

CURRICULUM VITAE KAKAI PIUS WANYONYI

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

1.0 IDENTIFICATION

- 1.1 SEX: Male
- 1.2 NATIONALITY: Kenyan
- 1.3 DATE OF BIRTH: 1958
- 1.4 MARITAL STATUS: Married

2.0 CONTACT

2.1 CURRENT ADDRESS: Kenyatta University
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Studies, P.O Box 43844-00100
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B. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

2000 : Ph.D , Kenyatta University
Thesis: 'History of Inter-ethnic Relations in Bungoma, Mt. Elgon and Trans
Nzoia
Districts, 1875-1997.'

1993: M.A. (History), Kenyatta University
'Social Concepts and Change in the Initiation Rituals of the Abatachoni: A
Historical Study

1980-1984: B.Ed. Honours (History, Literature and Education) at University of
Nairobi.

1978-1979: EAACE (History, Literature and Geography) at Friends School,
Kamusinga.

1974 – 1977: EACE, First Division with 18 points at Ndivisi Secondary School.

1966 – 1973: CPE – 35 points, at Lugusi Primary School.

C. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2015- Present: External Examiner at:

- a. University of Nairobi in the Department of History and Archeology.
- b. University of Eldoret, in the Department of Social Sciences.

2015(November 17th & 18th): Trained as External Peer Reviewer for Commission for University Education.

2013 – Present: Chair, Departmental Postgraduate Studies Committee.

2008 – 2013 : Chair, Departmental Curriculum Committee and Departmental Representative to the School of Humanities and Social Science Curriculum Committee.

2012 – 2015 Member of Academic Committee of Institute of African Studies of Kenyatta University.

2011(June)-2011(September): Participated in Joint Drafting Workshops For Credit Accumulation And Transfer System(CATS) for B.ED Programme sponsored by Commission For Higher Education

2006-2010: External Examiner in the Department of History and Archaeology at the University of Nairobi.

2006-2008: External Examiner, Marist International Centre (M.I.C.) in Karen.

July 19, 2005-Dec 14, 2007: Chair, Department of History, Archaeology and Political Studies, Kenyatta University

June 2004 to July 2006: Secretary, Historical Association of Kenya (HAK)

2003-2004: External Examiner, Marist International Centre(MIC) in Karen.

Jan. – May 30th, 2004: Ag. Chair, Department of History, Archaeology and Political Studies

Jan., 16, 2002 – present: Senior Lecturer in the Department of History, Archaeology and Political Studies

Subjects, which I have taught, include: Sources of African History, Survey of World History, Imperialism and Nationalism in Africa and The Third World; USSR (at external Degree Programme – University of Nairobi), Philosophy of History; Methods of Historical Research, Historiography, The African Child in History, History of Political Processes in Africa, History of International Relations, Ethnicity and Conflict in History, African Intellectual History, Political Parties and Interest Groups, World Civilizations, History of Men and Women, History of Kenya, History of the USA in the 20th Century, History of Policy Processes in Africa.

Jan., 1997 – Jan., 15, 2002: Lecturer in the Department of History.

May 30th-June 16th 2001: Ag. Chair, History Department, Kenyatta University.

December 2000: Ag. Chair, History Department, Kenyatta University.

2003-2004: External Examiner, Marist International Centre(MIC)

May 2001-June 2003: Faculty of Arts Senate Representative

March 2000: Participated in Quality Control among Kenyatta University Students taking B.Ed degrees in the University's School of Continuing Education Programme.

March 1999-2002: Departmental representative on the Faculty of Arts Postgraduates Studies Committee.

March 1999-2002: Departmental representative in the faculty of Arts Postgraduates Studies Committee.

July 1998- Present: Supervision of BA Dissertations, M.A and Ph.D Theses.

July 1997- February,2002: Secretary of Kenya American Studies Association

1995-June 1997: Committee Member of Kenya American Studies Association (KAMESA).

1993-Jan., 1997: Tutorial Fellow, History Department, Kenyatta University.

March, 1994: Supervised student teachers in Bungoma? Busia area during their Teaching Practice

1990-1993 (October) Graduate Assistant in History Department, Kenyatta University

1989: Head of English Department, Nangina Girls High School.

1986 – 1992: KCE/KCSE Examiner in Literature in English.

1986 – 1989: An In-servicing Tutor of English Language/Literature in Western Province under British Council Sponsorship in conjunction with the Ministry of Education.

1984 – 1989: Graduate Teacher at Nangina Girls High School.

Subjects – English Language and Literature, and History at both 'O' and 'A' levels.

Post- Graduate Supervion

M.A. Theses

1) Leah Wambura K

'The role of The United Nations High Commission For Refugees(UNHCR) in dealing with refugees in Kenya, 1960 – 1999'

December 2001.

- 2) Samuel O. Okuro,
‘Impact of Colonial Socio-Economic Policies And Practice To female Household In Kenya: The case of Kombewa Division, Kisumu’
December 2001.
- 3) Lubanda N. B. Eliud
‘A History Of Voting Patterns In Kenya’s Elections: The study of Aldai Constituency in South Nandi District’
May 2009
- 4) Wamalwa Juma Chemiati
‘Third Party Intervention In Conflict Management: The Kenya led Inter-Governmental Authority On Development(IGAD) Process And The Sudanese Conflict’
October 2013.
- 5) Esther Lokwei Lokiyo,
‘Trans Border Conflict Between The Turukana And Pokot In Kainuk And Alale Divisions, Kenya; 1995-2013’
November 2014
- 6) Veronica Kimani,
‘The Transformation of Circumcision and Masculinity Among the Agikuyu of Kiambu, 1945-2008’
March 2015
- 7) Vengi Ambrose Kimanathi,
‘The Akamba Land Tenure System And Its Impact On Women’s Land Ownership in Masinga Division, 1895-2010’
January 2016.
- 8) Omwenga Mwoyenche, H
‘Cross-Border Conflicts Between the Kipsigis and Abagusii of Kenya, 1963-2002’
November 2016.
- 9) Elijah Wasike,
‘Alienation of Abashitaho’s Land Rights, 1920-1963’
January 2019.

MA Projects

- 1) Migiro G Ombasa
‘Impacts of Cattle Rustling on Security: A Case Study of Kacheliba Division, West Pokot County, 1963-2008
May 2013’

- 2) Simon K Cherutich
‘Elderhood in Ethnic Conflict Management in Rongai Nakuru County, Kenya, 1992-2015
November 2016
- 3) Ingoyi E. Amukaka
‘The Role of Ethnicity in Electoral Violence. A Case of 2007/2008 Post Election Violence
in Nakuru Municipality of Nakuru County-Kenya
September 2015
- 4) Kyany’a Bernadette W(M.A),
‘Youth Peace Building Initiatives In Kamukunji Constituency’ Nairobi County: 2008-
2013’
April 2015
- 5) Onyango Evans Odhiambo,
‘The Impact of United States Agency For International Development On Democracy In
Kenya, 1990-2014’
May 2015.
- 6) Shitemi Baron Khamadi,
‘The Role of Media In Conflict Situations in Kenya: A case of the Tana Delta Conflict.’
April 2015

Ph D Theses

- 1) Lomoywar Korir M
‘Transformation of Cattle Rastling in West Pokot County, Kenya: 1895-2000
July 2018
- 2) John A Okoboi,
‘The Genesis, Development and Impact of Cattle Rustling in Teso Sub-Region, 1600 to
2001: A Case of Katakwi District, Uganda’
June 2016
- 3) Francis M. Muchoki,
‘The Changing Trends of Politics in Central Kenya and Their effects At The Local and
National Levels, 1960 – 2007’
May 2012
- 4) Yokana Ogola,
‘Chiefs And Local Government Administration In West Budama County In Uganda
During The Colonial Period, 1900-1962.’
June 2015

Awards and Grants

- 1) May 2008: Received Kenyatta University Certificate of recognition after the University’s
attainment of First Position in Performance Contracting(State Corporation) 2006/2007 cycle.
- 2) 2002: Won a Codesria Research Grant on the African Child.

- 3) 1997: Received from the Deans Committee a PhD Research Grant.
- 4) 1997: Won a Codesria Research Grant on Globalization and Social Policy in Africa.
- 5) 1995: Won a Codesria Research Grant on Institute of Governance Based at Dakar, Senegal
- 6) 1990: Received M.A. Research Grant from the Deans' Committee.
- 7) 1990: Received Certificate of Academic Excellence from Busia District Education Board.

D. RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2017-Present: Role of international and regional bodies in monitoring of elections in Kenya

2015-Present: African Historiography In the 20th Century.

2012-2014: Religion and Politics in Kenya

2010-2011: The Nature and Conflict in E.A region

2008 – 2009: Colonial Administration and the Decolonization Era in Africa.

2006 – 2007: Democratisation and Constitutionalism in Kenya: 1945-2007.

2004 – Present: Ethnicity and Politics.

2002: The Child and Conflict Management

2001-2002(Feb): Researched with five other researchers, I worked on a research project whose theme was Ethnicity, Community Relations and Civil Society in a Democratizing Kenya: Perspectives from a New Generation.

1995 – Dec., 1999: Investigated Inter-Ethnic relations in Bungoma, Mt. Elgon and Trans-Nzoia District. This was part of my PhD research undertaking titled: 'History of Inter-Ethnic Relations in Bungoma, Mt. Elgon, and Trans-Nzoia Districts: 1875 – 1997'.

1997-June 1999: Research on a project entitled 'Globalization and Social Policy' which is CODESRIA sponsored. My paper is on the significance of Harambee initiative in Kenya's Social Policy.

1994: Research on the history and contribution of Nangina Family Helper Project to Development of the people in its vicinity.

1992 – 1993: Research on ‘US/Kenya Cultural and Educational Relations’, and on Kenya party politics to 1945’.

1991 – 1992: Researched on initiation rituals among the Abatachoni.

E. PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. Co-authored with S.A. Nyanhoga, F.M. Muchoki(Phd Student) and S.W. Mwangi. Constitutionalism and Democratisation in Kenya: 1945-2007, Nairobi, CUEA, 2008.

Articles in books

1. ‘The Paradox Of Development In Kenya: Focus on Webuye Pan African Paper Mills’ in eds. Amutabi,M.N & Hamasi L.Africa And Competing Discourse On Development.CUEA and AISA.2016
2. ‘Politics in Post-Independent Zimbabwe: From Optimism to Disillusionment’ co-authored with Felix Kiruthu and Peter Wekesa, in ed Amutabi,M.N. Studies In Culture and Education In Africa. Nairobi, CUEA, 2013
3. ‘Historicizing Negative Ethnicity In Kenya’ in eds Mbugua wa Muigai and George Ciona, (Re)Membering Kenya, Nairobi, Twaweza Communications, 2010
4. ‘The Colonial Administration’ co-authored with Otieno I Oduor(MA Student) in Nyanhoga et al. Governance In Africa: Historical And Contemporary Perspectives,Nairobi,CUEA Press, 2010
5. ‘Africa’s Decolonisation Era: 1945-1960s co-authored with Otieno I Oduor(MA Student) in Nyanhoga et al Governance In Africa: Historical And Contemporary Perspectives,Nairobi,CUEA Press, 2010
6. . ‘Harambee-Self Help in Kenya: An Interplay Between the Local and Global, in eds. Tade Aina et al, Globalization and Social Policy in Africa, Dakar, Codesria, 2001
7. . ‘The Impact of Ethnic Conflicts on Local Government and Democratization in Africa: The Case of Western Kenya’ in eds. Abdalla Bujra and Said Adejumobi, Breaking Barriers, Creating New Hopes Addis Ababa, Development Policy Management Forum 2002.
8. Historical Significance Contained in Naming In Trans-African Journal of History Vol 25 1996.(Gideon S.Were Press,1998)
9. . ‘A Historical Reflection on Electoral Process in Post-Colonial Africa’ In Oyin

Ogunba (ed) Governance and the Electoral Process: Nigeria and United States of America. (Lagos: ASAN, 1997).

10. 'The Notion of Self-Colonization: Is it an Appropriate Solution in the 21 Century?'
In CODESRIA BULLETIN NO.1 1996
11. . 'Cultural Aspects and Social Integration: A Study of Tachoni Initiation ritual Ideas.
In Transafrican Journal of History Vol. 24, 1995.
12. Co-authored a module on 'Sources of African History' used by Open Learning Students of Kenyatta University.

Book Review Articles

1. Journal of Third World Studies Vol.XVII No 2,2000
2. CHEMICHEMI: International Journal of Arts and Social Sciences Vol. 1, December 1999.
3. Journal of Third World Studies Vol.IV No. 1, 1997.
4. Journal of Third World Studies: Vol.XIII No. 2: Fall 1996.
5. Journal of Third World Studies: Spring 1996.
6. Journal of Third World Studies: Fall, 1995

Articles to the Press

- 1993: 'Transition Hampered by Inflammatory Talk', Kenya Times 30th May.
: 'Asians: A History Lesson', Kenya Times 13th August.
: 'Promoting Ethnic Unity', The Weekly Review 2nd July

F. SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2016(June 23-25th) 'The Paradox Of Development: The Story Of Webuye Pan African Paper Mills' A Paper Presented at the Third Annual Interdisciplinary Conference Held At Multimedia University Kenya.
- 2015(November 6th): 'Schools of African Historiography In the 20th Century'. A paper presented at Centre For African Studies of Shanghai Normal University, China.
- 2012: 'Reflections About Religious Mobility And Political Party Support In Independent Kenya' A Paper presented on April 26th at a workshop co-sponsored by IFRA and CUEA between April 24 – 26th, 2012.
- 2010: 'Nature And Causes of Conflict in East African Region' A paper presented at the IPSC Programme for Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Course at Karen on Dec 6th 2010

- 2009: 'Constitutionalism and the Democratisation in the Two East African countries' A Paper presented to the Historical Association of Kenya held between 23-25 July at Catholic University of East Africa
- 2007: 'Constraints to Constitutionalism and Democratisation in Kenya, Presented at Catholic University of Eastern Africa in February.
- 2006: 'Negotiating Citizenship by Two Autobiographers' Presented at the HAK Conference at USIU in July.
- 2004: 'Ethnicity and Politics' Presented at the Historical Association of Kenya held at Lake Baringo Club between June 10-12, 2004.
- 2002: 'J. William Fulbright and the Politics of Vision' presented at KAMESA organized 7th East Africa-America Conference held at Egerton University, Njoro.
- 2001: 'A Comparative view of Three Holidays: Martin King Jr., Kenyatta and Moi. At KAMESA Talks on Black History Month in Nairobi.
- 1999: Ethnicity, Democratisation and Governance Among Abaluyia, 1960-1988.
- 1998: The Significance of Harambee Self-Help in Bungoma District of Kenya: 1950s to 1990s'. A Paper presented at the CODESRIA's 9th General Assembly held in Dakar between December 14th-20th.
- 1997: Africa's Elder Tradition As Vehicles of our Cultural Gifts' A paper presented at Kenyatta University Cultural Week Seminar.
- : 'New Attitudes in Conflict Resolutions in Africa' A paper presented at the 6th Regional American Studies in Eastern Africa held in July 1997 at Egerton University.
- 'Harambee Self-Help in Kenya' a paper presented at CODESRIA's Methodological Workshop held in Abidjan, Cote d'ivoire in October 1997.
- 1996: 'The Impact of Ethnic Conflicts on Local Governance and Democratization in Western Kenya' (A paper written in fulfillment of a proposal discussed at CODESRIA Institute of Democratic Governance held between 1st August and 14th September 1995 in Dakar, Senegal).
- 'Historical significance contained in naming' presented at Kenyatta University Cultural Week held in March 1996.
- A Historical Reflection on the Electoral Process of Post-Colonial Africa'. A Paper presented to the 5th American Studies Conference of the American Studies Association of Nigeria (ASAN) in March 1996.

1995: 'Ethnic Conflicts and Their Impact on Local Governance and Democratisation in Western Kenya'. A Paper presented during the CODESRIA Institute on Democratic Governance held between 1st August to 15th September 1995 at Dakar, Senegal.

1993: 'US/Kenya Cultural and Educational Relations in the Last Thirty Years' (Presented at the Fourth Eastern African Colloquium in July, 18-23).

1992: 'Movement of Ideas Embodied in Nyayoism: A Link with the Pre-Colonial Past' (Presented at Silver Sea Lodge in Mombasa).

'Party Politics Before 1945' (Presented at a Seminar in Kisumu's Hotel Royale, 1992)

G. NON-ACADEMIC INTERESTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

July 2010 – Present: Chairman B.O.G Lugusi Secondary School.

2006-2009: Member of B.O.G. Friends Secondary School, Dandora.

2001: Attended a Workshop on Structuring A Successful Association which was sponsored by Public Affairs Section of US Embassy in Nairobi between 1-3 August.

H. PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Historical Association of Kenya (HAK)

Association of Third World Studies (ATWS)

Kenya American Studies Association (KAMESA)