

## Biographical Sketch for Dr. Benjamin E. Dawson-Andoh (PI)

### Professional Preparation

Institution	Major/Area	Degree	Year
University of Cape Coast, Ghana	Chemistry	B.S.	1972
Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology	Wood Science & Technology	MS.	1976
University of British Columbia Canada	Analytical Instrumentation	Ph.D..	1989
Oregon State University	Wood Biodeterioration	Postdoc	2000

### a. Appointments

Professor, Division Forestry & Natural Resources, West Virginia University, Aug. 2014 - Present

Associate Professor, Division Forestry & Natural Resources, West Virginia University, Aug. 2008 – July 2014

Assistant Professor, Division Forestry & Natural Resources, West Virginia University, Jan. 2008 – Aug. 2008

Research Associate, Michigan State University, Dept. of Forestry

Research Scientist, Forintek, Canada, Department of Bioinnovation

### b. Selected Publications

1. Atta-Obeng E., Venky S. Pingali and B. Dawson-Andoh. 2018. Effect of ball-milling on biomass cell wall structure using small angle neutron scattering. *Carbohydrate Polymers. In preparation.*
2. Dawson-Andoh B., G. Lawar-Yolar and E. Atta-Obeng. 2018. Phase change materials for thermal storage: evaluation of tropical tree fruit oils. *Bioresource Technology. In preparation.*
3. Dawson-Ando B., G. Lawar-Yolar and E. Atta-Obeng. 2018. Biodiesel from Tall Oil Fatty acids via homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis. *Bioresource Technology. In preparation*
4. Dawson-Andoh B., C. Norman, E. Atta-Obeng, J. Slahor and D. DeVallance. 2018. Bio-durability of biochar-plastic composites. *Polymer degradation and stability. In preparation.*
5. Nkansah Kofi, Benjamin Dawson-Andoh, Oluwatosin Adedipe, Emmanuel Atta-Obeng, and Lawrence Osborn. 2017. Rapid characterization of northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*) using near-infrared spectroscopy. *Journal of Forestry Research*. Accepted. May 7 2018.
6. Emmanuel Atta-Obeng, Benjamin Dawson-Andoh, Gene Felton and Greg Dahle. 2017. Carbon dioxide capture using amine functionalized hydrothermal carbons from technical lignin. *Waste and biomass valorization*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12649-018-0281-2>
7. Atta-Obeng E., B. Dawson-Andoh, M. Seehra, U. Geddam, J. Poston and J. Leisen. 2017. Physico-chemical characterization of carbons produced from technical lignin by sub-critical hydrothermal carbonization. *Biomass and Bioenergy*. 107 172-181.
8. Cheng X., L. Matuana and B. Dawson-Andoh. 2017. Effect of Processing Parameters on the Quality of Red Oak Flakes. *International Wood Products Journal*. 8 (3): 139-143.

9. Nkansah K., O. Adedipe, B. Dawson-Andoh, E. Atta-Obeng, J. Slahor and L. Osborn. 2015. Determination of concentration of ACQ wood preservatives components by UV-Visible spectroscopy coupled with multivariate data analysis. *Chemometrics and Intelligent Laboratory Systems*. 147: 157-166.
10. Tidwell, J. E., B. Dawson-Andoh, E. O. Adedipe, K. Nkansah and M. J. Dietz. Can Near-Infrared spectroscopy detect and differentiate implant-associated biofilms? 2015. *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*. DOI.1007/s11999-015-44971-1
11. Seehra M., S. K. Pyapalli, J. Poston, E. Atta-Obeng and B. Dawson-Andoh. 2015. Hydrothermal conversion of commercial lignin to carbonaceous materials. *J. Indian Acad. Wood Sci.* 12 (1): 29-36
12. Adedipe O. E and B. Dawson-Andoh. 2012. Rapid separation of three Canadian Softwoods with spectroscopy. *Journal of Wood Science and Technology Journal*. 46:1193-1202
13. Cody, R.B., A.J. Dane, B. Dawson-Andoh, E.O. Adedipe, and K. Nkansah. 2012. Rapid classification of White Oak and Northern Red Oak by using Pyrolysis Direct Analysis in Real Time (DART™) and Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometry. *J. Analytical and Applied Pyrolysis* 95: 134-137.
14. Adedipe O. E and B. Dawson-Andoh. 2012. Rapid separation of three Canadian Softwoods with spectroscopy. *Journal of Wood Science and Technology Journal*. 46:1193-1202
15. Nkansah, K., B. Dawson-Andoh and J. Slahor. 2010. Rapid characterization of biomass using near infrared spectroscopy coupled with multivariate data analysis: Part 1. Yellow-Poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera* L.). *Bioresource Technology*. 101: 4570-4570.
16. Nkansah, K. and B. Dawson-Andoh. 2010. Rapid characterization of biomass using near fluorescence spectroscopy coupled with multivariate data analysis: Part 1. Yellow-Poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera* L.). *Journal of Renewable and Sustainable Energy*. DOI: 1063/1.329-749
17. Nkansah, K. and B. Dawson-Andoh. 2010. Rapid characterization of biomass using near fluorescence spectroscopy coupled with multivariate data analysis: Part 2. Northern Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*). *Journal of Renewable and Sustainable Energy*. 2, 043101. 10p
18. Filson, B. and B. Dawson-Andoh. 2009. Characterization of sugars from enzyme-mediated pulp hydrolyzates using high-performance liquid chromatography coupled to light scattering. *Bioresource Technology*. 100 (24): 6661-6664.

**c. Research Focus**

- Valorization of waste streams.
- Development of bio-pigments/colorants and other novel technologies for wood and other materials.
- Application of Process Analytical Technology – chemometric-based modeling of physical and chemical properties of wood, other materials and processes.
- Material characterization by small angle scattering methods and novel spectroscopic techniques including X-ray and neutron tomography
- Carbon fibers from lignin by electrospinning and solution-blowing,
- Bio-inspired materials and application of nanotechnology to lignocellulosic biomass,
- Carbonaceous materials from lignocellulosic biomass by hydrothermal and other carbonization processes

- Performance advantaged bio-products from lignocellulosic biomass and other bio-materials