

Michael Dela Dika

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A creative and enthusiastic person poised to improve the quality of life through art

Education

University of Delaware

Masters of Fine Art (MFA)

Granted a full tuition scholarship which is given to excellent students in the department.

GPA: 4.0

Newark, Delaware

Aug. 2019 - Present

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

B.A Industrial Art

Kumasi, Ghana

Aug. 2013 - May 2017

Publications

Minori Thorpe & **Michael Dela Dika** “Raku Waterproof Vase” *Mansfield ceramics (Dec,2020). In Review*

Dika, M. D. & Agyei, E. O. (2018). *Museum Engagement in Ghana. Cross-Currents: An International Peer-Reviewed Journal on Humanities & Social Sciences, 4(6), Pp 139-145* [/link](#)

Agyei, E.O, **Dika, M. D.**, Donkor, K. & Howard, E. K. (2019) “Facial Expression in Conceptual Ceramic Art”. *Journal of Science and Technology-Ghana (In Review)*

Dika, M. D., Agyei, E. O. Atencah, B. O. & Donkor, K. (2019). *Expressing the Role of Women in Society through Conceptual Ceramic Art. Takoradi Technical University Journal of Technology, 5(2); ISSN: 2026 -6383 (In Review)*

Gbologah, L., Hou, Y., Gaveh, E.A., **Dika, M. D.** & kwakwukume, P.S., (2019). “Sustainable ceramic hive for beekeeping in West Africa: structural design and materials aspects for mass production”

Professional Experience

Instructor-Graduate Teaching Assistant

University of Delaware

Newark, Delaware

Aug, 2019 - Present

- Developed new core ceramics syllabi for in-person and online class (Hybrid Class)
- Taught, graded, and conducted demos for about 20 undergraduates in core ceramics which include studio labs and 3D works.
- Taught and graded 15 undergraduate students in Unconventional Sculpture Decorations. | [link](#) |

Studio Assistant

University of Delaware

Newark, Delaware

Aug. 2019 – Dec,2020

- Monitored over 20 students, ensured safety protocols and assisted with the use of sculpture equipment’s in the studio
- Offloaded studio materials from truck using forklift and prepared glaze materials for students
- Unpacked, sorted, and restocked 50lb bags of clay and glaze materials in the studio

Visual Art Teacher Part-Time

Infant Jesus Christi Lumen School

Kumasi, Ghana

Dec. 2018 - July 2019

- Taught and graded over 60 students in Visual art
- Developed a classroom practical program and a two-year community art program for the visual art department

Research/Teaching Assistant

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology- TCC

Kumasi, Ghana
Sept. 2017 - Aug. 2018

- Assisted Lecturers with research work and publications
- Guided and assist undergraduates with course tutorials, projects and practical clay works
- Graded and recorded student's assignments and test scripts

Intern - Gallery Assistant

Center for Arts & National Culture

Accra, Ghana
May 2015 - Aug 2015

- Organized, arranged, and displayed art works in the gallery
- Catalogued new works and help setup for internal exhibitions
- Explained African and Ghanaian related art concepts with regards to history, culture, and beliefs to the public
- Interpreted and educated visitors on art collections in the gallery
- Took tourists to museums and others tourist sites on weekends

Co-Founder

COD- Consult (Start- Up) Company

Accra, Ghana
Dec. 2014 - Aug. 2016

- Employed various marketing strategies through social media to generate traffic in promoting firm
- Provided response to general enquiries, update clients and potential clients with promotions via mail and social media.

Skills & Interest**Tools:** Zoom, MS office, Canvas,**Skills:** Throwing, Hand building**Interests:** Reading (Art Articles), Road Trips, Swimming, Football**ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS**

Recipient of the Magness fellowship award – UD, Delaware	2021
Graduate Student Government Senate - Fine Arts Representative -UD, Delaware	2020-2021
Visiting Artist – Creative Vision Factory – Wilmington -Delaware	2019
Project Coordinator - community visual art program-Infant Jesus school, Gh	2019
College deputy Chairperson /Organizer - TRATECH Exhibition – KNUST	2016- 2017
Student Academic Board Chairman - Faculty Of Art – KNUST	2016- 2017
Volunteer - Freshmen Registration and Orientation – KNUST	2017
Awarded - Second place at the TRATECH exhibition – KNUST	2016
Vice President - Ceramic Students Association - Faculty Of Art – KNUST	2015-2016