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EDUCATION

- Ph.D University of Bielefeld, School of Public Health, May 2015
Major area: Experiences and Definitions of Health and Illness, Qualitative Research Methods, Public Health, Evidence-based Interventions.
Dissertation Title: *Illness Experiences of People Living with HIV in Kenya: A Case Study of Kisumu County*. Chair: Prof. Dr. Alexander Krämer
- M.A. Kenyatta University, Department of Sociology, October 2005
Thesis Title: *Preferences and Utilization of Health Care Services among Slum Residents in Kenya: A Case of Mathare Valley*, Supervisor: Prof. Paul P. W. Achola
- B.A. Kenyatta University, Faculty of Arts, October 1997
Major subjects: Sociology & Religious Studies,
Minor: Philosophy, communication skills, development studies.
- Languages English,
German,
Swahili, Dholuo

SPECIALIZATION & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medical Sociology; Sociology of Health and Illness; Qualitative Health and Social Research Methods; Philosophy of Social Sciences; Health Systems Research; Monitoring and Evaluation; Evidence-Based Interventions, Early Childhood Development; Health Seeking Behaviour; HIV Prevention with Young People; Parent-Child Interaction Processes; Livelihoods.

SCHOLASTIC HONOURS AND AWARDS

- 2012: Doctoral Scholarship, Sponsor: Kenyan-German Postgraduate Training Programme (NACOSTI & DAAD): PI: George Evans Owino
- 2000: Masters Postgraduate Scholarship
Sponsor: Kenyatta University; PI: George Evans Owino.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Lecturer Kenyatta University, Department of Sociology, 2015-to present.
- Adjunct Lecturer University of Bielefeld, International Programmes (2013/2014).
- Doctoral Fellow Department of Public Health Medicine, University of Bielefeld, 2012-2015
- Tutorial Fellow Department of Sociology, Kenyatta University: 2010 – 2015
- Assistant Lecturer Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Maseno University, 2008-2010

OTHER POSITIONS

- Behaviour Change Officer Adventist Development & Relief Agency, 2005 –2008
Coordinated project implementation in Homabay, Suba, Kisumu, Siaya and Bondo Districts.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

1. Owino, G. E. (2017) *Meanings of a Positive Diagnosis among People Living with HIV in Kenya: Findings from a Phenomenological Study*. A Seminar Presentation at the University of Helsinki, 19th September, 2017 in Helsinki, Finland.
2. **Owino, G.E.** and Wairimu, A. K. (2015), *From Diagnosis to Adaptation: How Social Definitions of Health and Well-Being Influence the Experiences of People Living with HIV in Kenya*; a research paper accepted for the International Conference on Governance of Public Health in Africa, 19th-20th November, 2015 in Dakar, Senegal.

3. **Owino, G.E.** (2015), *Diagnosis and Biographical Outcomes: A Phenomenology of Life with HIV in western Kenya*; a research paper presented at the *First Global Conference on Patient-Centered Care* held at Kenyatta University from 29th Sept. to 2nd October. 2015.
4. **Owino, G. E.** (2013), *Illness Experiences of People Living with HIV in Kenya: A Case Study of Kisumu County*; a paper presented at an International Workshop at the Centre for Development Research, Bonn Germany, May 2013.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT LOCAL SEMINARS & MEETINGS

1. **Owino, G.E.** (2015), *Illness Experiences of People Living with HIV in Kenya: A Case Study of Kisumu County*; research findings presented at the Department of Sociology Kenyatta University, August 2015.
2. **Owino, G. E.** (2005), *Preferences and Utilization of Health Care Services among Slum Residents in Kenya: A Case of Mathare Valley*, Thesis Defence, Graduate School, Kenyatta University, July 2005.
3. **Owino, G. E.** (2003), *Preferences and Utilization of Health Care Services among Slum Residents in Kenya: A Case of Mathare Valley*, a Masters proposal defence, Board of Postgraduate Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kenyatta University, 2003.
4. **Owino, G. E.** (2002), *Preferences and Utilization of Health Care Services among Slum Residents in Kenya: A Case of Mathare Valley*, Postgraduate Research Seminar, Department of Sociology, Kenyatta University, 2002.

PUBLICATIONS

Lindland, E., Mwoma, T., **Owino, G. E.**, Ngutu, M., Okeng'o L. and Nelima, D. (2018) *Expanding the Basics: Mapping the Gaps between Expert, Decision-Maker, and Public Understandings of Early Childhood Development in Kenya*. Washington D.C.: A Research Report published by Frameworks Institute, USA.

Owino, G.E. (2015), *Illness Experiences of People Living with HIV in Kenya: A Case Study of Kisumu County*. Published Ph.D. Dissertation. University of Bielefeld Library: Bielefeld.

Maina, W. M., and **Owino, G.** (2011) *Empowering Farmers and Farmer Organizations for Greater Participation and Prosperity in the Western Kenya Sugar Belt.* In Waswa, F., Netondo, G. W., Maina, L.W., and Naisiko, T (Ed.) (2011) *Commercial Sugarcane Farming*

Maina, L., Oto, S., and **Owino, G.** (2006), *Gender and Environment*. Pp. 142-157 in Fuchaka W., S. Otor and Mugendi, D. 2006. *Environment and Sustainable Development: A Guide for Tertiary Education in Kenya*. Vol 1. Nairobi: Downtown Printing Works Limited.

RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS & CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE

Research Team Member: Building Higher Education and Research Capacity to address the physical activity and nutrition transition in Kenya: the Kenya-Finland education and research alliance (KENFIN-EDURA) 2017-2020. *Funded by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland.*

Research Consultant: Cultural Models Research, May 2017 – March 2018
Organizations: UNICEF, Frameworks Institute (US) & African Early Childhood Network (AfECN)
Project: Kenya Reframing ECD

Coordinator Baseline Survey, January-March 2017
Organization: Wana Wetu Africa
Project: Early Childhood Health, Protection & Development: Feasibility Study in Nairobi Urban Informal Settlements

Lead Consultant: Baseline Survey, August - September 2011
Organization: Christian Aid
Project: *PPA Health Programme*. Involved conducting KAP survey on malaria, HIV, tuberculosis and sanitation.

Consultant: Mid Term Review, November-December 2010
Organization: Christian Aid
Project: *Filling the Gaps (FTG): Maximizing the Effectiveness of Existing Art, Care and Support Programmes for People with HIV.*

Lead Consultant: Baseline Survey, February 2010
Organization: Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA-Kenya).
Project: *Kyuso Water and Sanitation Improvement*. Involved KAP on sanitation and basic health information.

Researcher Mid-Term Evaluation, September –October, 2009
Organization: John Snow Inc., AIDSTAR-One Project.
Project: *Food-By-Prescription (FBP) Program in Kenya*, (AED).

Co-Evaluation Expert End-Term Evaluation, 1st -19th June, 2009;

Organization: French Embassy, Nairobi.
Project: *Financial Support to Kogelo Kalanya Primary School.*

Co-Facilitator/Trainer Training of Staff as Trainers of Facilitators (TOF) ADRA Kenya, Aug-Sep 2009

Organization: Adventist Development & Relief Agency, Kisumu
Project: *Abstinence and Behaviour Change for Youth (ABY) Project.*

OTHER ASSIGNMENTS

Volunteer Pan-African Family Strengths International Conference, June-July 2010
Organizer: Kenyatta University, at the North Coast Beach Hotel, Mombasa.

Research Assistant Changing Nature of Doctoral Programmes in Sub-Saharan Africa, May-June 2010: PI: Prof. Olive Mugenda
Organization: International Association of Universities

Research Assistant African Media Development Initiative Research (Kenya), April-May 2006
Country Principal Researcher: Dr. Lucy Maina: Organization: BBC

Research Assistant Creating a database of all research done in Kenya, July-Sep 2004
Principal Researcher: Dr. Lucy Maina
Organization: National Council for Science and Technology

Field Worker Observing the 2002 General Elections in Kenya, Nov 2002 – Feb 2003
Organization: United Nations Volunteers (UNV).

Field Assistant Assisting graduate students, May-July 2002
Organization: MIASMU Program (Tangaza College).

RELEVANT TRAININGS AND SHORT COURSES

Cultural Models Trained in collecting qualitative data focussed on generating cultural models as a both a data collection and analysis technology: May 29th -2nd June, 2017. Organization: Frameworks Institute, USA and African Early Childhood Network (AfECN).

Epidemiology Summer School- Infectious Disease Epidemiology: Concepts, Methods, Mathematical Models and Public Health, Sept. 9th -13th 2013
Organization: School of Public Health, University of Bielefeld, Germany.

Evaluation	Training-action in Evaluation, June 1 st – 19 th 2009 Organization: French Embassy and Executed by the CIEDEL and ACORD.
Sexual Inequalities	Training of Trainers Course on sexual exploitation and abuse, March 26-27, 2008 Organizations: UNICEF, UNFPA and UNHCR (Kisumu Hotel).
GBV	Training of Trainers Course on Gender Based Violence, March 03-04, 2008 Organizations: GTZ and UNHCR.
Security & Safety	Training on security of Non-Governmental Organizations, June 10-14, 2007 Organization: Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA) International.
Training Facilitators	2-week in-house Trainer of Facilitators (TOF) Course, February 2007 (Kisumu, Organization: Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA) Kenya.
Behaviour Change	Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) training, Nov-Dec 2006 Kisumu, Organization: Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA) Kenya.
Partnership Processes	Training in Partnership Processes and Monitoring & Evaluation, August 2005 Organization: Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA) Kenya.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Choir Director	Nairobi Seventh-day Adventist Church (Jan. 2018- Dec. 2019)
Member	Seminars, Publications, Training and Consultancies and Library Committees, Kenyatta University, Kitui Campus.
Member	Seventh-day Adventist Church, Nairobi South, Elder's Council.
Head Trainer	Seventh-day Adventist Church Nairobi South Choir (Jan. 2016-Dec. 2017)

SUPERVISION OF POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS (MASTERS)

Samwel Onger N.	Q57/CTY/PT/24159/2013 Topic: Assessment of Household Solid Waste Management in Kiganjo Area, Thika, Kiambu County. Status: Data Collection.
Hellen Nyambura Mwangi	Q139/CTY/PT/27692/2013 Topic: Prevalence and risk factors of syphilis infection among men who sex with other men in Nairobi. Status: Data Collection.
Mbingo Nickson Ngao	C159/CTY/PT/29306/2014 Topic: Criminal Gangs and Community Development in Eastlands Nairobi: A Case of Dandora. Status: Proposal Development.
Jumbe Brown	C159/CTY/PT/29619/2014 Topic: Causes and Effects of Organized Criminal Gangs on Security in Kisumu Kenya. Status: Proposal Development.
Francis O. Odhiambo	C159/CTY/PT/33276/2014 Topic: Effects of Cybercrimes on Online Banking at Equity Bank, Westlands Branch, Nairobi, Kenya. Status: Proposal Development.
Suleiman Ahmed	C50F/33346/2014 Topic: An Assessment of the Effects of HIV/AIDS on Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Bauchi Metropolitan, Nigeria. Status: Proposal Development.

SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Research skills	Social impact assessment operations research, project evaluation, situation analyses, PRAs, RRAs and implementation research, in-depth interviews, focus group discussions; well versed with social science research process.
Data Analysis	Qualitative and quantitative analysis software including SPSS, STATA, MAXQDA, Dedoose and Transana.
Computer skills	Knowledgeable and experienced in Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Office and reference management software including Citavi and Endnote.
Teamwork	Ability to work in multicultural environments and in teams as well as ability to work independently, meet deadlines and multi-task.
Facilitation skills	Trainings of trainers (TOT) and facilitators (TOF).

Evaluations Research	Evaluation including mid-term and end-term evaluations. Project planning, proposal writing, community organizing and development; Project Strategy development/Strategic planning.
Behaviour change	Behaviour change communication including IEC messages and materials development, radio programme development and evaluation of behaviour change communication programmes.
Capacity building	CBOs and FBOs in financial management, planning, documentation and report writing.

REFEREES

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