

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## Dr. Collins Sasakah Makunda

### PERSONAL

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Date of Birth: 09 June 1973  
Nationality: Kenyan  
Profession: Designer | Educator | Researcher | Urbanist | Interior Designer

### KEY QUALIFICATIONS

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#### Urbanism | Urban Design | Urban Planning | Design

##### *PhD (The Oslo School of Architecture and Design [AHO])*

- Research on urban habitat transformation in the context of an expanding African Middle Class in a fast-growing Sub-Saharan African city.
- Housing design and Sustainable urban development.

##### *Master's Degree in City and Regional planning (focus on urban design & development).*

- Urban research – Sustainable Urban Planning and Design, Housing Development.
- Urban Interests: Housing Quality | Links between Design and Quality of Urban Life.
- Primary research experience in City and Regional Planning, and Housing.
- Professional practice experience in urban planning/urban design.

#### Interior Architecture | Interior Design | Design

##### *Master's Degree in Interior Architecture.*

- University and college level interior design teaching experience.
- Professional practice experience in interior design.

##### *Bachelor of Arts Degree (Hons) in Design (concentration in interior design)*

- Design Interests: Interior Architecture, Interior Design, Exhibition & Display, Interior Fit-outs, Design.
- Consultancies in design and interior design.

### EDUCATION

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2015 – 2021	PhD – Thesis Title: <i>Urban Habitat Transformation and the African Middle Class: The Case of Kileleshwa, Nairobi, Kenya</i> The Oslo School of Architecture and Design [AHO], Oslo, Norway.
2005 – 2008	Master of City Planning (MCP) University of Pennsylvania (Penn), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
1999 – 2002	Master of Interior Architecture (MIARC) University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, U.S.A.
1993 – 1997	Bachelor of Arts (BA) (Hons) (Design) University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya.

## PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS, REPORTS

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### Books:

- Sep, 2021**     **Makunda, C. S.** (2021). *Urban Habitat Transformation and the African Middle Class: The Case of Kileleshwa, Nairobi, Kenya*. The Oslo School of Architecture and Design [ISBN: 978-82-547-0347-2]

### Journal Articles:

- Dec, 2020**     **Makunda, C. S., & Anyamba, T.C.** (2020). Morphological Transformation of Kileleshwa, Nairobi. *Africa Habitat Review Journal* 14(3): 1975-1998. [http://uonjournals.uonbi.ac.ke/ojs/index.php/ahr/issue/view/102]
- Aug, 2020**     Chesaro, M. K., Maina S.M., & **Makunda, C. S.** (2020). Waste Minimization Strategy for Sustainable Interior Design. *Africa Habitat Review Journal* 14(2): 1831-1841. [http://uonjournals.uonbi.ac.ke/ojs/index.php/ahr/issue/view/91]
- Dec, 2019**     **Makunda, C. S., & Edeholt, H.** (2019). The Unsustainability of Urban Habitat Transformation: A Case Study of Kileleshwa in Nairobi, Kenya. *Africa Habitat Review Journal* 13(1): 1547-1560. [http://uonjournals.uonbi.ac.ke/ojs/index.php/ahr]
- July, 2019**     Mundia, J., **Makunda, C.**, Maina, S.M., & Gachie, S.N. (2019). An Evaluation of Interior Styles in the Serviced Apartment Sector in Nairobi. *Africa Design Review Journal* 1(1): 54-73.

### Book Chapters:

- Apr, 2019**     **Makunda, C.** (2019). African Development and Management: Development in Nairobi: Three Into One Does Not Go! In F. Birkin & T. Polesie (Eds.), *Intrinsic Capability: Implementing Intrinsic Sustainable Development for an Ecological Civilisation* (pp. 103-110). London: World Scientific. [DOI: 10.1142/9789813225589\_0008 | ISBN 9789813225572]
- Jan, 2018**     **Makunda, C.S.** (2018). Sustainable Housing Through Sustainable Planning Practices: Challenges and Opportunities for Formal Housing Provision in Nairobi, Kenya. In U. Azeiteiro, M. Akerman, W. Leal Filho, A. Setti & L. Brandli (Eds.), *Lifelong Learning and Education in Healthy and Sustainable Cities, World Sustainability Series* (pp. 539-549). Cham: Springer. [DOI https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-69474-0\_31 | Online ISBN 978-3-319-69474-0 | Print ISBN 978-3-319-69473-3]

### Conference Proceedings:

- Nov, 2018**     **Makunda, C.** (2018). Changing Times in Housing Production: Market-led Housing Transformation in 21st Century Nairobi. In S. Rugare & J. Kruth (Eds.), *AMPS Proceedings Series 16: Alternatives to the Present: A conference on Architecture, Urbanism, Sociology, Development & Planning* (pp. 138-146). Ohio, U.S.A.: Kent State University. [ISSN 2398-9467]
- May, 2017**     **Makunda, C.S.** (2017). Bridging the Divide Between Problem and Solution: A Design Approach to Housing Production in Nairobi. In A. L. Bang, M. Mikkelsen, & A. Flinck (Eds.), *Proceedings of Cumulus REDO Conference: Redoing Creativity, Design Process and Student Learning* (pp. 658-661). Kolding, Denmark: Design School Kolding & Cumulus International Association of Universities and Colleges of Art, Design and Media. [http://cumuluskolding2017.org/proceedings/ https://issuu.com/designskolen\_kolding/docs/a4\_redo\_samlet | ISBN: 978-87-93416-15-4]

- Mar, 2017** **Makunda, C.S.** (2017). Harnessing Cultural Heritage for Locally Relevant Interior Design Solutions for New Apartments in Nairobi. In M. Ogot & A. Ambole (Eds.). *Proceedings of the 1st Annual Innovation Research Symposium: Innovating to Solve Pressing Local and Global Challenges* (pp. 129-140). Nairobi, Kenya: University of Nairobi.  
<http://conferences.uonbi.ac.ke/index.php/niw2017/IRS2017/paper/viewFile/59/15>
- July, 2016** **Makunda, C.S., & Edeholt, H.** (2016). How African Design Perspectives Challenge Sustainable Development. In J. J. de Melo, A. Disterheft, S. Caeiro, R.F. Santos & T. B. Ramos (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 22nd International Sustainable Development Research Society Conference: Rethinking Sustainability Models and Practices: Challenges for the New and Old World Contexts* (pp. 136-150). Lisbon, Portugal: International Sustainable Development Research Society (ISDRS). [ISBN: 978-972-674-791-8]

### Conference Papers:

- Jun, 2017** Birkin, F., Ramos, M., **Makunda, C.**, Margerison, J., Polesie, T., & Balanzo, A. (2017, June). Revising the Ontological Status of Traditional Modes of Living: The Concepts and Their Practical Consequences in Sustainability Issues in China, Kenya, Colombia and Sweden. 23<sup>rd</sup> *International Sustainable Development Research Society (ISDRS) Conference*. Paper presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> International Sustainable Development Research Society (ISDRS) Conference, Bogota, Colombia. <http://programme.exordo.com/isdrs2017/delegates/presentation/71/>  
<http://programme.exordo.com/isdrs2017/>
- May, 2016** **Makunda, C.S.** (2016, May). East African urban context research: Perspectives, lessons & opportunities. *Nordic Association of Architectural Research Symposium 2016 – NAF Conference*. Paper accepted for presentation at the Nordic Association of Architectural Research Symposium 2016 – NAF Conference, KTH/School of Architecture, Stockholm, Sweden.
- July, 2015** **Makunda, C.S.** (2015, July). Incorporation of indigenous or culturally Inspired themes and sources in design curricula: Opportunities for generating relevant design solutions. *Kampala International Design Conference (KIDEC)*. Paper accepted for presentation at the Kampala International Design Conference (KIDEC), Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda.
- Nov, 2014** **Makunda, C.S.** (2014, November). Quality Design is SAFE Design: Objective Criteria for the Evaluation of Design Objects and Spaces. *Nairobi Design Conference (NADEC)*. Paper presented at the Nairobi Design Conference (NADEC), Alliance Française, Nairobi, Kenya.
- May, 2011** **Makunda, C.S.** (2011, May). The Role of Design in the Industrial Transformation of Kenya. *The Nairobi International Design Conference (NIDEC)*. Paper presented at The Nairobi International Design Conference (NIDEC), Louis Leakey Auditorium, National Museums of Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya.

### Project Reports:

- 2008** Ahramjian, L., A. Carson, P. Collins, R. Kirloss, J. Lang, **C. Makunda**, Z. Moses, S.J. Oh, J. Reinhardt, E. Service, M. Smith, K. Styger, & K. Vagen. (2008). *The Philadelphia Public Space Project*. (MA Thesis). University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
- 2007** **Makunda, C.S.** et al. (2007). *Revitalization of Newbold Neighborhood*. (Graduate Urban Planning Workshop). University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
- 2002** **Makunda, C.S.** (2002). *Mizizi: Center for African Studies, Portland, Oregon: A Cultural cum Educational Center Highlighting the Essence of Africa*. (MA Thesis). University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, U.S.A.

- 1999**      **Makunda, C.S.** et al. (1999). *Learning at Morse Ranch: An interdisciplinary fun approach for fifth graders.* (Graduate Architecture Design Studio). University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, U.S.A.
- 1997**      **Makunda, C.S.** (1997). *Mother and Child: The Domestic Approach in the Design of Institutional Homes.* (BA Thesis). University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya.

**Other Publications/Publication-Related:**

- 2009**      Birch, E.L. (Ed.). (2009). *The Urban and Regional Planning Reader.* London: Routledge. [Assisted with the preparation of the publication material - researched and obtained copyright permissions for the images used to accompany the text for the above book].
- 1994**      **Makunda, C.S.** (1994, September). Backup Hardware and Software [Cartoon]. *East African Computer News*, 10(8), 11.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

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2011 – Pres.    **Lecturer**

**University of Nairobi**, Department of Art and Design, Faculty of Built Environment and Design [Formerly School of the Arts and Design, College of Architecture and Engineering – until 2011] Nairobi, Kenya.

- 1) **Teaching Responsibilities [Classes taught at postgraduate and undergraduate levels]:**
- **Postgraduate design courses, MA (Design):** History of Design, Furnishing Design, Furniture Design, Interior Space Design, Landscaping Design.
  - **Undergraduate design courses, Bachelor of Interior Design (BID):** Design Management, Design Research Project Paper, Exhibition & Display Design, History of Interior Design, Interior Architecture, Landscaping Design.
  - **Undergraduate design courses, Bachelor of Arts (BA) [Design]:** Analysis of History of Art & Design, Exhibition & Display Design, Instrumental Drawing, Interior Architecture, Landscaping Design.
- 2) **Postgraduate Students Supervision [Postgraduate students supervised]:**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Thesis Title</b>	<b>Role</b>
1.	Koila, Andrew Maitei	Masters (Ongoing)	2021-Present	<i>Generative Design Integration in Sustainable Development in Kenya.</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Supervisor
2.	Marube, Catherine	Masters (Ongoing)	2021-Present	<i>Adoption of Defensible Space Design in Public Housing Projects in Nairobi, Kenya.</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Supervisor
3.	Wachira, Samuel	Masters (Ongoing)	2021-Present	<i>Role of Internship in Developing Employment Ready Design Graduates in Kenya.</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Supervisor
4.	Ndugu, Nyakiige	Masters (Graduated)	2019-2021	<i>Ethical Design for Play Areas in Urban Informal Settlements: A Case Study of Kariobangi North.</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Supervisor
5.	Omindi, Sonia Ogembo	Masters (Graduated)	2019-2021	<i>Role of Design on User Experience in Public Parks.</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Supervisor
6.	Wanjiku, Maureen Wangui	Masters (Ongoing)	2019 – Present	<i>Interior Design Pertaining to User Experience During the Covid-19 Pandemic.</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Supervisor

7.	Chesaro, Mike Kemboi	Masters (Graduated)	2018-2020	<i>Integration of Waste Minimization Strategies into the Design Process for Sustainable Interior Practices.</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Supervisor
8.	Fortes, Thamara	Masters (Graduated)	2010-2013	<i>Kenya Cultural Centre: A Proposed Architectural Design Symbolizing National Identity</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Supervisor
9.	Mundia, James	Masters (Graduated)	2017-2019	<i>An Evaluation of Interior Styles in the Serviced Apartment Sector in Nairobi</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Supervisor
10.	Muragu, Beatrice Wambui	Masters (Graduated)	2012-2018	<i>Adoption of Cultural and Geographic Heritage in Interior Built Environments for Contextualization of Hotel Brands in Counties</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Supervisor
11.	Ng'ang'a, Evelyn Waleghwa	Masters (Graduated)	2012-2015	<i>Factors that Contribute to Building a Globally Competitive County Brand in Kenya: A Case Study of Machakos County</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Supervisor

3) Postgraduate Thesis Examination [Postgraduate thesis projects examined, internally, at the School of the Arts and Design]:

- **Mundia, James** (2019). [Role: Internal Examiner, Masters Thesis, 2019]  
*Title: An Evaluation of Interior Styles in the Serviced Apartment Sector in Nairobi.*
- **Ntinyari, Evelyn** (2013). [Role: Internal Examiner, Masters Thesis, 2013]  
*Title: Competencies Preferred by Employers of Interior Design Graduates in Kenya.*

4) Undergraduate Students Supervision:

Supervision of final (fourth) year interior design undergraduate student projects.

5) Administrative Responsibilities [Administrative positions held]:

- **Acting Chair**, Department of Art and Design (DAD) (Dec. 7-11, 2021)
- **Interior Design Thematic Head**, Department of Art and Design (DAD) (Feb. 2021-)
- **Chair**, Performance Contracting Team, Dept of Art and Design (DAD, StAD) (2018-)
- **Chair**, Income Generating Unit, School of the Arts and Design
- **Year Master**, Third Year Class, Department of Art and Design (Feb. 2021-); Second Year Class, School of the Arts and Design (Sept. 2019-Jan. 2021)
- **Examinations Officer/Coordinator**, Dept. of Art and Design (DAD) (Feb, 2021-)
- **Departmental Representative**, Faculty Committee to Consider Applicants for Lecturer Position (Mar. 16, 2022)
- **Member**, Faculty Complaints Handling Committee, Faculty of Built Environment and Design (FBED) (Oct. 2021-)
- **Member**, Faculty Graduate Studies Committee, FBED (2021-)
- **Member**, Management Board, Department of Art and Design (DAD, formerly StAD)
- **Member**, Departmental Examiners Committee, Department of Art and Design (DAD), formally, Examinations Board
- **Member**, Academic Board, Department of Art and Design (DAD, formerly StAD)
- **Member**, Gender Mainstreaming Committee, College of Architecture & Engineering (CAE) (Dec. 2020-)
- **Member**, Post Covid Teaching Committee, Architecture Design and Development (ADD), University of Nairobi (UoN) (July, 2020)
- **Member**, Degree Curriculum Review Team, School of the Arts and Design (Contributed to the curriculum development of the Bachelor of Interior Design (BID))



Degree, inaugurated in September, 2017; Contributing to the review of the School of the Arts and Design Masters and PhD Curriculum).

**2011 – 2015 Part-Time Lecturer**

**Evelyn College of Design**, Nairobi, Kenya. (March 2011 – July 2015).

Part-time lecturer in interior design for foundation level classes as well as Business and Technology Education Council (BTEC) Higher National Level Diploma interior design courses.

**2010 – Pres. Lead Consultant [Interior Design]**

**Colmak Design Studio (CDS)**, Nairobi, Kenya. (April 2010 – Present).

Creatively engaged in developing interior design solutions for both commercial and residential interior design projects in Nairobi, Kenya.

**2010 – Pres. Consultant [Urban Planning]**

**TSG Makunda & Associates**, Nairobi, Kenya. (January 2010 – Present).

Engaged in urban planning and design solutions including developing subdivisions plans, and preparing planning reports and obtaining planning approvals for changes of use and extensions of commercial and residential leases for properties in the Nairobi metro region.

**2009 Volunteer**

**DC Habitat for Humanity**, Washington DC, U.S.A. (July 2009 – September 2009).

- Managed the volunteer database at the Head Office of the DC Habitat for Humanity.
- Researched, analyzed, and documented the historical demographic trends of homeowners of affordable Habitat housing in the District of Columbia (DC).
- Assisted the legal firm representing DC Habitat for Humanity in organizing, filing and cataloging the legal records of homeowners of DC Habitat for Humanity homes.
- Participated in onsite construction work of a Habitat home located in the North-East area of Washington, D.C.

**2008 – 2009 Research Assistant**

**Penn Institute for Urban Research**, Department of City Planning, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. (June 2008 – June 2009).

- Assembled and analyzed demographic data and development trends of a sample of U.S.A's downtowns using the U.S. census data and information obtained from interviewing downtown associations and city officials.
- Analyzed the primary and secondary research data using tables, charts, and maps.

**2007 – 2008 Program Manager and Research Assistant**

**International Housing Finance Program**, Real Estate Center, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. (June 2007 – June 2008).

- Planned and organized an executive education program in International Housing Finance that generated course revenues in excess of US\$ 200,000.
- Managed course logistics and coordinated the enrollment of 70 international bankers representing 20 countries drawn from four continents.

**2007 – 2008 Research and Project Assistant**

**Department of City and Regional Planning**, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. (September 2007 – June 2008).

- Assisted with the publication preparation of *The Urban Planning Reader (2009)* book by Prof. Eugenie Birch, featuring a selection of articles on urban planning history and best practices by renowned planning scholars and practitioners.
- Managed the photo-printing and installation of a Rockefeller Foundation sponsored public exhibition highlighting slum upgrading projects in East Africa held at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Design in Spring, 2008.

**2007 – 2008 Planning Project Team Member**

**Department of City and Regional Planning**, School of Design, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. (January 2007 – June 2008).

- Developed an urban planning proposal for Philadelphia’s urban public place system:
  - Surveyed and inventoried existing open space.
  - Interviewed stakeholders including city residents, civic leaders and city officials.
  - Formulated an inclusive proposal for the cohesive integration and activation of the city’s downtown public spaces.
  - Presented the proposal to Philadelphia City Planning officials in a public presentation.
- Created a neighborhood revitalization corridor anchor plan for a new community in the city of Philadelphia:
  - Conducted field surveys and interviews to assess community needs and opportunities for economic development.
  - Facilitated community stakeholder meetings, incorporating feedback.
  - Summarized findings and recommendations in a 100-page report.

2003 – 2005 **Residential Home Manager and Swahili Tutor**

**Phoenixville**, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

- Managed a three-hundred-year-old residential house in the suburbs of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, that included a substantial holding of antique furniture and furnishings.
- Responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the home’s interiors and proper care of the antique furniture and furnishings – including chairs, tables, cabinetry, rare rugs.
- Tutored home-owner in spoken Swahili.

2002 **Graduate Teaching Fellow in Architecture**

**University of Oregon**, Department of Architecture, School of Architecture and Allied Arts, Eugene, Oregon, U.S.A.

- Assisted in teaching an undergraduate design drawing skills architectural class.
- Elaborated basic drawing concepts presented during class lectures.
- Provided individualized assistance in drawing techniques.

2000 – 2002 **Library Student Assistant**

**University of Oregon**, School of Architecture and Allied Arts, Eugene, Oregon, U.S.A. (June 2000 – May 2002).

- Assisted in managing the holdings of the School of Architecture and Allied Arts library.
- Supervised other student employees managing the library’s collection.

2001 **Graduate Teaching Fellow in Interior Architecture**

**University of Oregon**, Department of Architecture, School of Architecture and Allied Arts, Eugene, Oregon, U.S.A.

- Assisted in teaching an introductory undergraduate course in interior architecture.
- Led seminar-size discussion sections.
- Assigned and graded student assignments.
- Maintained office hours for students requiring further assistance in understanding the course material and assignments.

2001 **Lyman and Judy Johnson Research Fellow**

**University of Oregon**, School of Architecture and Allied Arts, Eugene, Oregon, U.S.A.

- Identified and created architecture and art history slides that were later added to the slide collection library for use by faculty in the School of Architecture and Allied Arts in augmenting their teaching material.

1999 – 2001 **Volunteer**

**University of Oregon**, Materials Resource Center, School of Architecture and Allied Arts, Eugene, Oregon, U.S.A.

- Assisted students and faculty in tracking down specific products and material samples organized under *Sweet’s Product Catalogue*.

- 2000      **Teaching Assistant**  
**University of Oregon**, Undergraduate Architectural Design Studio, Department of Architecture, School of Architecture and Allied Arts, Eugene, Oregon, U.S.A. (Spring 2000).
- Critiqued the design studio work of undergraduate architecture students.
  - Provided mentorship to the undergraduate architecture students.
- 1998 – 1999      **Freelance Designer**  
 Nairobi, Kenya. (September 1998 – August 1999).
- Completed a variety of graphic design projects ranging from three dimensional graphic representations of interior layouts to calligraphy writing of private college graduation certificates.
- 1998      **Graphic Designer and Exhibition Installation Manager**  
**Sols Inclinations Limited**, Nairobi, Kenya. (February 1998 – September 1998).
- Designed graphic exhibition posters/panels for companies participating in National trade fares.
  - Supervised the installation of the panels at the exhibition venues.
- 1994      **Graphic Designer**  
**East African Computer News**, Nairobi, Kenya.
- Worked as a graphic designer responsible for the layout design for the East African Computer News magazine published by Compunews Publishers.

## CONSULTANCIES, GRANTS, AND PROJECTS

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- 2020 – 2022      **Technical Coordinator**  
**University of Nairobi (UoN) School of the Arts and Design (StAD) Team**, Consultancy Services: Research Study for Investigation into Local Production/Manufacture of Affordable Ceramic Fittings to Support Affordable Housing in Kenya.  
*Organization: State Department of Public Works, Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and Public Works (MoTIHUDPW), Government of Kenya (GoK).* The design team is investigating the viability of local production/manufacture of affordable ceramic fittings to support affordable housing in Kenya.  
 No. MoTIHUDPW/PW/05/2019-2020  
 Value: KES 13Million
- 2013 – 2015      **Interior Design Member**  
**Technical Sub-Committee**, Kenya Pavilion for World Expo 2015, Italy Exhibition.  
*Organization: Export Promotion Council (EPC).*  
 The committee undertook the interior and exhibition design of the Kenya pavilion.
- Oct, 2014      **Judge**  
**East Africa Property Awards (EAPA)**. (October - November 2014).  
*Organization: East Africa Property Awards (EAPA).*  
 Design Member of the Judging panel that awarded the best real estate projects in East Africa including residential developments, architectural buildings, and interiors.
- Mar, 2014      **Design Trainer**  
**Training small scale manufacturers in light manufacturing industry to enhance exports from Kenya**. (March 5 – 6, 2014).  
*Organization: Export Promotion Council.*  
 Co-facilitated the instructive training workshop, as a resource person for one of the manufacturing sectors at the two-day workshop held at Kivi Milimani Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya, followed by onsite coaching of the producers at their various workstations, in subsequent weeks.
- 2013 – 2014      **Design Co-facilitator**  
**University of Nairobi Architecture and Design Team.**



*Organization: National Museums of Kenya.*

Co-facilitator of the design team of university architecture and design students led by two lecturers that developed proposals for the Kenya pavilion icon for the 2014 Mall Festival, Washington DC, U.S.A.

## 2012 – 2014 **Design Team Leader**

### **University of Nairobi Design Team.**

*Organization: Export Promotion Council.*

- *June, 2014:* Led the design team that developed the award-winning exhibition design for the Kenya Pavilion at the Source Africa Trade Show, Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa, June 19 – 20 2014.
- *June, 2014:* Led the design team that developed the award-winning exhibition design for the Kenya Pavilion at the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, held 24 – 28 June, 2014.
- *June, 2014:* Led the design team that developed the exhibition design for EPC Mini-Exhibition for enterprises adding value to agriculture and livestock products, light manufactures and commercial crafts at the Laico Regency Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya, held 9 June 2014.
- *February, 2014:* Led the design team that developed the award-winning exhibition design for the Kenya Pavilion at the 18<sup>th</sup> Addis Chamber International Trade Fair (ACITF), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, held Feb 20 – 26 2014.
- *October, 2013:* Led the design team that developed the interior and exhibition design for the Export Promotion Council pavilion at the Nairobi International Trade Fair at the Nairobi, Kenya, September - October 2013.
- *June, 2013:* Led the design team that developed the exhibition design for the National Exporters Forum pavilion at the Kenyatta International Conference Center, Nairobi, Kenya, June 2013.
- *February, 2013:* Led the design team that developed the exhibition design for the Kenya pavilion at the Ambiente International Trade Fair, Frankfurt, Germany, February 2013.
- *November, 2012:* Led the design team that developed the exhibition design for the Maendeleo Ya Wanawake 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations pavilion at the Kenyatta International Conference Center, Nairobi, Kenya, November 2012.

## 2013 **Design Team Leader**

### **University of Nairobi Design Team.**

*Organization: Kenya Wildlife Service.*

- *November, 2013:* Led the design team that developed the exhibition design for the Kenya Wildlife Service pavilion at the Getaway Holiday Fair at the Sarit Center, Nairobi, Kenya, November 2013.
- *October, 2013:* Led the design team that developed the exhibition design for the Kenya Wildlife Service pavilion at the Magical Kenya Expo at the Kenyatta International Conference Center, Nairobi, Kenya, October 2013.

Sep, 2013

### **Judge**

**Prison Enterprises – Industrial Inter-Stations Competition.** (26 September 2013).

*Organization: Kenya Prisons.*

University of Nairobi member of the Judging panel that identified the best designed products at Prisons Headquarters Industries Showroom, Upper Hill, Nairobi, Kenya.

Apr, 2012

### **Member, University of Nairobi Design Team**

**Exhibition Space Design for the signing of the MOU between the City of Beijing, China and the School of the Arts and Design, University of Nairobi.**

*Organization: University of Nairobi, Kenya & Beijing Industrial Design Centre (BIDC), Beijing, China*

Member of the design team involved in the design and installation of the above exhibit space.

1997

### **Design Team Member**

**Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife ASK Show Pavilion**

*Organization: Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife.*

- Part of the design team that developed and executed the artworks of wall murals for the Ministry's 1997 Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) annual Show pavilion.

1996

### Interior Designer

**Gatsby Charitable Trust Foundation.** (27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1996).

*Organization: Gatsby Charitable Trust Foundation.*

- Participated in a five-member University of Nairobi design student team as an Interior designer and designed and installed exhibition panels for the Gatsby Inter-Trust Seminar and Kenya Gatsby Trust Exhibition of Jua Kali Products held at Whitesands Hotel, Mombasa, Kenya.

## TRAININGS

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- Feb, 2019**      **Grant Proposal Writing Training Workshop**, February 20-22.  
*Chiromo Conference Centre, University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Participant in above training workshop.
- Jan, 2019**      **Pedagogy and Andragogy Training Workshop**, January 14-18.  
*CCU, University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Participant in above training workshop.
- Apr, 2012**      **UNES Proposal Writing and Research Grant Writing Workshop**, April 30 – May 1.  
*CCU Hall, University of Nairobi.*
- Participant in above training workshop.
- Sep, 2011**      **Training in Edexcel's course on "Building a Higher National Art & Design Programme on the QCF"**, September 8.  
*Brookhouse International School, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Underwent above training.
- Mar, 1995**      **ICIPE Science Press,**  
*Chiromo Campus, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Participant in a training workshop entitled, "University Design Students in Science," that covered four key topics; scientific illustration, photography, computer graphics, and poster preparation.

## WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES/EXHIBITIONS/SEMINARS/SYMPOSIA/LECTURES

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### Conferences/Symposia:

- Feb, 2022**      **Visual Design Conference 2022**, February 10-11.  
*Theme: The Evolution of African Visual Design in the Digital World, University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya [Department of Art and Design (DAD), Faculty of Built Environment and Design (FBED), University of Nairobi (UoN)].*
- Facilitator [Response to Chief Guest address] at above conference.
- Jun, 2021**      **ADEC 21: Afrika Design Education Conference**, June 22-24.  
*Theme: Afrocentric Design: Practice and Curriculum, [PADI: Pan-Afrikan Design Institute].*
- Virtual Attendee at above conference.
- Feb, 2021**      **PADI Afrika Design Day**, Feb 22.  
*Theme: Pambazuka: Out Time is Now, [PADI: Pan-Afrikan Design Institute & Design Kenya Society], Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Virtual Attendee at above event.
- Sep, 2020**      **NIDEC 2020: Nairobi International Design Conference**, September 24-25.  
*Theme: Design Zeitgeist Afrika, Nairobi, Kenya.*

- Virtual Attendee at above conference.
- Sep, 2020**      **International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP) Summit**, September 10.  
*Theme: Affordable Housing and the Inclusive City, Copenhagen, Denmark.*
- Virtual Attendee at above conference.
- Oct, 2019**      **3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on National Urban Policy**, October 28-31.  
*UN-Habitat Headquarters, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Delegate at above conference.
- Dec, 2018**      **Typography Kenya 2018 Conference**, December 7.  
*School of the Arts and Design, University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Panelist in above conference.
- Oct, 2018**      **CODE Symposium: Challenges of Performance-based Regulations**, October 10.  
*The Oslo School of Architecture and Design (AHO), Oslo, Norway.*
- Attendee in above symposium on the Nordic Building Code.
- Feb, 2018**      **African Centre for Cities (ACC) International Urban Conference**, February 1 – 3.  
*University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa.*
- Delegate at the conference celebrating the ten-year anniversary of the establishment of the African Centre for Cities at the University of Cape Town.
- Aug, 2017**      **NAD-KIDEC (Kumasi International Design Conference) 2017**, September 11 – 13.  
*Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana.*
- Reviewed a paper for the conference themed: “Sustainable Development Goals in Africa: The Role of Indigenous Design Concepts.”
- June, 2017**      **NORDES 2017: 7<sup>th</sup> Nordic Design Research Conference**, June 15 – 17.  
*The Oslo School of Architecture and Design (AHO), Oslo, Norway.*
- Delegate at the conference themed: “Design + Power.”
- June, 2017**      **23<sup>rd</sup> International Sustainable Development Research Society (ISDRS) Conference**, June 14 – 16.  
*Universidad de los Andes School of Management (UASM), Bogota, Colombia.*
- Co-author of paper presented at the conference themed: “Inclusive Sustainability for Development: How to Engage Academy, Government, Communities and Business.”
- May, 2017**      **Cumulus REDO Conference**, May 30 – June 2.  
*Design School Kolding, Kolding, Denmark.*
- Delegate and participant in the PhD consortium at the conference themed: “REDO.”
- Mar, 2017**      **Nairobi Innovation Week (NIW) – Innovation Research Symposium**, March 6 – 10.  
*University Towers, University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Delegate and presented a paper at the symposium themed: “Innovating to Solve Pressing Local and Global Challenges.”
- July, 2016**      **22<sup>nd</sup> International Sustainable Development Research Society (ISDRS) Conference**, July 13 – 15.  
*Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Campus de Campolide, Lisbon, Portugal.*
- Delegate and presented a paper at the conference themed: “Rethinking Sustainability Models and Practices: New and Old World Contexts.”
- May, 2016**      **The Nordic Association of Architectural Research Symposium 2016 – NAF Conference**, May 19 – 20.  
*KTH/School of Architecture, Stockholm, Sweden.*
- Conference paper accepted for presentation at the conference themed: “The Production of Knowledge in Architecture by PhD Research in the Nordic Countries.”

- Nov, 2015**      **Nairobi Design Conference (NADEC)**, November 5 – 7.  
*Michael Joseph Centre and Alliance Francaise, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Part of the organizing committee as well as a delegate and conference paper presenter at the Design Kenya Society sponsored Nairobi Design Conference held in Nairobi during which the theme: “Design in Kenya @ 50: past experiences, present trends and future aspirations,” was the focus of the discussions.
- Sep, 2014**      **Cumulus Conference**, September 22 – 24.  
*Greenside Design Center (GDC) and University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa.*
- Part of the University of Nairobi, School of the Arts and Design delegation that participated at the conference whose theme was: “Design with the other 90%: Changing the World by Design”.
- Sep, 2012**      **Slums Upgrading and Prevention Policy Conference**, September 14.  
*United Kenya Club, Nairobi.*
- Attendee in above conference that discussed challenges in slum upgrading and prevention policy.
- Jun, 2012**      **Six Global Dialogue on Design for Social Innovation Teleconference**, June 29.  
*Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Participated as part of the Nairobi team in above teleconference in which 13 cities were represented in the discussion. The cities represented were: Oslo, London, Glasgow, Stockholm, Paris, Helsinki, Milan, Madrid, Lisbon, Seoul, Nairobi, Sydney, and Adelaide.
- May, 2011**      **NIDEC 2011: Nairobi International Design Conference (NIDEC)**, May 25 – 27.  
*National Museum of Kenya and University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Part of the organizing committee as well as a delegate at the Design Kenya Society sponsored Nairobi International Design Conference held in Nairobi during which the theme: “Design for industrial transformation,” was the focus of the discussions.
  - Co-facilitator for the Interior Design Workshop (held at the Architecture Design and Development building [ADD]), which was one of the workshops conducted during the conference.
- Jul, 2010**      **The East Africa Region Planners Conference**, July 14 – 17.  
*Mombasa, Kenya.*
- Delegate at the Kenya Institute of Planners (KIP) Conference held at the Mombasa Beach Hotel during which urban planning and urban design issues facing the East African cities were discussed.
- May, 2009**      **Planning Symposium Recognizing the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First National Planning Conference in U.S.A.**, May 21.  
*National Building Museum, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.*
- Delegate at the symposium entitled, “1909 – 2109: Sustaining the Value of American Planning,” that focused on the successes and challenges of America’s first 100 years of planning and designing sustainable communities.
- Apr, 2009**      **American Planning Association Conference**,  
*Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A.*
- Delegate at the annual American Planning Association (APA) Conference during which the latest trends in urban and regional planning were highlighted and discussed.
- 1995 - 1996**      **Explo ‘95**, December 27 – January 4.  
*University of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe.*
- Delegate at the International Christian Students leadership conference entitled, “*Students in World Missions.*”

### **Workshops/Seminars/Webinars:**

- Dec, 2021**      **Seminar: Ceramics Project Seminar: Research Study for Investigation into Local Production/Manufacture of Affordable Ceramic Fittings to Support Affordable housing in Kenya**, December 16.  
*Fairview Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Presenter at above seminar.
- June, 2021**      **Webinar: Digitalization and Knowledge Portal to Promote Affordable Housing**, June 22.  
*FSD Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Virtual attendee at above webinar.
- May, 2021**      **University of Nairobi Gender Week Webinar**, May 11-16.  
*University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Virtual attendee at above webinar.
- Apr, 2021**      **Webinar: Kenya’s First National Art Gallery and What it Means for the Arts**, April 24.  
*Kenya Museum Society, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Virtual Attendee at above webinar.
- Sep, 2019**      **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern Africa Architecture Workshop and Exhibition: Tropical Architecture and the Urban Challenges Facing the Global South**, September 4-5.  
*Department of Architecture and Building Science, University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Delegate at above workshop and exhibition.
- Jan, 2019**      **Workshop on Protection of Traditional Knowledge (TK) and Traditional Cultural Expressions (TCEs)**, January 24.  
*British Institute in East Africa (BIEA), Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Participant in above workshop.
- Oct, 2018**      **International Book Launch: Sustainability in Scandinavia Architectural Design and Planning**, October 5.  
*The Oslo School of Architecture and Design (AHO), Oslo, Norway.*
- Attendee in above international book launch of the book edited by Ali Malkawi, Marius Nygaard, Anne Bem, and Erik Stenberg.
- Nov, 2017**      **Africa & the Emerging Ecological Civilization Event Workshop**, November 30.  
*The School of the Arts & Design, University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Presenter on the topic: “Nairobi & The Triple Top Line.”
- Nov, 2016**      **Earth Rise/Intrinsic Earth Workshop**, November 17 – 18.  
*Alingsås, Sweden.*
- Participant, as a team member, in above workshop that launched a new more sustainable way of thinking about and pursuing development.
- Oct, 2017**      **Cities & Society Seminar Series**, October 10.  
*Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway.*
- Attended the lecture: “Debating the Planetary/Particular in Comparative Urban Politics.”  
Presenter: Jennifer Robinson
- Sep, 2017**      **Cities & Society Seminar Series**, September 15.  
*Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway.*
- Attended the lecture: “What Need for Southern Theory of Cities.”  
Presenter: Alan Mabin
- Feb, 2016**      **Design with Social Impact Planning Workshop**, February 9 – 10.  
*Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK), Zurich, Switzerland.*
- Participated in a planning workshop for the “Design with Social Impact Program.” The workshop was to plan for student workshops and the research plan for 2016 and 2017 for the jointly run program consisting of three collaborating institutions: 1) School of the Arts &

Design, University of Nairobi, Kenya, 2) Zurich University of the Arts, Switzerland, and 3) University St. Cyril and Methodius Skopje, Macedonia.

- Oct, 2015**      **Design Research Seminar: Towards Sustainable Design Development**, October 8 – 9.  
*The Oslo School of Architecture and Design (AHO), Oslo, Norway.*
- Participated in a seminar that sought to explore the transformative potential of design, through making and research, in addressing the challenges posed by Climate Change.
- Jan, 2015**      **Zurich-Nairobi Collaborative Workshop**,  
*School of the Arts and Design, University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Interior Design Group leader of the Zurich School of the Arts, Zurich, Switzerland – School of the Arts and Design, Nairobi, Kenya three-week Social Design Collaborative Workshop with the theme of Food Security. I guided the Interior Design students with their projects around the workshop theme that were later shared online on the School of the Arts and Design, University of Nairobi website.
- Jun, 2014**      **China-Kenya Workshop**, June xx  
*College of Arts and Design, Beijing University of Technology, Beijing, China.*
- Team leader of the Kenyan delegation and co-facilitator of the above two-day joint workshop that developed tourism souvenirs for the two countries.
- Oct, 2012**      **Workshop on Strengthening UNES/UoN Consultancy**, October 31.  
*Chiromo Conference Center, Chiromo Campus, University of Nairobi, Nairobi.*
- Attendee in above workshop.
- Aug, 2011**      **IndiAfrica: A Shared Future Seminar**, August 26.  
*Taifa Hall, Main Campus, University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Moderator for the discussions around the papers presented at the seminar.
- Lectures:**
- Feb, 2020**      **Lecture on The Kenya Art Scene Today: Opportunities, Issues and Competitions by Margaretta wa Gacheru**, February 20.  
*ADD Building, University of Nairobi.*
- Attendee in above lecture by a renowned writer and commentator on the Kenyan art scene.
- Oct, 2018**      **Transport for London (Tfl) Lecture**, October 16.  
*The Oslo School of Architecture and Design, Oslo, Norway.*
- Attendee in above lecture by Paul Manchant, Head of Product Design, Tfl.
- Oct, 2018**      **Lecture: What Can Design Do to Enrich the Democratic Ecosystems?** October 4.  
*The Oslo School of Architecture and Design (AHO), Oslo, Norway.*
- Attendee in above lecture by Ezion Manzini.
- Nov, 2012**      **Lecture on African Typography by Saki Mafundikwa**, November xx  
*ADD Building, University of Nairobi.*
- Attendee in above lecture by the renowned designer and proprietor of a design school in Zimbabwe.
- Oct, 2012**      **Lecture on the Design of the Library of Congress**, October xx  
*ADD Building, University of Nairobi.*
- Delivered a lecture to postgraduate students at the University of Nairobi on the design of the Library of Congress (Washington D.C.), which I had visited in July 2012.

### **Exhibitions:**

- Oct, 2021**      **Exhibition: Woodlife Sweden Exhibition**, October 18-22.



*ADD Building, University of Nairobi, Kenya (Department of Architecture & Embassy of Sweden).*

- Attendee in above exhibition on wood architecture, construction, design, sustainable architecture and sustainable forestry.

**Sep, 2019**      **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern Africa Architecture Workshop and Exhibition: Tropical Architecture and the Urban Challenges Facing the Global South**, September 4-5.

*Department of Architecture and Building Science, University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya.*

- Delegate at above workshop and exhibition.

**Sep, 2018**      **Exhibition: Byggforskserien Past-Present-Future**, September 26 – October 10.

*AHO Gallery, The Oslo School of Architecture and Design (AHO), Oslo, Norway.*

- Attendee in above Exhibition on the Construction industry in Norway.

**Sep, 2018**      **Exhibition: Images of Egypt**, September 20.

*Museum of Cultural History, Oslo, Norway.*

- Attendee in above exhibition.

**Jun, 2018**      **House Viewing & Housing Design Exhibitions**, June xx

*The National Museum – Architecture in Oslo, Norway.*

- Attendee in above exhibitions on the transformation and history of housing in Norway.

**Oct, 2012**      **Export Promotion Council/ Women Enterprise Fund Exhibition**, October 30.

*Silver Springs Hotel, Nairobi.*

- Attended above exhibition that showcased handicrafts by women's groups from various Kenyan counties.

**Jul, 2012**      **House and Home Exhibition**,

*National Building Museum in Washington D.C., USA.*

- Attendee in above exhibition on the history of the furniture, fixtures and equipment in modern homes.

**Jul 2012**      **Museum of Natural History**,

*North Carolina, U.S.A.*

- Visited the highly interactive exhibits at above museum.

## MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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<b>2018</b>	International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP)
<b>2018 –</b>	British Institute in East Africa (BIEA)
<b>2016</b>	International Sustainable Development Research Society (ISDRS)
<b>2010 –</b>	Design Kenya Society (DKS)
<b>2005</b>	American Planning Association (APA)
<b>2003</b>	American Institute of Architects (AIA), Philadelphia Chapter
<b>2001</b>	International Interior Design Association (IIDA), Student Chapter
<b>2000</b>	American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), Student Chapter
<b>1998</b>	Design Society of Kenya (DeSK)

## COMPUTER SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

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- CAD: Autodesk AutoCAD, ArchiCAD, Vector Works, CorelDraw, Google Sketchup.
- Design: Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, Indesign), PowerPoint, Keynote
- Word Processing: Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Access), Apple (Pages, Numbers)

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- English (fluent), Swahili (fluent)

## AWARDS/LEADERSHIP/HONOURS

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- 2015-2018** PhD Scholarship (The Oslo School of Architecture & Design [AHO]), Oslo, Norway.
- 2010-2017** Secretary, Design Kenya Society (DKS) (Kenya)
- 2008** Urwin Gutkind Travel Award for significant contribution to international planning (School of Design Awards, University of Pennsylvania).
- 2007/2008** Chair, PennDesign Black Student Alliance (University of Pennsylvania)
- 2006/2007** Co-President, Penn International Planning Club (University of Pennsylvania)  
Teaching Assistantships (University of Pennsylvania)
- 2002** Outstanding Student Service Award (University of Oregon)  
Graduate Teaching Fellowship (Architecture) (University of Oregon)
- 2001/2002** Secretary, African Students Association (University of Oregon)
- 2001** Brownwell Frasier Scholarship (University of Oregon)  
International Student Merit Award (University of Oregon)  
John Haines African Student Scholarship Award (University of Oregon)  
Lyman and Judy Johnson Research Fellowship (University of Oregon)  
Leadership Service Award (University of Oregon)  
Graduate Teaching Fellowship (Interior Architecture) (University of Oregon)  
Fundraising Chair, American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Student Chapter  
Fundraising Chair, International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Student Chapter
- 2000/2001** Technology Fee (International Work Study) Award (University of Oregon)
- 2000** Ellen M. Pennell Scholarship (University of Oregon)  
Leadership Service Award (University of Oregon)  
Finalist, Baldinger National Lighting Design Competition  
Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Architectural Studio (University of Oregon)
- 1999-2002** Member, International Students Association (University of Oregon)
- 1995/1996** Treasurer, Design Students Association (University of Nairobi)

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