

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DATA:

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EDUCATION BACKGROUND:

Michigan State University:

Department of History: Doctor of Philosophy

Majored in: Eastern African History

African History

Minor in: Comparative Black History

Historiography of U.S to 1876

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, 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 paper Topics:

"A Critical Analysis of Teaching of 'History of East African " in form three and Four in Kenya Secondary School"

"Factors affecting Child Delinquency in Independent Kenya"

University of Nairobi

1979-1983 Faculty of Arts: **Bachelor of Arts (BA Hons)**

Major in: History and Sociology

Kangaru High School, Embu.

1977-1978 Advanced Level (A- level)
EAACE Certificate.

Chuka Com. Sec. School, Chuka

1973-1976 O –Level
EACE Certificate.

Pitmans Typing Certificate
Pitmans Book-Keeping Certificate

Mungoni Primary School

1969-1972 Intermediate
CPE Certificate.

Ndagani Primary School

1964-1968 Elementary

WORKING EXPERIENCE:

TEACHING AT University of Nairobi:-

Lecturer Position:

January 2006 to date in the following units:

BA in History courses taught:

History of Kenya to 1900

History of Kenya since 1900

Topics in World Civilizations

Methods of Historical research

Eastern African History since 1900

BA in Armed Conflict and Peace Studies:

Traditional Methods of Peace and Reconciliation in Africa

Religion and Armed Conflict

Ethnicity and conflict

MA in Armed Conflict and Peace Studies in the following:

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

Armed Conflict and Culture

Methods of Historical Research

MA in History courses taught

Research Methods in Historical Research

History of cities and Towns in Africa since 1900

Post Graduate Supervision At University of Nairobi:

MA students who have graduated under my supervision since 2006 are 14 and 18 are in various stages in completing their MA projects.

One Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Candidate in History is under my supervision:

Mary W. Wanyoike “The History of Non-Formal Training for out-of School Youth in Nairobi, Kenya, 1963-2005” (student collecting data...)

Internal Examiner:

Appointed by the Board of Post Graduate Studies to serve as internal examiner in the Department of History and Archaeology for both PhD and Masters levels. I have also been at served as board of examiner at the faculty of Arts.

Teaching at Strathmore University:

2007 to date *Part-time lecturer* in the following Units:

World Civilization Before 1900

World Civilization since 1900

East African Societies

Taught at Michigan State University:

2003-2005 *Instructor* in the following academic units:

Perspectives on African women in development since 1900, fall, 2005

Social science perspectives on Africa, fall, 2005.

History of Modern Africa, spring, 2005

Social Science Perspectives on Africa, spring, 2005

History of Africa to 1800, fall.2004

Educating Black Women: a comparative study of politics of education
spring, 2004

Race, gender and school: histories of colonial education, fall, 2003.

1997-2003 *Teaching Assistant* in the following units:

Challenging Stereotypes: The Making of Mexico, spring, 2003

World History to Present, fall, 2002

World History to 1800, fall, 2001

History of Europe to 1500, spring, 2001

Arts and Humanities of Africa, spring, 2001

US Business and Economic History, fall, 1997- fall, 2000

In addition to teaching, I was also Library Student Assistant at Michigan State University between:

1997-2005 Library Student Assistant in Africana/Areas Studies: I helped students and other patrons in the library in locating materials related to Africa.

Assistant to Africana bibliographer (MSU) in compiling Dissertations done in the U.S.A, Canada and U.K. on all African related topics,

Taught at University of Nairobi:

1992-1997 **Tutorial Fellow** and taught the following Units:

History of Africa – both pre-colonial and post-colonial

Eastern African History to 1900

History of Kenya to the Present.

Taught at United States International University-Africa:

1993-1997 **Part-Time Lecturer** in the following units between 1993-1997:

World Civilizations to 1800

History of United States to 1876.

Gave lectures at Defence Staff College:

1995-1997 **Guest Lecturer** on Evolution of East African communities and their relationships.

Taught at High Schools Position and duties:

July 1987 – August 1989 Kajiunduthi High School, Deputy Principal where I taught

history of Kenya, East Africa and Africa

Jan. 1986 – June 1987	Meru School, Teacher, History of Africa and East Africa.
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.

Worked at Kenya National Examination Council:

1987- 1989	Examiner for History and Government.
1984- 1986	Examiner for General paper for A Levels.

Senior Researcher with International Research Organisations

2011	Co-coordinator of the Nile Basin Research Programme, as it prepares for its Second Phase
2007-2010	Senior Research with the Nile Basin Research Programme, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED:"

March 12-13 2012	Presented paper on Emerging Issues in Eastern region of Kenya at a Conference organised by NCIC at KICC, Nairobi— The People's Conference: National Diversity Race and Ethnicity
January 20-21 st 2012	Writing Workshop on " Ethnic and Race Relations Policy " organised by NCIC, at Salewa Lodge, Lake Naivasha, Kenya.
October 29 2011	Seminar on Diversity conversations in Lower Eastern , presented papers on "Intra and Inter ethnic conflicts have devastating effects on citizens. How they affect women and the role of individuals, communities and state in reducing instances of violent conflict" held at Garden Hotel, Machakos.
March 4 th 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 25th -29th 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 8th-12th 2009 Participated in the “**Nile Basin Research Conference I**” held at the Sea Cliff Hotel, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
- March 21st-28th 2009 Participated in **Nile Basin Research Project Seminar** held in Alexandria, Egypt.
- January 8th-9th 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 25th-29th 2008 Attended UNESCO meeting in Paris on “**Global Research Seminar: Sharing Research Agendas on Knowledge systems**” held in UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France.
- November 10th 2008 Paper presentation “**Challenges of women researchers: a case of Kenya**” at the University of Bergen, Norway.
- November 26^h 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 4th-5th 2008 Participated seminar on “**Roads to reconciliation: transitional justice in Norway and beyond**” at CMI, University of Bergen, Norway.
- August 7th-17th 2008 Participated at the **Bergen Summer Research School** on “**Professions and Societal Development**” at University of Bergen, Norway.
- June 25th 2008 Participated at Strathmore University’s *Institute of Humanities, Education and Development Studies* (IHEDS) workshop held at Fairview Hotel, Nairobi.
- April 5th 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-**

	<i>colonial period</i> ” held at the University of Bergen, Norway.
July 2006	Participated in History Exhibition Workshop hosted by the National Museums of Kenya, Nairobi.
May 8 th -11 th 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 nd - 24 th 1999	Participant in Intercultural Communication Institute , Michigan State University.
September 10 th -12 th 1999	Chaired panel in the Fourth Annual Midwest Graduate Conference in African Studies , Michigan State University.
April 11 th -12 th 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 <i>Summer Institute Education Grant</i> , Institute of International Education (IIE) at Boston College, MA. USA.

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS IN ONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ATTENDED:

Mary Mwiandi, “Leadership and transformation of society” in Okoth Okombo, Joseph Kwaka et al (ed) **Challenging the Rulers: a Leadership Model for Good Governance**. Nairobi: East African Educational Publishers, 2011.

Mary Mwiandi, *Theory and Methods of Historical Research* for the College of Education and External Studies (Centre for Open and Distance Learning) University of Nairobi, (draft being reviewed).

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).

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)

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).

Mary Mwiandi, "Federal Question of Buganda in Uganda" *Fact Finding Mission Report, 2010* (work in Progress).

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

Mary Mwiandi, "The history of Jeanes School, Kabete, 1925-1939"(forthcoming in a book chapter in *Mzizi*, in honor of Prof. Godfrey Muriuki).

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

Mary Mwiandi and George Gona, "*Mau Mau Revolution*" in the ***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)

"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 6th Regional Conference on American Studies in East African, Egerton University,

Kenya, July 1997

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.

AWARDS

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

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

Instructorship: Department of History, Michigan State University, Fall, 2003 and Spring 2004

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

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

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

Teaching Assistantships at Michigan State University, 1997-2004

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

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

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

Department Recruitment Scholarship, Michigan State University, 1997

Summer Institute Education Grant, Institute of International Education (IIE) at Boston College, MA. USA, in 1994

Staff Development Educational Grant by Government of Kenya, 1989-1993

University of Nairobi Grant by Government of Kenya, 1979-1983.

RESPONSIBILITIES AT UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI:

Coordinator: Reorganizing the Department of History Archives

Coordinator: BA Armed Conflict and Peace Studies

COMMUNITY/PUBLIC SERVICE:

Among the community service activities:

Guest speaker, Education Day, Chuka Girls School, April, 2011.

July 12th – August 3rd 2010, Participated in Civic education on the **New` Constitution of Kenya** in Meru South and Maara Districts.

2009 to the present, Member of Mentor of '**Precious Sisters**' held At Precious Blood Girls School, Riruta, Nairobi three times per years.

Guest of Honor in **Mulala Girls High School**, Emali-Nzauni on 19th June 2010

Guest of honor during the Education Day, **Chuka Girls High School**, on 26th March, 2010.

Guest of Honor at Prize-Giving/Education Day for **Akachiu Education Division**, Igembe South on 22nd March 2010.

Guest of Honor during Prize-Giving Day at **Buru-Buru Girls' School**, Nairobi on 14th March 2008.

2006, Participated in Dissemination of **Vision 2030** in Eastern Province, December 13th - 19th 2007.

Member Board of Governors, Chuka Girls School, 1994-1997.

MEMBERSHIP to SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS PAST AND PRESENT

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

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

Executive and founder Member of Meru South Professionals Association, 2010- present.

Treasurer and founder member of the Meru Professionals Association (MPA) 4th September 2007 to the present

Executive and founder Member of the Chuka Welfare Association (CWA)

1992-1997 and 2006 - the present

Member, African Studies Association (ASA) 1997- to the present

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

Official member, Kenya Students Association, Michigan State University, 1997- 2005.

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

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

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

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

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.1998-2005.

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