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RESEARCH

Interests	Corpus Linguistics · (Critical) Discourse Analysis · Political Discourse · Parliamentary Discourse
Areas	Literature and Literary Theory · Language and Linguistics · Sociology and Political Science · Experimental and Cognitive Psychology · Gender Studies · General Health Professions

RESEARCH SUMMARY

36	358	11	11	1.36	29%
Publications	Citations	h-index	i10-index	Field-weighted impact	World top 10%

Counted from the 36 publications listed below, 2011–2025. Field-weighted impact is the mean over the 14 works scored for it; 1.00 is the world average for works of the same field, type and year. 4 of the 14 papers scored for it are among the world's most cited tenth for their field, type and year.

POSITIONS

Professor 2008–present
English, University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

PhD (Englsh Language) 2013–2016
School of English, University of Leeds, Leeds, United Kingdom

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles 32

1. **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah** (2025). Discursive practices in the language of protest: The case of# FixTheCountry demonstration in Ghana. *Drumspeak: International Journal of Research in the Humanities*. https://journal.ucc.edu.gh/index.php/drumspeak/article/download/1712/937
2. **Kwabena S. Sarfo-Kantankah** (2024). Investigating campaign posters of district assembly elections in Ghana: A study of five district assemblies in Accra metropolis. *Abibisem: Journal of African Culture and Civilization*.
3. Ellen Blessing Sobeng -, Dora Francisca Edu-Buandoh -, **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah** - (2023). Ideological Positioning in Primetime TV News Presentations in Ghana. *International Journal For Multidisciplinary Research*. https://doi.org/10.36948/ijfmr.2023.v05i05.6722
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6. **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah**, Richmond Sadick Ngula, Mark Nartey (2023). The discursive construction of solidarity by Ghanaian female parliamentarians. *Journal of Language and Politics*. https://

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10. **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah** (2022). The person or the issue? Relational process, person- and idea-targeted questions in UK and Ghanaian parliamentary questions. *Oguaa Journal of Social Sciences*. https://journal.ucc.edu.gh/index.php/ojoss/article/download/906/485
11. **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah** (2022). The politics of questioning: aspects of UK and Ghanaian parliamentary question types. *Ghana Journal of Linguistics*. https://www.ajol.info/index.php/gjl/article/view/227495/214747
12. **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah** (2022). person or the issue? Relational process, person- and idea-targeted questions in UK and Ghanaian parliamentary questions. *Oguaa Journal of Social Sciences*. https://doi.org/10.47963/joss.v10i1.906
13. **Kwabena Sarfo. Sarfo-Kantankah** (2021). A functional analysis of Ghanaian presidential debates. *Drumspeak: International Journal of Research in the Humanities*. https://www.ajol.info/index.php/dijrh/article/view/276416
14. **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah** (2021). I withdraw and apologise but…: Ghanaian parliamentary apologies, the issue of sincerity and acceptance. *Journal of Pragmatics*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pragma.2021.04.004
15. **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah** (2021). Metaphorical conceptualisation of Covid-19 in parliamentary discourse: A corpus-assisted study. *Language, Discourse & Society*. https://cejsh.icm.edu.pl/cejsh/element/bwmeta1.element.desklight-e817177d-9ec0-412b-bc10-d50818dbd7c7
16. **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah** (2021). The discursive construction of men and women in Ghanaian parliamentary discourse: A corpus-based study. *Ampersand*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amper.2021.100079
17. **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah** (2021). The policy or the person? A corpus-based functional analysis of manifestos of two political parties in Ghana. *Contemporary Journal of African Studies*. https://doi.org/10.4314/contjas.v8i2.5
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19. **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah** (2019). Apologia, Image Repair and Rhetoric in the Defence of Electoral Defeat. *Advances in Language and Literary Studies*. https://doi.org/10.7575/aiac.alls.v.10n.3p.1
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21. **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah**, Joseph Arko (2019). Compared to them, we are angels: Parliament, othering and the fight against corruption in Ghana. *Legon Journal of the Humanities*. https://doi.org/10.4314/ljh.v30i2.3
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23. **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah**, Ben Kudus Yussif (2019). The use of actually in a non-native English

parliamentary context: a corpus study. *WORD*. https://doi.org/10.1080/00437956.2019.1670973

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25. **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah** (2018). It's about people: identifying the focus of parliamentary debates through a corpus-driven approach. *Corpora*. https://doi.org/10.3366/cor.2018.0155
26. **Kwabena Sarfo SARFO-KANTANKAH** (2018). Question Design and the Rules of Questioning in UK Prime Ministers Questions and Ghanaian Ministers Questions. *Abibisem Journal of African Culture and Civilization*. https://doi.org/10.47963/ajacc.v7i0.40
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30. **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah** (2011). English Language and Sustainable Development in Ghana. *Language in India*. https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&profile=ehost&scope=site&authtype=crawler&jrnl=19302940&asa=Y&AN=71537099&h=GZx0%2BbQ6aqSwCsToCzIBhebtghDjExjY9Z5lf%2Bwc%2B95gekkSNAwhtJcFNCM5VqyYThYgwPiRqLV04JrVwOF8tw%3D%3D&crl=f&crawlloc=cf:z%2F0492262527&crawllib=RD201105.LIB
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32. **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah** (2011). Variations in ways of refusing requests in English among members of a college community in Ghana. *African Nebula*. https://www.academia.edu/download/28298491/sarfo_an3.pdf

Book chapters 2

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2. **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah** (2011). I'M NOT INTERESTED: A STUDY OF HOW FEMALE STUDENTS REFUSE PROPOSALS FROM MEN. *DISTANCE FORUM: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY BOOK OF SCHOLARLY ARTICLES*.

Reports 1

1. **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah** (2012). Ways of refusing invitations in English among members of a college of education community in Ghana. *University of Cape Coast*.

Theses 1

1. **Kwabena Sarfo Sarfo-Kantankah** (2016). Questioning and debating in UK and Ghanaian parliamentary discourse. *University of Leeds*. https://etheses.whiterose.ac.uk/id/eprint/13437/