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## **PERSONAL DETAILS**

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DATE OF BIRTH: 1958  
PLACE OF BIRTH: BUNGOMA  
NATIONALITY: KENYA  
RELIGION: PROTESTANT  
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## **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

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1989-1994 Ph. D., BRYN MAWR COLLEGE (USA), DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY  
1987-1995 BRYN MAWR COLLEGE (USA), DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY  
1980-1984 UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
“A” LEVEL, KWALE HIGH SCHOOL, COAST PROVINCE, KENYA  
1974-1977 “O” LEVEL, TEREMI SECONDARY SCHOOL, WESTERN PROVINCE.

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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- 1) Contemporary indigenous technologies
- 2) Commercial farming, nutrition and food security
- 3) Health and ageing
- 4) Gender and development anthropology
- 5) Symbolic anthropology

## **THESES AND DISSERTATION**

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1994 Ph.D. Dissertation “Daughters of the clay, women of the farm: Women, agriculture economic production and ceramic industry in Bungoma District, Western Province, Kenya.

1987 M.A. Thesis “Traditional microtechnology and some ethnoarchaeological implications of pottery: The fabrication and use of pottery in Bungoma District, Western Kenya

1984 B.A. Dissertation “The contemporary ceramic industry of Babukusu.”

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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CURRENT POSITION:	Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Anthropology, Gender and African Studies
1993	Research Fellow, Institute of Anthropology, Gender and African Studies
1993-1995	Contract Lecturer, Catholic University of East Africa
1994-2005	Research Fellow, Institute of Anthropology, Gender and African Studies, University of Nairobi.
1991-1993	Contract Lecturer, Department of History, University of Nairobi.
1987-1988	Contract Lecturer, Department of General Studies, Haverford College, (PA) (USA)
1985	Acting Curator (Ethnology Section), National Museums of Kenya
Various years	External Examiner and Internal Moderator, Department of History and Archaeology, University of Nairobi.

## **FIELD EXPERIENCE**

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1982 Interviewing, surveying and mapping of traditional forts in Bungoma District, Kenya (Project assistant)

1982 Excavations at Werugha, a Late Iron Age Smelting site in Taita-Taveta District, Kenya (Project assistant)

1983 Petrological analysis of Iron Age archaeological assemblage at the National Museums of Kenya (Project assistant)

1983 Ethnographic fieldwork among pottery-making Babukusu of Bungoma District (Project director)

1984 An exhibit of the traditional costumes in Agikuyu society, An exhibition prepared for the United Nations International Conference held in June 1984, Nairobi, Kenya (Project co-director).

- 1984 Interviewing Turkana informants concerning the traditional costumes in Turkana society. An exhibition prepared for the United Nations International Conference held in June 1984, Nairobi, Kenya (Project co-director).
- 1986 Archaeological investigations at Crag Point, Kodiak Island, Alaska (USA) (Project assistant).
- 1986 Historical and industrial excavations at the Mill Hill site, Lower Merion, Montgomery County, PA, (USA) (Project assistant)
- 1987 Material culture acquisitions project in south Nyanza, Kenya (Project assistant)
- 1987 Ethnographic fieldwork on male attitudes concerning condom use and birth control technology in Bungoma District, Kenya (Project assistant).
- 1988 Text and data analyst on elderly Jewish American widows and widowers at the Philadelphia Geriatric Center, PA (USA) (Project assistant)
- 1988 Excavations at the Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center, Nazareth, PA (USA) (Project assistant)
- 1990 Agriculture and household incomes in Bungoma District, Kenya. A Norad-sponsored project (Project assistant)
- 1989-1991 Ph. D. Dissertation fieldwork on “Women, agriculture economic development and craft production in Bungoma District, Kenya (Project assistant)
- 1992-1993 Impact of sugarcane farming on women in food production in Bokoli location, Bungoma District, Kenya. Research grant from the organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA) (Project director)
- 1993 (With Prof. S. Wandibba) Ethnographic fieldwork on the social and economic aspects of pottery production in Kiria sublocation, Murang’a District, central Kenya. A research grant from the Deans’ Committee of the University of Nairobi (Project co-director).
- 1994 The link between information about AIDS and safe sex practices in Kimilili urban centre and Kuywa village, Bungoma District.
- 1994 (with Robert Washington) The link between information about AIDS and safe sex practices among young Kenyan adults in Nairobi.
- 1996 (With L. A. Muruli and Y. Olela) Mothers’ influence on daughters’ participation in formal education: The case of Muslim women of Coast Province, Kenya.

- 1998 Regional workshop on Interactive methods and techniques for data collection, analysis and reporting, Tembo Hotel, Zanzibar, Tanzania, 19<sup>th</sup>. – 24<sup>th</sup>. April 1998.
- 1998 (With S. Juma) Gender roles in the mangrove ecosystem of Msambweni Division. Funding provided by the SIDA/SAREC Eastern Africa Marine Science Program, subproject on social and cultural aspects of coastal zone management, phase 2 (1997-1999).
- 1998 The socio-cultural aspects of pregnancy, delivery and childbirth in West Yimbo Division, Bondo District. Funding from KEDAHR.
- 2001 (With Prof. S. Wandibba and P. W. Khaemba) Impact of cash crops on food security in Kenya. Research grant from Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI) (Project co-director).
- 2003 (With S. Juma) The impact of “conventional” tourism and ecotourism on livelihood systems in Gede and Watamu Locations, Malindi District, Kenya. Research funding provided by the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA) (project co-director).
- 2000 (With Prof. S. Wandibba) Ethnic identities in Kwale District, Coast Province, Kenya. ). Funding provided by the SIDA/SAREC Eastern Africa Marine Science Program, subproject on social and cultural aspects of coastal zone management, phase 2 (1997-1999).
- 2012-2013 (With Prof. S. Wandibba and Dr. B.A. Mulemi) Gender empowerment and access to financial services in Machakos County, Eastern Kenya.
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**RESEARCH REPORTS, PAPERS AND WORKSHOPS**

- 1985 An annotated bibliography of ethnographic pottery in Kenya. Nairobi: National Museums of Kenya.
- 1984 A preliminary report of the contemporary ceramic industry of Babukusu. In the Petrological investigations of prehistoric pottery in Kenya. Ed. Simiyu Wandibba.
- 1988 Ethnographic pottery and statistical manipulations: Two ethnographic examples from western Kenya. Paper presented to the Graduate seminar, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania (USA).
- 1988 The manufacture of pottery in south Nyanza. Paper presented to the Graduate seminar, Department of Anthropology, Bryn Mawr College (USA)
- 1992 Material culture: Micro- and macro-level interactions among Babukusu in Bungoma District. Paper presented to the conference on ecological and cultural change

and human development in Western Province and Western Kenya held at the Golf Hotel in Kakamega, August 5<sup>th</sup>. – 8<sup>th</sup>. 1992

1992 The role of women in food production in Bungoma District. Paper presented to the OSSREA workshop on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Gender Issues at the Kenya Commercial Bank Institute in Karen, Nairobi, Kenya on February 27<sup>th</sup>. – March 2<sup>nd</sup>. 1993.

1992 Clay, women and social change in Bungoma District. Paper presented to the African Programme at the Department of Anthropology, Bryn Mawr College (USA)

1994 The web of poverty: Women, and sugarcane farming in Bokoli location, Bungoma District. Report submitted to the Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA).

1996a Male adolescent circumcision and risk factors involved in the transmission of the AIDS pandemic among Babukusu of Bungoma and Trans Nzoia Districts. Paper presented at the inter-faculty college collaboration Programme-Annual conference on Health and Behaviour, Garden Hotel, Machakos 14-17 August 1996.

1996b Traditional circumcision rituals among Babukusu: Seeking a better alternative. Paper prepared for the centennial celebration of Chetambe Fort, Bungoma Tourist Hotel.

1994 African traditional belief systems. Paper presented to the Brigham Young University Study Abroad at the YMCA, Nairobi, Kenya.

1994 Bukusu women and sugarcane farming in Bungoma District, Western Kenya. Paper presented to the First Scientific Conference of the Belgian East African Research Cooperation (BEARCO) on "Modernization and Social Change in Contemporary Society," Egerton University, December 4-9, 1994.

1995 Gender and age in Kenya: The use, management and control of coastal and marine resources. Paper presented to a regional workshop on social and cultural aspects of integrated coastal zone management, Tembo Hotel, Zanzibar, Tanzania, 9<sup>th</sup>. – 12<sup>th</sup>. October 1995

1996 Male adolescent circumcision and risk factors involved in the transmission of the AIDS pandemic among Babukusu of Bungoma and Trans Nzoia Districts. Paper presented at the Inter-faculty College Collaboration Programme Annual Conference on Health and Behaviour, Garden Hotel, 14<sup>th</sup>. – 17<sup>th</sup>. August 1996

2000 (With S. Wandibba) Changing livelihood systems and manifestations of poverty in Msambweni Division of south coast Kenya. Paper presented to the SIDA/SAREC Eastern Africa Marine Science Program, subproject on social and cultural aspects of coastal zone management, phase 2 (1997-1999) at Mazson's Hotel, Zanzibar, Tanzania, 7<sup>th</sup>. – 11, February 2000.

2003 IUCN/WIOMSA workshop on “Human dimension of coastal and marine environment: The role of social science research in improved management of coastal and marine environment” 21<sup>st</sup>. – 22<sup>nd</sup>. April 2003 at the Whitesands Hotel, Mombasa, Kenya.

2003 The costs and benefits of mainstream tourism in the Malindi-Watamu coast, Malindi District, Kenya. A qualitative analysis. A paper presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup>. WIOMSA scientific symposium with the sub-theme: Advances in marine science in Eastern Africa: A multi- and trans-disciplinary research for improved management of management of resources, 15<sup>th</sup>.-18<sup>th</sup>. October 2003, Maputo, Mozambique.

2003 The development and promotion of tourism in Kenya. Paper prepared for the first training course on “Planning for sustainable Tourism”, Tembo Hotel, Zanzibar, Tanzania, 22<sup>nd</sup>. - 30<sup>th</sup>. October 2003.

2003 (With S. Juma) Ecotourism infrastructure in Malindi District: A unique Kenya example. A paper presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup>. WIOMSA scientific symposium with the sub-theme: Advances in marine science in Eastern Africa: A multi- and trans-disciplinary research for improved management of management of resources, 15<sup>th</sup>.-18<sup>th</sup>. October 2003, Maputo, Mozambique.

2009 Reviewers’ workshop for B.A. Module 3 year at the Kenya Wildlife Service Institute (KWSI), Naivasha, 14<sup>th</sup>. – 16<sup>th</sup>. June 2006.

2012-2013 (With Prof. S. Wandibba and Dr. BA. Mulemi) Gender empowerment and access to financial services in Machakos County, Eastern Kenya. Paper presented at the IMTFI’s Fourth Annual Conference for Funded Researchers, December 4-7, 2012 held at the School of Social Sciences, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Irvine, USA.

#### PAPERS PUBLISHED

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2012 Knowledge and use of family planning methods and services in West Yimbo Division, Bondo District, western Kenya. *African Study Monographs*, 33 (4):233-251.

2006 Factors affecting the use of modern prenatal and maternity services in Got Agulu Sub-location, western Kenya. *African Study Monographs*, 27 (4):145-156.

2005 The tradition of Ramogi: Beliefs and practices of the levirate amongst the Luo in Bondo Division, Bondo District, western Kenya. *Mila (N.S.)*, (6):23-32.

2003 (With M. M. Nyikuri) Child’s gender and length of breastfeeding in Bondo District, Kenya. *Mila (N.S.)*, (5):42-47.

2001 (With Mulemi, B.A.) Therapeutic strategies and traditional knowledge of the people of Bar Chando sub-location, Bondo District, Kenya. *Curare*, 24:47-56.

- 1998 The perception about condom use and transmission of the AIDS pandemic in Kenya: *Bulletin of the International Committee on Urgent Anthropological and Ethnological Research*, 39:123-140.
- 1998 The heartbeat and rhythm of life: The cardinal points in the socio-cultural construction of Bukusu personhood: *Nordic Journal of African Studies*, 7 (1):39-62.
- 1997 (with Robert Washington) Knowledge about AIDS and sex practices among young Kenyan adults. *Scandinavian Journal of Development Alternatives*, 16 (3 & 4): 130-141.
- 1994 Daughters of the clay, women of the farm: Women, agriculture economic production and ceramic industry in Bungoma District, Western Province, Kenya. Ph. D. Dissertation, University of Microfilms, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 1994 The web of poverty: Women and sugar cane farming in Bokoli location, Webuye Division, Bungoma District. Mimeograph. OSSREA: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- 1996 Pottery taboos and symbolism in Bukusu society, Western Kenya. *African Study Monographs*, 17 (2): 69-84.
- 1996 Twinship among Babukusu of Bungoma District, Western Kenya: A misfortune or blessing? *Mila (N.S.)*, 16-27.
- 1984 (With Kiriama, H.O.) The dead people of Njoro: A reappraisal of Hromnik's article. *Journal of History*, Vols. 6 and 7, 1977-1978.