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PERSONAL DETAILS

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2005: PhD, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

1990: MA, University of Nairobi, Kenya.

1987: BA (Hons.), University of Nairobi, Kenya.

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Professional work experience

2009- Present: Senior Lecturer, Department of History and Archaeology

1994-2009: Lecturer, Department of History, University of Nairobi

1990-1994: Tutorial Fellow, Department of History, University of Nairobi

1992-95: Research Assistant, Department of History/British Institute in Eastern Africa Project: "A Nineteenth Century History of the Kilifi-Malindi Hinterland."

1994: Research Assistant, Family Planning Association of Kenya.

1990: Archivist, Kenya National Archives, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Professional Training

2007: University of Nairobi, College of Humanities and Social science ISO 9001/2002 Training Seminar

2007: University of Nairobi Training Workshop in Padagogy

Experience in university administrative work

2005 to date Member of the Faculty Postgraduate Studies Committee (FPSC)

2005 to date, Coordinator, Departmental Postgraduate Studies

2005 to date, Coordinator, Module 11 Master of Arts programme

Professional Appointments and membership

Member of the Board of Associate and Advisory Editors, *The International Encyclopaedia of Revolution and Protest, 1500 to Present*, (www.revolutionprotestencyclopedia.com)

Member of the British Institute in Eastern Africa, 1992 to date

Academic Honours and awards

2005- Postdoctoral Fellowship Grant, OSSREA. “White collar unionism in Kenya: a case of Medical Doctors and Academics”

1999-2003- Postgraduate Merit Award, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

1987- University of Nairobi Master of Arts scholarship

RESEARCH WORK, PUBLICATIONS AND CONSULTANCY

Publications

Books

George Gona and Mbugua wa Mungai (eds.) *(Re)-membering Kenya vol. 2: Interrogating Marginalization and Governance*, Nairobi, Twaweza Communications, 2013

Mwanza D. Kyule and George M. Gona, *Mizizi: A Collection of Essays on Kenya's History*, Nairobi, University of Nairobi Press, 2013

Hassan Mwakimako and George Gona, *IDP's Narratives as Political Discourse of Identity*, the Hague, Institute for Historical Justice and Reconciliation, 2011

Mungai, Mbugua wa and Gona G. M. (eds.) (*Re*)-*membering Kenya vol. 1: Identity Culture and Freedom*, Nairobi, Twaweza Communications, June 2010

Barrack Muluka and George Gona, *Traditional/Cultural Methods of Conflict Resolution among Selected Communities in the Rift Valley*, UNDP, 2010

George Gona, *Andrew Mtagwaba Kailembo: The Life and Times of an African Trade Unionist*, Nairobi, Catholic University in Eastern Africa, 2002.

Articles in Books, Journals and Encyclopaedia

George Gona, "Dealing with the Aftermath of the Election violence of 2007/2008: Kenya's Dilemmas" in George Gona and Mbugua wa Mungai (eds.) (*Re*)-*membering Kenya vol. 2: Interrogating Marginalization and Governance*, Nairobi, Twaweza Communications, 2013.

M. D. Kyule and George M. Gona, "Introduction" in *Mizizi: A Collection of Essays on Kenya's History*, Nairobi, University of Nairobi Press, 2013.

George M. Gona, "He Talked for Us": Moi and Structural Adjustments Programmes in Kenya, Nairobi, University of Nairobi Press, 2013.

George Gona and Mbugua wa Mungai (eds.) "Introduction" in George Gona and Mbugua wa Mungai (eds.) (*Re*)-*membering Kenya vol. 2: Interrogating Marginalization and Governance*, Nairobi, Twaweza Communications, 2013

Justin Willis and George Gona, "Tradition, Tribe, and the State in Kenya: The Mijikenda Union, 1945-1980" *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 2013, 55(2) 448-473

Justin Willis and George Gona, "'Pwani C Kenya'": Memory, documents and secessionist politics in coastal Kenya, *African Affairs*, vol 112 no. 446, 2013

Gona G. M. and Mbugua wa Mungai, 'Introduction' in Gona, G. M. and Mbugua wa Mungai eds. *Re-membering Kenya vol. 1: Identity, Culture and Freedom*, Nairobi, Twaweza Communications, June 2010

Gona, G.M, 'The South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC): Lessons for Kenya,' in Gona, G. M. and Mbugua wa Mungai eds. *Re-membering Kenya vol. 1: Identity, Culture and Freedom*, Nairobi, Twaweza Communications, June 2010

Gona, G.M. "Portrait of a Nationalist: the Life of Ronald Ngala", *Hekima*, 2009

Gona, G. M. "Surviving Structural Adjustment: the case of Kenya Women," in Immanuel Ness ed. *The International Encyclopaedia of Revolution and Protest, 1500 to Present*, Blackwell Publishing, 2009

Gona, G.M. "Jomo Kenyatta, (1893-1978)," in Immanuel Ness ed. *The International Encyclopaedia of Revolution and Protest, 1500 to Present*, Blackwell Publishing, 2009

Gona, G.M. "Popular Protest and Workers Participation in Kenya, 1990-1997," in Immanuel Ness ed. *The International Encyclopaedia of Revolution and Protest, 1500 to Present*, Blackwell Publishing, 2009

Gona, G.M. and Mary Mwiandi "Mau Mau Rebellion, 1952 to 1959" in Immanuel Ness ed. *The International Encyclopaedia of Revolution and Protest, 1500 to Present*, Blackwell Publishing, 2009

Gona, G.M "Changing Political Faces on Kenya's Coast, 1992-2007," *Journal of Eastern African Studies*, Vol. 2 No 2 July 2008

Gona, G.M. "The State of Labour in Kenya and its effect on the consolidation of Democracy" in Rok Ajulu (ed) *Two Countries one Dream: Challenges of Democratic Consolidation in Kenya and South Africa*, Johannesburg, KMMM Review Publishers (Pty) Ltd. 2008

Gona, G.M. "Towards a Concrete East African Trade Union Confederation: History, Prospects and Constraints," *African Studies*, Vol. 66 Nos2-3, August-December 2007

Forthcoming Publications

Gona, G. M. and Mbugua wa Mungai, "Introduction" in Gona G. M. and Mbugua wa Mungai, eds. *Re-membering Kenya vol. 2, Governance and Economics*, Nairobi, Twaweza Communications, 2013

Gona, G. M. "Dealing with the Aftermath of the Post-Election Violence of 2007/2008: Kenya's Dilemmas," in Gona, G. M. and Mbugua wa Mungai, eds. *Re-membering Kenya vol. 2, Governance and Economics*, Nairobi, Twaweza Communications, 2013

Justin Willis and George Gona, "Tradition, tribe and the state in Kenya: the Mijikenda Union, 1945-1980", *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, April 2013

Gona, G. M. and Mwanzia Kyule, eds. "Introduction" in Mwanzia, Kyule and George Gona, eds. *Mizizi: Essays in Honour of Godfrey Muriuki*, Nairobi, University of Nairobi Press, (forthcoming 2013)

Mwanzia, Kyule and George Gona, eds/ *Mizizi: Essays in Honour of Godfrey Muriuki*, Nairobi, University of Nairobi Press, (forthcoming 2013)

Gona, G. M. "He spoke for Us": Moi and Structural Adjustments in Kenya," in Mwanzia, Kyule and G. M. Gona, eds. *Mizizi: Essays in Honour of Godfrey Muriuki*, (forthcoming, 2013)

Gona, G. M. "The Emergence of White-Collar Unionism in Kenya: the Case of Academics and Medical Doctors, 1970s to 2002 (forthcoming, Contact Zone, 2014)

Paper Presentations and Conferences attended

Gona, G. "Elusive Peace in Kenya" paper presented at the public forum organised by Twaweza and Ahadi Kenya, Pride Inn Hotel, August 2012

Gona, G. "National Dialogues: Emerging Issues at the Coast", paper presented at the People's Conference, KICC 12th and 13th March 2012.

Gona, G. M. Kenyan Workers and international Solidarity Networks: New Beginnings? Paper presented at the Labour Crossings: World, Work and History, 5- 8 September 2008, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Gona, G.M. "The state of labour movement in Kenya and its effect on the consolidation of democracy," paper presented at the workshop for the book project: *Challenges of Democratic Economic Consolidation in Sub-Saharan Africa: a Comparative Perspective of Kenya and South Africa*, Centurion, South Africa, 2-4 July 2008

Gona, G. M. "Truth and Justice: Lessons from SA's truth and reconciliation Commission" paper presented at the (Re)membering Kenya's Past public lecture series, Goethe Institute, July 2008

Gona, G. M. "The Intellectual and the State in Kenya: the case of the Universities Academic Staff Union in the 1970s", Paper presented at the Historical Association of Kenya Conference, Nairobi, July 2006

Gona, G. M. "The International Organisation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU), Africa and Workers' Solidarity: a Critical Overview, Paper presented at the International Conference on Africa, Globalization and Justice, May 2006

Gona, G. M. "State Corporatism and labour movement in Kenya, 1980-90" Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Historical Association of Kenya, Lake Baringo, June 2004

Gona, G. M. "Asians: the Missing Ingredient in Post-Colonial Trade Unionism in Kenya," Paper presented at the British Institute in Eastern Africa Conference: Urban Experiences in Eastern Africa, June 2001

Gona, G. M. "A History of the Trans-Sabaki Giriama of Kenya's Coastal Hinterland, 1850-1945," Seminar paper, Department of History, University of Nairobi, 1996

Gona, G. M. "The Debates on the Settlement of the Makaya: A New Perspective," Paper presented at the Urbanisation in Africa from a Global Perspective International Conference, Mombasa, 22-29 January 1993

Gona G. M. "Ronald Gideon Ngala: A Political Biography," Unpublished MA dissertation, University of Nairobi, 1990

Current Research Work

Justin Willis, Gregory Deacon, George Gona and Hassan Mwakimako, Churches and Msques as Spaces of Discussions on Democracy and Governance"

Gona, G.M. and Wambui Kia, "Women in Public Spaces" Project Head, funded by Ford Foundation, February 2011-January 2013

Gona, G. M. "Leisure in Sinai, Nairobi"

Gona, G. M. and Kenneth Ombongi, "Tales from Nairobi's East End: the Histories of Mathari, Nairobi

Consultancy

June 2012, Developed Policy Paper on Historical Injustices to inform the decision on distribution of Equalisation Fund (Commission on Revenue Allocation, CRA) (with Dr. Mary Mwiandi)

March 2012, Resource Person for Peoples Conference, "National Dialogues: Emerging Issues from the Coast", (UNDP and NCIC).

February 2012, Member of the Drafting Committee on National Race and Ethnic Policy for the Kenya National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC).

February 2012, Kenya's Post-colonial History: a Survey, Paper prepared for the Go Germany, Go Kenya Workshop for the Germany Federal Government (for seminar at Sevarin Sea Lodge, 26th and 27th February 2012).

July-December 2011: Steering Committee Member of Essay Competition, Kenya National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC).

August-November 2011: Associate Consultant, Habitat Planners, Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Act Kenya NSA-NRM Facility Programme.

August 2010-April 2011: Developed Management Plan for Mara Naboisho Conservancy for Basecamp Foundation with Dr. Stella Mukhovi and Dr. Francis Mwaura

April 2010-2011: Research on Narratives of Nationhood among IDPs, for Forum for History and Society and the Institute of Historical Justice and Reconciliation, The Hague with and Hassan Mwakimako.

August-October 2010, Reclaiming our Nationhood, TV Series, GTZ/NCIC. Historical Developments, Episodes and Content.

October 2009: Government of Kenya (GOK), Training of Chiefs on Peace Building and Conflict Resolution. Also reviewed the new National Policy on Peace Building and Conflict Resolution with Gaciku Kangari.

August 2009: UNDP Research, Baseline Survey on Traditional/Cultural Methods of Conflict Resolution among Selected Communities in the Rift Valley done with Barrack Muluka.

June 2008, National Expert, Report on Post-election Violence, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights

March 2008, Commissioned by KMMM Review Publishers Company (Pty) Ltd (South Africa) to write a paper on “The State of Labour in Kenya and the deepening of democracy” as contribution to a book project titled *Challenges of Democratic Consolidation in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Comparative Perspective of Kenya and South Africa*, Rok Ajulu (ed.)

August 2007, Trained Peace Workers at Kakuma Camp for the Lutheran World Federation, 21-25 August 2007

May 2007 Prepared and presented background document titled: “The Situation of Trafficking in Persons in Eastern Africa” for the Conference on Trafficking in Persons in the Eastern African Region, Stanley Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya, May 8-9, 2007 for the ICFTU.

August 2006, Prepared a Strategic Plan for Eco-tourism Kenya, with Wilfred Nyangena.

August 2006, Evaluated the Isecheno Tourism Bandas Project, Kakamega Forest for Eco-tourism Kenya with Milca Asamba

2005: Prepared and presented background document titled: “Trafficking in Persons in East Africa” for the Workshop on Trafficking in Persons in the East African Region, Lenana Mount, Nairobi, Kenya, August 16-19, 2005

2005: Prepared a Script for HIV/AIDS Video on “Workers Confronting the HIV/AIDS Pandemic at the Workplace” for the ICFTU-AFRO, Nairobi, August 2005. 2005, Prepared a document for the ICFTU-AFRO congress September 2005 “ICFTU, AFRO and Tunisian Workers-a Long History of Solidarity”, April, 2005

2003: Prepared and presented background document titled: “Beyond Gaborone: ICFTU-Activities in the Fight against HIV/AIDS in the Workplace,” at the ICFTU-AFRO Conference of “Workers and Employers Working Together in the Fight Against HIV AIDS,” Nairobi, 7-9 April 2003

1999: Consulted on the Project “African Trade Union Biographies” for the ICFTU-AFRO

1998: Resource Person for the ICFTU-AFRO Conference “Workers Rights in the Global Economy,” 10th March- 1st April 1998. Compiled a Report of the Conference

1997: Resource Person for the ICFTU-AFRO International Child Labour Conference, Nairobi, 3-5 December 1997

1997: Jane Kiragu, P. J. Omiya and Wambui Kimanathi and George Gona, HIV/AIDS Project Evaluation. Report funded by USAID through Family Health International/AIDSCAP

UNIVERSITY TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

Teaching

Thematic areas of Teaching at undergraduate level

- History of Africa Since 1800
- Topics in the History of Postcolonial Kenya
- Philosophy of History

Thematic areas of teaching at postgraduate level MA in Armed Conflict and Peace studies

- Themes in Armed Conflict Resolution
- Philosophy of Armed Conflict Studies
- Peace Initiatives and Peace Keeping process in Africa
- The Refugee Problem in Africa and the World
- Armed Conflict and Culture
- History of Peace and Reconciliation

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