

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

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CURRENT POSITION:

Lecturer-History of Education
Department of Educational Foundations
College of Education and External Studies (CEES)
University of Nairobi

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

1. PhD - Topic: **Public Secondary School Students' attitude on the role of Christian Religious Education on social cohesion in Nairobi County, Kenya.** University of Nairobi. 2015.
2. Med (Primary Teacher Education), University of Nairobi, 1980.
3. BEd (Hons) Literature, Religious Studies, University of Nairobi, 1976.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

1. Graduate Teacher, Teachers Service Commission, 1976-1983
2. Lecturer, Teachers Service Commission, 1983-1988
3. Senior Lecturer, Teachers Service Commission, 1988-1993
4. Principal Lecturer/Dean of Curriculum Teachers Service Commission, 1993-1999
5. Principal Graduate Teacher 1/Dean of Curriculum, 1999-2004
6. Senior Principal Graduate Teachers Service Commission, 2004-April 2008
7. Lecturer, University of Nairobi, May 2008-Present

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS:

1. Dean of Curriculum, Highridge Teachers College, 1994- 2006
2. Primary Teachers Colleges National Mid-course Examination Coordinator, 2004-2006
3. International Education Program Coordinator between Highridge Teachers College and Boras

- University Sweden, 2001-2006
- 4. Head of Professional Studies, Highridge Teachers College, 1990-1995
- 5. Teaching Practice Coordinator, Highridge Teachers College, 1991-1995
- 6. Assistant Dean of Students, Machakos Teachers College, 1983-1987
- 7. Head of Christian Religious Education Machakos Teachers College, 1985-1987

EXTRA DUTIES:

- 1. KCSE Examiner, Christian Religious Education, KNEC, 1978-1990
- 2. KCSE Moderator, KNEC, 1981-1984
- 3. Examiner, Primary Teacher Examination, Professional Studies, 1984-1991
- 4. Part-time Lecturer, Adult Education, University of Nairobi, 1990-1992
- 5. Committee Member-Highridge Teachers College Management of HIV and Aids, 2003-2006
- 6. Committee Member, Development of Highridge Teachers College Institutional Policy for Management of HIV/AIDS, World Bank Project, 2004
- 7. National Primary Teachers Midcourse Examination Coordinator, 2004-2006
- 8. Panel Member- Review of Primary Teacher Education Curriculum, 2001-2002

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- 1. Committee Member-Friends of Dagoretti Children (charitable organization helping poor students go through secondary school.)
- 2. Member of Board of Management at St Catherine Primary School.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

1976 – 1977	Kabare Girls Secondary School	Literature and History
1980 – 1987	Machakos Teachers College	Christian Religious Education (C.R.E.) Professional Studies
1987 – 1999	Highridge Teachers College	History of Education Psychology Curriculum Development
1999 – 2001	Kenya Technical Teachers College	History of Education
2002 – 2006	Highridge Teachers College	History of Education
2006 – 2008	Kenya Technical Teachers College	History of Education
2008 – Present	University of Nairobi	History of Education

SPECIFIC COURSES TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY IN THE LAST EIGHT YEARS:

TFD 101 – History of Education

TFD 501 – History of Education

TFD 611 – Historical Foundations of Education

TFD 625 – The Rise and Development of Modern Education in Kenya

TFD 623—The Rise and Development of Modern Education in Africa

TFD 611 -- Education in Antiquity (revised curriculum)

TFD 614 ---Development of Modern Education in Africa (revised curriculum)

TFD 616 ---Education in Kenya since Independence (revised curriculum)

WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS ATTENDED:

2001 – Infusion and Integration of HIV and AIDS Education in the School Curriculum (Kenya Institute of Education)

2003 – Preparation for Highridge Teachers College HIV and AIDS Institutional Policy

2007 – HIV / AIDS Positive Attitude Training – Training of Facilitators (Kenya Technical Teachers College)

2009 – Training in Pedagogical Skills (University of Nairobi)

2010 – Training Workshop on Education in Emergencies (University of Nairobi and UNICEF)

2011 – The Fourth Teaching Practice Symposium (University of Nairobi – Kenya Science Campus)

2012 – The Fifth Teaching Practice Symposium (Marist International College)

2012 – The Second Gender International Conference held at Sirikwa Hotel – Eldoret. Presented a Paper: Critical determinants of poor performance in KCSE among girls in marginalised regions in Kenya (Paper published online)

2012 – Departmental Workshop on Comparative Education with the theme: “Comparative Education Methodology” (University of Nairobi – Kikuyu Campus)

2012 – Research Grant Proposal Writing Workshop (University of Nairobi – Main Campus)

2012 – Introduction to e-Learning (University of Nairobi – Kikuyu Campus)

2013 – Uplifting the Poor (Joint Conference between Linkoping University and University of Nairobi.

2013 – Training Orientation Workshop for Tutors to support students both face to face and online (held at Multimedia University. Nairobi

2013 – Symposium on Educational governance, policy and citizenship – organized by University of Alberta, Canada (held at Hotel 680, Nairobi).

2014 – Workshop on sensitization and drawing 2013/2018 Strategic Plan and Performance Contracts to departmental staff.

2015 – 2nd AFRICE International Conference held at University of Nairobi.

24th – 26 October 2018 Conference on “Education Reforms: Towards Sustainable Development” held at CEES, University of Nairobi – Presented a Paper

March 2019 – Attended a Department of Educational Foundations Symposium – held at CEES, University of Nairobi.

16th January 2020 -- One day Academic Conference hosted by Department of Education Foundations in conjunction with Manchester University and Racial Justice Network (UK) – **Decolonizing Education**

Education

March 2020 – Trained on Online Teaching by the UON, ICT personnel

PUBLICATIONS:

1. Lydia Wachira, Florence Kisirikoi, Joseph Malusu (2008); *Distinction - Education for primary school teachers education*, Kenya Literature Bureau – Nairobi.
2. Martin Wasike, Lydia Wachira, Dunstan Mukathe (2010); *History of education module*. Available at the University of Nairobi website.
3. Beth Mwelu Mutilu, Lydia Wachira, Emily Nyabisi, Lewis Muli Ngesu (2011); *Orphan enrolment in primary schools and its challenges on the head teachers administrative tasks – A case study of Nandi south district – Kenya*. Paper in Education Research and Review Vol 2(b) pp 1247- 1254, available online at <http://www.interesjournals.org/ER-ISSN-1247-1254> (2011)
4. Lewis Muli Ngesu, Lydia Wachira, Beth Mwelu Mutilu, Emily Nyabisi (2012) *Critical determinants of poor performance in KCSE among girls in marginalised regions in Kenya*;

- Journal of African Studies in Educational Management and Leadership Vol. 2 No. 1
5. Evanson Muriuki, Samson Gunga, Lewis Ngesu, Atieno Kili K'Odhiambo, Lydia N. Wachira (2013) *School characteristics, use of project method and learner achievement in physics*; Journal of Education and Practice Vol 4 (no.8), available online at <http://www.iiste.org/Journals/index.php/index/search>
 6. Atieno Kili K'Odhiambo, Samson Gunga, Lewis M. Ngesu, Evans M. Muriithi, Lydia N. Wachira (2013) *Women contributions to the philosophy of education: Hermeneutics of proverbs*; International Journal of educational Research Vol 1 (no. 3), available online at <http://www.ijern.com/index.php>
 7. Lydia N. Wachira, Nabiswa M. Wasike, *Education in Kenya since independence* (2013) – ODEL module. Available at University of Nairobi website.
 8. Lewis Ngesu, Samson Gunga, Evanson Muriithi, Lydia Wachira and Atieno Kili (2013). *Bullying in Kenyan Secondary schools: Manifestation, causes, consequences and mitigation measures*. Journal of Disaster Management and Risk Deduction. ISSN 1992-2744. Available online at www.journal.admcrk.org pp 42-52.
 9. Ngesu, L.M.,Gunga S., Wachira, L., Kahigi, C., Mutilu, B (2013). Youth violence in secondary schools in Kenya: Prevalence, Manifestations and Prevention. International Journal of Innovative Research & Studies Vol. 2 No. 12, December, 2013, pp.198-211. ISSN 2319-9725 Online. http://www.ijirs.com/vol2_issue-12.pdf
 10. Ngesu, L.M; Wachira, L. Kyule M. Mutisya; Kivuli E. (2014). *The influence of home and school related factors on performance of girls in Science subjects in Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education in Kilungu district Makueni County-Kenya*. International journal of Innovative Research and Studies. Vol. 3 Issue 4 April, 2014, pp.888--897. ISSN 2319-9725 Online. www.ijirs.com
 11. David K. Chikati, Lydia N. Wachira, Joseph M. Mwinzi (2019). *Development of special Education for the Visually Impaired Learners in Kenya – A Historical Perspective.*”

European Journal of Special Education Research. Vol. 4 Issue 2019, pp 80-92. ISSN: 2501-2428 Online. www.oapu.org/edu.

12. David K. Chikati, Lydia N. Wachira, Joseph N. Mwinzi (2019). “*Historical analysis of the Government’s Participation in the Establishment and Development of Education for the Visually Impaired persons in Kenya.*” European Journal of Special Education. Vol. 4 Issue 2 2019, pp 93-109. ISSN: 2501-2428 online. www.oapu.org/edu

13. David K. Chikati, Lydia N. Wachira, Joseph N. Mwinzi (2019). “*The Development of Education for Teachers of the Visually Impaired Learners in Kenya: A Historical perspective.* Journal of Education and Practice Vol. 10 No. 32 2019, pp 11-114. ISSN: 2222-1735 Online www.iiste.org

CURRENT ACADEMIC WORK AND RESEARCH:

- Committee member – Preparation of Curriculum of Master of Education in Higher Education, Department of Educational Foundations, CEES, University of Nairobi.
- Convener – Committee of Preparation of Curriculum of Bachelor of Education (Primary Option), Department of Educational Foundations, CEES, University of Nairobi.
- ODEL Module on Historical Foundations of Education – a Departmental Masters course.
- Grants Request Topic – Participation of Women in Science Based Technological Courses in Kenya.
- June 2019 – took part as a member of the Research Team that documented the The Tusome Early Grade Programme in Kenya
- April 2020 - Working on ODEL Module on History of Education – a departmental Bachelor of Education course

COMPLETED POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION:

1. Daniel K Mwove (M.Ed) “Gender disparities in secondary schools in Kibwezi division – Kibwezi district, Kenya.” (2010)

2. Agnes N Mugo (M.Ed) “The contribution of the methodist missionaries to education in Meru: The case of Kaaga Girls High School, 1961-2010.” (2011)
3. Antony Njoroge (M.Ed) “A Study of factors influencing children enrolment in pre-school education in Thogoto and Karai zones in Kikuyu division, Kikuyu district, Kiambu county. (2012)
4. Fr. James Ndumia (PGDE) “The role of Christian Religious Education in character formation among secondary school students in Mukurweini district, Nyeri county,” (2011)
5. Rachel Gatana (PGDE) “Factors contributing to female students’ performance of chemistry in K.C.S.E. - A case of selected schools in Nairobi county.” (2012)
6. Jennifer Magoma (M.Ed): “The role of the Catholic Church in the development of Secondary Education in Gusii – The case of St. Charles Lwanga, Ichuni Girls High School.” (2014)
7. Sara Brenda Khanani – “The role of the Church Missionary Society in the development of girls’ education in western Kenya: The case of Butere Hirls High School, 1957 – 2007.” (2015)
8. Isanda Perista Kerubo – “ African indigenous education as practised by the Maasai of Kenya.”(2016)
9. Rose K. Nzoka -- “A History of School Feeding Programme (SFP) in Kenya, its impact on Education and Challenges it has faced: 1966 -2009” (2018)

ONGOING SUPERVISION:

M.Ed Students

1. Ndusya M. Kathembe
2. Rasto Olocho
3. Masika A. Wanjala
4. Geoffrey Phoebe N.
5. Sifuna Rosemary N.
6. Elizabeth Muthoni
7. Jeemiah K. Rotich
8. Stephen O. Otieno
9. Davis Wesakhania

PhD Students

1. Agnes Njoki Mugo
2. Brenda Sara Khanani
3. Chikati David Kavinje

REFEREES:

1. Dr Lewis Ngesu, Department of Educational Foundations (CEES). University of Nairobi, P.O.BOX 92, Kikuyu.
2. Prof. Lucy W Kibera, Department of Educational Foundations (CEES). University of Nairobi, P.O.BOX 92, Kikuyu.
3. Mr. Nabiswa M Wasike, Course Coordinator – History of Education, Department of Educational Foundations, University of Nairobi, P.O.BOX 92, Kikuyu.
4. Mr Isaac Muasya – Chairman, Department of Educational Foundations (CEES). University of Nairobi, P.O. BOX 92, Kikuyu.