

Bio sketch of Dr. Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong

Dr. Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong is Economics Program Director in the Social, Behavioral, and Economics Directorate at the National Science Foundation (NSF) in Alexandria, VA. He manages proposals in development economics, applied econometrics, and health, education, and welfare.

Before coming to NSF, Kwabena was a Professor of Economics at the University of South Florida in Tampa and chaired the Department for 8 years during which period, he helped to establish the economics PhD program. He is currently an Emeritus Professor of Economics at the University of South Florida. Kwabena also held Professorships at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, and the New College of Florida.

Kwabena's research spans several areas of economics with special emphasis on the relationship between governance and development in Africa, education and development in Africa, defense and security expenditures and their effects on development, and economic models of criminal behavior. He has published one book, and over 100 articles and book chapters in these areas. Kwabena has consulted widely with several organizations, including the African Development Bank, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, and Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. He is the past President of the National Economic Association and the African Finance and Economics Association, was Associate Editor of the Southern Economics Journal, and currently serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Africa Development.

Leadership Positions:

- ❖ Economics Program Director, National Science Foundation, Alexandria, VA, Responsible for funding decisions in Economics, T-AP, AccelNet, and HBCU-EiR
- ❖ Department Chair, Economics, College of Business Administration, University of South Florida at Tampa, 2004 - 2012; Led Department with 24 faculty, 600 undergraduate majors, 60 MA students, and 28 PhD student; established the Department's Economics PhD program.
- ❖ International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington DC, 2012-2014; Program Director, NSSP, Abuja, Nigeria: Tripled NSSP Working Papers, issued 10 NSSP Reports, 3 NSSP Workshop Reports, 4 IFPRI Working Papers, as well as several technical training sessions at Nigerian Universities.
- ❖ National Economic Association, President elect/President 2005-2007
- ❖ African Finance and Economics Association, President Elect/President, 2007-2010
- ❖ African Finance and Economics Association, Secretary/Treasurer, 1998-2004
- ❖ Chair, Test Development Committee, College Level Economics Program (CLEP), Educational Testing Services, 1998-2004.

Editorial Positions:

- ❖ Associate Editor, *Southern Economics Journal*, 2006-2012

Editorial Boards:

- ❖ *Journal of African Development*, 2000-Present
- ❖ *Ghana Economic Review*, 2015 – Present
- ❖ *Journal of African Business Management*, 2018 – Present.