CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

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EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. in Political Science, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD, 2017-2020
- Master of Public Administration (MPA), Savannah State University, Savannah, GA, 2015-2017
- Master of Science (MSc.) in Political Science, University of Buea, Buea, SWR, Cameroon, 2010-2014.
- Bachelor of Science (BSc.) in Political Science, University of Buea, Buea, SWR, Cameroon, 2007-2010.

CERTIFICATES:

- Post-Secondary Teaching Certificate, University of South Dakota, 2018.
- Inter-dialogue Facilitation, Center for Diversity & Community, University of South Dakota, 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – ACADEMIC:

Full-Time:

- 09/2022 – Present, Assistant Professor, Adelphi University.
- 09/2021 – 05/2022, Visiting Assistant Professor, Siena College.
- 09/2005 – 05/2006, Electrical Engineering Teacher, Modern College of Technology (STARMOTEC) Tiko, Cameroon.

Part-Time:

- 06/2021-08/2021, Research Associate, Government Research Bureau, University of South Dakota.
- 01/2021-05/2021, Adjunct Professor, University of South Dakota.
- 08/2017 -12/2020, Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant, University of South Dakota.
- 08/2015-05/2017, Graduate Research Assistant, Savannah State University.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – NON-ACADEMIC:

Part-Time:

- 06/2019 – 12/2021, Economic Development Assistant, Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company (VCDC), South Dakota.

PUBLICATIONS:

REFERRED BOOK CHAPTER:

- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2025). Policies, Initiatives, and Innovations for Global Health (pp. 207-230). *COVID-19 Policy Response and Policy Learning: A Theoretical Analysis.* IGI Global Scientific Publishing. Hershey, PA. DOI: 10.4018/979-8-3693-4402-6.ch009.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES:

- Godlove Aka, B. & Dzordzormenyoh, K.M. (2026). Determinants of Political Polarization and Consensus in the U.S. Congress: An Analysis of Policy Issues and Institutional Factors (1991-2020). *International Social Science Journal, 00*(1),1-16. https://doi.org/10.1111/issj.70046.

- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2025). Period Poverty in the United States of America: A Socio-Economic Policy Analysis. *Journal of Global Health Economics and Policy*, 5(2), 1-11. doi:10.52872/001c.137889.

- **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.

- **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(8), 754-774.

- **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(9), 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(7), 1795-1807.

- 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(4), 260-273.

- **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(1), 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(1), 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(2), 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(1), 99-102.

FORTCOMING ACCEPTED PAPER:

- "Factors Influencing Citizens' Trust in Government Following Policy Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Case Study of Cameroon" submitted to *Universal Journal of Public Health*. This is a co-authored paper with Rondello, KC, Webnje, B.G., Teh, RN, & Agurkis, T; I am the lead author.

PAPER UNDER REVIEW:

- "COVID-19 Policy Response: A Critical Assessment of Determinants of COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake in Cameroon" submitted to *Journal of Health Management*. **This is a single-authored paper.**
- "The Impact of COVID-19 on United States Households: A Critical Analysis of Access to Basic Needs" submitted to *Forum of Social Economics*. **This is a single-authored paper.**
- "State Capacity or Community Authority? Hybrid Governance and Public Health Enforcement During COVID-19 in Cameroon" submitted to *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management*. This is a co-authored paper with another author.
- "Public vs. Non-Public Assistance During COVID-19: Analyzing the Equity of Relief Distribution in Cameroon" submitted to *International Social Science Journal*. This is a co-authored paper with another author.

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.

NON-REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES :

Grant Report:

- 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.*

REFEREED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- "Determinants of Political Polarization and Consensus in the U.S. Congress: An Analysis of Policy Issues and Institutional Factors (1991-2020)." This is a co-authored paper presented at the annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference at Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL (USA), April 2026.

- "The Impact of COVID-19 on United States Households: A Critical Analysis of Access to Basic Needs". Presented at the annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference at Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL (USA), April 2026.

- **Godlove Aka, Binda** & Dzordzormenyoh, Michael (2025). *"The Impact of Political Polarization on Policymaking in the United States Congress (1991-2020)".* This is a co-authored paper presented at the annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference at Palmer House Hilton Chicago, IL (USA), 3rd – 6th of April 2025.

- **Godlove Aka, Binda (2024).** *"COVID-19 Policy Response and Policy Learning: A Theoretical Analysis".* A paper presented at the annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference at Palmer House Hilton Chicago, IL (USA), 3rd – 6th of April 2025 ***(forthcoming).*** This work has been published as a book chapter in "Policies, Initiatives, and Innovations for Global Health" (pp. 207-230), IGI Global Scientific Publishing.

- **Godlove Aka, Binda (2024).** *Period Poverty in the United States of America: A Socio-Economic Policy Analysis.* A paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference 2024, Chicago, IL, on April 7, 2024.

- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2023). *"Medicaid-Expansion and Access to Physicians: A Demographic Analysis by Race, Age Groups, States, Gender, and County Types".* A paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) conference 2023, Atlanta, GA. November 9-12, 2023.

- **Godlove Aka, Binda** & Gerrish, Ed (2023). "*Effects of the Affordable Care Acts on Medicaid Recipients Seeking Appointment".* A paper presented at the annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference at Palmer House Hilton Chicago, IL (USA), 13th - 16th of April 2023. This paper has been published in Universal Journal of Public Health, 13(1), 63 - 72. DOI: 10.13189/ujph.2025.130106.

- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2022). "*Unmasking Administrative Evil in Cameroon: A Case Study of the Anglophone Crisis (The Ambazonia War)".* A paper presented at the annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference at Palmer House Hilton Chicago, IL (USA), 7th – 10th of April 2022.

- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2019). "*Human Relations Approach of Management: An Assessment of Organizational Leadership in Dealing with Informal Work Group"s.* A paper presented at the annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference at Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL (USA), 4th -7th of April 2019.

- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2018). "*Challenges to Effective Presidential Elections Management in Africa: A Case Study of Cameroon Since Multipartism".* A paper presented at the Iowa Association of Political Science (IAPS) Conference on 3rd of March 2018.

- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2016). *"Obstacles to Effective Presidential Elections Management in Africa: A Case Study of Cameroon since Multipartism".* A paper presented at the Savannah State University's International Education Center Conference on "Presidential Elections in Africa: Change or Status Quo in Political Governance?" 18th of November 2016.

- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2010). "*The Challenges of Political Leadership in Africa"*. A paper presented at the 3rd 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 24th - 26th of May 2010.

NON-REFEREED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- **Discussant,** Health Attitudes and Behaviors. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, IL, 23rd – 26th April 2026.
- **Discussant,** Reproductive Health Policy and Women's Health Policy. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, IL, 23rd – 26th April 2026.
- **Chair**, Panel: Effects of state policy on health. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, IL, 3rd – 6th April 2025.
- **Chair**, Panel: Health Communication. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, IL, 3rd – 6th April 2025.
- **Chair**, Panel: Governance and Governing in Africa. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, IL, 3rd – 6th April 2025.
- **Discussant**, Panel: Governance and Governing in Africa. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, IL, 3rd – 6th April 2025**.**
- **Chair,** Panel: Comparative Public Policy in Africa. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, 4th – 7th of April 2024, Chicago, IL.
- **Chair,** Panel: Public-private Partnerships in Service Provision. MPSA Conference, 4th – 7th of April 2024, Chicago, IL.
- **Chair**, Panel: Intersecting Inequalities: Examining Gender Discrimination, Language Barriers, and Cultural Policies. MPSA Conference, 4th – 7th of April 2024, Chicago, IL
- **Discussant**, Panel: COVID-19 & Risk Communication. MPSA Conference, 4th – 7th of April 2024, Chicago, IL.
- **Chair**, Panel: Public Policy and Social Equity. Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, 13th – 16th of April 2023.
- **Discussant**, Panel: Public Policy and Social Equity. MPSA Conference, 13th – 16th of April 2023.
- **Chair**, Panel: Protest, Resistance, and Political Participation. MPSA conference, 7th – 10th of April 2022.
- **Discussant**, Panel: Party Politics, Voters and Political Participation in Africa. MPSA conference, 7th –10th of April 2022.
- **Discussant**, Panel: Citizens and their States. MPSA conference, 4th -7th April 2019
- **Discussant**, Panel: Youth Engagement and Political Communication. MPSA, 4th -7th of April 2019.

INVITED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- "Determinants of Political Polarization and Consensus in the U.S. Congress: An Analysis of Policy Issues and Institutional Factors (1991-2020)." This is a co-authored paper **to** be presented at the annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference at Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL (USA), April 23, 2026.

- "The Impact of COVID-19 on United States Households: A Critical Analysis of Access to Basic Needs". To be presented at the annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference at Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL (USA), April 23, 2026.

- **Unofficial Actors in the Public Policy Process: Benefits and Scope OF Freedom of Expression**. Invited for Presentation on October 21, 2025, at Adelphi University's Freedom of Expression Symposium. Binda Godlove Aka, Ph.D.

- **Afrobeats, Hip Hop, and Reggae: As Influential Racial Instruments to Social Movements That Help to Shape Policies Globally**. Invited to present on November 13, 2025, in the "Fall 2025 360: Race, Culture and Film" class with Prof. Ana Isabel Simon Alegre.

- ***The DR Congo Mineral Exploitation (Cobalt): The Paradox of a Wealthy Nation***. Invited for a presentation on April 17, 2024, by Hofstra University's Center for Civic Engagement, for 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, 23rd of October 2018.

- **Godlove Aka, Binda** (2015). *An Update of the Commonwealth Students' Association (CSA) Africa Region*. 1st Africa Region Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting (1st ARCYMM) in Yaounde, 8th -10th 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, 17th -24th of August 2014.

RESEARCH PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:

- Informal Authority and Public Health Enforcement: A Comparative Analysis of Urban and Rural COVID-19 Responses in Cameroon. Co-Author: Tapang, I.
- "Reciprocal Relationships between Congressional Consensus and Political Polarization in the United States Congress".
- "Period Poverty in New York Colleges: Education, Access, Equity and Mental Health Perspectives". Co-Authors: Murdakhayev, E. & Akilov, D.
- Medicaid Expansion and Access to Physicians: A Demographic Analysis by Race, Age Groups, States, Gender, and County Types.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

- International Society of Global Health, 2024 – Present, Member.
- Health Systems Global (HSG), June 2026 – 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:

School/Department:

- Member, CAS Academic Affairs, Adelphi University, May 2023 - present.
- Advisor of Departmental Club (POLIR Club), March 2026 - Present.
- Member, The Washington Center (TWC) Committee, 10/2022 – Present.
- Department Awards Committee, 02/2023 – Present.
- Advisor of 15 to 25 students (Fall 2025 – Present), Fall 2023 to Present

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

Events:

- **"Issues emergence & the 2024 presidential election: A healthcare perspective",** A paper presented at the ***Post-Election Analysis*** event organized by the Adelphi University Department of Political Science and International Relations, November 13, 2024.
- **"Policy priorities and decisiveness: the 2024 presidential election & the new Gen Z voting power",** September 30, 2024. A paper presented at the ***Election Prep*** event organized by the Adelphi University Department of Political Science and International Relations.
- Representative of the Department of Political Science and International Relations at the "Fall Open House" where I met with prospective students/accepted students and markets my department and the university. November 16, 2024.
- Coordinator, "Public Problems and Policy Alternatives" with New York Assemblyman Ed Ra as Guest Speaker, Department of Political Science and International Relations, September 27, 2023.
- Recruiter, Sacred Heart Academy Major Night (Worked on a table with a staff person from admissions), April 18, 2023.
- Coordinator, Marketing Yourself in the Job Market: Your Health, Educational Level, Experience and Network. Department of Political Science and International Relations, March 23, 2023.

- Representative of the Department of Political Science and International Relations at the "Accepted Students Day" event of March 4, 2023
- Coordinator, Understanding the U.S. Health Policy – The Big Picture. Adelphi University Campus event, October 11, 2022.

Work with Students Outside the Classroom:

- Honors Thesis Reader to Troy Cofie (Spring 2026)
- Honors Thesis Advisor to Amber Wilkins (May 2023- May 2024)
- Member, Adelphi University Senate Student Life Committee, 2025 – Present.
- Advisor, College Republicans, Adelphi University, 01/2023 – 2025.
- Mentor, Adelphi University Scholarship and Creative Works Conference April 28, 2026.
- Mentor, Adelphi University Scholarship and Creative Works Conference April 2025.
- Mentor, Adelphi University Scholarship and Creative Works Conference April 16, 2024.
- Mentor, Adelphi University Scholarship and Creative Works Conference 2023.

MEDIA:

Publication Citations:

- My published article on "*Period Poverty in the United States of America: A Socio-Economic Policy Analysis*" was citied in "DOI: 10.1177/15409996261449999" (*American Medical Women's Association Position Statement on Period Poverty: Advancing Menstrual Equity Through Health Coverage Reform*) and in "DOI: 10.1177/17455057261430205" (*Measuring menstrual hygiene in high-income countries: A scoping review*).
- My work "Human Relations Approach of Management: An Assessment of Organizational Leadership in Dealing with Informal Work Groups" was cited in "DOI: 10.1080/15256480.2024.2342477" (*Can Informal Communication and Sense of Belonging Motivate and Retain Hospitality Employees? Informal Groups' Role*).

Interviews:

- Adelphi Faculty Research Magazine 2026; I was interviewed on my work "*Period Poverty in the United States of America: A Socio-Economic Policy Analysis*" on the theme titled ***The Issue Affecting 500 Million Women That Nobody Talks About***, where I provided insight about the research and the way forward.
- Adelphi University Media Outreach 2024; I was interviewed on the theme "Gen Z's Impact on the 2024 Presidential Election (Adelphi Votes)". https://www.instagram.com/reel/DBjmC47Od7G/.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- Member, Scholarship and Education Committee, Christ First Presbyterian Church, Hempstead, NY, June 2025 – Present. I assess students for scholarships and provide career guidance to young students.
- **Hope Day 2026 Event**; Participated as a health advocate who sensitized and encouraged participants to go and take vital signs with volunteer nurses. Christ First Presbyterian Church, Hempstead, NY, June 6, 2026.
- **Hope Day 2025 Event**; Participated as a health advocate who sensitized and encouraged participants to go and take vital signs with volunteer nurses. Christ First Presbyterian Church, Hempstead, NY, June 7, 2025.
- Founding Member, "Friends of Friends," where we provide solidarity support to Cameroonian refugees through 2026.

- Capital District Cameroonian Association of New York (CDCA-NY), 2022-2026: Membership Engagement to Advance the Ideals of the Organization.
- North-West Association of New York (NWA-NY) provides guidance on career paths for the Youth. April 2026 – Present.

WORKLOAD:

Adelphi Teaching Workload:

Fall 2026:

- POL 101-004 Introduction to the American Political System
- POL 362-001/390-050 Politics of Africa

Spring 2026:

- POL 429-001 Public Policy Seminar
- POL 101-004 Introduction to the American Political System
- POL 210-001 S/T: Global Health Policy

Fall 2025:

- POL 215/210-001 U.S. Health Policy
- POL 101-002 Introduction to the American Political System
- POL 101-001 Introduction to the American Political System
- POL 492-002 Internship in Political Science

Spring 2025:

- POL 215/210-001 U.S. Health Policy
- POL 101-001 Introduction to the American Political System
- POL 101-002 Introduction to the American Political System
- POL 337-002 Washington Semester Internship
- POL 338-002 Washington Semester Seminar
- POL 339-002 Washington Semester Directed Research

Fall 2024:

- POL 200-001 Public Policy: Theory and Issues
- POL 101 -001 Introduction to the American Political System
- POL 492-002 Internship in Political Science

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

Spring 2023:

- POL 215/210-001 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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- The American Political Science Association (APSA) Mentoring Program, Spring 2026.
- 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.
- Participant, (APPAM) **virtual conference on People and Places: Inequality, Migration, Place-Based Economic Development,** and Equity, March 27, 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.
- **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.

Curriculum vitae last updated October 2026.