
- Distinguished Award for Meritorious Service, University of Ghana, 1999.
- International Association of Lions Clubs Presidents' Excellence Award, 1998.

Personal interests

Reading.

Other relevant facts

In addition to the above, I have been privileged to participate in a large number of international conferences and workshops both in my capacity as the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the Rule of Law Sector of the United Nations in Liberia, and Director of the Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy; as well as a large number of local conferences and workshops, many of which I was privileged to chair.
