

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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#### **Education**

2002-present: PhD candidate, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (ABD status, i.e. all other requirements fulfilled other than the dissertation).

2001: M.A., Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

1999: M.A., Archaeology, University of Nairobi.

1992: B.A. (Hons.), History and Geography, Egerton University.

#### **Academic Positions Held**

2008-Present: Junior Research Fellow, University of Nairobi, Institute of Anthropology, Gender and African Studies.

2006-present: Adjunct Faculty, United States International University (USIU).

2002-2008: Research Scientist, Archaeology Division, National Museums of Kenya.

1997/02: Assistant Research Scientist, Archaeology Division, NMK.

2002/04: Instructor, Koobi Fora Field School; Rutgers University & NMK

2002: Part-time Lecturer, Archaeology, History Department, University of Nairobi.

1997/98: Teaching Assistant, Koobi Fora Field School; Rutgers University & NMK.

1996: Teaching Assistant, Department of History and Archaeology, Egerton University.

1992: Teaching Assistant, Department of History and Archaeology, Egerton University.

### **Courses Taught**

History of Kenya before 1900	Theory and Methods of Lithic Analysis
History of Africa Before 1800	Advanced Methods of Assemblage Analysis
World Civilizations	Human Growth and Constitution
Introduction to Physical Anthropology	Field Archaeology
Introduction to Anthropology	Museology
Introduction to Archaeology	Prehistory of Southern Africa
Sources of African History	Archaeological Conservation

### **Administrative and Related Experience**

2003/05: Acting Head of Department, Archaeology Division, National Museums of Kenya (NMK).

1998: Acting Head of Department, Archaeology Division (one month).

2002/04: Co-Field Director, Koobi Fora Field School (a project of NMK and Rutgers University, US).

2000: Production Editor, *The Steward Journal Of Anthropology*.

(This is a peer reviewed student publication, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign).

### **Research and Related Experience**

2006-present: Field Survey and Excavations at various sites, Mpala Ranch, Laikipia District.

2005: Survey and Documentation of Rock Art sites in northern Wajir District, funded by the Germany Embassy in Nairobi through Trust for African Rock Art (TARA).

2005: PhD dissertation research: Excavations in the Ntuka River Valley of Narok District funded by the Wenner-Gren Foundation and the British Institute in Eastern Africa.

2003: Survey and Documentation of Rock Art sites in the Lake Turkana Basin, around Loiyangalani for the Desert Museum Project funded by the Italian Government.

2002-2005: Field survey and excavations at Laikipia Nature Conservancy, Ol Ari Nyiro, Laikipia District with Kathleen Ryan, University of Pennsylvania Museum and Dr. Karega-Munene, United States International University, USIU.

I have been responsible for supervising excavations at four sites and the analysis of stone tools from the research project.

1999-2005: Field Survey and Test Excavations in the Ntuka River Valley, Narok District, with Dr. Stanley Ambrose, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

1997-98: Salvage excavations, Hyrax Hill Prehistoric Site Museum, Nakuru

\* Directed a team of six Museum employees and volunteers during salvage excavations before the construction of a road leading to the Museum

1995-96: Field Survey and Test Excavations in the Ntuka River Valley, Narok District, with Dr. Stanley Ambrose, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

\* Documentation of sites during site survey

\*Supervision of excavations at various sites

1994: Masters thesis research: Survey in the Athi-Kapiti Plains, and test excavations at Lukenya Hill, Machakos and Kajiado Districts; Department of History, University of Nairobi.

\* I designed and successfully carried out a programme of field survey and test excavations in the Athi-Kapiti Plains for my M.A. thesis for the University of Nairobi with funding from Egerton University, Njoro and The British Institute in Eastern Africa.

\* I supervised field survey and documentation of sites in Machakos and Kajiado Districts.

\* I directed excavations at two sites at Lukenya Hill, Machakos District and analysed the lithic assemblage for my M.A. thesis for University of Nairobi.

1993: Acting and technical assistance in *Ape Man: The Missing Link*. This is a four-part documentary television program on the evolution of humans, by Granada Television Limited of U.K.; hosted by Walter Cronkite and Broadcast in Europe fall 1995 and in the United States spring 1996.

\* I was the local resource person for the television crew during the shooting of this documentary in Lake Magadi in August 1993. I was responsible for assembling a group of six university students for the shooting of the documentary

\* I also acted in some of the scenes during the shooting

1990: Research Assistant to Mwanzia Kyule, Excavations at Hyrax Hill, Kenya; Department of History, University of Nairobi.

\* Assisted in excavations and cataloguing of finds

\* Assisted in the survey and production of a site map using a theodolite

### **Publications and Seminar Presentations**

(In Press): With Karega-Munene and Kathleen Ryan: "Preliminary Report on Lithics from Jangili Cave". *Proceedings of the Pan African Congress of Prehistory and Related Studies*, Gaborone, Botswana, 2005.

2006: The Middle Stone Age/Later Stone Age Transition and the Origins of Modern Human Behaviour in East Africa. A paper presented at the Anthropology Department, Moi University, Eldoret.

2002: with Ambrose, S.H., Kyule, M.D., Deino, A., Williams, A. *Dating the MSA/LSA Transition in Southwest Kenya*. Society for American Archaeology, 65th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (abstract with program)

In prep. "The Lukenyan Industry: Its definition and place in East African prehistory". For *Azania*

In prep. "Beyond Pottery Typology: A Reconsideration of East African Neolithic" for *African Archaeological Review*

In prep. "Rock art sites of Wajir and Laikipia Districts". For *International News on Rock Art (INORA)*.

### **Fellowships and Grants**

2005: Trust for African Rock Art (TARA): A grant for Rock Art site reconnaissance in Wajir District, North Eastern Province.

2005: Wenner-Gren Foundation: Dissertation Fieldwork Grant for excavations in the Ntuka River Valley of Narok for my dissertation research.

2005: British Institute in Eastern Africa: Small Grant for excavations in the Ntuka River Valley of Narok for my dissertation research.

1999-2002: Wenner-Gren Foundation: Professional Development Training Fellowship (previously Developing Countries Training Fellowship) for graduate studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

1994: Board of Postgraduate Studies, Egerton University, Njoro. A grant for survey and excavations in the Athi-Kapiti Plains

1994: British Institute in Eastern Africa: Small Grant for survey and excavation in the Athi-Kapiti Plains.

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