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CONTRIBUTIONS OF PROFESSOR R. ADDO-FENING TO THE HISTORY AND CULTURES OF AFRICA: A FESTSCHRIFT

ABSTRACT

Very recently, the indefatigable Nigerian historian, Professor Toyin Falola, has schematically pioneered the tradition of using festschriften to honor African scholars of high repute, including Professors A. Adu Boahen, J. F. A. Ajayi, and B. A. Ogot. This labor of appreciation is very laudable because for most of our history we hardly celebrate our academic giants and pace-setters who have excavated our histories and cultures from the slabs of the past and restored them to the present. It is in this context that we celebrate Professor Robert Addo-Fening in the form of a festschrift. He received his PhD degree from the Department of History, University of Ghana, in 1980. Apart from short teaching stints elsewhere, from 1967 to 1995 he was with the Department of History, University of Ghana. Although, having retired in 1995, he continued to train PhD students until 2012. It is worth noting that he also taught History at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (KNUST). In short, Professor Addo-Fening’s decades of fruitful and exemplary service, not only in the academy, but also in the public service, for example, serving as a Chairperson of Ghana Post Board of Directors from 2001 to 2008, deserve appreciation and chronicling for future generations.

Throughout his stellar career, Professor Addo-Fening focused on Akyem Abuakwa as his primary area of research. His impeccable scholarship is defined by inclusive interdisciplinary praxes that bridge the synergetic rival boundaries of History, Sociology, Anthropology, Archaeology, and Political Economy, spanning the precolonial, colonial and contemporary periods. An accomplished educationist: to his credit, he is an assiduous editor; meticulous reader/reviewer; and prolific scholar with numerous works, including monographs, chapters in anthologies, journal articles, government-sponsored project reports, and a large volume of unpublished essays. Professor Addo-Fening is an epistemological watershed of the history of Akyem Abuakwa and its coterminous states. His major themes, braided with interdisciplinary threads, in fact, the centerpieces of his professional calling, deal with the fecundity of precolonial African political economies that made indigenous states come into their own before the advent of European colonialism; the formidability of African’ responses to colonial policies and institutions; and the stoic facility with which Africans re/negotiated assailable forces of change and continuity in the colonial period.

In recognition of the life and scholarship of Professor Addo-Fening, chapter contributions are solicited for inclusion in an anthology planned as a festschrift in his honor. It will be published by Digi
Books, Tema, Ghana. We welcome a wide array of critical exhaustive essays that address topics on precolonial, colonial and contemporary Ghana, Africa, African Diasporas, and World Studies written from interdisciplinary perspectives, including history, archaeology, political science, economics, sociology, anthropology, and religion as well as nationalist, regionalist, continental, globalist, and transnational approaches.

**DEADLINES**

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**TOPICS:**

As is normative, in the caste of a festschrift, contributors may focus on any aspect of Professor Addo-Fening’s works, though this is by no means a requirement. Also rigorous essays of syntheses based wholly or partly on secondary sources that revisit Professor Addo-Fening’s theoretical positions and empirical meta-narratives will be considered. Additionally, any aspect of the History and Culture of Ghana, other parts of Africa, African Diasporas, and World Studies will be considered. Overall, possible topics include, but are not limited to the following:

- R. Addo-Fening and the History of Akyem Abuakwa and Ghana
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