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Professor Ayee is the *author* of **seven** books and over 140 publications as articles, chapters in books and book reviews. They cover areas like policy implementation, decentralization, civil service, state enterprises, privatization, the ombudsman, public finance, human resource development, elections, code of ethics, co-production, the environment, governance, leadership and politics in Ghana. Some of the articles have appeared in journals such as *African Studies Review*, *African Affairs*, *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, *International Review of Administrative Sciences*, *Public Administration and Development*, *Democratization*, *Electoral Studies*, *Regional and Federal Studies*, *Development Policy Review*, *Regional Development Dialogue*, *African Journal of Political Science*, *African Journal of Public Administration and Management*, *African Administrative Studies* and *Africa Development*.

He has taught at both graduate and undergraduate levels and supervised over 40 graduate theses including 10 PhD theses. He has consulted for several international and local organizations.

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