

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: Godfrey Muriuki, EBS, B.A. (Hons. London),
Ph.D. (London).

Date of Birth: July, 1937.

Marital Status: Married with four children.

Education

1947 - 1952 Ngorano Primary School.

1953-1958 Government African School, Kagumo,
Overseas Cambridge School Certificate.
First Division.

1959-1964 Makerere University College, Kampala, Uganda,
B.A. (Honours) in History.

1966 - 1969 School of Oriental and African Studies,
University of London, PhD. in African History.

Experience

January-June, 1959 Teacher, Mweiga Primary School, Nyeri.

March - May, 1960 Research Assistant, Marketing Research Co. of
East Africa, Nairobi.

March-May, 1961 Chief Officer, Prisons Department, Kenya.

March-May, 1962 Tutor in History and English, Tumutumu Teachers
Training College, Nyeri.

March-May, 1963 Teacher (History, Geography, English), Kagumo Secondary
School, Nyeri.

March-June, 1964 Assessor Trainee, E.A. Income Tax Department, Nairobi

July, 1964-
September, 1966 History Tutor, College of Social Studies, Kikuyu,
University College, Nairobi.

January, 1970-
July, 1973 Lecturer, Department of History, University of Nairobi.

July, 1973- Senior Lecturer, Department of History,

February, 1979	University of Nairobi.
March, 1975- December, 1989	Chairman, Department of History, University of Nairobi.
August-December, 1977	Visiting Professor in African History, Stanford University, California, U.S.A.
January-June, 1978	Visiting Scholar, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.
February, 1979- August, 1987	Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Nairobi.
August, 1987 to date	Professor of History, University of Nairobi.
March, 1990-1995	Director, Board of Common Undergraduate Courses, University of Nairobi.
1990-1991	Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman University), Kirksville, Missouri, U.S.A.
1994	Rockefeller Foundation Visiting Research Professor, Institute of Historical Research, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa.
1996 to date	Visiting Professor, St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York, Kenya Semester Programme.

Since 1970 I have supervised M.A. and Ph.D. research students from the University of Nairobi and several British and American Universities. I have also lectured widely in Kenya, South Africa, Britain, U.S.A. and Canada. Finally, I have also acted as an External Examiner in History in East, Central, South and West African Universities.

Publications

1965	"The Fruits of Uhuru", in African Today, August/September, 1965, New York, U.S.A.
1968	"Kikuyu Reaction to Traders and British Administration" in Hadith 1 , E.A. Publishing House, Nairobi.
1969	"A History of the Kikuyu to 1904", Ph.D. thesis, University of London.
1970	"The Chronology of the Kikuyu", in Hadith III , E.A Publishing House, Nairobi.

- 1971 "Background to Politics and Nationalism in Central Kenya: the Traditional Social and Political Institutions of the Mount Kenya Peoples" in **Hadith IV**, E.A Publishing House, Nairobi.
- 1974 **A History of the Kikuyu, 1500-1900**, Oxford University Press, Nairobi.
- 1975 Assisted with editing **Kikuyu-English Dictionary**, Oxford University Press, London.
- 1976 "The Kikuyu in the Pre-Colonial Period" in **Kenya Before 1900**, edited by B.A. Ogot, E.A Publishing House, Nairobi.
- 1977 **The Kikuyu**, People of Kenya Series, Evan Brothers, London.
- 1979 "Central Kenya in the **Nyayo Era**", **Africa Today**, Vol 26, New York, U.S.A.
- 1980 "The Historiography of East Africa, **In to the 80's**, edited by D.I. Ray, P. Shinnite and D. Williams, Tantalus Research Ltd., Vancouver, Canada.
- 1983 Chairman, Editorial Task Force, **Official Handbook**, Kenya Government, Nairobi.
- 1983 3 Chapters in **Official Handbook**, Kenya Government, Nairobi.
- 1990 "The Reconstruction of African History Through Historical, Ethnographic and Oral Sources" in P. Stone and R. Mackenzie. **The Excluded past: Archaeology in Education**, Unwin Hyman, London.
- 1994 "The State of Research in Kenya", Conference on the State of Humanities in Africa, Nairobi, 29 November - 1 December 1994.
- 1995 "Research and Publications" in Barbara Matiru, Anna Mwangi and Ruth Schlette **Teach your Best: A HandBook for University Lecturers**, German Foundation for International Development (DSE), Bonn, 1995, pp 309-54.
- "Some Reflections on Cold War Africa and After" in **The United States and Africa: From Independence to the End of the Cold War**, edited by Macharia Munene, J.D. Olewe Nyunya and Korwa Adar, E.A. Educational Publishers Limited, Nairobi, 1995, pp 5-24.

- 1999 "Westliche Besonderheit? Einige Gegenargumente in Afrikanischer Perspektive" in **Westliches Geschichtsdenken: Einer Interkulturelle Debatte**, edited by H. Von Jorn Rusen, Gottingen, 1999, pp 223-31.
- 2001 "Kenya's Historical Experience: An Overview" in **East Africa in Transition: Communities, Cultures and Change**, edited by Judith M. Bahemuka and Joseph L. Brockington, Nairobi, 2001, pp 135-147.
- 2005 "Life and Government of Jomo Kenyatta" in **Encyclopedia of African History**, Fitzroy Dearborn, New York, Volume 2, 2005, pp 755-57.
- "Harry Thuku" in **Encyclopedia of African History**, Fitzroy Dearborn, New York, Volume 3, 2005, pp 1559-60.
- 2007 With Neal Sobania, "The Truth be Told: Stereoscopic Photographs, Interview and Oral Tradition from Mount Kenya," *Journal of Eastern African Studies* Vo.1, 1-15, March 2007.

Book Reviews

1. **Papers in African Prehistory**, edited by J.D. Fage and R.A. Oliver, Cambridge University Press, in **The Journal of the Historical Association of Kenya**, Vol. !, No. 1, 1972.
2. Growth of African Civilization,
 - (a) **East and Central Africa to the Late Nineteenth Century**, by B. Davidson and J.E.F. Mhina, Longman.
 - (b) **A History of West Africa, 1000-1800**, by B. Davidson and F.K. Buah, Longman.
 - (c) **The Revolutionary Years, West Africa Since 1800**, by J.B. Webster, A.A.Boahen and H.O. Idowu, Longman.
 - (d) **The Making of Modern Africa, Volumes I and II** by J.D. Omer-Cooper, E.A. Afigbo, Longman, In the **Kenya Historical Review**, Vol. 1, 1973.
3. **Harry Thuku: An Autobiography**: OUP, 1971 in **African Affairs**, Vol. 72, 1973.
4. **Nandi Resistance to British Rule 1890-1906** by A.T Matson, E.A.P.H., 1972, **African Affairs**, Vol. 72, 1973.

5. **Kenyatta**, by J. Murray-Brown, Allens and Unwin, 1972, **African Affairs**, Vol. 72, 1973 and **Kenya Historical Review**, Vol.2, No. 1, 1974.
6. **Counter-Insurgency in Kenya: A Study of Military Operations Against Mau Mau**, by A. Clayton in **African Affairs**, 1978.
7. **Happy Valley: The Story of the English in Kenya**, by Nicholas Best, Secker and Warburg, London, 1979, in **International Journal of African Historical Studies**, Vol. 14, No. 3 1981.
8. **Race Against Time: Human Relations and Politics in Kenya Before Independence**, by R. Frost, Rex Collins, London and Transafrica Book Distributors, Nairobi, 1978, **International Journal of African Historical Studies**, Vol. 14, No. 3, 1981.
9. **The Southern Kikuyu before 1903** by L.S.B. Leakey, Academic Press, London, New York and San Francisco, 1977-8, 3 vols, **The Journal of African History**, Vol. 22, No. 1, 1981.
10. **Kenya's Past: An Introduction to Historical Method in Africa**, by Thomas Spear, London, Longman, 1981, in **International Journal of African Historical Studies**, Vol. 17, No. 4, 1984.
11. **Christianity and the Kikuyu: Religious Divisions and Social Conflict**, by David P. Sandgren, American University Studies, Series IX, History, Vol-15, New York, Peter Lang, 1989 in the **International Journal of African Historical Studies**, Vol. 23, No. 2 1990.
12. **African Futures**, by University of Edinburgh, 25th Anniversary Conference, Centre of African Studies, Edinburgh, 1988, in the **International Journal of African Historical Studies** Vol. 23, No. 2, 1990.
13. **Contesting Colonial Hegemony: State and Society in Africa and India**, edited by Dagmar Engels and Shula Marks in **The International Journal of Historical Studies**, Volume 28, Number 3, 1995, pp 597-9.

Seminar/Conference Papers and Lectures

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| 1972 | "Unity and Disunity among the Kikuyu", Seminar on Tribe and Nation , 4 December, 1972. |
| 1973 | "The Problem of the Gumba and the Athi in Kikuyu History", Department of History Staff Seminar, 21 st February 1973. |
| 1973 | "What is your Mission in East Africa"? A Paper read to the General Assembly of the P.C.E.A. on 25 th April, 1973. |

- 1973 "Inter-tribal relations", **Symposium to Celebrate the Ten Great Years**, December, 1973
- 1973 "The Rise of Kikuyu-British Conflict up to 1930", International Congress of Africanists, Addis Ababa, December, 1973.
- 1978 "The Breaking up of the East African Community", African History Seminar, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.
- 1979 "The State of Research in Oral Historical Traditions in Kenya", UNESCO sponsored Seminar on Oral Traditions, Kisumu, April, 1979.
- 1980 "The Kenya African Union", Historical Association of Kenya Conference on **The Part which Central Province Has Played in the Evolution of Political Consciousness in Kenya**, Murang'a, May 1979
- 1980 With K. Mutahi, "Historical Linguistics and Oral Traditions: Southern Mount Kenya Peoples", Eastern African History **Conference on Language and Culture in Eastern Africa**, Nyeri, September, 1980.
- 1981 "Colonial Rule, Subsistence, Consumption and Nutrition: The Kenyan Experience", **Conference on Food and Imperialism in East and Southern Africa**, Naivasha, June, 1981.
- 1982 "The Problem of Rewriting the History of Kenya", **Conference on Zimbabwean History: Progress and Development**, University of Zimbabwe, Harare, August, 1982.
- 1983 "The Role of Oral Traditions in the National Development in Kenya", **Conference on Development of Kenyan Culture and Its role in National and Individual Development**, Kilaguni, 8-12 April, 1984.
- 1985 With Ruth Njiiri: 10 biographies of former Senior Kenya Civil Servants.
- 1991
1. "Research Methods and Management, Policies and Promotion".
 2. "Research Methodology" and
 3. "Research and Teaching papers presented at a Sub-Regional workshop on **Towards Academic and Professional Excellence in Higher Education**, organised by the University of Zimbabwe and the German Foundation for International Development (DSE), Kariba and Harare, Zimbabwe, 30th June to 12th July, 1991.
- "The Role of a Broad Based Curriculum: The Case of the Common Undergraduate Courses in the University of Nairobi", A paper presented at a Workshop on Staff Development, organised by the College of Education and External Studies, University of Nairobi and

the German Foundation for International Development (DSE), Jadini Hotel, Diani Beach, 4th to 12th August 1991.

- 1994 **The State of Research in Kenya**, Conference on State of Humanities in Africa organised by the Rockefeller Foundation, Nairobi, 29th November to 1st December, 1994.
- 1994 **Historical Links Between Kenya and South Africa**, paper presented to Africa Seminar, University of Cape Town, South Africa, 12th October, 1994.
- 1995 **United States Educational Influence on Kenya**, paper presented to staff seminar, Department of History, University of Nairobi, 15th February, 1995.
- 1997 **"The Role of Civil Society"**, an address to the Board of Trustees, Rockefeller Foundation, Harare, Zimbabwe, 15th January, 1997.
- 2001 **"Reflections on Post-Colonial Africa"**, C.L.R. James Lecture, St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York, U.S.A., 20th March, 2001.
- 2001 "Kenya's Constitutional History", paper presented to the **Constitution of Kenya Review Commission Workshop**, held at Mombasa Beach Hotel, Mombasa, 9-15 September, 2001.
- 2002 **"Ethnicity: The Bane of Kenya"** paper presented to the Global Partners Project and University of Nairobi Third Symposium, Mombasa, 17-20th June, 2002.
- "Centrality of History in Africa's Development", paper presented to the UNESCO and Human Sciences Regional Strategic Framework for Africa Workshop, Nairobi, 25-6 April, 2002.
- 2004 with Neal Sobania **"The Truth be Told: Photographs, Interviews and Oral Tradition from Mt. Kenya"**, Paper presented at a Conference on The Political Economy of Kenya: Past and Present, St. Antony's College, Oxford, 27-28 May, 2004.
- 2004 **"A Can of Worms: The Repercussions of the Struggle for the Second Liberation in Kenya"**, Paper presented at the Historical Association of Kenya Workshop at Lake Baringo Club, 10-13 June, 2004.
- 2006 **"Key Note Address on the Legacy of Colonialism in Kenya"**, Historical Association of Kenya Annual Conference, Nairobi, 7-8 July, 2006.
- 2007 **"Gauging Levels of Financial Needs and the Role of Student Leadership in the Processing and Disbursement of Loans"**, Paper

presented to the HELB-University Consultative Conference, Nakuru, 23-31st May 2007.

- 2011 **“Which Moi Should We Commemorate?”**, Paper presented to a Symposium on Commemorating the Past, Creating the Future: Kenya’s Heritage at Crossroads, The Open University, London, 8 to 13 September, 2011.
- 2013 Key note address on **“The 50th Anniversary of Independence: Marginalised, Forgotten and Revived Political Actors**, IFRA Conference, Nairobi, 23-24 September, 2013.
- “Build Up to the Liberation Movements in Kenya”**, International Conference on Liberation Movements, Karatina University, 5-6 December, 2013.
- 2014 Key note address on **Quality Education for Sustainable Development**, Nyeri County Secondary School Heads Conference, Perch Hotel, Kisumu, 24th March, 2014.
- Welcoming speech during the launching of **Tourism Development in Kenya: Critical Issues, Challenges And Alternatives in the New Millenium**, edited by John S. Akama , Utalii Hotel, 9th May, 2014.
- Welcoming speech to the International Annual Disciplinary Conference on **Africa and the New World Order**, Kisii University 30th July, 2014
- 2015 Key note speech on **What Kind of Student Leader Are You?** Kisii University Student Leaders Training Workshop, Milele Resort, Nakuru, 9th February, 2015.
- Key note address to the Senate of Kisii University on **The Challenges Facing Kisii University in Seeking a World Class Status**, Kisii University, 24 September, 2015.

Current Research

1. Kenya under Colonial Rule.
2. Historiography of Kenya.

Extra-Curricular Activities

- 1958 Head Boy, Kagumo Secondary School.
- 1962-3 Chairman, Livingstone Hall, Makerere University College.

- 1970-1 Assistant Treasurer, Historical Association of Kenya.
- 1971-2 Treasurer, Academic Staff Association, University of Nairobi.
- 1972-4 Treasurer, University Academic Staff Union, University of Nairobi.
- 1972-5 Treasurer, Historical Association of Kenya.
- 1973 to date Secretary, Board of Trustees, Kimathi Institute of Technology.
- 1973 to 2005 Member, Board of Governors, Tumutumu Girls' High School.
- 1975-77 Secretary, Historical Association of Kenya.
- 1975-83 Member, Board of Governors, Kagumo High School, Kiganjo, Nyeri.
- 1978-88 Treasurer and Chairman, Finance and Management Committee, Kenya Scouts Association.
- 1981-83 Vice-Chairman, Kenya National Academy for Advancement of Arts and Science.
- 1983 to 2005 Chairman, Board of Governors, Tumutumu Girls' High School.
- 1983-86 Member, University of Nairobi Council.
- 1985-90 Chairman, History Panel, Kenya Institute of Education.
- 1985-89 Member, Social Sciences Specialist Committee, National Council of Science and Technology.
- 1996 to date Member, Public Archives Advisory Council, Kenya National Archives.
- 1998 Member, Strategic Planning Committee, Review of Historical Studies, University of Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2000 - 2006 Vice-Chairman, Public Archives Advisory Council, Kenya National Archives.
- 2004 Member, Commission for Higher Education, Kenya.
- 2007-2013 Member, Board of Governors, Karundas Secondary School, Kiganjo, Nyeri.
- 2013 to date Chancellor, Kisii University.
- 2013 to date Member, Executive Committee, Chancellors Committee.

Honours and Awards

- 1966-69 Rockefeller Foundation Scholar.
- 1976 International Visitor, U.S.A.
- 1978 Visiting Scholar Award, British Council.
- 1980-91** Member, Editorial Advisory Board, **International Journal of African Historical Studies.**
- 1981-89 Member, Editorial Advisory Board, **African Affairs.**
- 1982-88 Member, Editorial Advisory Board, **Journal of African History.**
- 1982 to date Honorary Member, Historical Association of Great Britain.
- 1985 to date Fellow, British Institute in Eastern Africa.
- 1986 Elder of the Order of the Burning Spear (EBS)
- 2006 Elder of the Order of the Burning Spear (EBS)
- 2012 Public Recognition by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Nairobi during the 48th Graduation Ceremony for tireless service to students.
- Long Service Award, Founder Trustee, Kimathi University College of Technology.
- 2012 Founder Patron, Maragima Secondary School, Nyeri County.
- 2015 Award of Appreciation in recognition of long and dedicated service to the Kagumo Old Boys Association and Kagumo Fraternity.
- 2016 Award of Appreciation for services rendered to Maragima Secondary School, Nyeri County.
- 2016 Member, Advisory Board, Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History.