

COURAGE DZIDULA KWAKU KPODO

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Languages: Twi, Ève, English, Ghanaian Pidgin, intermediate French, beginner Swahili

Software proficiency: Autodesk Revit, AutoCAD, Civil 3D, RhinoCeros 3D, Adobe Suite

EDUCATION

2021-2025 - Master of Architecture and Urbanism, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, GPA 5.0

2016-2020 - BSc. Architecture, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) + First Class Honours

2013-2016 - Visual Arts, Anglican Senior High School, Kumasi

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2024, 2023 - Teaching Assistant, Photo Practice: Particles/Power/Publics, Introduction to Photography and Related Media, Architecture Design Core Studio II, Architecture Design Core Studio III (2x)

2022, 2024 - Fabrication Shop Monitor with Christopher Dewart

2022 - Organizer and Teacher, Climate Studio Workshop, at KNUST, facilitated by Christoph Reinhart and Solemma Studio

2022 - Facilitator, Collaborative 3-year Workshop between KNUST Department of Architecture and Daniels Faculty of Architecture, University of Toronto

2021 - Admissions Committee Member, MIT Architecture Admissions

2021 - Mentor, Applicant Mentorship Program, MIT Architecture Admissions

2020 - Vice President and Welfare Chair, Architecture Student's Association of Ghana, KNUST

WORK EXPERIENCE

2023 - Lead architect for Duende Achuwe Artist Residency and Community Center, Akwidaa, Western Region, Ghana

2022 - Architectural intern, Roth Kimura LLP, Kona, Hawaii. 4 private residence projects (design development)

2022 - Lead architect for Studio Workshop design for artist Hassan Issah at Kwaso, Ashanti Region.

2022 - Co-founder, the re:Company, MIT DesignX. Designing affordable and equitable infill housing units in Columbus, Ohio.

2021 - Lead production design for film, "*Certain Winds from the South*"

2021 - Junior Architect, Adjaye Associates Accra

Private Residence Accra, Edo Museum for West African Arts, Archaeology Warehouse EMOWAA, Rwanda Science Museum, Ghana Trade Fair master-plan, Ghana Energy City master-plan, Marine Drive Accra master-plan

2021-Present - Co-founder and researcher, Postbox Ghana. Project dedicated to working with the material archive of African states

2019, 2018, 2017 - Intern: Adjaye Associates Accra, Mobius Architecture Accra, Nickseth Construction Limited Kumasi

EXHIBITIONS, PUBLICATIONS, INTERVIEWS

2025 - Lead Curator, Lagos Photo Festival, Nigeria.

Leading the exhibition series into a biennale format with the theme "Incarceration".

2025 - [upcoming release] As Hardly Found in the Art of Tropical Architecture, AA Publications, book contributor.

2024 - BBC Interview, "What can we learn from Tropical Modernist Buildings",

as part of the Victoria and Albert Museum exhibition, "Tropical Modernism: Architecture and Independence"

2024 - Berlin International Film Festival, Germany. Screening and dialogue of film, "Certain Winds from the South"

Forum Expanded, Programme 5, 74th Berlinale

2024 - Biennale de Dakar, Patrimoine d'Hier, Ville de Demain.

Exhibition project by Postbox Ghana titled, "*DIALOGUES, through the frames of a camera unseen*"

2023 - Venice Biennial of Architecture, The Curator's (Lesley Lokko) Special Project "Guests from the Future"

Courage Dzidula Kpodo in collaboration with Postbox Ghana, "*The Beautiful Ones Always Were*"

18th International Architecture Exhibition, The Laboratory of the Future

2023 - Sharjah Vantage Point Photo Exhibition, "*Muddy Stories, The Beautiful Ones*"

Vantage Point Sharjah 11, Old Diwan Al Amiri, Hamriyah, Sharjah, UAE

2023 - Aperture Magazine, Issue 252 - Fall 2023

"*Postbox Ghana*", descriptive text by Kuukuwa Manful

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

2021 - MIT Architecture Merit Fellowship Award - Full Tuition +Stipend Scholarship

2020 - Admission with Financial Award, Master of Architecture, Yale School of Architecture

2020 - Best Graduating Student, First Class Honors, Department of Architecture, KNUST

2019 - Citi Opportunity Project on Education (COPE) Scholarship, KNUST

2016 - Best Visual Arts Student in West Africa, West African Examination Council (WAEC) Distinction Awards