

CURRICULUM VITAE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Career Objective

To utilize the knowledge I have gained from my experience and studies in Library Science, Gender and Development Studies and Sociology in collecting, storing, organizing, teaching, managing and disseminating information.

General Summary

I am a librarian working at the University of Nairobi as well as a PhD student of Library and Information Science (LIS) at the University of Botswana. I also have a Master of Arts degree in Medical Sociology, PGD in Gender & Development Studies and Bachelor of Library Science from Makerere University, Kampala.

Currently, my work involves searching, retrieving and disseminating information to the College of Biological and Physical Sciences Library users; training of researchers, staff and postgraduate students on the use of online resources; updating the Chiromo library information seekers with current and relevant information; supervising the digitization of documents; sensitizing students and staff on issues of plagiarism and open access at the college level, and teaching Library Studies at the University of Nairobi.

I have been the National Secretary of the Kenya Library Association (KLA) – the professional association of the library and information professionals in Kenya and the immediate past Vice Chairperson.

I have organized, participated and facilitated in various international, regional and national professional workshops, seminars and conferences and associated activities.

I have authored a book, published 2 chapters in 2 books and 2 articles in 2 peer reviewed journals. I have also presented research papers in various fora. I have a wide experience in library and information management work as I have worked at the University library for over 28 years. I have also done internship in innovative libraries both locally and abroad.

At present, I am in charge of the Electronic Resources Section at the College of Biological and Physical Sciences Library, Chiromo Campus.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

2012	Master of Library and Information Science, Kisii University, Nairobi Campus
2011	A Library and Information Studies PhD Student at University of Botswana, Dep. of Library and Information Studies
2009	Master of Arts in Medical Sociology
2000:	University of Nairobi Post Graduate Diploma in Gender and Development Studies
1996-1999:	Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda Bachelor of Library and information Science Degree
1988-1989	Kenya Polytechnic

Library Studies Certificate Course

- 1978 Kereri girls High School
East African Advanced Certificate of Education (EAACE)
- 1976 Ng'iya Girls High School
East African Certificate of Education

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1985 to date -University of Nairobi library in various colleges and sections.
- Currently in charge of the CBPS Library's Electronic and online Information Resources.

OTHER SPECIAL TASKS

- Trained the University of Nairobi and the Bondo University Management Boards on how they can use the free online Open Source Software to cite and to detect plagiarism and to reference
- Adjunct lecturer in Library and Information Studies (LIS) at the University of Nairobi and Kisii University, Nairobi campus.
- Trained Librarians in Senegal on how to document the World Social Forum (February 2011)
- Internship in Berlin, German touring innovative libraries (February 2009)-courtesy of Goethe Institut
- Organized and trained librarians from East Africa on how to document the World Social Forum (WSF).
- Established the World Social Forum (WSF) virtual library: (www.wsflibrary.org)
- Represented Kenyan librarians in the WSF Polycentric Meeting in Bamako, Mali in 2006.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member of UoN Development Research Uptake in Sub-Saharan Africa (DRUSSA)
- CBPS Gender Committee member
- Interim committee member of the Biodiversity Heritage (BHL) Library, Africa; This is a biodiversity open access virtual library
- Current National Secretary and immediate past Vice Chairperson of the Kenya Library Association
- Member of the National Book Development Council of Kenya (NBDCK).
- I solicited for funds (over 8 million shillings) for KLA activities.
- Have done research on reading habits of various groups of people in the country as indicated below.
- Member of the organizing committee of the 2012 Standing Conference of the East Central and South African Librarians (SCECSAL)
- Organizing committee member of the MAKTABA, Library of the Year Award

PUBLICATIONS

- Obachi, E & Kachero F. W (2012). Mutual Aid and Open Access Publishing in Africa: Who Benefits? Kenyan Case Study **Journal of Gender Information and Development in Africa: Special Inaugural Issue , 1(1), 57-74**
- F. Kachero and E. Obachi (2011), 'The Highest Common Denomination in the Current and Future information Profession' **Maktaba Journal of the Kenya Library Association** Vol.1 No.1, pp. 111

- "The Ugly Face of Society: The Role of the Library" In ***Conflict Resolution: the Role of Information and Knowledge Management*** J. Kiplang'at & C. M. Nyamboga (Eds), Nairobi: Kenya Library Association, 2008.
- ***'Creating a Knowledge Base from the World Social Forum'***, Nairobi: Kenya Library Association, 2007
- ***Commercialization of Information***. Published online.
www.goethe.de/ins/za/pro/lag/kenya-obachi.pdf

RESEARCH PAPERS

- Employees' perception of equity in Medical Provision among staff: The case of the University of Nairobi: A project paper submitted to the University of Nairobi, Department of Sociology as partial fulfillment for the award of a Master of Arts degree in Medical Sociology (2009)
- "Books Behind Bars" an analysis of the Kenya prison libraries. A paper presented at a Reading Conference in Kampala, Uganda in January 2005.
- Gender and Drug Abuse Among the youth. A research paper presented at a YENADA Conference in a Nairobi hotel in 2001.
- A Gender Perspective of the Reading Habits of the Jomo Kenyatta Memorial Library users: A project paper submitted to the Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi as partial fulfillment for the award of postgraduate Diploma in gender and Development, 2001
- Gender Mainstreaming in the Library and information sector: Paper presented at the Uganda Library Association Conference in November 2000.
- Information Searching: a research paper presented at the Kenya National Book Week Workshop held at the KICC, Nairobi. 1999
- The Reading Habits of the Nairobi Primary School Children: A research project submitted to Makerere University as partial fulfillment for the award of my bachelor's degree, 1999.

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- Standing Conference of the East and Central African Librarians (SCECSAL). Held at Laco Hotel, Nairobi, June 2012
- Kenya Library Association Annual Conference, Mombasa Reef Hotel 24th-27th May 2011
- The World Social Forum: Held at Dakar, Senegal on 6th-12th February 2011
- Standing Conference of the East and Central African Librarians (SCECSAL). Held at Botswana University on 6th -9th December 2010
- Standing Conference of East and Central African Librarians Lusaka, Zambia July 15-18 2008
- 2007 Attended and facilitated in the WSF conference in Nairobi.

- Attended the World Social Forum at Bamako, Mali January 2006
- Standing Conference of East and Central African Librarians July 10th-14th 2006 at Dar es Salaam
- Standing Conference of East and Central African Librarians July 5th -10th 2004 at Kampala, Uganda
- I have also organized and facilitated various local professional conferences and workshops.

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