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Curriculum Vitae

Cosmas Rai Amenorvi (Cozy) was born on 12 February 1981 in Aflao, Ghana. He had his basic education at Aflao Border Primary and Junior Secondary Schools and completed in 1996. In 1999, he completed his secondary school education at Somé Senior Secondary School, Agbozume, Volta Region, Ghana. In September 2001, he started his studies at the University of Cape Coast (UCC) and graduated with B.A. English and Ewe degree in August 2005. In August 2006, he joined the Department of Ghanaian Languages and Linguistics (UCC) as a Senior Research Assistant. In July 2008, he began his graduate studies as the Department of English (UCC) while still working. He obtained his MPhil in English in March 2011. From August 2016 to October 2021, he had been a Lecturer at the Department of Languages and General Studies of the University of Energy and Natural Recourses, Sunyani, Ghana. In November 2021, he was converted into a Research Fellow at the Quality Assurance and Academic Planning Directorate of the same university to assist in language-related issues of the university while doing some teaching in the Department of Languages and General Studies. From August 2022, he has been a Senior Research Fellow. He was admitted as an external PhD candidate to the Graduate School of Humanities, Leiden University, in November 2021. He is now working on a quadrilingual Adzagbe-Ewe-English-French etymological mini dictionary and other budding youth languages in Ghana. His research interest lies in the areas of English, Sociolinguistics, Language Contact, Language and Identity, Discourse Analysis, Literary Criticism and Youth Language. He enjoys playing football, debating, public speaking, writing and performing poetry, learning about new things and people and listening to and studying music, especially reggae, the music of his heart. He is married to Doris Amo Asante, and they have two children.