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TITLE/QUALIFICATIONS

- PhD Kenyatta University, 2002
- Masters of Arts (MA) in Religious Studies, University of Nairobi, 1986
- Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) Arts, Second Class Honors, Upper Division, university of Nairobi 1979

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<p>POSITION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Professor, • Former Director of the Center for Gender Equity and Empowerment, Kenyatta University 2010-2016
<p>AREA OF SPECIALIZATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African Christianity- History and Theology; New Religious Movements
<p>AREA OF INTEREST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Religious Education • Church History • Mission Studies • Gender and Theology • Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity in Africa • African Instituted Churches • African Women’s Theology • Religion and Health
<p>PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Association for Mission Studies (IAMS) • Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT) • Ecumenical Symposium of Eastern Africa Theologians (ESEAT) • African Association for the Study of Religion (AASR) • Association of East Africa Study of Religions (AEASR)
<p>GRANTS AND CONSULTANCIES</p> <p>(a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -2017-2018; Received grant together with others to conduct a research on “100 years of Gender Equality Journey, 1910-2010”, from Center for Women Studies, University of Nairobi. • January 2014; together with others won a grant from Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) to coordinate research on, “Developing/Adapting a School Based Dating Violence Prevention and Intervention in Nairobi Kenya”. • CODESSREA 2013 Competitive Research Network Competition (with others), Topic, “Religion, Spirituality and Power in Kenya and Uganda” • German Bishops Conference grant for study of the “Status and Roles of Women in the Catholic Church in Kenya’ • Currents in World Christianity 2001 grant competition, research topic. Gendered Appropriation of Mass Media in Kenyan Christianity: A Comparison of Two Women Led Churches in Nairobi • <p>(b) Consultancies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant for the Project” Engaging Africa”, Organized by Nagel Institute Calvin College USA and Funded by John Templeton Foundation 2013-2017 • Consultant and member Advisory Board for the Study of African Catholicism, 2014-2017, De Paul University, Chicago USA

- Consultant and Board Member of the Dictionary for African Christian Biography, coordinated from the Center for World Christianity, University of Boston, USA.
- Consultant for the proposed Riara University, in Curriculum Development, July-December 2010
- Consultant for the Mid Term Evaluation of the Child Rights in School Improvement Program (CRiSIP) in Western Kenya. Evaluation funded by ETC Crystal Consultancy Firm, Netherlands
- Consultant for the Civic Driven Change Project, funded by Dutch NGOs; Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands January –August 2008
- Consultant in developing a Training Manual on Abstinence and Behavior Change for Youth, for primary and secondary schools, for the Kenya Episcopal Conference August – September 2005.
- Consultant and co-author of a Gender training manual for CARITAS, Kenya Episcopal Conference 2001 – 2002.
- Consultant on Engendering the Curriculum in Primary and Secondary Education, a UNICEF/WORLD BANK and Ministry of Education / Government of Kenya, Project, January – March 1998.
- Consultant in Research for the Developing a gender mainstreaming tool for learning materials and teaching in Primary and Secondary Schools in Kenya, for Forum of African Women Educationalists July to October 1997

PUBLICATIONS

(a) Refereed Journals

2015; The Catholic Church and Schools In Kenya: A Historical Perspective on Education for Holistic Development, Part II, International Journal of African Catholicism, Fall 2015, and Vol. 8. (3) (With Beatrice W. Churu)

2014; “The Circle of Concerned African Women “Theologians and their Engagement in Public Theology in Journal of the Center for Women Studies University of Nairobi, Vol.1

2012; “Concept of Basic Human Rights in African Independent Pentecostal Church of Africa and Jesus is Alive Ministries”, in Journal of World Christianity vol. 5 no. 1 2 pp 9-42.

2012; “African Christianity and Culture: The Role of Women in the Church”. International Journal of African Catholicism, Winter-www.saintleo/IJAC.

2012“The Catholic Church and Schools in Kenya: A Historical Perspective on Education for Holistic Development. Part I: From the Colonial period to Foundations of an Education Dispensation for Independent Kenya”, International Journal of

African Catholicism, summer 2012 Vol. 3. (2). (With Beatrice Churu).

2010; Philomena N. Mwaura and Constansia Mumma-Martinon “Political Violence in Kenya and Local Churches Responses: The Case of the 2007 Post-Election Crisis”, in *The Review of Faith and International affairs* vol. 8 no. 1 pp 39-46.

2010; “God in the City”: Pentecostalism as an Urban Phenomenon in Kenya”, in *Studia Historiae Ecclesiasticae Journal of the Church History Society of Southern Africa*, 36. (2) 95-111 (With Damaris Parsiatau).

2010; “Regional Theological Associations and Theological Curriculum Development in East Africa: Challenges and Prospects”, *Missionalia* Vol. 38 (2) pp 248-258.

2009; “Human Identity and the Gospel of Reconciliation, Agenda for Mission Studies and Praxis in the 21st Century: An African Perspective,” *Mission Studies* Vol. 26, (1) pp. 17-30.

2009; “Stigmatization and Discrimination of HIV/AIDS Women in Kenya: A Violation of Human Rights and its Theological Implications,” in *Exchange: Journal of Missiological and Ecumenical Research*, Vol. 37 No.1, pp35-51.

2008, Philomena N. Mwaura and Nahashon W. Ndung’u (2008) “Persistence of Traditional Healing Features in the Africa Instituted Churches”, *Trinity Journal of Church and Theology* Volume XVI No. 2 July, pp 39-60.

2007; “Integrity of Mission in the Light of the Gospel: Bearing Witness of the Spirit among Africa’s Gospel Bearers” in *Mission Studies* Vol.24, No.2, pp 189-212.

2006; “The Anthropological Dimension of a Patient’s Treatment: a Response to Prof. Bernard Ugeux.” *International Review of Mission* Vol. 95 Nos. 376/377 2006 pp36-14.

2005; “A Spirituality Resistance and Hope: African Instituted Churches’ Response to Poverty” *Orita Ibadan Journal of Religious Studies* Vol. XXXVII June and December, 2005 pp 65-83.

2005; “Towards a Theology of Hope from a Holistic Perspective through Interfaith Dialogue: A Challenge for the Church in Africa.” *Voices from the Third world* Vol. XXVIII (2) December 2005 pp 153-168.

2005; “Proliferation of New Religious Movements in Africa: A Challenge to Ecumenism,” *Revitalizing Theological Thinking in Africa: The Ecumenical Movement at a Crossroad. Africa Challenge All Africa Journal of Theology* March Vol. (1) pp

2004; “Unsung Bearers of the Good News’, *Journal of African Christian Thought*” Vol. 7 (1) June 2004 pp 38-44.

2004; “Branded vit let vuur gerukt” Her ver haal van Margaret Wanjiru.” *Wereld En Zending* 33, (4) December, pp 35-49.

2004; “Abortion: A Religious Perspective.” *Orisun Journal of Religion and human Values*, Vol.2 &3, 2003/2004. Pp 156-182.

2003; “New Religious Movements: A Challenge to doing Theology in Africa,” *Trinity Journal of Theology and Church*, Vol.18 no. (3), July, pp.1-18.

2003; “A History of the Akurinu Churches with Particular Reference to the Holy Ghost Church of East Africa,” *Studia Historiae Ecclesiasticae*, vol. 29 (2) December. Pp 156-18.

2002; “Women in African Instituted Churches,” *African Christian Studies*, Vol 18 No 3, September pp 57 – 72.

- 2001;** “Theology in the African Instituted Churches,” *Hekima Review, Journal of Hekima College, the Jesuit School of Theology*, May No: 25, pp 84 – 98.
- 2001;** “Response to Prof. Pobe’s paper; Religion Faith and Healing’, in *International Review of Mission* Vol. Xc Nos., 356 / 357, pp 65 – 69.000;
- 2001,** “Reflecting Jesus Christ Crucified among Africans Cross-Bearers: An African Woman’s Perspective.” *Mission Studies*, Vol. XVII Nos 1/2, 33/34, pp 97 – 102.
- 2001;** “Religion, Health and Healing: The Role of Women Healers in African Instituted Churches with Particular Reference to Jerusalem Church of Christ,” *Journal of Constructive Theology*. Vol. 7 No. 2 December pp, 73 – 83.
- 1999;** “The Use of Power in African Instituted Churches,” *Wajibu Journal of Social and Religious Concerns*. Vol. 14, No. 3 pp 4 – 9.
- 1998;** “Empowerment of Women: The Role of the Church,” *Journal of African Christian Thought* Vol. No. 1 June, pp 28 – 35.

(b) Books

- 2018 (ongoing)** *Religion, Spirituality and Power in Kenya and Uganda*.
- 2016;** *Patterns of Urban Christianity in East Africa*, Nairobi: Acton Publishers (Ed with Steven O’Malley).
- 2008;** *HIV/AIDS, Women and Religion in Africa: Ethical and Theological Responses*, Pietermaritzburg: Cluster Publications. ISBN 978 1875053 698, (Eds with Teresia Hinga, Anne N. Kubai and Hazel Ayanga)
- 2005;** *Challenges and Prospects for the Church in Africa in the 21st Century*. Nairobi; Pauline’s Publishing house. (Ed with Nahashon W. Ndung’u).
- 2005;** *Theology in the Context of Globalization: African Women’s Response*. Nairobi, EATWOT, ISBN 9789966981653(Ed with Lilian D. Chirairo)

(c) Articles in Books

- 2018;** “Catholicism with a Difference: popular Catholicism in Kenya”;
- 2018;** “Spiritual Warfare and Healing in Kenyan Pentecostalism”, in Stan Ilo (ed) *Fire From Heaven: Pentecostalism, Catholicism and the Spirit World*. Wipf and Stock.
- 2015;** “The Gospel of the Family: From Africa to the World”, in A.E. Orobator (eds.) *The Church we Want: African Catholics Look to Vatican III*. New York: Maryk2015,
- 2014;** “How Africa are Instituted Churches: Ecclesiology of Africa Instituted Churches” in Agbokhianmeghe, E. A. Orobator (ed.) *The Church We Want: Foundations of Theology and Mission of the Church in Africa: Conversions on Ecclesiology*. Nairobi: Pauline’s, 296-309
- 2014;** “Spiritually and Healing in African Indigenous Churches and Contemporary Society” in, Bediako M.G., Quarshie, B.Y And Asamoah-Gyau, J.K., *Seeing New Facets of the Diamond: Christianity as a Universal Faith Essays in Honour of Kwame Bediako*. Oxford: Regnum Publishers, 325-335.
- 2014;** “African Instituted Churches as Expressions of African Christianity”, in J.N.K Mugambi, Evaristi Magoti, C. (eds.), *Endless Quest: The Vocation of an African*

Christian Theologian, Essays in Honour of Laurenti Magesa, Nairobi: Acton Publishers. 247-272.

2014; “Christianity and other Religious with Particular Reference to African Religion and African Women’s Chrisologies” in, Markus Lubet, Roman Beck and Simon Neubert, *Christus und Die Religionen*, Regensburg: Verlag Pustet, 219-236.

2013; “The Socio-cultural Context in which Justice is sought in Africa”, in Orobator E.A., *Practicing Reconciliation, Doing Justice, and Building Peace: Conversations on Catholic Theological Ethics in Africa*. Nairobi: Pauline’s. Pp75-81.

2012; “Woman Lost in the Global Maze; Women in East Africa under Globalization” in McLintock, F. M., and Briggs, S. *The Oxford Handbook of Feminist Theology*. Oxford University Press pp 250-279, ISBN 978-0-19-9273388

2011; “Practices for Sustaining Revitalization in Local Communities: Perspectives from Africa”, in O’Malley J. Steve (ed.) *Interpretive Trends in Christian Revitalization for Early Twenty First Century*, Lexington Kentucky: Emeth Press, pp 177-183, 978-1-60947-018-0.

2010; “African Instituted Churches and Women in Urban Kenya”, Chinwe M.A. Nwoye (eds.), *Urban Ministry in Africa: Theological Reflections for the 21st Century*, Nairobi: Pauline’s, pp. 86-100, ISBN, 9966-08-549-1.

2010; “Christian Identity and Ethnicity in Africa: Reflections on the Gospel of Reconciliation”, Diane Stinton (ed.) *African Theology on the Way: Current Conversations*. London: SPCK pp. 128-138. ISBN 978-0-281-06251-5

2010; “Mission as Service of Justice, Peace in the Church in Africa”. Joshva Raja, Val Ogden, George Wauchope and Sumitra Fernando (eds.) *Towards A Reconstruction of Mission Stories: Building Communities of Peace and Hope*, New Delhi: ISPCK. pp 3-22. ISBN 978-81-8465-058-7.

2008; “The African Social and Religious Reality”, Getui, M.N.; Susin, L.C. and Churu, B.W. (eds.) *Spirituality for Another Possible World*. Nairobi: Twaweza Publications, pp 74-86. ISBN, 9966-7244-4-3.

2008; “The Role of Charismatic Christianity in Reshaping the Religious Scene in Africa: The Case of Kenya”, Afe Adogame, Roswith Gerloff and Klaus Hock (eds.) *Christianity in Africa and the African Diaspora: The Appropriation of a Scattered Heritage*. London: Continuum. Pp, ISBN, 981-1847-063-175.

2008; “Civic Driven Change: Spirituality, Religion and Faith”, Alan Fowler and Kees Biekart (eds.) *Civic Driven Change: Citizen’s Imagination in Action*, The Hague: Institute of Social Studies, pp. 51-65. ISBN 978-90-812200-3-3.

2008; “Gendered Appropriation of Mass Media in Kenyan Christianities: A Comparison of Two Women Led Churches in Nairobi”, in Ogbu U. Kalu and Alaine Low (eds.) *Interpreting Global Christianity: Global Processes and Local Identities*, Grand Rapids Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, pp. 274-295. ISBN, 978-0-8028-6242-6.

2008; “Violation of Human Rights of Kenyan Women with HIV/AIDS through Stigma and Discrimination”, in T.M. Hinga, A.N. Kubai, P.N. Mwaura and H. Ayanga (eds.) *Women, Religion and HIV/AIDS in Africa: Responding to Ethical and Theological Challenges*. Pietermaritzburg: Cluster Publications, pp. 126-143. ISBN

2008; “Nigerian Pentecostal Missionary Enterprise in Kenya: Taking the Cross Over”, in Stephen Spencer (ed.), *Mission and Migration*, Derby: Cliff College

Publishing. Pp53-77, ISBN, 978-1-898362-39-5.

2007; “Gender and Power in African Christianity: African Instituted Churches and Pentecostal Churches” in Ogbu U. Kalu (ed.) *African Christianity: An African Story*, Trenton New Jersey: Africa World Press, pp. 359-407. ISBN, 1-59221-581-5.

2007, “Religion and Leadership: A Challenge to Creation of a Just Society”, in Kimani Njogu (ed.) *Governance: Towards Quality Leadership in Kenya*. Nairobi: Twaweza Publications.

2006; “Ritual Healing and Redefinition of Individual Personality in African Instituted Churches in Kenya”. Adam K. arap Chepkwony (ed.) *Religion and Healing in Africa: Reflection for Theology in the 21st Century*. Nairobi, Pauline’s pp.64-81.

2005; “Women and Evangelization: A Challenge to the Church in the Third Millenium”, Ndung’u N.W. and Mwaura P.N. (eds.) *Challenges and Prospects for the Church in Africa in the 21st Century*. Nairobi: Pauline’s. pp, ISBN 9966-08-104-6.

2005; “Nigerian Pentecostal Missionary Enterprise in Kenya”, Korieh, C.J. And Ugo Nwokeji, (eds.) *Religion, History and Politics in Nigeria: Essays in Honour of Ogbu U. Kalu*. University press of America. pp. 270-289. ISBN, 0-7618-3140-1.

2005; “The Lives of Kenyan Women under Globalization”, in Mwaura P.N. and Chirairo L.D. (eds.) *Theology in the Context of Globalization: African Women’s Response*, Nairobi: Ecumenical Association of third World Theologians, (EATWOT) Women’s Commission. Pp. ISBN, 9966-9816-5-9.

2004; “African Instituted Churches and their Contribution to African Christianity”, Bediako K., Jansen M., Butselaar J.V. and Verburg A. (eds.) *A New Day Dawning, African Christians Living the Gospel. Essays in Honour of Hans Visser*. Uitgeverij Boekencentrum, Zoelmeer, pp.96-115. ISBN, 90 239 1790 1.

2004; “African Instituted Churches: A Perspective from Kenya”, Mugambi J.N.K. and Getui M.N. (eds.) *Religions in East Africa under Globalization*, Nairobi: Acton Publishers. pp 101-120. ISBN

2003; “Building a Culture of Peace through Reconciliation from an African Instituted Churches Perspective”, Getui, M. and Musyoni, W. (eds.) *Overcoming Violence: A Faith Based Approach*, Nairobi: National Council of Churches of Kenya. pp 87-108. ISBN 9966-9817-1-6.

2003; “Gender and the Reconstruction Process”, Anono, Temple, A.C. (ed.) *A Kairos Moment; We will Rise and Rebuild!* Nairobi: AACC. pp 32-44.

2003; “Impact of Emerging Expressions of Christianity in Africa on Women.” Anono, Temple A.C. (ed.) *Emerging Christian Expressions and Challenges of Christian Fundamentalism*. Nairobi: AACC Publications. pp 68-80.

2003; “Feminist Biblical Interpretation and Hermeneutics of Liberation: An African Women’s Perspective”, Sylvia Schroer and Sophia Bieternhard (eds.) *Feminist Biblical; Interpretation and Hermeneutics of Liberation*. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press. pp 77-85.

2002; “Cries of the Poor: Response of the Church in Africa,” in Peter Kanyandago (ed.) *Cries of the Poor in Africa: Questions and Responses for African Christianity* (Kampala: Marianum Press) pp 193 – 211. A Burning Stick Plucked Out of the Fire;

2002; The Story of Rev. Margaret Wanjiru of Jesus Is Alive Ministries,” Isabel A. Phiri et al (eds.) *Her – Stories: Hidden Histories of Women of Faith in Africa*, (Pietermaritzburg: Cluster Publications) pp, 202 – 224.

2001; “The Impact of Globalization on Women in Kenya,” Getui M. N. and Theuri M. (eds.) *Quest for Abundant Life in Africa*, Nairobi: Acton Publishers. 2001; “Perceptions of Healing and Health in African Instituted Churches” *Heilong in Mission Und Ukumene*. (Homburg: EMW, Weltmission Heute), pp 142 – 152.

2001; HIV/AIDS: A Facilitators Manual (Nairobi, Pauline’s). (Written together with others for the Education Department, Kenya Episcopal Conference).

2001; “The Old Testament in the Nabii Christian Church of Kenya,” Getui M. et al (eds.) *Interpreting the Old Testament in Africa*, (Nairobi: Acton Publishers), pp 165 – 2000; “Women in Kenya between Tradition and Modernity,” Fritz Frei (ed.) *Inkulturation Swizchen Tradition and Modernitat* (Universitatverlag Freiburg), pp 73-1999; “The Role of Women in the Democratization Process,” Magesa L. and Nthamburi Z. eds., *Democracy and Reconciliation: Challenging Essays in African Christianity*. (Nairobi: Acton Publishers), pp 50 – 72.

1997; “The Role of Women in the Democratization Process,” Kabira W. and Masheti M. eds., *Towards Gender Responsive Politics*. (Nairobi: Frederick Ebert Foundation and Collaborative Center for Gender and Development), pp 74 – 92.

1996; “Die Situation der Afrikanischen Frau am Beispiel Kenia,” *das Weibliche, Edith Stein Jahrbuch* (Echter: Wurburg), pp. 235 – 248.

1996; “Women’s Healing Roles in Traditional Gikuyu Society,” M.R.A Kanyoro and Njoroge J.N. eds.: *Groaning in Faith: African Women in the Household of God*. (Nairobi: Acton Publishers), pp 253 – 269.

1996; “Perceptions of Healing and Health in African Instituted Churches,” *Social Behavior and Health*. Monograph No. 3 June 1996. (Nairobi: University of Nairobi, Inter-faculty Collaboration Programme), pp 30 – 35.

1995; “Healing, a Pastoral Concern in African Christianity,” Waruta D. and Kinoti H. (eds.). *Pastoral Care in African Christianity*. (Nairobi: Acton Publishers) pp 62 – 86).

(d) Being invited to a Conference as Guest Speaker

20th-26th February 2018, Presented a paper on “Women, HIV/AIDS and Stigmatization, at the Consultation on Gender Inequalities and HIV and AIDS, the Institut Fur Weltkirche Und Mission, Frankfurt Germany.

11th October 2017 delivered a Plenary Speech on The Prophetic Role of the Church in addressing Challenges in Africa, at the headquarters of the Presbyterian Church of Rwanda in Kigali, Rwanda.

18th July 2017, Delivered a Paper on the state of Catholic Theology in Africa at the General Assembly of the International Network of Societies for Catholic Theology, at Dharmaram Theological College, Christ University, Bangalore, India.

29th April 2017, delivered a Paper on Lament and Compassion among African Women and Saints in Relation to Gender Based Violence at the Towards an Intrinsic Feminine Theology, Conference, Pontifical University Urbaniana, Rome

4th March 2017, Delivered a Key Note Speech on Pentecostal Theological Education in Africa: Challenges and Prospects, at a Conference Organized by the Association of Evangelical Theologians at Daystar University.

28th April 2016, Delivered a Plenary Paper at the Conference on, Towards an Intrinsic Feminine Theology, Pontifical University of Urbaniana, Rome entitled,

African Women at the Heart of Mission.

18th April 2016, Delivered a Plenary Paper at the Fire From Heaven: Pentecostalism, Catholicism and the Spirit World, De Paul University, Chicago, USA, entitled, Spiritual Warfare and Healing in Kenyan Pentecostalism.

May 2015; Delivered the Third Annual Hendrick Kraemer Public Lecture at Protestant Theological University, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Presented a paper entitled “Gender Empowerment in African Public Theology: The Case of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians.”

1st December 2010; Delivered the Mary Ward lecture at Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, University of Cambridge, UK on the Circle of African Women’s Theologians and its Engagement in Public Theology.

16th March 2010; Delivered a Public lecture at the Overseas Ministries Study Center, New Haven, Connecticut, USA entitled “Christian Identity and the Gospel of Reconciliation”.

16th – 23rd August 2008; 12th General Assembly of the International Association for Mission Studies, Balaton Fured Hotel, Hungary. Delivered the Presidential Speech; “Human Identity and Ethnicity in Africa: Reflections on the Gospel of Reconciliation”.

7th June 2008; Methodist World Mission Conference held at The Haynes Conference Center, Swanick, UK. Gave Key Note Address on; The Future of Christian Mission.

21st September 2007; Loreto Convent Valley Road prize Giving Day: Presided over the Prize Giving event and delivered a speech on Goal and Purpose of Education in the 21st Century.

2nd – 5th July 2007; British and Irish Association for Mission Studies Annual Conference on, Migration and Mission: Westminster College, University of Cambridge. Gave a Key Note Speech on Religion and Migration.

14th – 19th January 2007; Second World Forum on Theology and Liberation. Carmelite Centre, Nairobi. Gave a Plenary Speech on Theology for another Possible World.

26th – 30th July 2005; The Grail Women Spirituality Workshop, CYW Social Center, Gave the Key Note Address, Mwanza Tanzania on Violence Against Women: Pastoral Challenges.

4th – 6th November 2004; Kenya Medical Association Conference on Maternal Health and Safe Abortion; Pan Africa Hotel, Nairobi. Presented a Plenary Speech on Christian Perspectives on Abortion.

31st July – 7th August 2004; 11th Congress of the International Association for Mission Studies, Regency Hotel, Port Dickson, Malaysia. Presented a Plenary Speech on; The Integrity of Mission in the Light of the Gospel.

11th – 15th September 2003; Third international Interdisciplinary Conference on African Christianity in Europe at Hirschluch Conference Center, Berlin, Germany. Presented a Plenary Speech on Charismatic and the Changing Religious Landscape in Kenya.

(e) Presentation of Papers at Academic Conferences/Workshops/Seminars

16th to 18th July 2015, “The Gospel of the Family: From Africa to the World”, paper presented at the Third Theological Colloquium on Church, Religion and Society in Africa (TCCRSA), held at the Hekima Institute for Peace Studies and International Relations.

12th -13th March 2015; “Enhancing Excellence in Gender Equity and Inclusion across Resources and Institutional Policy Structures.” Paper presented at the Equality and Inclusion Development Agency Conference, Morendat Conference Center, Naivasha, Kenya.

26th-28th July 2014; “Women and political Leadership in Africa: Challenges and Prospects.” Paper presented at the Social Economic and Political forum Conference held at the Barcelona Hotel, Abuja, Nigeria.

6th – 8th August 2014; “How African are African Instituted Churches? Ecclesiology of African Instituted churches,” paper presented at the TCCRSA Second Colloquium held at the Hekima Institute for Peace Studies and international Relations, Nairobi,

12th – 16th October 2014,” “Gender Justice for Community Transformation”. Paper presented at the All African Theological Education by Extension Conference held at Churchill Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

24th – 26th September 2014. “Christianity and other Religions with Particular Reference to other Religions and African Women’s Christologies”, paper presented at the Christ and other Religions Conference held at the Institute for Global Church and Mission, Frankfurt Germany

6th – 8th August 2013. “The Laity in African Theology and Church,” paper presented at the Second TCCRSA Conference, held at Hekima Institute of Peace Studies and International Relations, Nairobi.

26th May - 9th June 2013; “Africa Moral and Values; “Prayers in the Africa context.” Papers presented at the All Africa Conference of Churches Theological Institute held at Gaggba National Seminary, Kampala, Uganda

22nd February 2013; “Gender Issues since Vatican II. The Missing Voices of Women in the Church in Africa.” Paper presented at the Tangaza University College Theology Week,

17th January 2013; “The Global Urban World and its Impact on Leadership and Ministry: the Case of Kenya. ’ Paper presented at the First Symposium on Women in Leadership and Ministry; City Seminary of New York,

23rd August 2012; “African Feminism and Development: A Critique of the Circle of Concerned African Women’s Theologians Engagement with Public Theology”, Paper presented at a Symposium on African Feminism held at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi..

21st to 22nd August 2012; “The African Context and the Church’s Pursuit of Justice”. Response to Peter Henriot’s paper on, “Justice as a Consequence of Love”, Paper presented at the First Bilingual Expert Seminar; Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church held at Hekima College, Nairobi,.

1st – 3rd August 2012. “Sex War and the Politics of Power in the Church: Towards a Reconstruction of Femininity”. Paper Presented in conjunction with Dr. Margaret Gecaga held at the International Conference on Gender Based Violence, Kenyatta University; Nairobi.

16th – 21st April 2012; “The Eucharist and Healing: An African Perspective”, Paper presented at the World Catholicism Week at the Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology, De Paul University, Chicago, USA.

22nd – 26th June 2011; “The Role of Women in Peace-building: An Indigenous African Religious Perspective”. Paper presented at the Peace-building in Society and Religion, International Symposium held on Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

4th to 5th March 2011, Nairobi. “Contextualization of Religious Studies Curriculum: Mainstreaming Values, Ethics and Morals in the Kenyan Education System”. Paper presented at Christ the Teacher Institute of Education Symposium Nairobi held at Tangaza College, Nairobi.

23rd to 28th July 2010; “Christian Identity and Ethnicity: Reflections on the Gospel of Reconciliation”. Paper presented at the Second conference of the Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church, held in Trento, Italy.

22nd -25th July 2010; “A Spirituality of Resistance and Hope: African Instituted Churches’ Response to Poverty”, Paper presented at the Politics, Poverty and Prayer: Global African Spiritualities and Social Transformation, Conference held at NEGEST, Nairobi.

2nd to 6th June 2010; “Mission in East Africa 1910-2010”. Paper presented at the Edinburgh 2010 Conference held on Edinburgh, UK.

1st to 2nd April 2010; “The Future of Mission in Africa: A Quest for Holistic Mission”. Paper presented at the MaryKnoll Conference on the Future of Mission in Africa, held AT Tangaza College, Nairobi.

20th March 2010; “Women in Mission in the Context of Socio-Economic and Ethnic Diversity in Nairobi, Kenya”. Paper presented at the Evangelical Missiological Society North East Region Annual Conference, Overseas Ministries Study Center. New Haven, USA.

18th-22nd August 2009; “Contribution of the Lay Faithful in a Christian way to the Evolving African Culture”. Paper presented at the International Federation of Catholic Action Conference. Dimese Sisters Conference Center, Karen, Nairobi.

22-26th June 2009; “A Survey of the Study of Religion and Theological Education in Kenya”. Paper presented at the Joint Conference of Academic Societies in the fields of Religion and Theology, held on at University of Stellenbosch, South Africa.

22-26th June 2009; “Regional Theological Associations and Theological Curriculum Development in Eastern Africa: Challenges and Prospects”. Paper presented at the Joint Conference of Academic Societies in the fields of Religion and Theology. University of Stellenbosch, South Africa.

26th-28th May 2009; “Perceptions of Mission in Women Led Charismatic Churches in Nairobi”. Paper presented at the Edinburgh 2010 East Africa Conference held on at the Carmelite Community Center.

19th-21st May 2009; “Spirituality and Healing in African Indigenous Spirituality and Contemporary Society”. Paper presented at African Spirituality Responding to Contemporary Challenges in Africa, Conference at Tangaza College, Nairobi.

13th-17th October; “Civic Driven Change: Spirituality, Religion and Faith”. Paper presented at the Civic Driven Change Conference held at the Institute of

Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands.

16th-23rd August 2008; “Christian Identity and the Gospel of Reconciliation: A Perspective from Africa”, Paper presented at The International Association for Mission Studies 12th General Assembly, held at Balantofured Hotel, Hungary.

6th-8th June 2008; “Reconstructing Mission: The Church in Africa in Service to Justice, Peace and Reconciliation”, Paper presented at the Methodist World Mission Conference, The Haynes Conference Center, Swanick, England.

15th-16th February 2008; “African Culture and Christianity: The Role of Women in the Church”, Paper presented at the Hekima College Theology Week, Hekima Jesuit School of Theology, Nairobi.

15th-19th October 2007; “Alternative Vision for Transformative Development: Perspectives from Christianity with Particular Reference to the New Christian Expressions in Africa”, Paper presented at the Conference on Transforming Development, held at Kontak der Kontinenten Conference Center, The Netherlands.

2nd-5th July 2007; “Taking the Cross Over: Nigerian Pentecostal Missionary Enterprise in Kenya”. Paper presented at the British and Irish Association for Mission Studies Annual Conference held at Westminster College, Cambridge, UK.

16th-19th January 2007; “The African Religious and Social Reality”. Paper presented at the World Forum on Theology and Liberation, held at Carmelite Centre, Nairobi Kenya.

8th-12th August 2006; “Tourist Evangelism: A Response to Professor J.N.K. Mugambi”. Paper presented at the All Africa Conference of Churches Consultation on “Strengthening Theological Thinking in Africa”. Silver Springs Hotel, Nairobi. 21st-28th July 2006; “Cultural Alternatives to Globalization: Perspectives from East Africa”. Paper presented at the Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians General Assembly, held on at Kempton Park, Johannesburg, South Africa.

25th-30th September 2005; “Response to Prof. Bernard Eguex: The Anthropological Dimension of the Patient’s Treatment”, Paper presented at the International Ecumenical Study Consultation on ‘The Global Health Situation and the Mission of the Church in the 21st Century’ held on at Christian Jensen Kolleg, Breklum, Germany.

8th -10th September 2005 “Religion and HIV/AIDS”, Paper presented at the International Conference on Religion, Human Rights and Development, Kontakt der Kontinenten, Soesterberg, Netherlands.

12th-14th May 2005; “The Impact of Religious Fundamentalism on Women’s Human Rights”, Paper presented at the International Conference on ‘Fundamentalism and Human Rights’, Montreal Canada.

24th-30th March 2005; “Ritual Healing and Reintegration of Individual Personality in African Instituted Churches”. Paper presented at the International Association for the History of Religious (IAHR) XIXth World Congress, Tokyo Japan.

28th February –5th March 2005; “Towards a Theology of Hope from a Holistic Perspective through Interfaith Dialogue”. Paper presented at the EATWOT Regional Conference held on at University of Ghana, Legon; Accra, Ghana.

4th-6th November 2004; “Religious Perspective on Abortion” Paper presented at the Kenya Medical Association Conference on Maternal Health and Safe Abortion held on at Pan Africa Hotel, Nairobi.

24th-28th October 2004; “Women and Religion in the Context of Globalization in East Africa”. Paper presented at the International Conference on the Oxford Handbook of Feminist Theology, held at Divinity School, Duke University, USA.

31st August –2nd September 2004; “Religion in our Lives: Reconciling the tensions”. Paper presented at the Countdown 2015, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for all: Global Roundtable in the International Conference on Population at Development held on at Queen Elizabeth II Conference Center, London, UK.

31st July – 7th August 2004; “Integrity of Mission in the Light of the Gospel: Bearing Witness of the Spirit among Africa’s gospel Bearers”, Paper presented at the International Association for Mission Studies General Assembly held on at the Regency Hotel, Port Dickson, Malaysia.

28th-30th June 2004; “Proliferation of New Religious Movement in Africa. A Challenge to Ecumenism”, paper presented at the Theological Consultation on ‘The Ecumenical Movement in Africa at the Crossroads’, held at the AACC Nairobi,

21st-26th September 2003; “Women, Religion and HIV/AIDS: the Impact of Conflict on Women’s Vulnerability to HIV/AIDS”, Paper presented at the 13th International Conference on HIV/AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA) held on at Six Eighty Hotel, Nairobi.

11th-15th September 2003; “The Role of Charismatic Christianity in Reshaping the Religious Scene in Africa: The Case of Kenya”, Paper presented at the Third International Interdisciplinary Conference on African Christianity in Europe held at Hirschluch Conference Center, Berlin Germany.

5th-12th August 2003; “Towards a Theology of Hope from an Interfaith Perspective”, Paper presented at the Second European Women’s Synod held at the Autonoma University, Barcelona, Spain.

21st-26th July 2003; “Gender and Power in African Christianity”, Paper presented at the Consultation on the African Christianity Project held on at University of Pretoria, South Africa.

8th-10th May 2003; “The Relevance of Regional Consultation on Religious Education”. Paper presented at the Africa Regional Conference on Christian Religious Education held at the Mary Ward Center, Nairobi.

19th-22nd February 2003; “Building a Culture of Peace through Reconciliation from an African Instituted Churches Perspective”, Paper presented at the NCKK Interfaith Consultation on Conflict Management and Peace Building held at KCB Management Center.

3rd-8th February 2003; “Perceptions of Women’s Rights in Christian New Religious Movements”, Paper presented at the African Women’s Sexual and Reproductive Health Conference held on at Glenburn Lodge, Johannesburg South Africa.

4th – 19th August 2002; “Violation of Women’s Rights through Stigma and Discrimination: A Theological Analysis, Paper presented at the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians International Conference on Women and

HIV/AIDS, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

5th – 12th July 2002; “Gender Dimensions of HIV/AIDS in Kenya and Prevention Strategies,” 13th International Conference on HIV/AIDS, Fila de Barcelona, Spain.

17th – 21st January 2002; “A Burning Stick Plucked out Of the Fire: The Life and Ministry of Rev. Margaret Wanjiru of Jesus is Alive Ministries,” Paper presented at a Conference organized by Commission on Biographies of Women of Faith, Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians at Omega Conference

24th – 8th September 2001; Center; Johannesburg, South Africa.

24th-28th September 2001; “The Impact of Emerging Christian Expressions on Women”, paper presented at the AACC Conference on Emerging Expressions of Christianity in Africa held at the Equatorial Hotel, Kampala, Uganda.

23rd July 2001; “Religion, Poverty and the African Instituted Churches,” paper presented at the International Consultation on Religion and Poverty held at Mary Ward Center, Nairobi.

2nd – 8th July 2001; “The Impact of Mass Media on African Christianity: A Case Study of two Women Led African Instituted Churches,” Paper presented at the Currents in World Christianity Conference held at the Hammanskraal Campus, University of Pretoria, South Africa.

17th – 25th April 2001; “The Position and Roles of Women in African Instituted Churches,” paper presented at the Consultation on the History of the World Christian Movement Project held at Pittsburgh, Theological Seminary, and USA.

18th-20th January 2001; “Theology in the African Instituted Churches,” Paper presented at the Theology Week of the Hekima College, Jesuit School of Theology Nairobi.

6th – 17th January 2001; “The Situation of Women in Church and Society: The Kenyan Context,” Paper presented at the International Consultation on “Gender issues in the Development Co-operation of the German Catholic Church” in Mainz, Germany.

18th 5th – 11th August 2000; “Women Evangelists and their Use of Mass Media in African Instituted Churches,” Paper presented at the International Association for the History of Religions, Quinquennials Conference held in Durban, South Africa.

26th – 31st July 2000; “Mainstreaming Gender in Theology: An African Woman’s Perspective,” paper presented at the EATWOT Theology Commission Conference at Willowpark Conference Center, Johannesburg, South Africa.

2nd – 7th July 2000; “Feminist Biblical Interpretation and Hermeneutics of Liberation: An African Women’s Perspective,” paper presented at the International Feminist Biblical Interpretation and Hermeneutics of Liberation, Conference held at Monte Verita, Ascona, Switzerland.

5th – 9th June 2000; “Response to John Pobee’s Paper, “Religion, Faith and Healing: Perspectives from Africa,” paper presented at the World Council of Churches Consultation on Religion, Faith and Healing held at the Missionsakademie, University of Homburg, Germany.

20th – 29th January 2000; “Reflecting Jesus Christ Crucified and Living in a Broken World: An African Woman’s Perspective,” paper presented at the 10th International Association for Mission Studies (IAMS) Conference at

Hammanskraal, Pretoria, South Africa.

14th – 17th October 1999; “The Old Testament in the Theology of African Instituted Churches,” paper presented at the International Conference on Africa and the Old Testament, held at Dimese Sisters Conference Center, Nairobi.

25th - 26th August 1999; “The Contribution of African Instituted Churches to Development,” paper presented at the EATWOT (Kenya) Annual Conference at Watakatifu Wote Center, Ngong, Kenya.

27th – 31st July 1999; “New Dimensions in African Instituted Churches: Perspectives from Kenya,” paper presented at the Africa Association or the Study of Religion (AASR) Conference at Amani Center Nairobi.

21st – 25th June 1999; “The impact of Structural Adjustment Programs on Women in Kenya”, Paper presented at the Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT) Women’s Commission Regional Conference at St. Lucia Conference Center Harare, Zimbabwe.

12th-15th march 1998; “Cries of the Poor: The Church’s Responses,” paper presented at the Ecumenical Symposium of Eastern African Theologians held at Bethany Center, Sagana, Kenya.

15th-20th September 1997; “Empowerment of Women: The Role of the Church.” Paper presented at the Africa Theological Fellowship (ATF) Continental Conference, held at the Akrofi-Christaller Memorial Center, Ghana.

30th June – 2nd July 1997; “Perceptions of Healing in Jerusalem Church of Christ.” Paper presented at the NERMIC Symposium, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.

5th – 9th April 1997; “The Church Enabling and Empowering Women in the 21st Century.” Paper presented at the African Theological Fellowship (ATF), East Africa sub – Regional Conference held at St. Andrews Theological College Kabare, Kenya.

22nd-25th March 1994; “The Role of Women in the Democratization Process.” Paper presented at the Ecumenical Symposium of Eastern African Theologians held at Bethany Center, Sagana, Kenya.

19th-11th March 1997; “The Role of Women in Evangelization.” Paper presented at the Inter-faculty Theological Conference, Catholic University of Eastern Africa.

12th – 17th October 1996; “Transforming Educational Experiences.” Paper presented at the Organization of International Catholic Education, (OIEC) 16th – Conference held at the Dimese Sisters Conference Center Nairobi.

17th-19th August 1995; “Perception of Healing and Health in African Instituted Churches: A Search for Holistic Health.” Paper presented at the University of Nairobi Inter-Faculty Collaboration Conference at Machakos Garden Hotel.

14th-18th January 1994; “Women’s Healing Roles in Traditional Gikuyu Society,” Paper presented at the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians, Regional Conference held at the Methodist Guest House, Nairobi.

14th-16th March 1993; “Healing: A Pastoral Concern in African Christianity”, Paper presented at the Ecumenical Symposium of Eastern African Theologians held at Bethany Center, Sagana, Kenya

(f) External Examination

2012: Department of Missiology Ph.D Thesis Examiner, University of Auckland, New Zealand.

2012: Akrofi-Christaller Institute of Culture, Mission and Applied Research, Ghana, Master of Theology thesis External Examiner

2010 – 2012; Department of Theology and Religious Studies Kenya Methodist University, External Examiner, Master of Arts and Theology Thesis Examiner.

2011; Trinity Theological Seminary, Accra, Ghana, External Examiner, Master of Theology Thesis.

2010 – 2012; Department of Philosophy and Systematic Theology, University of South Africa, External Examiner, Ph.D thesis.

2008 – 2017; Department of Education and Social Studies, Chuka University College, External Examiner.

2008-17; Department of Education and Social Sciences, Karatina University College, External Examiner

2008-2012; Department of Education and Social Sciences, Kabianga University College.

2008 – 2012; Institute of Social Ministry in Mission, Tangaza College, External Examiner of Master of Arts Thesis.

2010; Department of Intercultural Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena USA, External Examiner, Ph.D Thesis.

2005-2006; Department of Theology and Religious Studies, Kenya Methodist University, External Examiner.

2001-2008; School of Religion and Theology, University of Kwazulu Natal, South Africa, External Examiner, Master of Theology and Ph.D Thesis.

2006-2009; Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Marist International College.

2007-2008; Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Maseno University, External Examiner, Ph.D Thesis.

2002-2007 and 2013; Department of Theology, St. Paul's University Limuru, External Examiner.

Mission Studies, Journal of the International Association for Mission Studies (2004-2008)

Membership in Editorial Boards

- Journal of World Christianity (USA)
- Trinity Journal of Church and Theology (Trinity Theological Seminar), Accra, Ghana).
- British Journal of Religious Education
- International Journal of African Catholicism (IJAC)
- Exchange, Journal of Ecumenical and Missiological Research (Netherlands).
- International Journal of Religion and Theology (University of Kwazulu Natal, Pietermaritzburg)
- Studia Historiae Ecclesiae (SHE) Journal of Church History of South Africa

Appointment to Boards

2015-present; Appointed as a member of the Advisory Board on African Catholicism Organized by De Paul University USA.

2014; Appointed member of the Advisory Board of the John Templeton Funded Project” Engaging Africa”, Organized by Nagel Institute Calvin College USA

2013 to date; Appointed Board member of Jesus HOBSS Children’s Center, Kitengela

2014; Appointed as a member of the advisory Board of the Dictionary of African Biography, Coordinated at the Center for Global Christianity and Mission University of Boston USA.

2013-Present; Appointed as a member of Advisory Board of Theological Education, Africa Conference Churches.

2013-present; Appointed to the Partners’ Committee of the Catholic Academic Exchange Service (KAAD), based in Bonn, Germany

2010 to 2017; Appointed member of the Board of the Catholic Scholarship Programme, for Porticus, Netherlands, in Kenya.

2010- 2014; Appointed member of the International Association for the History of Religion (AIHR) Africa Trust Fund.

2008-2011 Appointed member of Advisory Board of the Institute of the Study of Religion, Culture and Society (VISOR) of the Free University of Amsterdam

2005– Present; Appointed member of the Education Commission of the Kenya Episcopal Conference.

1997– 2010; Appointed member of Board of Governors, St. Anne’s Secondary School, Lioki, Kiambu County.

1997–2011; Appointed member of Board of Governors, Loreto Secondary School, Kiambu County.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2018; Senior Research Fellow, Nagel Institute, Calvin College USA, May August 2018

2012; Recognized as 8th Position among Directors in Kenyatta University who had achieved their Performance Contract Targets.

2010; Awarded Senior Research Fellow at Yale Divinity School and Overseas Ministries Study Centre, New Haven, Connecticut, USA.

2007; Recognized the 4th among 50 top researchers in Kenyatta University.

2007; Awarded William Paton Research Fellowship at University of Birmingham, UK.

1996; Awarded a scholarship to study at the Center for the Study of New Religious Movements at Selly Oak Colleges, University of Birmingham, UK.