

## CURRICULUM VITAE



### **PERSONAL DATA**

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### **EDUCATION BACKGROUND:**

#### **Michigan State University:**

1997- 2005: Department of History: **Doctor of Philosophy** in History

#### ***Dissertation Topic:***

*"The Jeanes School in Kenya: the Role of Kenya Jeanes School Teachers and Their Wives in the 'Social Transformation' of Rural Colonial Kenya, 1925-1961"*

#### **University of Nairobi**

1989-1993: Department of History: **Master of Arts** in History.

#### ***MA Thesis Topic:***

*"The role of African Teachers and Evangelists in the development of Western Education and Christianity in Nithi Division, Meru District, Kenya, 1907-1960"*

#### **Kenyatta University**

1984-1986: Department of Education: **Post-Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE)**

Qualifying Research papers on:

*"A Critical Analysis of Teaching of 'History of East African " in form three and Four in Kenya Secondary School" And "Factors affecting Child Delinquency in Independent Kenya"*

#### **University of Nairobi**

1979-1983: Faculty of Arts: **Bachelor of Arts (BA Second Class Honors, Upper Division)**  
Majoring in History and Sociology

#### **Kangaru High School, Embu**

1977-1978: EAACE (A- level)

#### **Chuka Com. Sec. School, Chuka**

1973-1976: EACE (O –Level)

I also enrolled for *Commercial courses in typing and Book-keeping at the same school and passed the following examinations:* Pitmans Typing Certificate and Pitmans Book-Keeping Certificate

### **Mungoni Primary School**

1969-1972: Primary School Education and passed in the Certificate of Primary Education (CPE)

### **Ndagani Primary School**

1964-1968: Elementary School Education and graduated to join the Primary school

## **WORKING EXPERIENCE:**

### **Teaching at:**

#### **University of Nairobi**

2006- to the present:

As a **Senior Lecturer**, I have been teaching and researching as since 2006.

I teach History and Armed Conflict and Peace Studies in the following:- *History of Kenya; History of Eastern Africa and Africa; World Civilizations; Research Methods; Traditional Methods of Peace and Reconciliation in Africa; Religion and Armed Conflict; Ethnic Conflict; Theory and Practice of Peace; Women and Armed Conflict in Africa; Refugee Concentration and Environment; Philosophy of Armed Conflict; Armed Conflict and the Ecosystems; Cold War Years And After; History of Peace and Reconciliation, and Armed Conflict and Culture.*

#### **University of Nairobi**

1992-1997:

As a Tutorial Fellow I taught the following Units: *History of Africa – both Pre-colonial and post-colonial Africa; Eastern African to 1900; History of Kenya to the Present.*

#### **United States International University-Africa (USIU-A)**

2014-2015:

I teach Research Methodology for MA and PhD students undertaking International Relations.

1993-1997:

As Part-Time Lecturer, I taught the following units: *World Civilizations to 1800 and History of United States.*

#### **Strathmore University (SU)**

2007 -2012:

As Part-time lecturer, I taught *World Civilizations and East African Societies.*

#### **St Lawrence University (Nairobi)**

2008 to present:

Guest lecturer on: American Influence of Kenyan Education to the Present and History of Kenya to the present

#### **Michigan State University (MSU)**

2003-2005:

As Course Instructor, I taught the following units: *Perspectives on African women in development since 1900; Social Science Perspectives on Africa; History of Modern Africa; Educating Black Women: a Comparative Study of Politics of Education; and Race, Gender and School in Colonial African Education.*

1997-2003

At MSU, I was a Teaching Assistant (TA) in the follow courses: *Challenging Stereotypes: The Making of Mexico; World History to Present; World History to 1800; History of Europe to 1500; Arts and Humanities of Africa; US Business and Economic History.*

1997-2005:

I served as Library Student Assistant and together with the Library Africana Bibliographer we compiled and published a comprehensive list of all Dissertations/theses done in the U.S.A, Canada and U.K. universities on African related topics.

### **Defence Staff College-Karen**

1995-1997:

Guest Speaker: Lecture on 'Evolution of East African communities and their relationships'

### **Teaching at Secondary Schools –position and duties**

July 1987 – Aug. 1989:

At **Kajiunduthi High School** I was the **Deputy Principal** and also taught History of Kenya, East Africa and Africa in general.

Jan. 1986 – June 1987:

**Meru School**, Senior Teacher of History of Africa and East Africa and General Paper

January - August 1984:

**Chuka High School**, Teacher of English and History of Africa

January-August 1979:

**Ndagani Secondary School**, UT-Teacher of English and History of Africa.

### **Supervision of PhD and MA Thesis and Dissertations**

2007 to the Present

I am supervising several PhD students who are at various stages of their work. I have also supervised over thirty MA students in History and in Armed Conflict and Peace Studies who have since graduated.

### **Kenya National Examinations: Examiner**

1987- 1989:

I was examiner of History and Government with the **Kenya National Examinations Council**.

1984- 1986:

Served as examiner for General Paper for A-Levels with the **Kenya National Examinations Council**

### **Senior Researcher with International Research Organisation**

2013- to the present

Co-ordinating with other researchers: Water and Society (WaSo) Research Project. This is a NORAD/NORHED funded Research programme which brings together universities from Africa, Asia and Europe, more specifically, Norway.

2011-2015

Co-coordinator of the Nile Basin Research Programme (NBRP) and proposal writing for Research Collaboration with Nile Basin countries and Norwegian Universities on Water related issues.

2007-2010:

Senior Research with the Nile Basin Research Programme (NBRP) at the University of Bergen, Norway.

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ATTENDED:**

### **Journal Articles:**

#### **2014:**

Mary C Mwiandi, "We dressed wounds and touched hearts": *African pioneering nurses and dressers at the Church of Scotland mission in Kenya, 1898-1963* accepted for publication in the *Nairobi Journal of Historical Studies*

Mary C Mwiandi, "Colonial Vision for Rural Kenya? Case of Community Development Training at the Jeanes School, Kabete, 1945-1961" accepted for publication in the *Nairobi Journal of Historical Studies*

### **Book and Book Chapters:**

#### **2013**

Mary Mwiandi, "The history of Jeanes School, Kabete, 1925-1939" in *Mzizi*, (in University of Nairobi Press, 2013, pp. 157-188.

#### **2011:**

Mary Mwiandi, "Leadership and transformation of society" in Okoth Okombo, Joseph Kwaka et al (eds) **Challenging the Rulers: a Leadership Model for Good Governance**. Nairobi: East African Educational Publishers, 2011, pp.95-116.

#### **2010:**

Kassahun Berhanu Alemu, Tor Halvorsen and **Mary Mwiandi** (eds) *Reshaping Research Universities in the Nile Basin Countries* (Kampala: Fountain Publishers, 2010).

Kassahun Berhanu Alemu, Tor Halvorsen and **Mary Mwiandi** (Eds), *Shaping Research Universities in the Nile Basin Countries* (Kampala: Fountain Publishers, 2010).

Mary Mwiandi, "University 'Third Mission' - Service: A Case of University of Nairobi in Kassahun, Halvorsen and Mwiandi (eds) *Reshaping Research Universities in the Nile Basin Countries* (Kampala: Fountain Publishers, 2010), 150-176.

Mary Mwiandi, "Development of University Education in Kenya Since Independence" in Kassahun, Holvorsen and Mwiandi (eds) *Shaping Research Universities in the Nile Basin Countries*. Kampala: Fountain Publishers, 2010, 105-143.

Mary Mwiandi, "The Nile waters: a factor in socio-economic development of Western Kenya, 1959-2000" in Terje Tvedt (ed) *The River Nile in the Post-Colonial Age: Conflict and Cooperation among the Nile Basin Countries* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2010, 93-124.

Mary Mwiandi and George Gona, "Mau Mau Revolution" in the International *Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest 1600 to the present* (editor) Immanuel Ness Publishers, 2009).

Joe Lauer and Mary Mwiandi, "Dissertations on African Related Topics done in USA, Canada and U.K.," in *African Studies Association (ASA) Newsletter Publications* (1999-2002)

### **Working Papers:**

August-September, 2012,

Mary Mwiandi and Dr. George Gona, "Historical Injustices in Kenya" for policy paper by Commission of Revenue Allocation.

January 20-21, 2012:

Writing Workshop on "**Ethnic and Race Relations Policy**" organised by NCIC, at Salewa Lodge, Lake Naivasha, Kenya.

October 29, 2011:

Mary Mwiandi, "Intra and Inter ethnic conflicts and their effects on citizens". And "Women and Conflict And their role as individuals, communities in reducing instances of Violent conflict" held

at Garden Hotel, Machakos— for policy paper by the **National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC)**.

Mwanzia D. Kyule, **Mary C. Mwiandi** and George M. Gona, "*Towards the Development of a National History of Kenya*" presented to the Department of History and Archaeology, University of Nairobi, 2010 (work in progress).

Mary Mwiandi "A Historical Perspective of Indigenous Food Crops in Chuka Division, Tharaka-Nithi District" in *The Role of Indigenous Food Crops in Combating Deforestation and Land Degradation: a case of Tharaka Nithi District* (Nairobi: Indigenous Technology Development Centre (ITDC), 1996) pp. 19-25.

#### **Conference Paper Presentations:**

April, 2016:

Participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on "*Underground Politics in Africa*" held at University of Nairobi as part of joint project between the University of Nairobi, University of the Witwatersrand and University of Swaziland

'Ethnicity and Kenya's National Interests' Paper presented at the High Level Symposium on KENYAS NATIONAL INTERESTS at International Peace Support Training Center, Kenya (IPSTC) on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016

Mary Mwiandi, "A river "no more": An assessment of economic developments along River Nyando drainage system, Western Kenya, since 1963" Paper presentation at the **Unifob** Global Seminar, University of Bergen, 2008.

"Kenyan Jeanes Teacher: Life and times of Naaman and Zipporah M'Mwirichia, 1929-2002" paper presented at Graduate History Association, Michigan State University, March 29, 2002.

"Multiple Faces of Educational Institution; the Case of Jeanes School, Kabete, Kenya, 1925-1961" Paper presented at the Seventh Annual Mid-West Graduate Students Conference in African Studies, held at University of Michigan, March 22-24, 2002.

"*East Africa women: Active Actors in History*" delivered at the Workshop on the Peoples and Cultures of East Africa, Michigan State University, June 15-17, 2000.

"*Hidden Craws: the History of Kenya African Teachers College, 1938-1952*" Paper presented at the African Studies Association, Chicago, 1998.

"*Future of United States-Kenya Educational Relations*" Paper presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference on American Studies in East African, Egerton University, Kenya, July 1997.

#### **PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 High Level Symposium on Kenya's National Interests held at International Peace Support Training Center (IPSTC) , Kenya.

January 7-12, 2016, WaSo Asia/Africa Workshop on Water and Environment, Siem Reap and Phnom Penh, Cambodia

October 5-10 2015, WaSo-Africa Conference, University of Nairobi & Hotel Boulevard, Nairobi, Kenya

June 20- July 18 2015, WaSo Project workshop and Post-Doc Meetings at University of Bergen, Norway.

December 14-19, 2014

Participated in a workshop “National IGAD Training Workshop on Trans-boundary Water Resource Management” where I facilitated discussions on **Trans-boundary water conflict: case of Nile Basin And Turkana Basin**, held at Merica Hotel, Nakuru.

November 2-9 2014

Participated in workshop for Annual Planning Meeting of Higher Education and Research for Sustainable Development Programme (NORHED) 2014 held at Makerere University and Speke Resort- Munyonyo, Uganda.

October 21, 2014

Attended seminar on “Kenya and UNESCO at 50 Years Celebration: Perspectives on Sustainable Development for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, held at University of Nairobi.

March 14-16 2014

Participated in consultative meeting on “ Water and Society” held together with the NORAD/NORHED Research Management held at Hilton Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

January 11-16 2014

Participated in Water and Society Project Workshop on “Institutional Capacity Building on Water Management and Climate Change Adaptation in Asia and Africa” held in Amaya Hills Hotel, Kandy, Sri Lanka

May 24-31 2013:

Presentation of paper “Mediation and Peace Processes Support Perspective for East Africa” in a conference entitled “Building the Capacity of East African Governments to Support Peace Processes” held at Enashipai Resolt, Naivasha, 24<sup>th</sup> -31 May, 2013.

February 15-17 2013:

Participated in International Project Proposal preparatory Workshop on water and Society, held at Esella Hotel, Kampala

February 10 -15, 2013

Participated in *Utetezi* Exchange Visit Programme on “Reconciliation, Justice and Peace: Lessons and challenges from the Governments of National Unity in Kenya and Zimbabwe” held in Harare and Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

August 29, 2012:

**Goodwill Ambassadors Peace and Reconciliation Conference** held at Crowne Plaza Nairobi.

March 12-13, 2012:

Presented paper on “Emerging Ethnic-related issues in Eastern region of Kenya” at a Conference organised by NCIC at KICC, Nairobi—**The People’s Conference: National Diversity Race and Ethnicity**

March 4, 2011:

Participated in workshop on “**Leadership Model for Good Governance**” Fairview Hotel, Nairobi.

2008 to the present:

Participated in **BA MOP-UP Writers Workshop** at KWSTI at Naivasha (—writing Module II and Module III teaching materials)

October 25 -29, 2010:

Participated in the **Nile Basin Research Conference II** on “Collaboration in the Nile Basin: The Way Forward, held at the Speke Resort, Munyonyo, Kampala, Uganda.

June 8 -12, 2009:

Participated in the “**Nile Basin Research Conference I**’ held at the Sea Cliff Hotel, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

March 21 -25, 2009:

Participated in **Nile Basin Research Project Workshop** held in Cairo, Egypt.

March 26-28, 2009:

Participated in **Nile Basin Research Project Seminar** held in Alexandria, Egypt.

January 8 -9, 2009:

Attended and participated in Institute for Historical Justice and Reconciliation Project (IHJR) on “**Historical Narratives and the public in Kenya**” held at the Panafrique Hotel, Nairobi.

November 25 -29, 2008:

Attended UNESCO meeting in Paris on “**Global Research Seminar: Sharing Research Agendas on Knowledge systems**” held in UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France.

November 10, 2008:

Paper presentation “**Challenges of women researchers: a case of Kenya**” at the University of Bergen, Norway.

November 26, 2006:

Presented a paper entitled, “**Bright spots flickering on the Horizon: Opportunities and Challenges in the Nyando Basin of Kenya**” at Nile Basin Research Program Seminar Series, University of Bergen, Norway.

September 4-5, 2008:

Participated seminar on “**Roads to Reconciliation: Transitional Justice in Norway and Beyond**” at CMI, University of Bergen, Norway.

August 7 -17, 2008:

Participated at the **Bergen Summer Research School** on “*Professions and Societal Development*” held at University of Bergen, Norway.

June 25, 2008:

Participated at Strathmore University’s *Institute of Humanities, Education and Development Studies* (IHEDS) workshop held at Fairview Hotel, Nairobi.

April 5, 2008:

Guest speaker at the **HATUA Talk Show** on “*Mau Ma: their struggle, Identity and Their Present State*” Product of **Mohamed Amin Foundation**, at the Mo Force Training For Television and Film.

January-June, 2007:

Senior Researcher, in the **Nile Basin Research Program** on “*Nile Basin development and planning in the post-colonial period*” held at the University of Bergen, Norway.

July, 2006:

Participated in **History Exhibition Workshop** hosted by the National Museums of Kenya, Nairobi.

May 8-11, 2006:

Participant in **Conference on Interdisciplinary Research Project**, Kunduchi Beach Hotel, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

June-August, 2002:

Coordinator, **fall 2002 International Students Orientation Program**, Michigan State University.

April 22- 24, 1999:

Participant in **Intercultural Communication Institute**, Michigan State University.

September 10-12, 1999:

Chaired panel in the **Fourth Annual Midwest Graduate Conference in African Studies**, Michigan State University.

April 11-12, 1996:

Coordinator, in the Launching of the **Kenya-American Studies Association Symposium**, held at United States International University-Africa, Nairobi.

June-August 1994:

Kenyan representative in the **Summer Institute Education Grant**, Institute of International Education (IIE) at Boston College, MA. USA.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES AT UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI:**

- February 2015: Chairman, Department of History and Archaeology
- Ag. Chairman, Department of History and Archaeology
- Ag. Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts.
- Coordinator: Reorganizing the Department of History Archives
- Coordinator: BA in Conflict and Peace Studies
- Departmental Representative at the College of Arts Welfare Committee

#### **Consultancy**

Dec 4-5, 2013:

Participated in “National **Slum Upgrading and prevention Policy Consultative Workshop**” held at Utalii Hotel, Nairobi.

Since 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012 I have been involved in a task force with the Ministry of Housing’s project on: “**Operationalization of National Slum Upgrading and Prevention Policy Formulation Process**”

**Since 2011**, I have on many occasions consulted with the National Cohesion and Integration Commission on issues of conflict and peace.

#### **COMMUNITY/PUBLIC SERVICE:**

Among the community service activities:

1. April 27<sup>th</sup> 2016, Guest Speaker for Nkubu High School Teachers at Sagana Lodge, Sagana.
2. March 12 2016, Guest Speaker at Kiburia Girls Secondary School on its Thanks Giving /Prize Giving Day, Kirinyaga.
3. August 2012-2014 Appointed by the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) as **Goodwill Ambassador**.
4. To the present: **Motivation speaker**—to many schools in the country. For example:
  - i) 28 July 2012: Guest speaker, **Muthambi Girls School**, Maara District.
  - ii) April 2011: Guest speaker, Education Day, **Chuka Girls School**
  - iii) 2009-2011: Mentoring of ‘**Precious Sisters**’ held at Precious Blood Girls School, Riruta, Nairobi-Kenya.
  - iv) 19 June 2010: Guest of Honor in **Mulala Girls High School**, Emali-Nzauni



- v) 26 March 2010: Guest of honor during the Education Day, **Chuka Girls High School**
  - vi) 22 March 2010: Guest of Honor at Prize-Giving/Education Day for **Akachiu Education Division**, Igembe South
  - vii) 14 March 2008: Guest of Honor during Prize-Giving Day at **Buru-Buru Girls' School**, Nairobi
5. July 12 – August 3, 2010: Participated in Civic education on the **New Constitution of Kenya** in Meru South and Maara Districts.
  6. December 13 - 19 2007: Participated in Dissemination of **Vision 2030** in Eastern Province
  7. Civic Education on Devolution and Constitutional matters to communities in Meru and T/Nithi counties, under the Meru Professionals Association.
  8. September 5<sup>th</sup> 2013: Participated in the peace Conversations with **Umoja Women Village**, Archers Post, Samburu.
  9. Involvement with leaders and community on issues of sustainable peace in the counties. Held meetings in Nakuru, Naivasha and Nyahururu, May 2013.
  10. Discussion on “**Rape as tool of violence**” hosted by Focus on Africa BBC, TV. April 11, 2013.
  11. Held many consultative and informative meetings with various peoples and organisations on matters of peace and reconciliation in the country as a GoodWill Ambassador since 2012. For example: Give presentation on “**Community Tolerance**” during the International Human Rights Day at Makadara Grounds, Mombasa, Dec., 10, 2012
  12. KBC TV documentary on 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on of Jomo Kenyatta’s death on “**Legacy of Jomo Kenyatta**” August, 2012.

## **AWARDS**

*June-July 2015: Postdoctoral scholarship* to University of Bergen, Norway.

*August – December 2008: Senior Research Fellowship:* Nile Basin Research Program, held at the University of Bergen, Norway, August-December.

*January-June 2007: Senior Research Fellowship:* Nile Basin Research Program, held in the University of Bergen, Norway.

*2003-2004: Instructorship:* Department of History, Michigan State University.

*May 2004: Outstanding Academic Award,* by College of Arts and Letters, Michigan State University.

*2000 &2001: Special College Research Abroad Monies,* Michigan State University.

*2003: International Student Academic Award,* Office of Inter-National Students and Scholars, Michigan State University.

*1997-2004: Teaching Assistantships* at Michigan State University.

*1997-2002: Grants,* Government of Kenya through the Ministry of Education.

*2001-2002: Thoman Fellowship and W.B. and Candice Thoman Foundation,* Michigan State University.

*2001-2004: Miriam Kelly African Scholarship Grant,* Michigan State University and Special College Research Abroad Moneys, Michigan State University.

*Department Recruitment Scholarship, Michigan State University, 1997.*

*May-August 1994: Summer Institute Education Grant, Institute of International Education (IIE) at Boston College, MA. USA.*

*1989-1993: Staff Development Educational Grant by Government of Kenya.*

*1979-1983: University of Nairobi Grant by Government of Kenya.*

### **MEMBERSHIP TO PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL ASSOCIATIONS PAST AND PRESENT**

March 14 2015-August 2015, Commissioner, **Energy Regulatory Commission.**

February 2015-2018: Member, Board of Management, **Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute.**

July 2011-2014: Member, Board of Management, **Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute.**

2010- Present: Executive and founder Member of **Tharaka-Nithi Professionals Association.**

2010- present: Executive (Treasurer) and founder Member of **AMeru South Professionals Association (AMPA).**

2006 to 2008: Secretary to the **Chuka Welfare Association (CWA)** and Member to the present.

1992-1997: Executive and founder Member of the **Chuka Welfare Association (CWA).**

1997- to the present: **African Studies Association (ASA).**

1997-2005: Member, **African Students Association**, Michigan State University.

1992-1997: Member, **Association of African Women for Research and Development (AAWORD)**

1994-1997: Member Board of Governors, **Chuka Girls School**

1993-1997: Committee member of the **Kenya –American Studies Association (KAMESA).**

1997-2004: Member of the **Association of Black Women Historians (ABWH)**

1997-2005: Member of the **Graduate History Association**, Michigan State University (GHA).

1998-2005: Member of All Types of Teachers of International Cross-Cultural Education (**LATTICE**).

1998-2005: Participated in **Community Volunteer Programs (CIVP)** a chapter of National Council for International Visitors Center for International Programs based at Michigan State University, USA.

### **REFEREES:**

Prof. Ephraim W. Wahome  
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University of Nairobi, P.O. Box 30197-00100  
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