

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Areas of Specialization

Education, Family and Consumer Sciences and Community Development

Research Interests

Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health Behaviour; HIV and AIDS and Community Development Studies

Education and Professional Qualifications

Doctor of Philosophy (Community Resource Management), Kenyatta University (2013). **Main course thrust:** Contemporary issues within the community in particular sexual and reproductive behavior of people living with HIV and AIDS focusing on prevention with positives (PwPs). Thesis on *“Predictors of Self-efficacy in HIV Prevention among People Living with HIV and AIDS in Thika District, Kiambu County, Kenya.”*

Masters of Science (Family and Consumer Science), Kenyatta University (2007). **Main course thrust:** Family dynamics and consumer issues that pertains to the family unit. Thesis on *“Factors associated with Reproductive Behavior of Low Income Mothers in Kiandutu Slum, Thika District, Kenya.”*

Bachelor of Education (Home Economics), Kenyatta University (1994), Second Class Honors, Upper Division). **Main course thrust:** Food, Nutrition & Dietetics, Consumer Studies, Clothing & Textile, Child Care and Home Management.

Employment History

KENYATTA UNIVERSITY-NAIROBI, September 2008 – To present

Position: Departmental Chairperson & Lecturer (Department of Community Resource Management & Extension).

Primary function

- Development of course content, delivering and assessing the students in various courses/units namely: Community Resource Management, Human Development across the Lifespan, Trends in Community Development, Community Development Planning, Youth and Development Programs, Community Outreach and Extension, Community Mobilization and Organization, Research Methods, Disaster Management and Mitigation, Resource Management for Rural Communities, Integrated Rural Development, Community Outreach Programs, Children in Need of Special Protection, Community Intervention Programs, Participatory Approaches, Management of Community Based Organizations, Community Nutrition and Food Security, Resource Management for Urban Communities, Communities with Special Needs, Aging and Social Welfare Services, Family Health, Families with Special Needs, Community Development Theories, Community Based Project Design, Food Security and Community Health and Project Funding and Grant Management.
- Developing e-tivity modules for online teaching
- Supervision of post-graduate students for thesis development.
- Supervision of undergraduate students for project development
- Reviewing research proposals for post-graduate students.
- Examining thesis for post graduate students
- Board member of post-graduate student’s thesis examination as a senate representative/examiner.
- Chairing Board of Examination for postgraduate thesis examination
- Supervising under-graduate students on attachment/practicum and those on teaching practice in the School of Education.

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- Assistant Patron of Community Resource Management Club
 - Appraising of Community Resource Management BSc., and MSc. programmes and recommending necessary changes
 - Developed PhD Curriculum in Community Resource Management
 - Developed Diploma Program in Community Resource Management
 - Departmental coordinator, Board of Postgraduate Studies
 - Departmental Coordinator, Quality Management Systems
 - Departmental coordinator of Finance and Income Generation
 - Department Coordinator of KUSA Sponsored Projects
 - Member, School Board of Postgraduate Studies
 - Member, School Quality Management Systems Committee
 - Staff Mentor in Kenyatta University Staff-Student Mentoring Programme
 - Administrative duties: Chairperson of the Department of Community Resource Management & Extension
 - Administrative duties: Chairperson of the Department of Population Reproductive Health and Community Resource Management.

JOMO KENYATTA UNIVERSITY of AGRICULTURE and TECHNOLOGY - KAREN, June 2008- October 2008.

Lecturer [Part Time], Department of Business Information Technology.

Primary function

- Development of course content, delivering and assessing the students in Marketing and Entrepreneurship skills course.

GRETSA UNIVERSITY – THIKA, May 2008 – December 2008

Lecturer [Part Time], Department of Hospitality

Primary function

- Development of course content, delivering and assessing the students in various units/courses namely HIV/AIDS and Drug Education and Nutrition and Human Health.

ELTENG ENTERPRISES LIMITED- NAIROBI, August 2008 – September 2009. Operations Manager [Contract],

Primary function/ Experience gained:

- Recruitment and selection of employees.
- Preparation of job descriptions of employees.
- Orientation and training of new employees.
- Administration of all employees related issues-Staff Welfare
- Counseling of employees.
- Day-to-day running of the business in areas of procurement, production, warehousing and distribution of the product.

TEACHERS SERVICE COMMISSION, July 1994 – March 2009

Teacher, Head of Home Economics Department

Primary functions:

- Development of course content, delivering and assessing the students in various subjects namely Home-science, Business Studies, Social Ethics Education and Geography.
- Identification of the needy students for sponsorship
- Management of Home science Laboratory
- Procurement of Home science materials
- Invigilation of National examinations-Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education and supervision of Kenya Certificate of Primary Education

Experience gained

- Team leadership and coordination of team members within the department.
- Career mentoring/ guidance and counseling
- Spiritual nourishment of students and colleagues
- Communication skills.
- Organizational skills.
- Interpersonal skills

Major Achievements:

- During my tenure Home science and Social Ethics and Education subjects were awarded various certificates of merit in Gatundu Division and Thika District.
- Was a role model to the students.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES IN REFERRED JOURNALS

- Lucy W. Ngige, Michael Mbito & **Kieru N. Jane** (2020). Perceptions of parenting behaviours and adolescent self-esteem outcomes in Kenya. *EAS Journal of Humanities and Cultural Studies*. <https://www.easpublisher.com/easjhcs>, Vol. 2 Issue 2 Mar-Apr 2020. Online ISSN: 2663-6751, Print ISSN: 2663-1865 Doi:10.36349/EASJHCS:2020.V02I02.006
- Lucy W. Ngige & **Kieru N. Jane** (2020). Socio-cultural barriers to prevention of HIV and AIDS among HIV sero positive adults in Kenya. *EAS Journal of Humanities and Cultural Studies*. <https://www.easpublisher.com/easjhcs>, Vol.2 Issue 1 Jan-Feb 2020. Online ISSN: 2663-6743, Print ISSN: 2663-0958 Doi:10.36349/EASJHCS:2020.V02I01.07
- Mburung'a S.M., Nderitu A. W. & **Kieru J. N.** (2017). Influence of grant financing on sustainability of community water projects in Kieni Constituency, Nyeri County, Kenya. *International Journal of Innovative Research and Knowledge*. http://ijirk.com/archive_v2:5issue.php, vol 2 issue 5, May 2017 Online ISSN: 2213-1356
- Mburung'a S.M., Nderitu A. W. & **Kieru J. N.** (2017). Influence of water tariffs on sustainability of community water projects in Kieni Constituency, Nyeri County, Kenya. *Global Scholastic Research Journal of Multidisciplinary*. <http://globalscholarsticresearch.org/may2017.aspx>, vol-3 issue-3 (April-May 2017) Online ISSN: 2349-9397
- Kathuri-Ogola L., VanLeeuwen, C., Kabaria-Muriithi J., Weeks L. E., **Kieru J.** & Ndayala P. (2015). Supervision challenges encountered during Kenyan university students' practicum attachment. *Journal of Education and Practice*. www.iiste.org vol. 6, No. 17, 2015:ISSN 2222-1735 (paper) ISSN 2222-288X (Online)
- **Kieru J. N.**, Ngige L.W. & Alice N. Ondigi A.N. (2015). Factors associated with reproductive behavior of low income mothers in Kiandutu slum in Thika Municipality, Kenya. *Journal of Asian Social Science; Canadian Center of Science and Education* Vol. 11 No. 24 2015 Doi: 10.5539/ass.v11n24p350. ISSN1911-2017; E-ISSN 1911-2025

BOOK CHAPTERS

- **Kieru, J.N.** & Ngige L.W. (2015). Social- cultural barriers to the prevention of HIV and AIDS in the context of gender based violence in Kiambu County, Kenya. In Mwaura P. (Ed). *Gender-based violence: Multicultural Perspectives*: Kenyatta University Press. In Press.

RESEARCH

2015: An end-line survey on outcome measurement on sexual and reproductive health of the youth for Access Services & Knowledge and Unite for Body Rights Programmes

2014-2015: An Operational Research on feasibility of using telemedicine or the toll free line to increase uptake of sexual and reproductive health information among 10-24 year olds in Kisumu County for Access Services & Knowledge and Unite for Body Rights Programmes.

2011-2015: An Evidence-Based Approach to Enhancing Kenyan University Student Training and Preparation for Professional Practice in Kenya. A Joint Research between Kenyatta University and University of Prince Edward Island-Part of Kenyatta University Team.

2010-2013: PhD research on “Self-efficacy in HIV Prevention among People Living with HIV and AIDS in Thika District, Kiambu Conuty, Kenya: A Case of Prevention with Positives”. A thesis submitted for the award of Doctor of Philosophy in Community Resource Management of Kenyatta University.

2004-2007: “Selected Factors Associated with Reproductive Behaviour among Low Income Mothers in Kiandutu Slum, Thika District, Kenya”. A thesis submitted for the award of Master of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences of Kenyatta University.

PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE OF CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS

2015: Facilitated a workshop on Policy Communication and Advocacy based on a research on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of the youths for Access Services & Knowledge and Unite for Body Rights Programmes held from 24th- 26th November 2015 at Grace House, Nairobi, Kenya.

2015: Participated in a workshop in training research assistants on end-line outcome measurements tools on impact of uptake of sexual and reproductive health information from among the youths on 9th -11th July, 2015 at Kisumu, Kenya.

2015: Participated in an International Operational Research Symposium on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of the youths for Access Services & Knowledge and Unite for Body Rights Programmes held at Royal City Hotel, Kisumu, Kenya from 26th -29th May 2015 and hosted by Great Lakes University of Kisumu

2015: Attended a workshop on dissemination of Operation Research findings for Access Services & Knowledge and Unite for Body Rights Programmes on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of the youths held from 13th-17th April 2015 at Heron Portico Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.

2014: Participated in a workshop in training research assistants on Operational Research tools on uptake of sexual and reproductive health information of the youths for Access Services & Knowledge and Unite for Body Rights Programmes in October 2014 at Kisumu, Kenya.

2014: Attended a workshop held at University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, Canada on 21st-25th July, 2014 and trained on Qualitative Analysis using Nvivo Programme

2014: Attended Faculty Development Summer Institute Conference and trained on Active Learning held from 29th July-1st August 2014 at Stanley Bridge Country Resort, Charlottetown, Canada.

2012: Presented a paper in Gender Based Violence Conference held from 1st-3rd August, 2012 at Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Kenya.

2010: Presented a paper in First Pan-African Family Strengths International Conference held from 20th

-24th July 2010 at the North Coast Beach Hotel in Mombasa, Kenya.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Presented findings at the International Symposium for Operational Research on Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights for Access Services & Knowledge and Unite for Body Rights Programmes at Kisumu, Kenya hosted by Great Lakes University of Kisumu from 26th -29th May, 2015: *Feasibility of using telemedicine or the toll free line to increase uptake of sexual and reproductive health information among 10-24 year olds in Kisumu County.*

A paper presented at University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown in Canada on 24th July, 2014: *“Barriers to Self-efficacy in HIV Prevention among People Living with HIV and AIDS in Thika District, Kiambu County, Kenya.”*

A paper presented at the Gender Based Violence Conference held from 1st-3rd August, 2012 at Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Kenya. *“Socio-cultural Barriers to HIV Prevention in the Context of Gender-Based Violence among People Living with HIV and AIDS in Thika District, Kiambu County, Kenya”.*

A paper presented at the first Pan-African Family Strengths International Conference at the north coast beach hotel in Mombasa, Kenya on 20th -24th July, 2010. *“Selected Factors Associated with Reproductive Behaviour among Low Income Mothers in Kiandutu Slum, Thika District, Kenya”.*

JOURNAL ARTICLE PEER REVIEWER

July 2015: Reviewed a paper for Journal of Arts and Humanities on “Access to reproductive health service information among the youth in Korogocho slums, Nairobi, Kenya by Omweno Lucy.

Submission URL:

<http://www.theartsjournal.org/index.php/site/reviewer/submission/680?key=xVe495ix>

PERTINENT INFORMATION

- Chairperson of the department of Population Reproductive Health and Community Resource Management from October 2018- To Present.
- Chairperson of the department of Community Resource Management and Extension from July 2016- September 2018.
- Acting Dean, School of Applied Human Sciences from 29th August – 7th September, 2016 and 18th – 21st December, 2017.
- Acting Chairperson of the department of Community Resource Management and Extension
- Involved in developing a curriculum for a Doctor of Philosophy programme in the department of Community Resource Management and Extension at Kenyatta University (March 2016-2019).
- Involved in reviewing the Bachelor and Masters curricula in the department of Community Resource Management and Extension
- Student Mentor in Kenyatta University staff-student mentoring program.

COMMUNITY WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Member, Christian Education Committee at Presbyterian Church of East Africa- Ridges Congregation (2020 January- To date).
- Chairperson, Christian Education Committee at Presbyterian Church of East Africa- Ridges Congregation (2015 - 2019).
- Secretary, Christian Education Committee at Presbyterian Church of East Africa- Kamiti Parish Level (2017 to 2019)
- Youth Mentor, Presbyterian Church of East Africa- Ridges Congregation (Ongoing).
- Volunteer work with PLWHA in two support groups within Thika District, Kenya on imparting

knowledge on issues on sexual and reproductive health behavior (2008-2012).

- A volunteer with a Children's Home in Thika District- Ruiru. A Home for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) due to HIV/AIDS related deaths of parents (1998-2002).

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS HELD TO DATE

1. Chairperson, Department of Population Reproductive Health and Community Resource Management (September 2018-To date)
2. Chairperson, Department of Community Resource Management & Extension (July, 2016-September 2018)
3. Acting Dean, School of Applied Human Sciences:
 - 9th -22nd April 2018
 - 29th August-7th September 2016
 - 18th – 21st December 2017.
4. Acting Chairperson, Department of Community Resource Management and Extension:
 - 10th November 2014- 20th March 2015
 - 2nd – 16th May 2013
 - 12th-30th November 2012
 - 30th May-25th June 2012
 - 8th April –20th May 2011
5. Departmental Co-ordinator, Board of Post Graduate Studies Committee (2010 to 2016).
6. Departmental Co-ordinator, Quality Management Systems Committee (September 2011 to 2016)
7. Departmental Representative, Directorate of Community Outreach (May 2013 to 2014).
8. Departmental Coordinator, Finance Income Generation Committee (July 2016 to September 2018)
9. Departmental Coordinator, KUSA Sponsored Project Committee (July 2016 to September 2018)

Referees

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