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**EDUCATION**

<b>PhD</b>	2003	Social Work	Graduate School of Social Work University of Denver, Colorado.
<b>M.Phil</b>	1995	Social Work	Institute of Social Work, College of Arts and Science, University of Trondheim, Norway.
<b>B.A</b>	1993	Psychology & Social Work	College of Arts and Science, University of Trondheim, Norway.
<b>Associate</b>	1981	Social Administration,	University of Ghana, Legon, Accra.

**CURRENT POSITION**

2009- Associate Professor, College of Social Work, University of Kentucky  
2003- Assistant Professor, College of Social Work, University of Kentucky  
2005- Faculty Affiliate, Department of Gender and Women's Studies, University of  
Kentucky

**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. (In Press).** *In Their Own Voices: Personal Experiences of Gender Inequality in Ghana.* (ISBN 9783639097627), Saarbrucken, Germany: Vdm Verlag Dr. Müller

### Book Chapters:

**Sossou, M. A. (In Press).** Refugees' life transitions from displacement to durable resettlement. In T. Miller (Ed.), *Life stress and transitions in the lifespan*, New York: Springer (*Forthcoming, first Quarter, 2009*).

**Sossou, M. A. & Modie, T. (In Press).** Gender equality in Africa within the Empowerment Tripartite Matrix: Personal, Collective and Economic, *In K Osei-Hwedie & B.Z Osei-Hwedie (eds.), Reflections on Social Development: Some Issues and Challenges.* Accra: Ghana Universities Press.

**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.

### Refereed Journal Articles:

**Sossou, M. A. & Yogtiba, J. A. (In Press).** Abuse and neglect of children in West Africa: Implications for Social Work Education and Practice, *British Journal of Social Work, Advance Access published on April 10, 2008; DOI:10.1093/BJSW/BCN033, (Forthcoming, 2009)*

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.

### **BOOK & JOURNAL ARTICLE REVIEWS**

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

**Sossou, M. A.** (2005) Comments on, Nyiny'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.

### **TECHICAL REPORT**

**Sossou, M. A. (2005).** Outcome Evaluation of the Successful Transition Program: Participants' voices, Submitted to Director of Successful Transition Program, Training Resource Center, University of Kentucky, College of Social Work.

### **MANUSCRIPTS IN REVIEW**

*Cook, P.A, Craig, C.D. & Sossou, M.A. (In Review).* An evaluation of an innovative teaching strategy for promoting international social work, *Journal of Social Work Education*, (**Revised & Resubmitted**)

### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION**

Craig, C., & **Sossou, M. A.** (in preparation). Bosnian refugee responses to completing mental health questionnaires: Does it revictimize the respondents? *IRB: Ethics & Human Research*.

**Sossou, M.A.**, Craig, C. D. (in preparation). Using a mixed methods approach to understand Resilience in Bosnian Refugees. *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*.

Craig, C. D., **Sossou, M. A.** (in preparation). Does depression and traumatic grief predict chronic PTSD symptomatology in Bosnian Refugees? *Journal of Traumatic Stress*.

**Sossou, M. A.** & Fairchild, S. (In preparation). Rights of Children: An International Comparative Review of Child Protection System in Ghana and USA, *International Social Work*. **RESEARCH PROJECT IN PROGRESS**

**Sossou, M. A** (PA) & Adedoyin, C. A (October, 2008). Study of Parental Perceptions, knowledge and attitudes of Rearing and Nurturing of Children in the African Refugee Community in Lexington, (**Data Collection Preparation ongoing**)

### **CONFERENCES AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2005.*
- 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, GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Sossou, M. A (PI)** & Adedoyin, C. (December 2007). A Study of Parental Perceptions, knowledge and attitudes of Rearing and Nurturing of Children in the African Refugee Community in Lexington, (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). 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.

## 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). 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

Global Poverty: Responses Across Cultures  
Social Work Practice I  
Senior Seminar (Capstone Course).  
Social Welfare Policy

### Graduate Courses

Community and Family Policy  
Introduction to Social Welfare Policy  
Integrative Seminar

### Advising

Advise both Graduate and Undergraduate students Every Semester

### Teaching Evaluations

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

### Doctoral Advising/Mentoring

- Barney, Rob, (October, 2008-Present). 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.
- Crew, Diane .M. (December, 2006). Mental Health Workers' Attitudes toward the Mentally-Ill. Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville, Doctoral Dissertation Committee
- 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.
- 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.

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.

### **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

- 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 Sub-committee.
- 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
- 2005-Present: Faculty Advisor: Cosmopolitan Students Association, University of Kentucky.
- 2005-Present: Faculty Advisor: International Social Work Students Association, University of Kentucky.
- 2005-2006: Faculty Advisor: Resident Students Association, University of Kentucky.

### **SERVICE TO COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK**

- 2008-Present: 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).
- 2004-2006: Admission Committee, University of Kentucky.
- 2003-2005: Curriculum Committee, University of Kentucky.
- 2003-2005: Research Committee, University of Kentucky.

### **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

- 2005-Present: Board Member: Virginia Place One-Parent Family Facility

### **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).
- Member, West African Research Association (WARA).
- Member of School Social Workers Association (USA).