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Education

- 2014-2021 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Ph.D in Linguistics.
Thesis: *Non-finite Complementation: A case study of Bùli*
- 2010-2012 University of Ghana
Mphil. in Linguistics, Thesis: *The Structure of the Determiner Phrase in Buli*
- 2004-2008 University of Ghana
BA in Linguistics and Political Science

Summer School

- 2022 African Linguistics School, Benin
- 2018 African Linguistics School, South Africa
- 2016 African Linguistics School, Ivory Coast
- 2013 African Linguistics School, Nigeria
- 2011 African Linguistics School, Benin

Areas of interests

Syntactic theory, syntax of African languages and its interface with phonology, temporal reference, and field work.

Presentations

- 2021 *On temporal remoteness markers in Bùli*. Department of Linguistics, University of Ghana.
- 2018 *PRO as a Partial Copy: A movement based account of Control*. Presentation at CLS54, The University of Chicago, Illinois.
- 2018 *Obligatory Controlled Subjects in Bùli*. Presentation at the 49th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Michigan State University, Michigan.
- 2018 (with Kenyon Branana). *Covert movement licenses parasitic gaps*. Poster presentation at GLOW41, Budapest, Hungary.
- 2018 (with Kenyon Branana). *In Bùli, covert movement licenses parasitic gaps*. Presentation at proceedings at WCCFL 36, UCLA, California.
- 2017 *The Existential Construction in Buli*. Presentation at the Mabia Conference at the University of Vienna, Austria.
- 2017 *The Definite Morpheme in Buli*. Presentation at the 30th West African Languages Congress and

- 2017 10th Linguistics Association of Ghana (LAG) Conference, University of education, Winneba, Ghana. *Tonal Processes and Opacity in Buli*. Presentation at the 30th West African Languages Congress and 10th Linguistics Association of Ghana (LAG) Conference, University of education, Winneba, Ghana.
- 2016 *GETCASE is Violable: Evidence for Wholesale Late Merger*. Presentation at the 48th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Indiana University, Bloomington.
- 2016 *Q-particles and the nature of Covert movement: evidence from Buli*. Poster presentation at GLOW40, Leiden University, Netherlands.
- 2016 *Q-particles and the nature of Covert movement: evidence from Buli*. Syntax Brown Bag, NYU.
- 2013 *Internal Structure of the Determiner Phrase in Buli*. Presentation at the 11th Faculty of Arts Colloquium, University of Ghana, Legon, Accra.

Publications

Sulemana, A-R. (2022). Temporal Remoteness Markers in Bùli. *Journal of West African Languages* 49(1):24-46.

Sulemana, A-R. (2022). Obligatory Controlled Subjects in Bùli. In Galen Sibanda, Deo Ngonyani, Jonathan Choti and Ann Biersteker (eds.), *Descriptive and the theoretical approaches to African linguistics: Selected papers from the 49th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*, 189-203. Berlin: Language Science Press.

Sulemana, A-R. (2020) The Definite Morpheme in Bùli. In Bodomo, A., and Abubakari, H., and Issah S.A., (eds.) *Handbook of the Mbia Languages of West Africa*, 135-167. Galda Verlag.

Sulemana, A-R. (2019). Q-particles and the nature of covert movement: Evidence from Bùli. *Glossa* 4(1): 99. 1–21. DOI :<https://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.810>

Sulemana, A-R. (2019). PRO as a partial copy: A movement based account of control. Ronai, E., and Stigliano, L., and Sun, Y. (Eds.). *Proceedings of the fifty-fourth Annual meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*, 493-502.CLS.

Branan, K. and Sulemana, A-R. (2019). In Bùli, covert movement licenses parasitic gaps. Stockwell, R., and O’Leary, M., and Xu, Z., and Zhou, Z.I (Eds.) *Proceedings of the 36th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, 81-90. Cascadilla Proceeding Project, Somerville, MA.

UNDER REVIEW

Sulemana, A-R. (Under review) Tone and Clause structure.

Sulemana, A-R. (Under review) Reduced Complements.

MANUSCRIPTS

Sulemana, A-R. (2017). Tonal Processes and Opacity in Buli. Ms., MIT

Sulemana, A-R. (2016). Deceptive Overt wh-movement in Buli. Ms., MIT

Employment

2021-	Department of Linguistics, School of Languages (College of Humanities), University of Ghana Lecturer
2021-2022	Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Postdoctoral Associate
2012-2014	Department of Linguistics, University of Ghana Research and teaching Assistant
2013	University for Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS) Lecturer
2010-2011	Mercy Senior High Teacher
2009-2011	Controller and Accountant General's Department Intern
2008/9	Department of Linguistics, University of Ghana Research and teaching Assistant

Teaching Experience

2021-22	Lecturer. Syntax I, Syntax II, Morphological Theory, Seminar in Syntax, Research Methods, University of Ghana, Accra-Legon
Summer 2022	Instructor. Introduction to Minimalist Syntax, African Linguistics School 6, Porto-Novo, Benin
Spring 2022	Instructor. 24.952. Advanced Syntax. MIT
Fall 2021	Instructor. S94 Special Seminar: Structure of Mabia Languages, MIT
October 13, 2021	Guest Lecture. The definite determiner and noun classes in Bùli. Boston College
Fall 2019	Instructor, 24.909 Field Methods in Linguistics, MIT
Summer 2019	Instructor, Introduction to Minimalist Syntax, African Linguistics School 5, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa
Fall 2017	Teaching Assistant, 24.902: Language and Its Structure II: Syntax, MIT, (Instructor: Norvin Richard)
Spring 2017	Teaching Assistant, 24.909 Field Methods in Linguistics, MIT, (Instructor: Michael Kenstowicz)
2012-2014	Teaching and Research Assistant, Syntax, Phonology, Morphology, University of Ghana
2013	Lecturer (Part time), English Grammar, University for Health and Allied Sciences, Ghana
2010-2011	Teacher, English Grammar, Mercy Senior High, Accra, Ghana

Fellowships and Awards

2018-2020	National Science Foundation award number BCS-1841673
2017-2018	Noam Chomsky Fellowship, MIT Linguistics
2012	Faculty of Arts Dean's Thesis Award, University of Ghana

Service

INSTRUCTOR

2018, 2022 African Linguistics School

AD-HOC REVIEWING FOR PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

2019 *Studies in African Linguistics*
2021, 2020, 2018 *Journal of African Languages and Linguistics*
2019, 2018, 2017 *Journal of West African Languages*

AD-HOC ABSTRACT REVIEWING FOR PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES

2021, 2020, 2019 *NELS*

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT

2017 Organizer, Phonology Circle, MIT
2016 Organizer, Ling-Lunch, MIT