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## **SUMMARY QUALIFICATIONS**

Ability to: conduct scholarly research in social sciences; consultancy on socio- economic and political issues; teach undergraduate and graduate courses, including: Studies in African Political Economy; African Economic History and Research Methods in History, Foundations of Conflict Analysis, Economics and Conflict, Post-Conflict Reconstruction Strategies: Supervision of graduate students in humanities. Great potential in publishing scholarly articles and books.

### **Academic Background: Institutions Attended/Academic Awards Obtained**

**Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya** (2002-2007) PhD (Economic History) by research and dissertation. Dissertation Title: "*The History of Informal Enterprises in Kenya: A Case Study of the Jua kali Sector of Nairobi, 1899-1998*"

**Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya** (1993-1997) MA. (Economic History)

Dissertation Title: "*The History of African Urban Labourers of Nyeri Township, 1902-1945*"

**Kenyatta University Nairobi, Kenya** (1986- 1989): B.ED (Arts) Honours. (Education, History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies)

### **Work Experience**

April 2013 to present: Senior Lecturer & Chairman, Department of Public Policy and Administration-Kenyatta University.

February 2011 to April 2013: Coordinator, Public Policy and Administration Programmes, Kenyatta University.

May 2003 – June 2015: Lecturer, Department of History, Archaeology and Political Studies, Kenyatta University.

June 2003 -2006: Examinations Officer, Department of History, Archaeology and Political Studies, Kenyatta University.

April 2002 – May 2003: Assistant Lecturer, Kenyatta University, History Department.

May 2000 – June 2003: Departmental Registration Officer, History Department

July 1997 - March 2002: Tutorial Fellow, Kenyatta University, History Department

Dec. 1996 -Oct. 1997: Graduate Assistant, History Department, Kenyatta University.

Jan.1993 - Dec. 1996: Head of Department (Humanities), Mary hill Girls' School, Thika.

May 1989 - Dec 1992: Graduate Teacher, Mangu High School, Thika.

### **Courses Taught**

History of African Political Economy; Teaching Methods in History; History of Political Thought; Economic History of Africa; Foundations of Conflict Analysis; Economics and Conflict; Post-Conflict Reconstruction Strategies; Current Issues in International Affairs.

### **Research and Publications in Journals**

- (i) Kiruthu, F. (2014): Book Review: *Child soldiers: Sierra Leone's Revolutionary United Front* (Denov, 2010), in *International Public Management Review Journal*, Vol 15. Issue 2. 2014.
- (ii) Kiruthu, F., and Mbataru, P., (2014): " Globalization and Conflict in Central Kenya: The Case of Nyeri County, 1980-2010" in *Research on Humanities and Social sciences* journal, Vol 4, No. 19 (2014)
- (iii) Kiruthu, F., (2014): "Music as a Strategy of Youth Resilience in Dadaab Refugee Camp, Kenya" in *Research on Humanities and Social sciences* Journal, Vol 4, No. 17 (2014).
- (iv) Kiruthu, F., (2014): Book Review: "Aldrich, P. Daniel (2012): *Building Resilience: Social Capital in Post Disaster Recovery*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 248pp. In the *Journal of Governance*, January, 2014.
- (v) Kiruthu, F., (2012): Book Review-*Emerging Africa: How 17 Countries Are Leading the way* by Steven Radelet. Washington, DC: Center for Global Development, in *Governance*, Vol 25, Issue 4 (2012).
- (vi) (xiv). "*The Impact of Urbanization on African Migrants: A Case Study of Nyeri Township (1902 –1914)*," in the *Eastern Africa Journal of Historical and Social Sciences Research*, Volume 2 No. 2, 2000.

## Research and Publications in Book Chapters

- (vii) Kiruthu, F. (2015): Book Chapter: “Political Party organization & the 2013 Elections: What Lessons for Democracy and Inclusion?’ in (Kimani Njogu and Peter Wafula Eds.), *Kenya’s 2013 General Election: Stakes, Practices and Outcomes*, Nairobi. Twaweza Communications.
- (viii) Kiruthu, F., (2014): “Masculinities, Feminities and Citizen Identities in a Global Era: Case Study of Kiambu District in Kenya, 1980-2007,” in Laroussi Amri and Ramola Ramhotul (Eds.) *Gender and Citizenship in the Global Age*. Dakar, Codesria
- (ix) Kiruthu, F. Kinyanjui, M. and Muchoki, F., (2013):”The New Scramble for Africa? Indo-Kenyan Economic Relations, 1980-2010”, in Toyin Falola and Jessica Archberger (EDS), *African Political Economy: the way Forward in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Development*, Routledge, USA.
- (x) Kiruthu, F., Wekesa, P., and Kakai, P., (2013): “Politics in Post Colonial Zimbabwe: From Optimism to Disillusionment”, in Maurice Amutabi (Ed.), *Studies in Culture, Gender and Education in Africa*, Nairobi, CUEA.
- (xi) Kiruthu, F., Musalia, W., and Ndeda, M.A., (2012): “The Struggle with Sexual Rights Among Kikuyu Women of Central Kenya, 1918-2002”, in Toyin Falola (Eds.), *Women, Gender and Sexualities in Africa*, Carolina Academic Press, USA.
- (xii) Kiruthu, F., (2011): Dictionary of African History Articles on biographies: *Joseph Kamaru; Kenneth Kaunda; Anne Mungai; Lord Delamere; Speziola Kazibwe; Margaret Kenyatta and Kenneth Koma*, Oxford University Press New York (2011).
- (xii). Kiruthu, F., Ogino, F. and Akala W.J., (2008): “*A Critical Analysis of the Social and Economic Impact of Asian Diaspora in Kenya*”, In Falola, T. and Afolabi, N. (Ed), *Trans-Atlantic Migration: The Paradoxes of Exile*. New York, Routledge.
- (xiii). Kinyanjui, M.N. and Kiruthu, F. (2007): “*Super-Imperialism: A Perspective from East Africa*”, in Bowles, P. and Veltmeyer, (Ed), *Regional Perspectives on Globalisation*. New York, Palgrave Macmillan.
- (xiv). Test It and Fix It, Revision Book for KCSE History and Government, Oxford University Press, Nairobi (2007).
- (xv). *Voices of Freedom: Great African Independence Speeches*, Published by Bookprint Creative Services Ltd. (2001).

### **Supervision of Masters Students in 2014:**

During the 29<sup>th</sup> Graduation ceremony in December 2014, six students whom I supervised in the master of public policy and administration Department graduated as well as one student from the Department of History, Archaeology and Political Studies.

### **Other Masters Supervisions**

1. **Charles Njuguna Muiruri** -Master of Public Policy and Administration (December 2013)
2. **Judy Mugo** –Executive Master of Public Policy and Administration (December 2013)
3. **Sana Roumani**- Executive Master of Public Policy and Administration (December 2013)
4. **Wilfred ole Kina**- Executive Master of Public Policy and Administration (December 2013)
5. **Lemita Lemein** -Executive Master of Public Policy and Administration (December 2013)
6. **Jane Oyaro**- Executive Master of Public Policy and Administration (December 2013)
7. Stanley Omuterema-Master of Public Policy and Administration (July 2013)
8. Caroline Njihia-Peace and Conflict Studies (2013)
9. Jane Kanyoro-Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA) (July 2013)
10. Arthur Njagi-MA- Political Studies- (December 2013).

### **On Going Supervision of Doctoral Studies:**

1. **MAGEZI JAMES WILSON (C 82 / 10709 / 2006):** Absentee landlordism and land utilization in Uganda: A Case Study of Kibaale District, 1894 – 1995.
2. **PAMELA O. NGESA (C82/25869/2011):** The History of African Women Traders in Nairobi, 1945- 2005.

### **Academic Awards**

- ❖ Codesria Travel grant- 2008

- ❖ Codesria - Sefhis Grant 2002
- ❖ DAAD grant to pursue Ph.D. at Kenyatta University - 1999
- ❖ Scholarship to undertake a Masters degree in History by Kenyatta University - 1993.

### **International Training**

- ❖ June 30<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2013: **International Summer School on Forced Migrations** at the Refugee Studies Centre (RSC) -University of Oxford-UK.
- ❖ March, 2010: United States Institute for Peace (USIP) International training on: **Foundations of Conflict Analysis**. Washington, USA
- ❖ February 2010: United States Institute for Peace (USIP) International training on: **Post-Conflict Reconstruction Strategies**. Washington, DC.USA.
- ❖ January 11th to 14th 2010: United States Institute for Peace (USIP) International training on: **Economics and Conflict**. Washington, DC. USA

### **Conference Attendance/ Presentations**

- ❖ April 8<sup>th</sup> 2016: Attendance of Prof Francis Nyamjoh's Presentation: "Cecil Rhodes: The *Makwerekwere* with Missionary Zeal" at IFRA/ BIEA, Kileleshwa-Nairobi.
- ❖ March 24-29<sup>th</sup> 2014: Presenter: "Music as a Strategy of Youth Resilience in Dadaab Refugee Camp, Kenya" at the RSC Conference on "Refugee Voices" at St. Anne's College, Woodstock Road, Oxford, UK.
- ❖ 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2014: Discussant & moderator: Panel 5: Social Protection and the Marginalized, at the IFRA International Conference on : "Fifty Years after Political Independence: The Politics of Social Protection in Kenya" , Nairobi, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2014
- ❖ 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2014: Presenter –"The Forgotten Heritage: The Place of Mau Mau Memory, Material and Immaterial Culture in Kenya" at -IFRA International Conference : Promoting heritage Conservation and Human Rights, Nairobi-27<sup>th</sup> January, 2014.

- ❖ 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013: Presentation at the DAAD Conference on Public policy and Administration programmes in KU and Urban governance in Kenya, Safari Park Hotel-Nairobi.
- ❖ July 2012: Presenter- Paper entitled: “The Development of the Jua Kali Sector in Kenya, 1963 to 2010”. A paper presented at the Catholic University of East Africa, July 2012.
- May 2012: Presenter- Paper entitled: “**West African Churches in East Africa: New Religious Ideals and Forms of Evangelization: The Case Study of the Winners Chapel**”  
**Nairobi, 24th June 2012.**
- ❖ May 2011: Facilitator –History and Government Educational resources, Oxford University Press, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
- ❖ March 26-29<sup>th</sup> 2011: Presenter-Africa Conference 2011. Paper entitled: “Indo-Kenyan Economic Relations, 1963-2010”, at the University of Texas at Austin, Texas, USA.
- ❖ April 16-22<sup>nd</sup> 2010: Association of American Geographers Conference. Washington, USA.
- ❖ March 26-28<sup>th</sup> 2010: Presenter- Africa Conference 2010. Paper entitled: “The Struggle for Sexual Rights among Kikuyu Women of Central Kenya, 1918-2002”. University of Texas at Austin. Texas, USA.
- ❖ 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009: “**Worlds of the Indian Ocean Conference.**” Organized at the Nairobi National Museum by the Aga Khan University to brainstorm on the curriculum for the proposed university curriculum and research, in reference to Indian Ocean Studies.
- ❖ 8th-10<sup>th</sup> October 2008: The Cairo Codesria Gender Symposium. Paper entitled: “**Masculinities, Feminities and Citizen Identities in a Global Era: Case Study of Kiambu District in Kenya, 1980-2007**”.
- ❖ 16th September 2008: Chairman, “**Remembering Kenya Dialogue**” Session, Goethe Institute, Nairobi.
- ❖ 12th - 13<sup>th</sup> June 2008: Historical Association of Kenya Annual Conference, Egerton University. Paper entitled: “**Chinese Engagement in Africa: The Case Study of East Africa, 1960-2008**”.

- ❖ July 2008: Vices Conference, ICIPE, Nairobi. Paper entitled: ***“Global Value Chains, Small Farmers and Natural Resource Management”***.
- ❖ 13th - 16<sup>th</sup> June 2007: Participant, Twaweza Communications Workshop on disability, Lenana House.
- ❖ 16th -18<sup>th</sup> May 2007: 7<sup>th</sup> ATWS Conference, The Catholic University of Eastern Africa. Nairobi- Kenya. Paper entitled: ***“Globalisation and Technological Development: A Case Study of the Jua Kali Sector of Nairobi, 1982-2002”***.
- ❖ April 2007: Kenyatta University postgraduand seminar. Paper entitled: ***“The Role of Jua kali Sector in the Achievement of MDGs in Kenya”***
- ❖ May 2005: Kenyatta University. DAAD regional workshop on ***“Re-invigorating the University Mandate in a Globalising Environment: Challenges, obstacles and the Way Forward”***. Kenyatta University, May 2005.
- ❖ April 2005: Regional Methodological Workshop on Social Sciences in Africa, Nairobi – sponsored by the Council or Social Sciences Research in Africa (Codesria), April 2005.
- ❖ 26<sup>th</sup>-31st December 2004: History Writers’ Workshop sponsored by Oxford University Press, at Naro Moru River Lodge, Kenya.
- ❖ April-May 2003: History Writers’ Workshop sponsored by Oxford University Press, Kentmere, Limuru, Kenya.
- ❖ September 2002 to October 2002: Codesria - Sefis Methodological Workshop for Young Historians: Dakar, Senegal
- ❖ 22nd November 2001: Department of History, Kenyatta University, Staff Seminar: Paper entitled: ***“The Transformation of African Artisans in Colonial Kenya: the Case of Nairobi, 1899 - 1914”***.

- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> July 2001: British Institute of Eastern Africa Workshop: “*The Urban Experience in Eastern Africa - 18<sup>Th</sup> century to 1980s*”, Milimani Hotel, Nairobi.
- ❖ November 1999: Codesria International Methodological Workshop, Silversprings Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.
- ❖ October 1998: Kenyatta University Post-graduand Seminar.
- ❖ 8<sup>th</sup> June-12<sup>th</sup> June 1998: Codesria International Methodological Workshop, Silversprings Hotel, Nairobi- Kenya.
- ❖ February 1998: Catholic University of Eastern Africa, International Conference on "*Culture and Christianity*", Nairobi, Kenya.
- ❖ 25<sup>th</sup> August 1997: Kenyatta University. Conference on Gender Perspective in Developing Research organized by the Department of Sociology and the University of Edinburgh.
- ❖ October 1997: Kenyatta Post-graduand Seminars: Paper Entitled: "*A History of the African Labourers of Nyeri Township, 1902- 45*".
- ❖ December 1996: Historical Association of Kenya Conference, Kenyatta University.
- ❖ May 1994: Comparative Education Conference, ICIPE, Nairobi-Kenya.
- ❖ November 1992: Kenyatta University. Education Tutor's Workshop, Organized by Kenyatta University

### **Membership to Committees**

1. Board Member, Kenyatta University Centre for Refugee Studies and Empowerment.
2. Member of Management Committee of the Kenyatta University City Campus.

### **Membership to External Boards and Associations**

1. Member University council and Board of Trustees-Mt. Kenya University.
2. Washington Network on Children in Armed Conflict, Washington, DC
3. Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies-Washington, DC
4. DAAD Scholars Association, Kenyan Chapter.
5. Historical Association of Kenya
6. Member of Board of Management-Kaheti Girls high School, Nyeri.

### **Skills**

- Fluent and Proficient in the following languages: English, Kiswahili and Kikuyu
- Clean driving license
- Trained Teacher and Examiner of Kenya National Examinations



- Trained to write research proposals including formulation of statement of the problem and hypotheses; as well as to conduct field research social sciences.
- Computer packages: Windows, Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point.

### **Research Interests**

Urban culture and identities, focus on informal economic enterprises, Studies on masculinities, Social and political history, Pedagogical issues in the teaching of history and political studies.

### **Referees**

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