



PROFESSOR KWASI WIREDU (1931-2022)

PIONEER IN AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

Short Biography

Prof. Kwasi Wiredu was born in Kumasi, in the Ashanti Region of Ghana, on 3rd October 1931. He commenced his secondary education at Adisadel College in 1948 and proceeded to the University College of the Gold Coast (UCGC) in 1952, where he studied for the Intermediate Bachelor of Arts degree and gained that qualification in 1955. He then embarked, in the same year, on studies toward a Honors degree at UCGC and completed them in 1958. He proceeded the same year to Oxford University for the B.Phil degree, graduated in 1960, and was immediately offered a lectureship position in Leeds University. He

returned to Ghana in 1961 to assume a lectureship position at the University of Ghana, from which he advanced in rapid succession to a professorship and headship of the department. Prof. Wiredu remained at the University of Ghana until 1984, when he joined the Department of Philosophy in University of South Florida as Professor. From 1987 until his death, he remained Emeritus Professor at this University.

Professor Wiredu's illustrious career is not only exemplified by his Distinguished Professorship and Emeritus status at the University of South Florida but, most importantly, by his immense contribution to philosophy and to mankind, which has earned him membership of the top 100 philosophers in the 20th century.

He is survived by Madam Mary Gifty Boateng Wiredu, his wife; and five children: Ms. Regina Nyarko Wiredu, Mr. Kofi Appeagyei Wiredu, Dr. Akua Dwamena Wiredu, Mr. Yaw Asante Wiredu, and Mr. Agyenim Hiatwerebour Wiredu.