

Curriculum Vitae

Education

Ph.D., Urban & Regional Planning
MADU, Architecture & Design Urbanism
BArch, Architecture

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 2020-2024
University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN 2005-2007
University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN 1995-2000

Publications

Nana-Yaw Andoh (31 Jul 2026): *No Place Like Home in a New City: Anti-Urbanism and Life in Nairobi*, Journal of the American Planning Association, DOI: 10.1080/01944363.2026.2698379

Andoh, N-Y (2026). "Beyond the Binary: Hybrid Urbanism and the Limits of the (In)formal in Accra." Urban Studies, advanced online publication. DOI: 10.1177/00420980261454771

Andoh, Nana-Yaw, Murray, Martin J. (2024) "Informal Economy." In Oxford Bibliographies in African Studies. Ed. Chima Korieh. New York: Oxford University Press. DOI: 10.1093/obo/9780199846733-0128

Andoh, N. Y. (2024). Making an African City: Technopolitics and the Infrastructure of Everyday Life in Colonial Accra: Jennifer Hart. (2024). Indiana University Press. 316 pages. *Journal of the American Planning Association*, 1–2.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01944363.2024.2398975>

Abraham, Y., Greenwood, L., **Andoh, N.A.**, Schneider, J. (2022). Sustainable Buildings without Certification: An Exploration of Implications and Trends. *Journal of Sustainable Research*.

Tessier, J.T., **Andoh, N.A.**, DeForest, K., Juba, M.W., Odani, A., Padovani, J.J., Sova, E.F., Tessier, L.M. (2014). A Comparison of Experimental Designs for Assessment and Research in Higher Education. *International Journal of Learning, Teaching, and Educational Research*.

Professional Publications

Pimentel Walker, A., **Andoh, N.A.** (2022). Assessment of Zimbabwe Legislation Through the Law and Climate Change Toolkit Urban Law Module. (Zimbabwe, Vol. 1) 102 Pages. Publisher: UN-Habitat.
<https://unhabitat.org/assessment-of-zimbabwe-legislation-through-the-urban-law-module-of-the-law-and-climate-change-0>

Pimentel Walker, A., **Andoh, N.A.** (2022). Assessment of Namibia Legislation Through the Law and Climate Change Toolkit Urban Law Module. (Namibia, Volume 2) 100 Pages. Publisher: UN-Habitat.
<https://unhabitat.org/assessment-of-namibia-legislation-through-the-urban-law-module-of-the-law-and-climate-change>

Pimentel Walker, A., **Andoh, N.A.** (2022). Assessment of Malawi Legislation Through the Law and Climate Change Toolkit Urban Law Module. (Malawi, Volume 3) 108 Pages. Publisher: UN-Habitat.
<https://unhabitat.org/assessment-of-malawi-legislation-through-the-urban-law-module-of-the-law-and-climate-change-0>

Andoh, N.A., (2016). Case Study – Proposal for a Road Pricing Scheme to Reduce Traffic Congestion in the Central Business District of Accra, Ghana. *United Nations Institute for Training and Research*.

Presentations

Andoh, N.A., (2026). Beyond the Binary: Hybrid Urbanism and the Limits of the (In)formal in Accra. *6th World Planning Schools Congress*.

Andoh, N.A., (2024). Urban Informality: Overlapping Relations of Structures, Networks, and Livelihoods. *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference*.

Andoh, N.A., (2023). The Intersection of Social Networks, Livelihoods, and the Built Environment of Informal Settlements. *European Conference on African Studies*.

Andoh, N.A. (2022). Impacts of Planning Policies on the Built Environment of Sub-Saharan African Cities. *5th United Nations Conference on Least Developed Cities*.

Andoh, N.A., Abraham, Y., Greenwood, L., Pham, M., Schneider, J., (2020). Sustainable Buildings without Certification: Trends and Implications. *International Sustainable Development Research Society Conference*.

Andoh, N.A., (2012). Design of a Good City: Creating a 21st Century City in Developing Countries and Bringing About Social Reform. *International Planning History Society Conference*.

Dissertation Topic

Informal Settlements: The Intersection of Social Networks, Livelihoods, and the Built Environment in Johannesburg, Nairobi, and Accra.

Advisor: Professor Martin Murray

Research Experience

- 2020 – 24 **Ph.D. Candidate** and Rackham Fellow at the University of Michigan
- Conducted mixed-methods research in Ghana, Kenya, and South Africa to determine the discrepancies between legislation and outcomes of relocation initiatives for residents of informal settlements.
 - Established research methods to evaluate urban planning and policies involving the relocation of residents from informal to formal housing and impacts on social networks and livelihood activities.
 - Built strategic partnerships with local organizations, state officials, and multi-national organizations to gain access to resources and expertise.
- 2020 – 22 **Project Manager & Researcher** with the Collaborative for Equitable Housing (CEH).
Architecture, University of Michigan.
- Worked with other researchers within the School of Architecture at Taubman College to compile a comprehensive list of courses and faculty research on equitable housing.
 - Developed a list of commonly used keywords across CEH teaching and faculty research to create a usable document for faculty to locate collaborators and funding opportunities.
- 2022 **Research Assistant** with Ideas & Action Consulting, Ann Arbor, MI.
- Worked with the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) and the City of Detroit on equity in housing development.
 - Researched current development patterns and trends in the city's North End neighborhood to inform future development in the City of Detroit.
- 2021 **Research Analyst** consulting with Three Stones International, Ann Arbor, MI (Rwanda/virtual)
- Three Stones International (TSI) is a management, research, and development firm established in Rwanda to support and build capacity for local organizations.
 - In partnership with Practical Action for a project sponsored by the IKEA Foundation, I worked with a project team to analyze the impacts of Solar Home Systems in three refugee camps in Rwanda.
 - Partnered with the Shell Corporation to study the impacts of electric mobility in Rwanda, with scaling opportunities to Ghana.
 - Worked extensively to decode and analyze qualitative data acquired by field research teams.

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor of Urban Studies

2025 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Teach undergraduate courses within the Department of Afroamerican and African Studies (DAAS), focusing on urbanism, housing, and infrastructure in marginalized communities. Contribute to interdisciplinary research and curriculum development in urban studies.

- Design course offerings on race, space, and the politics of urban development, integrating planning, policy, and cultural perspectives.
- Mentor and advise undergraduate and graduate students in research projects, policy analysis, and creative urban studies initiatives
- Engage in cross-disciplinary collaboration and service to strengthen the department's urban studies curriculum and programming.

Assistant Professor & Director of Graduate Admissions and Recruitment

2015 – 20 Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York

Taught in the Master of Architecture program, focusing on adaptive reuse. Served as director of admissions and recruitment for the Architecture Department and represented the department on the Academic Affairs Committee.

- Provided high-quality education to graduate students, equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed for successful architectural careers.
- Led the admissions and recruitment efforts, attracting talented students to the program and contributing to its growth and reputation.
- Actively participated in the Academic Affairs committee, contributing to decision-making and shaping the institution's academic policies.

Associate Professor & Department Head (Tenured)

2009 – 15 State University of New York at Delhi, Delhi, New York

Served as an undergraduate Architecture professor, specializing in developing future architects and urban designers. Led architecture design studios, developed curriculum initiatives, and held leadership roles within the department and university. Represented the institution at SUNY-wide events and contributed to university-wide decision-making processes.

- Delivered quality architectural education, preparing students for successful careers.
- Created and implemented a study abroad program, providing students with invaluable cultural and educational experiences in prominent Italian cities.

Adjunct Professor

2004 – 05 Harcum Junior College, Brynn Mawr, PA

- Part of the design faculty of a prestigious junior college. Taught courses on perspective drawing and rendering techniques for interior design students and a graphic design course to enhance portfolios for graduating seniors.

2003-04 Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, PA

- Instructor for the Architectural Graphics course, emphasizing introducing 1st-year design students to basic architectural composition skills and concepts.

Guest Lecturer

2016 State University of New York at Delhi, NY

- Designed and led an intensive 3-week undergraduate Study Abroad Program in the History and Architecture of the Italian Renaissance. Students spent time in Florence, Venice, Vicenza, Siena, Bologna, and Rome, gaining a hands-on experience of Renaissance architecture and urbanism.

Teaching Assistant

- 2021 *Planning Theory*, University of Michigan, MI
- Led small group discussions and reviewed and graded papers for the Master of Urban Planning theory course at Taubman College.
- 2005-07 *Design Studio*, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN
- Provided instruction under the guidance of tenured faculty in the 2nd year undergraduate design studio.

Professional Experience

- 2009 - 19 ***Principal***, Andoh Design Studio, New York, NY
- The principal of my practice is founded on providing consulting services to enlightened developers regarding sustainable urban development.
 - Worked on new residential and commercial projects in the United States and sub-Saharan Africa, from schematic design to construction documentation.
- 2007 - 08 ***Project Designer***, Hart Howerton Architects LLP, New York, NY
- Part of design teams working on large-scale domestic and international planning projects.
 - Worked as part of the lead design team on projects totaling over \$2 billion.
- 2004 - 05 ***Designer***, Schoonover & Vanderhoof Architects, East Stroudsburg, PA
- Responsible for executing designs for high-end custom homes from design development through construction documentation.
- 2000 - 04 ***Designer***, Martin DeSapio Architects, Flemington, NJ
- Design and documentation for large-scale churches and parochial schools. Responsibilities included researching code and ordinances, creating graphic presentations (both manual and computer-generated renderings), and preparing construction documentation.

Grants and Awards

- 2022 South African Initiative Office Summer Research Grant
Sponsored Organization: University of Michigan
Award Amount: \$7,000
- 2022 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant
Sponsored Organization: University of Michigan
Award Amount: \$3,000
- 2021 Institute for Social Research – Rackham Summer Scholarship
Sponsored Organization: University of Michigan
Award Amount: \$3,400
- 2021 South African Initiative Office Summer Research Grant
Sponsored Organization: University of Michigan
Award Amount: \$2,800
- 2020-25 Rackham Merit Fellowship
Fully funded Ph.D. award to study Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Michigan
- 2019-20 Connect Grant
Sponsored Organization: Rochester Institute of Technology; Dr. Jen Schneider (PI); Andoh (Co-PI)
Award Amount: \$6,000
- 2018-19 Provost Learning Innovative Grant
Sponsored Organization: Rochester Institute of Technology; Andoh (PI);
Award Amount: \$4,620

Academic Service

Conference Track Chair

2019 *American Planning Association (APA) New York State Chapter: Annual Conference*

Committees

2017 – 20 *Academic Affairs, Rochester Institute of Technology*
2016 – 18 *Wallace Center Innovative Learning Complex Task Force, RIT*
2015 – 20 *RIT Graduate Arch. Program – Chair of Admissions & Recruitment*
2015 – 20 *RIT Graduate Arch. Program – Curriculum Committee*
2010 – 15 *Sustainability Committee, SUNY Delhi*
2011 – 15 *University Faculty Senator, SUNY Delhi*
2010 – 12 *College Senate, SUNY Delhi*
2012 *Middle States Review Group, SUNY Delhi*

Advisory and Board Membership

2018 – Present **Jury Member**
Congress for New Urbanism – Freeways Without Futures

2018 – Present **Diversity Task Force**
University of Notre Dame School of Architecture

2022 – Present **Board Member**
Kenyatta University – Youth Urbanism

2022 – Present **Board Member**
Cornell University – Architects, Artists, and Planners of Color

2016 – 19 **Board Member**
Community Design Center, Rochester

2017 – 19 **Board Member**
Historic Society of Western New York

2018 – 20 **Historic Preservation Board**
Village of Pittsford, New York