

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## PERSONAL DATA

**Name:** Milcah Amolo Achola

**Date of Birth** 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1949

**Citizenship:** Kenyan

## EDUCATION

1964 - 1965 Msalato Girls' Secondary School, Dodoma, Tanzania

1966 - 1967 Ng'iya Girls' High School

1968 - 1969 Alliance Girls' High School

1970 - 1974 University of Nairobi

1974 - 1978 Dalhousie University Halifax N.S., Canada

## EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

1968 Cambridge School Certificate Division I

1970 Cambridge Higher School Certificate

1973 B.A. Upper Second Class Honours (University of Nairobi)

1974 Diploma in Education (University of Nairobi)

1978 Ph.D. (Dalhousie University)  
Thesis topic "Sierra Leone and British Colonial Labour Policy, 1930-45"

## LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

English  
Kiswahili  
Dholuo

## **WORKING EXPERIENCE**

1970, Jan - July	Teacher at Nyakach Girls' Secondary School
1971, June - July	Teacher at Lugulu Girls' High School
1973, April - Aug.	Research Assistant to Professor B.A. Ogot, Department of History University of Nairobi
1974, May - July	Teacher at Nyakach Girls' Secondary School
1974 October - 1977 December	Postgraduate Student, Dalhousie University
1978, February	Lecturer, Department of History, University of Nairobi
1990, September	Senior Lecturer, Department of History, University of Nairobi
1991, June	Visiting Senior Lecturer, Department of History, Moi University
1992, February	Associate Professor, Department of History, Moi University on two years contract.
1993, March	Head, Department of History, Moi University
1996 - 1999	Acting Chair, Department of History, University of Nairobi for various short periods
2000, June	Chairman, Department of History, University of Nairobi
2001, October	Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Nairobi
2005, July	Chairman, enlarged Department of History and Archaeology, University of Nairobi
2009, February	Co-convenor, Proposed University of Nairobi African Women Studies Centre.

## **AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST**

General African History, West African History, Women in History, History of Health in Kenya, History of Nairobi.

## **PAPERS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

“The Labour Government of 1929 - 31. A Turning Point”, at **History Department**

**Seminar**, Dalhousie University, 1977.

“Trade Unionism and Colonial Authority: A Case Study of Sierra Leone”, at **University of Nairobi, Department of History Staff Seminar** in 1978.

“Government, Capital and Labour in a Colonial Setting”, at **University of Nairobi, Department of History Staff Seminar** in 1979.

“Hired Domestic Labour and Child Care in Colonial and Modern Times in Selected Parts of Urban Kenya”, at **Conference Organized by Goethe Institute and the Ministry of Culture and Social Services** in October 1981.

“Women and Labour in a Changing Environment” at **DAWN Africa Regional Meeting**, University of Ibadan, September, 1988.

“Adolescent Fertility and its Implications on Women’s Economic Productivity” at the **International Symposium on Social History and Development, 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Century**, Bujumbura, Burundi October 1989.

“Women’s Reproductive Role and their Participation in Economic Production” at **Conference on “Gender Relations, Development and Change”**, organized by AAWARD, Kenya, Chapter, Nairobi November, 1989,

“Women Groups in Economic Activities - Laikipia District”, at **Seminar on Women and the Development Process in Kenya**, Organized by the Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi, July, 1990.

“Women Groups in Economic Activities – Siaya District” at Seminar on Women and the Development Process in Kenya, organized by the Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi July, 1991.

“Reflections on Giftedness and Education Policies and Practice in Kenya, 1890 - 1960” at **Inter-Regional Conference on the Gifted Child** held at Moi University, Eldoret, 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> August, 1991.

“Imperialism, Nationalism and Communalism: The Lessons of India” in **Proceedings of Seminar Commemorating of the Birth Centenary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru**, Nairobi, Published by Were Press, 1991.

“Bagamoyo and Mombasa in a Time of Transition”, at the **International Conference on Bagamoyo**, Bagamoyo, Tanzania, September 2002.

“Public Health Policy in an Urban Setting: The Case of Maternal and Child Welfare in the Kenyatta Era”, at **Conference of the Historical Association of Kenya**, Baringo, June 2004.

“Public Health Policy in an Urban Setting: The Case of Maternal and Child Welfare in the First - Ten Years of Moi’s Rule” at the **Conference on Health and Disease in Africa**, at the University of Texas in Austin, USA, March 2005.

“Health, Race and Class: The Case of Nairobi, 1939-62” presented at a **Conference on History in a Globalised World**, Kisumu, August 2005.

“Politics of Health Policy & Health Services Delivery in Colonial Kenya” at a **Conference on Politics & Ethics**, Strathmore University, Nairobi 2005

“The Struggle for Independence in Kenya: the contribution of the Luo and Luhya”, presented at a **Workshop on the Designing of a History of Kenya Gallery at the Kenya National Museum**; held in Naivasha, May 2006.

“Colonialism Land and Nationalism in Kenya”, prepared for History Gallery National Museums of Kenya 2006.

“History and Development in Kenya”, prepared for the National Commission for Human Rights” for proposed itinerary History Museum 2006.

“Youth, Poverty and Destitution in Colonial Nairobi” in Proceedings of Conference on Youth held in Nyeri, June 2006.

“Race. Status and Death in Colonial Nairobi”. In Proceedings of Conference on the Life of the Corpse” held at WISER, Witwatersrand University, in August 2007.

“Women Science Tehnology and Innovations (STI): Strategies for a Competitive Workforce” – with Wanjiku Kabira and Jesang Hutchinson presented at Regional Gender, Science Technology and Innovation Workshop, 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February 2010 in Mombasa, organized by the National Council for Science and Technology, Kenya.

“Atieno-Odhiambo, Scholar and Mentor: A Tribute” Contribution in Remembering Kenya essay series, organized by British Institute in Eastern Africa, UON Department of History and Archaeology and IFRA at French Cultural Centre, Auditorium, August 2009.

“Women, Family, Marriage and the 2010 Constitution”, Presented at a Conference on Women and the Constitution of 2010, organized by the AWSC, UoN, 2013.

“Women, Culture and Food Security and Maternal Health in Kenya” presented at a Conference on Women and Food Security in Kenya in May 2014.

“Poverty, Ignorance and Disease”, the case of Maternal and Child Health and Welfare Policies and Services of the Kenyatta Regime in Kenya presented at conference on A History of Poverty in Africa: A Burning Question, Colombia University, NY, USA, March 2014.

## PUBLICATIONS

“Trade Unionism and Colonial Authority; A Case Study of Sierra Leone, 1930 - 1945”  
**Transafrican Journal of History, Vol. VII Nos. 1 and 1, 1979.**

**History of West Africa to 1800**, University of Nairobi Press, Nairobi, 1988.

“Labour, Metropolitan Capital and the Colonial State”, **Transafrican Journal of History**, Vol. 1 No 19, 1990.

“Towards, the Definition of a British Colonial Labour Policy” **Makerere Historical Journal** Vol.4 No.2, 1990.

“Women in Economic Activities - Laikipia District in **Women and Development in Kenya - Laikipia District** by G. Were, C. Suda and J. Olenja (eds), Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi, 1990.

“Adolescent Fertility; The case of Masana Luo Village 1980 - 1989” in **Histories Sociale de L’Afrique de L’Est. Department D’Histoire de L’ Universite du Burundi**, Editions Karthala, Paris,1991.

With N. Senkomago: **Themes in East African History**, University of Nairobi Press, 1991.

“The Public Health Policies of the Nairobi Municipal/City Council 1945 – 63” **In African Historians and African Voices: Essays Presented to Professor Bethewll A. Ogot on his Seventieth Birthday**, by E.S. Atieno-Odhiambo (ed), pp 145 – 183, Based, Switzerland, PSP Publishers, April 2001.

**A History of the Agricultural Society of Kenya 1901 - 1996**, Newspark Services, Nairobi, 2000.

“Troubled to Death” in **Religion and Health** by Kinoti, H.W. and Getui, M. (eds) Transafric Press, Nairobi, 2002.

“Colonial Policy and Urban Health in Nairobi” in **Azania, Journal of the British Institute in Eastern Africa Vol. XXXVI - XXXVII - 2001 - 2002** by Andrew Burton (ed) British Institute in Eastern Africa, Nairobi.

Review Article on **Politics of the Womb** by Lynn M. Thomas, 2003 in **Journal of African History, vol. 45 no. 3 (Nov. 2004): 505-507.**

“Public Health Policy in an Urban Setting: The Case of Maternal and Child Welfare in the First Ten Years of Moi’s Rule”, **Proceedings of African Health and Illness Conference** at University of Texas in Austin, USA, 2005.

“Objectivity, Source Material and Interpretation in Scholarship: Meinertzhagen in Kenya’s History”. A Review Essay in **J-STEM**, G.Pontian Okoth (Ed), Vol. 2 No. 1 and 2 2008.

“Public Health and Villagers” in proceedings of conference on the Publics of Public Health. Organised by Wellcome Trust, Kilifi, Kenya, 2009.

“Atieno Odhiambo the Quintessential Scholar” in Re-Membering Kenya, Gona G. and Kimani Njogu (eds) Twaweza Publications, Nairobi, 2010.

“Health, Poverty & Race in a Colonial Setting: Maternal & Child Welfare in Colonial Nairobi; in Mizizi: a Collection of Essays on Kenya’s History, D. Mwanzia Kyule and George Gona (eds) UON Press, Nairobi 2013.

Also “Preface” in the same publication.

“The Beaten Track” in The Beaten Track and other Personal Stories, Indangasi Henry and Beryl Awuor, (eds) Subline Meadia 2012.

“Youth, Destitution and Conflict: Nairobi’s Street Children, 1949-63” in Maseno University Journal, Vol. I, Dec 2012.

Kenya’s Economic History, Module III student Reader UON Press 2011

## **COURSES TAUGHT AT UNIVERSITY LEVEL**

World Civilization

Technological Development through Time (with colleagues)

History of Kenya at 1900

African History of 1884 (with colleagues)

History of Kenya since 1900

History of Africa since 1884

Eastern Africa to 1900

Kenya’s Past and Present (with colleagues)

African Cultural Heritage (with colleagues)

Transformation of the Indian Sub-continent from the 15<sup>th</sup> Century

Regional Surveys of African History – West Africa to 1800

Modern History of Europe

Transformation of Europe in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century

Themes in East African History

Kenyan Economic History

African Economic History

Research Methodology

Women and Society in Time Perspective

Women, Family and Society in Africa

Case Studies of Women Leaders in Africa

## **PARTICIPATION AT INTER-UNIVERSITY LEVEL**

External Examiner Maseno University College, Department of History,

1994-5

External Examiner, Strathmore University from June 2004

External Examiner, Kyambogo University, Department of History from June 2005 - 2007

External Examiner, Maris International Center, Catholic University of Eastern Africa, 2004 - 2005.

### **PARTICIPATION IN SENATE COMMITTEES, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**

Member, Senate Sub-committee on Future Graduations - 2004 – 05

Participated in research for and preparation of document on UON Policy and practice on graduation and convocations since 2006.

### **PARTICIPATION IN FACULTY BOARD AND COLLEGE ACADEMIC BOARD COMMITTEES, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**

Library and Bookshop Committee

Timetabling Committee

Examinations and Curriculum Development Committee

Welfare Committee

Post-Graduate Studies Committee

Faculty Development Committee

Income Generation Committee (IGA)

IGA Sub-Committee on Staff Health

Member Senate Committee on University of Nairobi Gender Policy. Participated in research for and preparation of the University of Nairobi Gender Policy, launched in 2007.

Co-convener, Proposed University of Nairobi of Nairobi African Women Studies Centre (AWSC)

Member, Technical Committee of AWSC., with Prof. Wanjiku Kabira (Convenor) and Prof. Ciarungi Chesaina (Secretary), participated in development of AWSC concept Paper and proposed programmes up to Senate presentation and approval.

Participated in development of AWSC Ph.D programme.

Negotiated for the registration of the first three AWSC Ph.D candidates.

Participated in preparation of proposals and fundraising the following:

- National Consultative Meeting of Women academics, politicians and activists.
- AWSC research on methodology tools for African Women researchers.
- AWSC Audit of vision 2030 as an important key Government Policy document with the view to assess its capacity to Government to address women's and gender concerns in health and agriculture.

IGA Sub-Committee on Publicity for Faculty of Arts Module II Programme

Faculty Management Board

Faculty of Arts Strategic Planning Committee

College Academic Board  
Senate Committee on Future Graduations

### **PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL COMMITTEES, MOI UNIVERSITY**

Member, Steering Committee for Research Projects on Refugees in Eastern Africa, organized by the Centre for Refugees Studies, Moi University.

### **PARTICIPATION IN DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES - UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**

Under-Graduate Studies Committee  
Post-Graduate Studies Committee  
Departmental Examinations Officer  
Library and Book Orders Committee

### **SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION IN DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY – UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**

#### **Preparation of Course Outline for :**

History of West Africa  
History of the Indian Sub-Continent  
African Economic History  
History and Economic Thought in Africa and the Third World

### **SUPERVISION OF STUDENT DISSERTATIONS:**

#### **Successfully completed at B.A. Level**

G. Mikwana  
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M. Wanalo

#### **Successfully completed and defended at M.A. & M. Phil levels**

Eric M. Aseka  
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### **In Progress**

MA: Nancy Adembesa  
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### **NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION**

KNEC Examiner, 'A' Level History P211/1 1978 - 1991

KNEC Examiner In-Charge of marking 'A' Level History P2211/4 1983 - 1991

Member of Executive Committee and Co-convener, Research Sub-Committee: Association of African Women Researchers for Development (AAWORD), Kenya Chapter, 1990-1994

Member of Executive Committee: Development Alternatives for Women in a New Era (DAWN), Kenya Chapter, 1990-1994.

National Chair, Historical Association of Kenya (HAK), June 2004 – 2006.

Resource Person on Museum Exhibit for History of Kenya - with KNCHR 2006.

Resource Person on Museum Exhibit for History of Kenya - with Kenya National Museums, July 2006.

Resource Person on Museum Exhibit – 2010

### **REFEREES**

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