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## **PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

09/2022 – Present, Assistant Professor, Adelphi University  
09/2021 – 05/2022, Visiting Assistant Professor, Siena College.  
1/2021 – 06/2021 Adjunct Professor, University of South Dakota.  
06/2021 – 08/2021 Research Associate, Government Research Bureau, University of South Dakota.  
2017-2020 Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant, University of South Dakota.  
2019-2020 Economic Development Assistant, Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company (VCDC), South Dakota.  
2015-2017 Graduate Research Assistant, Savannah State University.  
2005-2006 Electrical Engineering Teacher, Modern College of Technology (STARMOTEC) Tiko, Cameroon.

## **EDUCATION**

2020 Ph.D. Political Science: University of South Dakota, USA  
2018 Post-Secondary Teaching Certificate: University of South Dakota, USA  
2017 Master of Public Administration (MPA): Savannah State University, USA  
2014 Master of Science (MSc.) Political Science: University of Buea, Cameroon  
2010 Bachelor of Science (BSc.) Political Science: University of Buea, Cameroon

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **Book Chapter:**

- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2024). *COVID-19 Policy Response and Policy Learning: A Theoretical Analysis*. In: Papadopoulou, P., Lytras, M. D. & Konstantinopoulou S. Policies, Initiatives, and Innovations for Global Health (pp. 207-230). IGI Global Science Publisher. DOI: 10.4018/979-8-3693-4402-6.ch009

### **Peer Review Journal Articles**

- **Godlove Aka, Binda** & Gerrish, Ed (2025). Effects of the Affordable Care Acts on Medicaid Recipients Seeking Appointment. *Universal Journal of Public Health*, 13(1), 63 - 72. DOI: 10.13189/ujph.2025.130106.
- Nordyke, Shane & **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2021). University of South Dakota Howard Hughes Medical Institute Grant Program Evaluation 2020-2021. *Government Research Bureau University of South Dakota*.

- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2020). Human Relations Approach of Management: An Assessment of Organizational Leadership in Dealing with Informal Work Groups. *International Journal of Scientific & Engineering Research* (ISSN 2229-5518). (2020). Vol. 11, Issue 8, pp. 754-774.
- Fairholm, Matthew, Dzordzormenyoh, Michael K., and **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2018). Trust-Culture Leadership in Local Public Administrators' Work. *International Journal of Public Leadership*. Vol. 14 Issue: 4, pp. 260-273.
- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2020). The Emergence of Modern Presidency in the United States of America: Presidential Power and Constitutional Shift". *International Journal of Scientific and Engineering Research* (ISSN 2229-5518). Vol. 11, Issue 9, pp. 259 – 278.
- Fichanfie DJ Nkwain Ngamfon, Ndiyun Kenneth Yufenyuy, and **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2020). "From Nonviolent Resistance to Violence: A Critical Analysis of Conflict Escalation in an Authoritarian Regime." *International Journal of Scientific & Engineering Research* (ISSN 2229-5518). Vol. 11, Issue 7, pp. 1795-1807.
- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2013). "Security Threats to Peace and Development in Nigeria: The Case of the Niger-Delta Conflict in Nigeria." *International Bilingual and Multidisciplinary Journal of Contemporary Issues and Development Studies* (IBAMJOCIDS). Vol. 2, Issue 1, pp. 61-66.
- Abangma, James A., and **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2013). "Overcoming Environmental Impediments to Developments in Postcolonial African States: Farce or Reality?" *International Bilingual and Multidisciplinary Journal of Contemporary Issues and Development Studies* (IBAMJOCIDS). Vol. 2, Issue 1, pp. 1-12.
- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2012). "Regional Integration and Development in Africa: Constraints and Prospects in the CEMAC Region." *International Bilingual and Multidisciplinary Journal of Contemporary Issues and Development Studies* (IBAMJOCIDS). Vol. 1, Issue 2, pp. 39-52.
- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2010). The Challenges of Political Leadership in Africa. *International Bi-Lingual Journal of Anti-Corruption, Law, Humanities, Social Sciences and Development Studies* (IBJACLHSSDS). Vol. 1, Issue 1, pp. 99-102.

#### **Book Review:**

- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2021). Book Review, Likert, Rensis (1967), The Human Organization: Its Management and Value. *International Journal of Scientific and Engineering Research* (ISSN2229-5518). Vol. 12, Issue 11, pp.722-724.

#### **Paper Accepted Awaiting Publication:**

- "Period Poverty in the United States of America: A Socio-Economic Policy Analysis". Approved for publication in **Journal of Global Health Economics and Policy**.

#### **Internship Report:**

- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2016). Internship Report: City of Savannah, GA, USA and Youth Empowerment. (<http://www.savannahga.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8883>).

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### Works in progress:

- The Impact of Political Polarization on Policymaking in the United States Congress (1991-2020).
- Reciprocal Relationships between Congressional Consensus and Political Polarization in the United States Congress
- Cameroon Government's Policy Response to COVID-19. I am still working on finishing this paper before it can be sent for publication.

### REFEREED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- **Godlove Aka, Binda (2024).** *Period Poverty in the United States of America: A Socio-Economic Policy Analysis. Accepted for presentation on April 7, 2024, at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference 2024, Chicago, IL.*
- **Godlove Aka, Binda (2023).** Medicaid-Expansion and Access to Physicians: A Demographic Analysis by Race, Age Groups, States, Gender, and County Types. November 9-12, 2023, at the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) conference 2023, Atlanta, GA.
- **Godlove Aka, Binda & Gerrish, Ed (2023).** *Effects of the Affordable Care Acts on Medicaid Recipients Seeking Appointment.* Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference at Palmer House Hilton Chicago, IL (USA), 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2023.
- **Godlove Aka, Binda (2022).** *Unmasking Administrative Evil in Cameroon: A Case Study of the Anglophone Crisis (The Ambazonia War).* Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference at Palmer House Hilton Chicago, IL (USA), 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2022.
- **Godlove Aka, Binda (2019).** *Human Relations Approach of Management: An Assessment of Organizational Leadership in Dealing with Informal Work Groups.* Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference at Palmer House Hilton Chicago, IL (USA), 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> of April 2019.
- **Godlove Aka, Binda (2018).** *Challenges to Effective Presidential Elections Management in Africa: A Case Study of Cameroon Since Multipartism.* Iowa Association of Political Science (IAPS) Conference on 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2018.
- **Godlove Aka, Binda (2016).** *Obstacles to Effective Presidential Elections Management in Africa: A Case Study of Cameroon since Multipartism.* Savannah State University's International Education Center Conference on "Presidential Elections in Africa: Change or Status Quo in Political Governance?" 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2016.
- **Godlove Aka, Binda (2010).** *The Challenges of Political Leadership in Africa.* 3<sup>rd</sup> United Action Against Corruption and Injustice International Bilingual Conference on Research and Development on the theme: Re-Engineering the Fight Against Corruption and Injustice for Good Governance and Sustainable Development Growth in Africa that held at Taraba House, Abuja international Conference Centre and Eagle Square, Abuja, Nigeria, from 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2010.

## INVITED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- ***The DR Congo Mineral Exploitation (Cobalt): The Paradox of a Wealthy Nation.*** Invited for presentation on April 17, 2024, by Hofstra University's Center for Civic Engagement, for the Hofstra University's Earth Day event titled "From Earth to Electronics: Cobalt's Journey and its Human Cost".
- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2021). *An Overview of African Politics.* Department of political science, Siena College. October 29, 2021.
- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2021). *Foreign Direct Investments (FDI): Emerging Markets in Africa.* New York Center for Foreign Policy Affairs (NYCFPA). (November 2021). <https://open.spotify.com/episode/2bGw1CrBi49ZtKPAGt6jqV>
- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2018). *Africa in the International System: The World View of Africa and What Africa Truly is.* African Student Association (ASA) Week at The University of South Dakota 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2018.
- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2015). *An Update of Commonwealth Students' Association (CSA) Africa Region.* 1st Africa Region Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting (1st ARCYMM) in Yaounde, 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> of February 2015 on the theme "Young People Building a Stable and Sustainable Future".
- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2014). *Don't Burn My Plate of Rice.* Fourth annual Commonwealth Summer School at the University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus, 17<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> of August 2014.

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

- International Society of Global Health, 2024 – Present, Member.
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), 2022 – Present, Member
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2018 – Present, Member
- American Political Science Association (APSA), 2022 – Present, Member
- Foreign Policy Association (FPA), 2022 – Present, Member
- Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society (The Global Honor Society for Public Affairs & Administration), 2017- Present, Member.

## SERVICE:

### Professional:

- **Chair**, Panel: Comparative Public Policy in Africa. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2024, Chicago, IL.
- **Chair**, Panel: Public-private Partnerships in Service Provision. MPSA Conference, 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2024, Chicago, IL.
- **Chair**, Panel: Intersecting Inequalities: Examining Gender Discrimination, Language Barriers, and Cultural Policies. MPSA Conference, 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2024, Chicago, IL.
- **Discussant**, Panel: COVID-19 & Risk Communication. MPSA Conference, 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2024, Chicago, IL.

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- **Discussant**, Panel: Health Policy. The Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Conference November 9-11, 2023, Atlanta, GA.
- **Discussant**, Panel: Health Policy: Challenges and New Directions. American Political Science Association Annual Conference August 31-September 3, 2023, Los Angeles, CA.
- **Chair**, Panel: Public Policy and Social Equity. Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2023.
- **Discussant**, Panel: Public Policy and Social Equity. MPSA Conference, 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2023.
- **Chair**, Panel: Protest, Resistance, and Political Participation. MPSA conference, 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2022.
- **Discussant**, Panel: Party Politics, Voters and Political Participation in Africa. MPSA conference, 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2022.
- **Discussant**, Panel: Citizens and their States. MPSA conference, 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> April 2019
- **Discussant**, Panel: Youth Engagement and Political Communication. MPSA, 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> of April 2019.

#### **School/Department:**

- The Washington Center (TWC) Committee, 10/2022 – Present, Member, Dr. Maggie Gray.
- The Wilson Award Committee, 02/2023 – Present, Dr. Traci Levy
- Thesis Advisor to Amber Wilkins, 01/2023, Advisor.
- Advisor to 10 other political Science students.

#### **University:**

- Prospective Volunteer as a mentor at the forthcoming Adelphi University Scholarship and Creative Works Conference April 16, 2024.
- Coordinated a Campus wide event titled "Public Problems and Policy Alternatives" on September 27, 2023. New York Assemblyman Ed Ra as Guest Speaker.
- Academic Affairs, Adelphi University, May 2023.
- Catholic Health and Adelphi University Partnership Committee.
- Political Science representative, “Accepted Students Day” event of March 4, 2023.
- Volunteered as a mentor during the Adelphi University Scholarship and Creative Works Conference 2023.
- I represented Adelphi University at the Sacred Heart Academy Major Night on 04/18/2023.
- **Godlove Aka, Binda (2023)**. Marketing Yourself in the Job Market: Your Health, Educational Level, Experience and Network. Adelphi University Campus event, March 23, 2023.
- **Godlove Aka, Binda (2022)**. Understanding the U.S. Health Policy – The Big Picture. Adelphi University Campus event, October 11, 2022.
- College Republicans, 01/2023- Present, Advisor, Adelphi University, 01/2023 – Present.

#### **OTHER ACADEMIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

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| 2022  | Advisor, African Students Organization (ASO), Siena College.  |
| 2020  | President, African Students’ Association (ASA), University of South Dakota. Project Director of African Speakers Series 2020. |
| 2018  | Facilitator; Talking Change, Making Change Critical Dialogue, Office of Diversity, University of South Dakota.                |
| 2016- | Member Pi Alpha Alpha Fraternity.   |

2016-2017 President, Graduate Association of Public Administration (GAPA), Savannah State University (August 2016 - May 2017).

2016-2017 Project Director, GAPA Capstone seminar, Savannah State University.

2015 Coordinator of a workshop on “Empowering students to market themselves in the job Market upon graduation from the University” that took place on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at the University of Yaounde 1 hosted by Commonwealth Club, University of Yaounde 1.

2016-2017 Search Committee member, Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Savannah State University.

2014 Director of RECAAD-CAMEROON training workshop on “Responsible Leadership and Non-violent Movements” at the University of Buea.

2014-2015 National President, Commonwealth Students’ Union Cameroon (CSUC).

2014-2015 Steering Committee Member, Commonwealth Students’ Association (CSA) Africa Region.

2013-2015 Coordinated visitations to orphanages in Cameroon to provide school and basic needs to children.

2014 Organizer of an environmental sensitization program within the Buea Municipality on the non-use of some polythene bags (non-biodegradable plastic bags) in Cameroon by FATAACAM-CIG.

2014 Implemented the FATAACAM-CIG academic empowerment seminar on effective research writing.

2014 Initiated the “Commonwealth Young Leaders Forum” at B.G.S. Molyko Buea where youths were trained on the acquisition of good leadership skills.

2011-2014 Initiator of The Commonwealth Students’ Union University of Buea (COMSU-UB) Cultural festival for the promotion of Cameroon culture among students.

2013- President/CEO, First Aid for Technological Advancement in Cameroon Common Initiative Group (FATAACAM-CIG).

2010-2012 Project Coordinator, Commonwealth Students Union University of Buea

2010 Initiated and Coordinated Commonwealth Students’ Union University of Buea (COMSU-UB) project on marketing yourself in the job market.

2013-2014 Coordinated Commonwealth Business School of 2013 and 2014 at the University of Buea.

2010 Organizer of two weeks Cholera sensitization campaign at Mile 16-Buea, Muea and Mamu village during the outbreak of cholera in Fako Division, S.W.R., Cameroon where members of Commonwealth Students’ Union at the University of Buea sensitized the population of these localities.

2009-2010 President, Commonwealth Students Union University of Buea.

2007-2011 Councilor, University of Buea Student Representative Council.

2007-2008 President, Oshie Students’ and Teachers’ Union (OSTU) Buea.

## **WORKLOAD:**

### **Adelphi Teaching Workload:**

#### **Spring 2024:**

- POL 101-005 Introduction to the American Political System
- POL 210-001 S/T: Global Health Policy

#### **Fall 2023:**

- POL 429-001 Public Policy Seminar

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- POL 200-001 Public Policy: Theory and Issues
- POL 362-001/390-050 Politics of Africa

**Spring 2023:**

- POL 210-001 U.S. Health Policy
- POL 101-002 Introduction to the American Political System
- POL 101-001 Introduction to the American Political System

**Fall 2022:**

- POL 200-001 Public Policy: Theory and Issues
- POL 101-005 Introduction to the American Political System

**OTHER COURSES TAUGHT:**

- Contemporary U.S. Politics
- Public Policy Analysis and Evaluation
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- African politics
- Introduction to Public Administration
- American Politics
- American Government
- Introduction to Political science

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (2023/2024):**

- The American Political Science Association (APSA) Public Policy Section and PSJ, workshop on *“Authors Meet Editors”* on March 13, 2024.
- MPSA 2024 conference and APPAM 2023 conference **Professional Development Round Tables**.
- Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), March 15, 2024, Livestream workshop on different topics: *Climate Policy and Implementation, CFR Fellowships and CFR Education Presentation, Societal Implications of AI, and The Role of the United States in the World*.
- *APSA Public Policy Section and PSJ, Authors Meet Editors*, March 13, 2024, Zoom.
- *Best Practices Working with Neurodivergent Students*, CAS, Adelphi University, March 5, 2024
- **A Tale of Two Pandemics: Lessons From the 1889 and 2019 Pandemics**. Organized by Foreign Policy Association (FPA) and UNITAR NYO, October 19, 2023, at United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY.
- Participant, (APPAM) **virtual conference on People and Places: Inequality, Migration, Place-Based Economic Development**, and Equity, March 27, 2023.
- **AU Teaching and Learning Conference**, Adelphi University. February 17, 2023.
- MPSA 2023 Conference, Chicago, IL, **Professional Development Round Tables** (*Balancing Teaching and Research, Balancing Parenting in the Academy, Balancing Work and Life, and Being Faculty at a Liberal Arts College*). March 13-16, 2023.

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