

CURRICULUM VITAE

I. Personal Information

- A. **Name:** SYPRINE AKINYI OTIENO
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2. 0 Qualifications

(a) Academic Qualifications

(i) University Education:

1994-1998: Doctor of Philosophy (Animal Physiology, (Insect Physiology),

Kenyatta University (1998).

Thesis title

Factors affecting reproductive performance and effects of insect growth regulators on reproduction of *Glossina fuscipes fuscipes* Newstead.

1988-1991: Master of Science in Animal Physiology of Kenyatta University
Year of Award: 1992

Thesis title

Pheromones and other semiochemicals ofn the African Brown ear tick, *Rhipicephalus appendiculatus* Newmann.

1985-1988: Bachelor of Education (Science) of Kenyatta University. Upper 2nd
Class Hons. (Year of Award: 1988)
Subjects: Zoology, Botany and Education

Project title

Effects of testosterone and estradiol on the accessory reproductive organs of the male rat, *Rattus norvegicus*

(ii) Secondary Education

1982-1983: Mukumu Girls' High- Passed K.A.C.E with 3 Principles, 1 subsidiary. Subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Geography and General Paper.

1978-1981: Kisumu Girls' High- Passed K.C.E with 2nd Division.

(iii) Primary Education

1971-1977: Asumbi Mixed Primary School- Passed K.C.P.E.

(b) Professional Courses

Year: 2017: Postgraduate Certificate: Significant Learning by Design.
Awarding Institution: Optimize Learning (Dee Fink and Associates)

2009-2010: Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice of York St John University.
Awarded in September 2010

3. 0 Fellowships

African Regional Postgraduate Programme in Insect Science Scholarship offered by European Union through the International Centre of Insect physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) from 1994 to 1998.

4. 0 Work Experience

June 2012 to date: Appointed a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Zoological Sciences, Kenyatta University.

1996 to 2012: Worked as a Lecturer in the Department of Zoological Sciences, Kenyatta University.

Duties:

- Teaching and guiding postgraduate and undergraduate students.
- Supervision of postgraduate and undergraduate students' research.
- Handling administrative responsibilities

1992-1996: Appointed a Tutorial Fellow in the department of Zoological Sciences.

Duties:

Facilitating undergraduate and postgraduate lessons

October 1990-1991: Appointed a Graduate Assistant in the Department of Zoological Sciences.

Duties:

- Assist in the administration of practical sessions
- Assist in the marking of practicals and examinations.

May to August 1988: I was employed by the Teachers Service Commission as a graduate teacher and posted to Nyabondo High School

5. 0 Administrative Responsibilities

I have served Kenyatta University in the following capacities:

- Chairman, Program Development Committee, School of Pure & Applied Sciences, Kenyatta University-2020 to date
- Chairman, Departmental Board of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Zoological Sciences from 2008 to date.
- Coordinator, Departmental Examinations Moderation committee from 2001 to 2007.
- Member of the departmental Exhibitions committee from 2007 to date
- Departmental self-sponsored programmes coordinator from 2007 to 2009
- Member, Departmental Examinations Moderation Committee from 1998 to date
- Assistant Examinations coordinator from 1998 to 2001
- Field courses coordinator from 1998 to 2001

6.0 Postgraduate research supervision**Ph D**

- Mukwabi D. M. (I84/23446/2010). Characterization of pathogens infecting cultured catfish and determination of susceptibility to commonly used drugs.
- Osero Justus O.S. (H87/10898/06). Health Consequences, Responses and Prevention Strategies of Sexual Based Violence among Survivors in Selected Hospitals in Kenya.
- Robert Muniu (I84/0034/03): Effect of sports participation on Examination related stress among selected Kenyan Secondary schools.

Masters

- Sabera M. Muriuki (Q139/CTY/PT/23460/2012). Utilization of selected reproductive health services among adolescent mothers in Igembe South, Meru County, Kenya
- Murugi, Peris: Relationship between Access to reproductive health Information and risky sexual behaviour among Secondary school adolescents in Kiambu County, Kenya.

- Onyingo Joseph Opondo. Effect of indomethacin on selected protein-digesting enzymes in the Norway rat *Rattus norvegicus*.
- James K. Nyaga (I57/0258/2003). Strategies for addressing barriers to effective participation of faith-based organizations in the prevention and control of HIV and AIDS in Nairobi County, Kenya.
- Everlyne A. Owuor (E55/CE/28530/2013). Influence of socialization on academic performance of learners with hearing impairment in Thawabu Inclusive School in Embakasi, Nairobi County, Kenya.
- Nelly Dullo, Ogege. Vocational training program and job placement for learners with intellectual disability in Nakuru County, Kenya.
- Gitau, A.C.W. (I56/8712/99): Development Of the pupal parasitoid *Xanthopimpla stemmator* (Thunberg) (Hymenoptera: Ichneumonidae) in various cereal stem borers (Lepidoptera).
- Aduda, D.O. (2005). Epidemiology of Hearing Impairment and impact on Sociocognitive performance of School-going children in Kisumu District, Kenya: Implications for Public Health Action.
- Obadha, T. (2005). Assessment of Knowledge, Attitude and Practices towards malaria Prevention and Control among Primary School Children in Busia District, Kenya
- Ernest Baraza (I57/CM/0260/04): The prevalence, pattern and causes of visual impairment and blindness among primary school pupils in Kitale Municipality
- Mboroki Silas Kinoti (I57/0128/03): Drug abuse and vulnerability to HIV and AIDS among adolescents in public secondary schools in Meru Central District, Kenya.
- Njeru Samuel N. (I57/CM/0270/2004): Prevalence and pattern of significant refractive errors among high school students in Meru Municipality, Meru Central District, Kenya.
- Kababu O. M.(I56/13771/05). Farmers' knowledge, effects of their practices and soil amendments on the management of sweet potato pests in South western Kenya.
- Adhola, E.T. (I56/13046/05). Assessment of the potential for sport hunting of game birds with special emphasis on Guinea fowls in Laikipia District, Kenya.
- Henlay Juma Otieno Magara (I56/CE/11507/2008). Evaluation of the effect of herbivore induced plant volatiles from signal grass, *Brachiaria brizantha* on neighboring maize for cereal stemborer management
- Kerubo J. O. (I56/ CE/ 11496/2008). Analysis of the utilization of food resources by the African wood mouse *Hylomyscus denniae endorobae*
- Odongo, K. O. (I56/CE/11500/2008). Levels of heavy metals in selected fish species along River Ruiru, Kenya..

- On'geta M. K. (I56/24666/2012). Influence of heavy metals on the reproductive cycle of the tilapia *Oreochromis niloticus* in River Ruiru.

Ongoing Supervision

Ph. D

- Indetie, A. H. (I84/21977/2012). Metabolites and hormones as indicators of postpartum reproductive efficiency of pasture based Friesian Dairy cows in KARI-LANET.
- Onyingo Joseph Opondo (I84/20273/2020). Evaluation of Indomethacin for Control of the East African Mole Rat (*Tachyoryctes splendens*) in Farms in Nakuru County, Kenya

Masters

- Matheka, E. K. (156/CE/23943/2012). Reproductive performance of Kenyan indigenous breeds of chicken fed on commercial feeds supplemented with inorganic manganese.
- Abdi Maalim Adhan (156/CE/34883/2016). Influence of Short-Term Starvation on Growth Performance and Biochemical Parameters of The Indigenous Chicken in Kenya
- Salome Nthenya Wambua (Reg No 156/CE/28785/2015). Effects of Aflatoxins on the Morphology of Gonads and Fertility of Nile Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) at Sagana, Kenya

7.0 Conferences/Workshops

7.1 Attendance of Conferences

- 2023: The 2nd International Conference on Scholarship of Learning & Teaching (I-SoLT) held from 7-8th March 2023 at the Boulevard Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.
- Conference on Basic & Applied sciences, November 16th-18th, 2022
KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
- 2018: The 1st International Conference on Scholarship of Learning & Teaching (I-SoLT) held from 27-28th September 2018 at Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD), Nairobi, Kenya.
- Second Kenya DAAD Scholars' Association (KDSA) conference held from 4th - 6th October 2017, Mt. Kenya Regional Alumni chapter. Theme: University-Industry linkages: Identifying and Synergizing Opportunities for Quality Education. Meru University of Science and Technology, Kenya.

- Kenya DAAD Scholars' Association conference held from 28th -29th May 2015, Kenyatta University Conference Centre, Nairobi, Kenya. Theme: Kenya's Constitutional Provisions and the Citizen's Rights: Are we on Track?
- Kenya DAAD Scholars' Association conference. Theme: African Cities of the Future: Smart, Sustainable, Participatory. Held from 30th – 31st May 2013 at The Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.
- First East African Regional Scientific Conference of Pure and Applied Sciences held from 10th -14th August 2010 at the Kenyatta University Business and Students' Service Centre Conference Room, Kenyatta University, Kenya.
- Kenya DAAD Scholars' Association conference. Theme: Integrating Scientific and Technological Solutions for Socio-Economic development of the Lake Victoria Basin, held from 24th to 26th February 2010 at Bondo University College and Lake Breeze Hotel, Bondo, Kenya.
- Kenya DAAD Scholars' Association conference held on 12th June 2009, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Bishop Stam Conference Centre, Kakamega, Kenya.
- African Regional Postgraduate Programme in Insect Science Scientific conference held from 25-28 November 2008, the ICIPE, Duduville, Nairobi, Kenya.

7.2 Presentation of Papers at Academic and Professional Conferences

Otieno, S.A. (2023). Perceptions of students in higher learning institutions on prompt feedback. Paper presented at the 2nd International Conference on Scholarship of Learning & Teaching (I-SoLT) held from 7-8th March 2023 at the Boulevard Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.

Otieno, S.A., Odongo, K. and Sharma, R. R. (2017). Levels of heavy metals in selected tissues of *Clarius gariepinus* and *Oreochromis niloticus* along River ruiru, Kiambu County, Kenya. Paper presented at the 2nd Kenya DAAD Scholars' Association (KDSA) conference held from 4th -6th October 2017, Mt. Kenya Regional Alumni chapter. Theme: University-Industry linkages: Identifying and Synergizing Opportunities for Quality Education. Meru University of Science and Technology, Kenya.

Otieno, S. A. (2016). Implications of prompt feedback in higher education in devolved systems of government. Paper presented at the International Conference on Higher Education under devolved systems of Government. February 2016, Karatina University, Kenya.

Otieno, S.A., Oguge, N.O and Saini, R. K. (2009). Evaluation of the effects of the juvenile hormone analogue W-328 on pharate adult development in the tsetse fly *Glossina fuscipes fuscipes* Newstead (Diptera: Glossinidae). Paper presented at the DAAD conference held from 11th to 12th June 2009, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Bishop Stam Conference Centre, Kakamega, Kenya.

Otieno, S.A. (2010). Enhancing the quality of girls' education in Nyanza Province. Paper presented at a conference held on 16th April 2010 at Bondo University College, Bondo, Kenya. Theme: Integrating Scientific and Technological Solutions for Socio-Economic development of the Lake Victoria Basin.

Workshops

1999: Workshop on Research Management in Agricultural research Institutes held in Mhlume, Swaziland, October, 1999.

Coordinating Conferences

2018: The 1st International Conference on Scholarship of Learning & Teaching (I-SoLT) held from 27-28th September 2018 at Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD), Nairobi, Kenya.

2011: I was part of the local organizing committee of the African Association of Insect Scientists (AAIS) held from 9-12 November 2011 at the ICIPE, Duduville, Nairobi, at the Thomas Odhiambo Memorial Hall, ICIPE.

2010: 1st East African Regional Scientific Conference of Pure and Applied Sciences held from 10th -14th August 2010 at the Kenyatta University Business and Students' Service Centre Conference Room, Kenyatta University, Kenya. (Coordinating registration of participants)

Articles in Refereed Journals

Joint Publications

Murugi, P., **Otieno, S.**, Wachuka, N. (2021). Relationship between Access to reproductive health Information and risky sexual behaviour among Secondary school adolescents in Kiambu County, Kenya. *J. Health, Medicine and Nursing*, 6, 14-39. ISSN 2520-4025

Ong'eta, M. K., **Otieno, S. A.** and Simbauni, J. A. (2020). Association between heavy metals and selected reproductive parameters in the Nile tilapia *Oreochromis niloticus* along River Ruiru, Kiambu County, Kenya. *J. Applied Life Sciences International*, 23 (9), 31-44. DOI: 10.9734/JALSI/2020/23i930185

Henlay J.O. Magara, Midega A.O. Charles, **Syprine A. Otieno**, Daniel M. Mutyambai, Teresia M. Nyaga, Saliou Niassy and Zeyaur R. Khan. (2020). Responses of stemborer *Chilo partellus* to volatiles emitted by maize landraces exposed to Signal Grass (*Brachiaria brizantha*). *Journal of Plant interactions* 15 (1), 345-357. DOI: 10.1080/17429145.2020.1827056

Owuor, E. A., Awori, B. B. and **Otieno, S. A.** (2020). Influence of socialization on academic performance of learners with hearing impairment at inclusive primary schools: A case of Thawabu Primary of Nairobi City County, Kenya. *African Journal of Education and Practice* 6 (3), pp. 47-63. ISSN: 2519-0296.

- Mukwabi, D. M., **Otieno, S. A.**, Okemo, P. O., Oduor, R. O. and Agwanda, B. (2019). Parasites infesting Nile tilapia grown in aquaculture systems in Kenya. *Livestock Research for Rural Development* 31 (2)
- Opondo, J. O., **Otieno, S. A.** Oduor, R. O. (2019). Effect of Indomethacin on Trypsin activity in the Norway rat, *Rattus norvegicus*. (Rodentia: Muridae). *International Journal for Scientific Research and Development* 7 (8). ISSN 2321-0613
- Hoka, A. I., Gicheru, M. and **Otieno, S. A.** (2019). Effect of Cow Parity and Calf Characteristics on Milk Production and Reproduction of Friesian Dairy Cows. *Journal of Natural Science Research* 9 (10), 41-46. DOI: 10.7176/JNSR.
- Hoka, A. I., Gicheru, M., **Otieno, S. A.** and Korir, H. (2019). Effect of Gamma Irradiation of Local *Brachiaria ruziziensis* (German and Evrard) seeds on Agronomic performance and yield. *Journal of Plant breeding and Genetics* 07 (01). 09-17. DOI: 10.33687/phg.007.01.2836.
- Mukwabi, D. M., Okemo, P. O., **Otieno, S. A.**, Oduor, R. O. and Macharia, C. M. (2019). Temperature and pH Influence on bacterial pathogens infecting farmed Nile tilapia in aquaculture systems in Bungoma County, Kenya. *International Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Studies* 7 (1) 190-197. E-ISSN: 2347-5129; P-ISSN: 2394-0506
- Osero, S. O. J., Keraka, M. N. and **Otieno, S. A.** (2019). Health Implications of sexual violence among Survivors in selected Health facilities in Kenya: Are there gender Disparities? *Journal of Health, Medicine and Nursing* 66, 23-37. DOI:10.7176/JHMN
- Dullo, N. O., Wamocho, F. I., and Otieno, S. A. (2019). Vocational Training Program and Job placement for Learners with Intellectual disability in Nakuru County, Kenya.
- Too, C., Kamau, L. and **Otieno, S. A.** (2017). Prevalence of Amoebiasis among patients attending Longisa County Hospital, Bomet County, Kenya. *International Journal of Sciences: Basic and Applied Research. Vol 36 (8), pp. 53-61.*
- Otieno, S.A.**, Oguge, N.O. and Saini, R.K. (2017). The juvenile hormone analogue W-325 affects development and emergence in the tsetse fly *Glossina fuscipes fuscipes* (Diptera: Glossinidae). *International Journal of Sciences: Basic and Applied Research. Vol 35 (3), pp. 405-412.* ISSN2307-4531
- Otieno, S. A.**, Sharma, R. R. and Ouma, O. K. (2016). Levels of heavy metals in the tilapia *Oreochromis niloticus* and *Clarias gariepinus* along River Ruiru, Kenya. *Researchjournal's Journal of Ecology*, 3 (3), pp. 1-14.
- Kerubo, J.O., **Otieno, S.** and Kamau, L. (2015). Analysis of utilization of food resources by the African wood mouse *Hylomyscus denniae endorobae* (Rodentia: Muridae) from Ihururu Forest, Kenya. *Asian Journal of Conservation Biology. Vol. 4 (1), pp. 37-42*
- Magara, H. J. O., Midega, C. A. O., **Otieno, S. A.**, Ogol, C. K. P. O., Bruce, T. J. A., Pickett, J. A. and Zeyaur R. Khan, Z. R. (2015). Signal grass (*Brachiaria brizantha*) oviposited by stemborer (*Chilo partellus*) emits herbivore-induced plant volatiles that induce neighbouring local maize (*Zea mays*) varieties to recruit cereal stemborer larval parasitoid *Cotessia sesamiae*. *International Journal of Sciences: Basic and Applied Research*, Vol. 19, (1), pp 341-357

Osero, J. S. O., Keraka, M. N. and **Otieno, S. A.** (2012). Health consequences of sexual based violence among survivors in selected hospitals in Kenya. *Asian Journal of Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences*, Vol. 2 (3), pp. 398-404.

Otieno, S. A., Saini, R.K., Oguge, N.O and Sharma, R.R. (2011). Mating and Fecundity of two populations of *Glossina fuscipes fuscipes* Newstead (Diptera: Glossinidae). *J. Natcon* 23 (1) 51-60.

Njeru, S.N., **Otieno, S.A.** and Karimurio, J. (2009). Prevalence of significant refractive errors in high school students, Meru Municipality, Kenya. *East African journal of Ophthalmology*, 15, 40-45

Gitau C.W, Ngisong, A.J, **Otieno, S.A** and Overholt, W.A (2007): Host preference of *Xanthopimpla stemmator* (Hymenoptera Ichneumonidae) and its reproductive performance on selected African Lepidopteran stemborers. *Biocontrol Science and Technology* 17(5): 499-511.

Omondi, D., Ogol, C., **Otieno, S.** and Macharia, I. (2007). Parental awareness of hearing impairment in their school-going children and healthcare seeking behavior in kisumu district, Kenya. *International journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology* 71, 415-423.

Gitau C.W, Ngisong, A.J, Overholt, W.A and **Otieno, S.A** (2005): Acceptance and Suitability of four Lepidopteran stemborers for the development of the pupal parasitoid, *Xanthopimpla stemmator* (Hymenoptera Ichneumonidae) *Biocontrol Science and Technology* 15(6): 585-600.

Papers in Conference Proceedings

Gitau, C.W. , Ngi-Song, A. J. Overholt, W.A. and **Otieno, S.A.** (2002). Pupal parasitoids of sub-saharan African Stem borers and the potential for introduction of an exotic Species- *Xanthopimpla stemmator* Thunberg (Hymenoptera: Ichneumonidae). Paper presented at the Integrated Pest Management conference proceedings held from 8-12th September 2002, Kampala, Uganda.

National and International Recognition

National

- Member of the Board of Directors of the Kenyatta University Community Outreach and Extension Programme up to 2018
- Member of Board of Directors, St. Peter the Rock Inclusive Mixed Secondary School.
- Member of Board of Directors, St. Frederick Primary and Junior Secondary School.
- Assistant Secretary, Association of Faculty Enrichment in Learning and Teaching (AFELT).
- External examiner for Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (2015-2019)

- External examiner, University of Embu
- External examiner, Muranga University of Technology

International

External Examiner for Master of Science Thesis of the Walter Sisulu University for Technology and Science, South Africa.

Consultancy

I facilitated workshops on TESCEA (Transforming Employability for Social Change in East Africa) project, a DFID-funded Strategic Partnerships for Higher Education, Innovation and Reform (SPHEIR) programme. The project, which began in 2018, was designed to support universities, industry, communities and governments so that they can work together to create transformative learning experiences that produce employable and creative graduates for social change.

Training experience

I have facilitated workshops with faculty of various universities in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania on course redesign, gender mainstreaming, and curriculum design.

Besides, I have been a facilitator of learning at Kenyatta University, training teachers who join the workforce in colleges and secondary schools.

Membership in Professional Bodies

- Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (Recognition reference: 42035)
- Kenya DAAD Scholars Association (KDSA)
- African Regional Postgraduate Programme in Insect Science (ARPPIS)
- African Association of Insect Scientists (AAIS)
- Association of Faculty Enrichment in Learning and Teaching (AFELT).

References

Prof. Peninnah Aloo-Obudho, Karatina University, Kenya

Dr. Jemimmah Simbauni, Kenyatta University, Kenya