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Education

Virginia Tech -Blacksburg, VA ● **Ph.D. Candidate, Planning, Governance & Globalization**, 2024
Virginia Tech -Blacksburg, VA ● **MPH. Public Health**, 2023
Virginia Tech-Kenya/Tanzania ● **Fullbright Hays Project**, 2023
Virginia Tech -Blacksburg, ● **Certificate/Future Professoriate**, 2022
Virginia Tech -Blacksburg, ● **Certificate/Nonprofit and NGO Management**, 2022
Northeastern University — Boston, MA ● **Masters, Higher Education**, 2013
John Hopkins Center for Injury Research- Baltimore, MD ● **Certificate/Injury Prevention**, 2013
Northeastern University – Boston, MA ● **Bachelors, Psychology and Cultural Anthropology**, 2011

Research Interest

Postcolonial politics; politics of representation; public health education; program evaluation; public policy and capacity building; migration and displacement; global higher education.

Teaching

- Instructor, Political Economy of Underdevelopment (POSC 510), 2025
 - Instructor, Introduction to Social Science Research (POSC 304), 2025
 - Instructor, Ethics and Cultural Competency, 2025
 - Instructor, Introduction to Refugees, Migrants, and Displacement Studies (LAHS 2724), 2024
 - Instructor, International Development Planning Studio (UAP 5764), 2023
 - Instructor, Diplomacy Laboratory: Women and Power – Global South (PSCI 4034), 2022
 - Instructor and Teaching Assistant, Diversity for Global Society (GRAD 5214), 2021–2022
 - Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Law (SOC 4404), 2021
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Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Dauda (Woods), Z. R. (2022). What's in an image? A critical look at study abroad programs going to Africa. *Journal of Comparative & International Higher Education*, 14(5S).
 - Dauda (Woods), Z. R., Woods, J. C., & Murzi, H. (2021). Variations in marketing and depiction of study abroad programs: A content analysis of engineering study abroad programs. *ASEE Annual Conference Proceedings*.
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Book Chapters

- Dauda (Woods), Z. R., Anakok, I., Clinedinst, S., & Lee, S. (2023). Reconceptualizing multicultural pedagogy at predominantly white institutions. In M. McClean (Ed.), *The Struggle for Justice, Equity, and Peace in the Global Classroom* (pp. 70–107). IGI Global.
- Dauda, Z. R. (2020). Monsieur the Middleman. In K. West & J. Elliott (Eds.), *Better Than IRL. Fiction and Feeling*.

Public Scholarship

- Dauda (Woods), Z. R. (2023). We remain unprotected in Liberia: Hashtag activism and violence against women. Shuddhashar Magazine.
- Dauda, Z. R. (2019). The NGO regulatory framework in Liberia. Virginia Tech Institute for Policy and Governance.

Conference Presentations

- Dauda (Woods), Z. R. (2025). Capacity building and training, Liberian National Police, Monrovia.
- Dauda (Woods), Z. R., & Cook, N. E. (2024). Community-based doula access and Black maternal health. NAAAS, Austin, TX.
- Dauda (Woods), Z. R. (2021). Social media activism and policy reform in Liberia. APPAM, Austin, TX.

Academic/Research Appointments

- Assistant Professor, University of Liberia, 2025
- Graduate Research Affiliate, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, 2024.
- Research Assistant, Office of Recruitment, Diversity, and Inclusion, Virginia Tech, 2020–Present.

Research Projects

CENTER FOR REFUGEE, MIGRANT, AND DISPLACEMENT STUDIES (CRMDs) – Sept 2023 to present

- Organizing and hosting workshops on refugee education and understanding displacement in a global scale. Data and research collected informed collaborations with community partners
- Edited and produced the Center inaugural displacement magazine, Roots and Resettlement
- Working on interdisciplinary team to teach, research and inform decision-making for sustainable and equitable solutions to forced migration locally and globally

SLAVERY AND THE POLITICS OF REPRESENTATION – Charleston, SC- Jan 2023 to present

- Exploring how the memorialization stories of enslaved African are told in public spaces
- Awarded Juneteenth scholarship for field visit to Charleston, South Carolina
- Digitized findings of research on exhibit Spring 2024

INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS -Ebola in West Africa - Summer 2022 and 2023

- Gathered information on indigenous knowledge systems and intervention in West Africa
- Coded and analyzed data to use in project grant (CDC and NFS) and papers to be presented at professional meetings
- Worked with multicultural researcher and practitioners in planning indigenous knowledge conference

COMMUNITY DOULA TRAINING -Maternal Health Intervention — Roanoke, VA – Sept 2022 -Sept 2023

- Using cultural wisdom and health equity research to conduct mix-method evaluation of Black maternal health in the U.S.
 - Collaborating with physicians, mid-wives, doulas, birth justice activist and community organizers, the research frames maternal health with the social determinants of health or from a social-ecological lens
 - In collaboration with students from Makerere University Uganda, traveled to Kayunga for a place-based community health-focused inquiry and action research centered on maternal health and African birth practices
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BIRTH IN COLOR – Roanoke, VA- Sept 2021 to May 2023

- Program Development and Evaluation, recruitment and outreach for doulas of color in and around Roanoke
- Developed programs to engage with community partners, conducted and collected data from focus groups with doulas
- Promoted participatory community engagement through sensitization and data party with community members

RACE & SOCIAL POLICY RESEARCH CENTER- Virginia Tech – Fall 2020 -Spring 2021

- Collected data on Employment discrimination in Virginia
 - Analyzed and reported summary to Director of Institute to inform urban report for Dialogue on Race in Montgomery County
 - Data collected informed practice for Montgomery County Race Dialogues
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PUBLIC & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ASSESSMENT – Richmond- Sept 2021 to December 2021

- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) assessment and readiness project in collaboration with the American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE)
- Collect, record, code data and present findings for project
- Collaborate on research interviews and analysis using Nvivo & Dedoose

Awards

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology- Kumasi, Ghana ● **Fellow**, 2024
 FullBright Hayes ● **Tanzania and Kenya**, 2023
 Virginia Tech Center of Communicating Science ● **Winner, Research Nutshell Showcase**, 2023
 Virginia Tech Graduate School ● **Diversity Scholar**, 2022
 Center for Refugee, Migration and Displacement Studies- Virginia Tech ● **Fellow**, 2021
 Liberian Studies Association — Ithaca, NY ● **Emerging Scholars Award**, 2020
 Global Engineering & Research — Blacksburg, VA ● **Fellow, Academy for Global Engineering**, 2019
 Ferrum College — Ferrum, VA ● **Advisor of the Year**, 2018
 Tubman University — Harper Liberia ● **Student Service Personnel of the Year**, 2017
 Northeastern University — Boston, MA ● **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Graduate Fellow**, 2013

Professional membership

American Evaluation Association (AEA) -**2019-2024**; American Public health Association (APHA)-**2021-2023**; Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) -**2020 -23**'; Virginia Public Health Association (VAPHA)- **2020-2021**; International Studies Association (ISA)- **2019-22**; African Studies Association – **2020-23**; National Association of University Women (NAUW)- **2015-19**

Service & Leadership

President— Virginia Tech African Graduate Student Organization -2022- 2023

Secretary – Black Women Solidarity Writing Group – 2021 -Present

President, Community Collaborative Change - 2021 - 2022

Representative, College of Architecture and Urban Studies DEI Advisory Committee 2020 – 2022

Tutor and Translator, Dorcas International Institute – 2014 - 2015