

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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Ambition : Expand my knowledge through education at higher levels.  
Hobbies : Searching for new knowledge and sharing it, socializing, travelling, listening to gospel music

## **CAREER OBJECTIVE**

- ❖ To work in a learning institution with an opportunity for research and sharing knowledge through regular academic discourse.
- ❖ To attain the highest level in academic, moral and social excellence and mentor up and coming scholars.
- ❖ To instill religious values and impact the lives of both peers and students positively through mentorship and counseling.
- ❖ To create a society of virtuous and competent leaders of the next generation.

## **PERSONAL PROFILE**

- ✓ Talented in various communication areas.
- ✓ Talented motivational speaker.
- ✓ Respects and welcomes correction and criticism.
- ✓ A good team player and ready to learn from seniors, peers and juniors.
- ✓ Quick learner.
- ✓ Ardent believer in Christian values.
- ✓ Honest, morally upright and high integrity.
- ✓ Capable of working with minimum supervision.
- ✓ Regards work as service to God and does not believe in employees' union activism.

## **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

- 2009** : Ph. D University of Nairobi (on going).  
Study mode: Thesis  
Topic: "The History of Distance Learning; the experience of Kenya."
- 1992** : Master of Arts in History at the University of Nairobi.
- 1985** : Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science, at the University of Nairobi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Honors, Upper Division.
- 1996** : Post-graduate Diploma in Education, at the University of Nairobi.
- 2001** : Certificate in Guidance and Counseling at the University of Nairobi
- 1980** : A-Level C History, Kiswahili and Literature at Matuga Girls High School. 3 principals pass.
- 1978** : O-Level, Star of the Sea Secondary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.
- 1975** : Bomu Primary School, C.P.E., pass, 33 points.

## **WORKING EXPERIENCE**

**1982-1983:** Teacher of History at Mombasa High School

### Responsibilities

1. Teaching history to forms three and for students.
2. Training students in debate skills.
3. Preparing and marking history exams.

**1987-1990:** Working as a statistician at Agricultural Development Corporation Headquarters.

### Responsibilities

1. Writing regular statistical reports to the MD about the progress of Animal and Crop Production in various ADC Farms.

**1990-1992:** Tutorial Fellow, at University of Nairobi.

### Responsibilities

1. Attached to a lecturer assisting my academic mentor and supervisor in teaching history at undergraduate level.
2. Marking.

**1992** : Appointed Lecturer, department of history, faculty of Education, University of Nairobi.

### Responsibilities

1. Teaching history courses.
2. Examining and marking.
3. Providing academic mentorship and guidance to history students.
4. Member of the Faculty Examination Board.

**1996** : Appointed part-time lecturer, department of Educational Studies, Faculty of Continuing Studies and Distance Learning.

### Responsibilities

1. Teaching several History Courses to Bachelor of Education students through Distance Learning mode of teaching.
2. Examining and marking.
3. Providing Academic Mentorship, guidance and supervision of history students.

**2005** : Appointed the coordinator of History at the school of Education, University of Nairobi.

Responsibilities

1. Supervising class attendance by lecturers and students on behalf of the chairman.
2. Coordinate the processing of the examination by the external examiners.
3. Preparation and forwarding of all the examination mark sheets to the Dean, School of Education.
4. Receiving and delivering to the department students concerns.
- 5. Advising students on course combinations and registration**
- 6. Providing Academic Mentoring to students:**
  - 7. Providing Academic and personal Counseling to students.**
  - :8, Teaching, examining and marking students history courses.
  9. Supervising Students project

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- ❖ “Schism and Renewal in Africa; The AICN revisited”. Journal of African studies, June 1992 issue.
- ❖ “Comparative Studies in Imperialism and Nationalism in Africa and Other Third World Countries”, published by University of Nairobi press, 1998. Reviewed by Prof. Gabriel Jal, Kenyatta University.
- ❖ “History of Kenya Since 1900”, published by University of Nairobi Press 2007. Reviewed by Prof. M. A. Achola, University of Nairobi
- ❖ “Philosophy of History”, published by University of Nairobi Press 2007. Reviewed by Prof. S. V. G. Simiyu, University of Nairobi.
- ❖ “The Post-Colonial Historiography of Kenya” At the press, awaiting publication.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

“Conflict and the making of modern Kenya” authored by George Odeny, University of Nairobi.

## CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- 1994** : Historical Association of Kenya Conference, held at Kenyatta University.  
Presented a paper titled: “The Truth about Religious Schism in Kenya”.
- 1997** : African Academy of Sciences, Conference held at Boulevard Hotel.  
Presented a paper titled: “Impact of Library Services to Distance Learning in Kenya”.
- 2000** : African Women Organization for Research and Development, Annual Conference Facilitator
- 2008** : Student Arise Movement (SAM-Africa) Annual Conference held at Nairobi University from 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> December.  
Presented a paper titled: “Role of Religion in Kenyan Universities”.
- 2009** : SAM-Africa Annual conference held at Kabarak University from 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> December.  
Presented a paper titled: “Education and Success in Africa”
- 2011** : SAM-Africa Annual conference held at Kabarak University from 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August.  
Presented a paper titled: “Transformative University Education”.
- 2010: Cottolengo Education Congress between 2<sup>nd</sup>—10<sup>th</sup> December, held at the Cottolengo Divine Providence Centre.

## WORKSHOPS.

### 2007

- ❖ Participated in a two-day University of Nairobi Curriculum Review Workshop organized by the TSC Kenya Institute of Education. Was a member of the committee for the review of the History Syllabus.
- ❖ Attended a two-day pedagogy training workshop held at Utalii Hotel by the University of Nairobi.
- ❖ Attended a two-day “Team Building” workshop organized by Marist International University College at Savelberg Retreat Centre, Nairobi.
- ❖ Have since attended six writers’ workshops at KWS Training Institute Naivasha
- ❖ organized by the University of Nairobi for writers to date. (2007 – 2011)

### 2008

- ❖ Attended a training workshop on “Tests and Evaluation at university level according to ISO – 2000 standards.

- ❖ Attended a two-day workshop on “Teaching Methodology and Test Development” held at Marist International University College.

### 2009

- ❖ Attended a one-day workshop on the pedagogy of Counseling Psychology.

### 2010

- ❖ Attended a three-day training workshop on Communication Skills, held at Marist International University College.

### 2012.

- ❖ Attended a seven- day training workshop on Inside-Outside Learning Strategies from 16<sup>th</sup> –30<sup>th</sup> August. Presented a paper on “The Role of The Teacher In Developing Critical Thinking in Early Learners”, held at the Inside-Outside Education Institute, Salt Lake City, USA,

**2012. Participated in Syllabus Revision workshop at KWS Institute, Naivasha  
Organized by the Department of Educational Studies, University of Nairobi.**

### **OTHER ENGAGEMENTS**

- ❖ Motivational speaking.
- ❖ Career Guidance and Counseling.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- ❖ Board Member, Chulaimbo Secondary School  
P. O. BOX 136 Maseno.
- ❖ Patron, Mbakoromo Primary School.
- ❖ Member, Education Committee, Winners Chapel, Nairobi.
- ❖ Member, AWORD.
- ❖ Member, Education Committee, Winners Chapel.
- ❖ Council Member, Word of Faith Bible Institute.
- ❖ Board Member, St Martin’s Secondary School, Mwari.
- ❖ Board Member, SCREAM-AFRICA, a Nairobi- based Street- children Rehabilitation Centre.

## **RESEARCH AREAS**

- ❖ Distance Learning
- ❖ Students Welfare at the higher institutions of learning.
- ❖ Culture and the fishing community.

## **REFERENCES**

1. Dr Ephraim Wahome  
Department of History and Archeology.  
University of Nairobi.  
P. O. BOX 30197-00100 Nairobi.
  
2. Prof. Vincent V. Simiyu  
Department of History and Archeology.  
University of Nairobi.  
P. O. BOX 30197-00100 Nairobi.
  
3. Prof. Gilbert E. M. Ogutu  
Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies.  
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