

# Peninah Mutonga



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## Education

2015-2016 University of Cambridge, Master of Philosophy in Architecture & Urban Studies  
2008-2014 University of Nairobi, Bachelor's Degree in Architecture  
First Class Honors, Salutatorian Title  
2007-2008 Pinnacle School of Business, CPA 1  
2003-2006 Alliance Girls High School, Average 'A'

## Work Experience

2018-Present University of Nairobi, Department of Architecture, Assistant Lecturer  
2014-2018 Bowman Associates Architects, Project Architect  
2013 Musau Kimeu Architect, Architectural Assistant  
2012 ArchiDatum Online Magazine, coFounder

## Consultancy Projects

2019 Orkidstudio Ltd, Lead Consultant  
2019 Bowman Associates Architects, Project Consultant  
2018 Autodesk Headquarters, TechWomen Delegate

## Research Experience

2019 *Circular Affordable Urban Housing: developing a viable new typology for affordable housing.* A project run by Orkidstudio and supported by the DOEN Foundation.  
2019 *Adaptation of Swahili architecture and identity, a case of Lamu and Shela.* Africa Habitat Review Journal submission  
2019 *The origin of the Swahili stone house and the dual nature of Swahili urbanism.* Africa Habitat Review Journal submission  
2016 *Lamu Architecture and Urban Development: alternative forms of incorporation.* MPhil Thesis  
<https://www.arct.cam.ac.uk/Downloads/peninah-mutonga-lamu-architecture-and-urban-development-alternative-forms-of-incorporation>  
2014 *Evolution of Swahili Architecture: a comparative study of Mombasa, Lamu and Zanzibar.* BArch Thesis

## Awards and Achievements

2018 Emerging Leader - TechWomen, IIE, USA Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs  
2015 Cambridge Trust - Wolfson Oxford & Cambridge Society of Kenya, Scholarship Award for MPhil in Architecture & Urban Studies  
2014 Exhibition, International Union of Architects World Congress- UIA Durban, South Africa.  
2014 Award of Merit, Best Final Year Student, School of Built Environment, UoN

## Professional Membership

2018 Board of Registration of Architects and Quantity Surveyors (BORAQS)  
2013 Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK)

## Portfolio Links

2019 Affordable Housing Investment Summit  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6lAoYKKZWY&feature=youtu.be>  
2019 Design Portfolio  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/153DYYBnOVDsNQ-c3YRdgDA0ZRnWkkdJ2/view>  
2018 News Article  
<https://mobile.nation.co.ke/news/The-rich-also-cry-as-demolitions-come-knocking/1950946-4704468-item-1-3qx6aqz/index.html>  
2018 Autodesk Foundation  
[https://labs.blogs.com/its\\_alive\\_in\\_the\\_lab/2018/10/techwomen-emerging-leaders.html](https://labs.blogs.com/its_alive_in_the_lab/2018/10/techwomen-emerging-leaders.html)

## Languages and Skills

English, Kiswahili  
MS Office, Adobe Creative Suite, AutoCAD, Google Sketchup, Fusion 360,  
ArchiCAD, Artlantis, Piranesi and Vray for Sketchup

## Additional Activities

2018 Treasurer, Oxford & Cambridge Society of Kenya  
2016 Treasurer, Cambridge East African Society  
2015 Chairperson, Fortified Kenya Ltd  
2015 Hospitality Volunteer - Mamlaka Hill Chapel  
2012 Volunteer, Kibera Slum upgrading Research Programme- Data collection

## Referees

**Professor Alfred Omenya**, B.Arch (Nairobi), M. Arch, PhD (University of Witwatersrand)  
Environmental Architect and Urbanist, [aomenya2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:aomenya2002@yahoo.co.uk)  
**Architect Musau Kimeu**, MA (Cambridge) B. Arch (Nairobi), Architect, Chairman, Department of  
Architecture, University of Nairobi, [mkimeu@uonbi.ac.ke](mailto:mkimeu@uonbi.ac.ke)

Certificates Available on request

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