

CURRICULUM VITAE

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LANGUAGES: English, French

THEMATIC EXPERTISE: Agriculture, food systems, mixed methods

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: West and East Africa

OVERVIEW

My research focuses on food systems and human-environment interactions, specialising in using mixed methods in rural and urban African environments. Policy, community and stakeholder engagement are central to my research approach.

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2019 – PRESENT	Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, UK Leading and conducting project research, leading and contributing to funding proposals, teaching and supervising postgraduate students.
2017 – 2019	Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute of Development Studies, UK Research, proposal development, postgraduate student supervision.
2013 – 2017	Postdoctoral researcher, Göttingen University, Germany Research and project management, course design and delivery (CAQDAS and anthropology of Food), PhD student supervision.
2012 – 2013	Researcher, Kingston University, UK Interview data and CAQDAS-based analysis, conference organisation.
2012 – 2013	Research Consultant, This is Rubbish, UK Qualitative methodology design and research leadership.
2011 – 2013	Undergraduate Geography Tutor, King's College London, UK
2012 – 2012	Researcher, University for Development Studies, Ghana Designed and led mixed-methods project on maize production and fertiliser credit, edited Harmattan School conference proceedings and published online.
2009 – 2013	UKRC funded PhD researcher, King's College London, UK Alongside research, led agricultural training workshops for farmers, coordinated 2 teams of filmmakers and NGO staff to produce 4 disseminatory videos and 3 pamphlets.
2007 – 2013	Farm youth worker, Vauxhall City Farm, London
2006 – 2006	Youth agriculture scheme manager, Kumasi Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Ghana
2001 – 2012	Play worker, Wandsworth Council Play Services, UK

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2011 - 2013	Post Graduate Certificate in Academic Practice King's Learning Institute, UK
2009 - 2013	PhD Agricultural Geography King's College London, UK
2008 - 2009	MRes Geography King's College London, UK
2001 - 2005	BSc Environmental Science University of East Anglia, UK
2000 - 2001	BTEC Fine Art Camberwell College of Art, UK

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2020 – 2021** **Shaping policy processes through citizen voice in Francophone West Africa: the arts as a vehicle for citizen-research-policy collaboration, Funder: AHRC (PI)**
Project lead and main author on policy papers on role of culture in citizen voice.
- 2020 – 2027** **Action on Children’s Harmful Work in African Agriculture, Funder: DFID**
Field work and lead author of background papers.
- 2018 – 2021** **Supporting transformative adaptation and building equitable resilience to drought for sustainable development, Funder: ESRC**
Heading work package formulating policy outputs for South Africa and Kenya.
- 2019 – 2020** **Agricultural Policy Research in Africa, Funder: DFID**
Secondary research on social difference and agricultural commercialisation.
- 2018 – 2019** **Advocacy for Agroecology, Funder: Mercator Stiftung**
Conducted elite interviews, authored chapter on agricultural research investment.
- 2017 - 2020** **GroFutures, UPGro Programme, Funders: NERC, ESRC, DFID**
Working with hydrogeological modellers, collected and processed Rapid Rural Appraisal, survey and MultiCriteria Mapping data from Niger, Tanzania and Ethiopia, to propose and evaluate groundwater development pathways.
- 2017 - 2020** **Africa Groundwater Atlas, UPGro Programme, Funders: NERC, ESRC, DFID**
Market research; developed case studies, country profiles and statistics.
- 2013 - 2018** **UrbanFoodPlus, GlobE Programme, Funder: BMBF**
Managed social science subproject and budget, collected survey and ethnographic data on food systems in Bamenda, Tamale, Ouagadougou and Bamako. Managed stakeholder dialogue component, writing policy briefs and facilitating workshops.
- 2013 - 2013** **Sustainable Communities, Energy Programme, Funder: ESRC**
Collected in-depth interviews on community energy activism within a participatory project.
- 2012 - 2013** **CHARM, Digital Economies Programme, Funder: EPSRC**
Analysed and reported on in-depth interviews on home energy use using Atlas.ti.
- 2012 - 2013** **Industry Food Waste Audit Proposal, Funder: Esmee Fairbairn Foundation**
Designed qualitative methodology, trained team on data collection and NVivo analysis.
- 2009 - 2013** **PhD Research, Funder: ESRC**
Participatory research into factors influencing soil management and uptake of composting, and effects on plant health and yield and soil quality.
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PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

Journal articles

- Karg, H., [Bellwood-Howard, I.](#), Akoto-Danso, E. K., Schlesinger, J., Chagomoka, T. and Drescher, A. 2019 Small town agricultural markets in Northern Ghana and their connection to rural and urban transformation. *European Journal of Development Research* 31:1, 95-117
- [Bellwood-Howard, I.](#) and Alidu, A-F. 2018 Agricultural knowledge networks in Northern Ghana. *International Journal of the Sociology of Agriculture and Food*. 24:2, 155-173
- Nchanji, E. and [Bellwood-Howard, I.](#) 2018 Governance in Urban and Peri-urban Vegetable farming in Tamale, Northern Ghana. *Land Use Policy* 73, 205-214
- Steiner, C., [Bellwood-Howard, I.](#), Häring, V., Tonkudor, K., Addai, F., Atiah, K., Abubakari, A. H., Kranjac-Berisavljevic, G., Marschner, B. and Buerkert, A. 2018 Participatory trials of on-farm biochar production and use in Tamale, Ghana. *Agronomy for Sustainable Development* 38:12, 1-10
- [Bellwood-Howard, I.](#), Shakya, M., Korbeogo, G. and Schlesinger, J. 2018 The role of backyard farms in two West African urban landscapes. *Landscape and Urban Planning* 170, 34-47
- [Bellwood-Howard, I.](#) 2017 West African market women negotiating productive and reproductive roles through time. *Agriculture for Development* 32, 39-43
- Okali, C. and [Bellwood-Howard, I.](#) 2017 Editorial. Special issue on Women in Agriculture. *Agriculture for Development* 32, 2-6

Nchanji, E., Bellwood-Howard, I., Schlesinger, J., Schareika, N., Drescher, A. and Glaser, R. 2017 Assessing the Sustainability of vegetable production practices in Northern Ghana. *International Journal of Agricultural Sustainability*. 15:3, 321-337

Adolwa, I., Schwarze, S., Bellwood-Howard, I., Schareika, N. and Buerkert, A. 2016 A comparative analysis of agricultural knowledge and innovation systems in Kenya and Ghana: sustainable agricultural intensification in the rural - urban interspace. *Agriculture and Human Values* 34:2, 453-472

Bellwood-Howard, I. and Al-hassan, S. 2016 Fertiliser credit and agroecological use of organic soil amendments in northern Ghana. *African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development* 16:2, 10787-10808

Bellwood-Howard, I. 2014 Smallholder perspectives on soil fertility management and markets in the African green revolution. *Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems* 38:6, 660-685

Djohy, G., Edja, A., Akponikpè, P., Olokesusi, F., Belem, M. and Bellwood-Howard, I. 2014 Cattle pastoralists' strategies to cope with water scarcity in climate change context in northern Benin, West Africa. *African Journal of Livestock Extension* 14, 21-30

Bellwood-Howard, I. 2013 Compost adoption in Northern Ghana. *International Journal of Sustainable Development and World Policy* 2:2, 15 - 32

Bellwood-Howard, I. 2012 Donkeys and bicycles: capital interactions facilitating timely compost application in Northern Ghana. *International Journal of Agricultural Sustainability* 10:4, 315-327

Bellwood-Howard, I. 2012 Reflections on teaching and learning scientific methods in the Ghanaian field and the English classroom. *School Science Review* 346, 85-91

Submitted and in preparation

Yang, A., Bellwood-Howard, I. and Lippe, M. Assessing social-ecological systems: addressing the temporal and spatial scale methodological dimensions. Submitted to *Ecology and Society*

Bellwood-Howard, I. Agencement of an informal West African vegetable market system: The importance of ecology and materiality. Submitted to *Economy and Society*

Bellwood-Howard, I., Ansah, I., Korbeogo, G. Donkoh, S. Gender and income in West African vegetable markets. In preparation for *Sex Roles*

Policy reports and working papers

Sy, M., Bellwood-Howard, I. and van Veenhuisen, R. 2016 Document d'orientation politique sur l'agriculture urbaine à Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (Göttingen/Leuven: UFP/RUAF)

Bellwood-Howard, I., Chimsi, E., Abdul-Ganiyu, S. and van Veenhuisen, R. 2015 Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture in Tamale: A Policy Narrative (Göttingen/Leuven: UFP/RUAF)

Bellwood-Howard, I., Häring, V., Karg, H., Roessler, R., Schlesinger, J. and Shakya, M. 2015 Characteristics of Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture in West Africa: Results of an Exploratory Survey conducted in Tamale (Ghana) and Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) IWMI Working Paper 163 (Colombo: International Water Management Institute)

Stewart, B., Shepherd, C., Bellwood-Howard, I. and Bowman, M. 2013 Counting What Matters: the report of the Industry Food Waste Audit Proposal (Bristol: This is Rubbish)

Book contributions

Bellwood-Howard, I. 2018 Backyard farms. pp. 30-31, and Marketing of leafy vegetables in Tamale, p. 56. In: Karg, H. and Drechsel, P. (Eds.) *Atlas of West African urban food systems: examples from Ghana and Burkina Faso*. (Colombo: IWMI)

Yang, A., Bellwood-Howard, I. and Lippe, M. 2018 Socioecological Systems and Forest Landscape Restoration. pp. 65-82. In: Mansourian, S. and Parrotta, J. *Forest Landscape Restoration: Integrated approaches to support effective implementation*. (London: Routledge)

Bellwood-Howard, I., Kranjac-Berisavljevic, G., Nchanji, E., Shakya, M. and van Veenhuisen, R. 2018 Participatory planning for food production at the city scale: experiences from a stakeholder dialogue process in Tamale, northern Ghana. pp. 292-311. In: Cabannes, Y. and Marocchino, C. (Eds.) *Integrating Food into Urban Planning*. (Rome/ London: FAO/Bartlett Development Planning Unit)

Bellwood-Howard, I. and Nchanji, E. 2017. Vegetable marketing in a northern Ghanaian city: Implications and trajectories. pp. 79-92. In: WinklerPrins, A. (Ed.) *Global Urban Agriculture: Convergence of Theory and Practice between North and South*. (Wallingford: CABI)

Nchanji, E. and Bellwood-Howard, I. 2016 Traditional provisioning responsibilities of women in northern Ghana. pp. 41-64. In: Segal, M. and Demos, V. (Eds.) *Gender and Food: From Production to Consumption and After*. (Advances in Gender Research, Volume 22) (Emerald Group Publishing)

Bellwood-Howard, I. 2014 Transporting agricultural inputs in northern Ghana. pp. 119-123. In: McLoughlin, A. and Lovelace, R. (Eds.) *Engineering in Development: Transport*. (EWB-UK)

GRANTS

- 2019 Principal Investigator in AHRC project 'Shaping policy processes through citizen voice in Francophone West Africa: the arts as a vehicle for knowledge co-construction'
- 2018 Volkswagen Foundation award to run 2019 proposal writing workshop
- 2017 RGS Research Group grant to hold Food Geographies Working Group writing workshop
- 2016 Contribution to American Association of Geographers meeting funded by German Academic Exchange Programme
- 2008 PhD research funded by a UK Research Council 1+3 grant

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Fellow of Royal Geographical Society - Committee member of Food Geographies Working Group