

CURRICULUM VITAE



DR. WASHINGTON NDIIRI

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: WASHINGTON NDIIRI B.Ed Hons. (University of Nairobi) M.A & PhD (Kenyatta University), Certificate in Palaeoanthropology (Harvard)

NATIONALITY: Kenyan

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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

UNIVERSITY: Kenyatta University, Doctor of Philosophy

December 2011 Area of specialization: Environmental Archaeology

November 1993 Kenyatta University – Master of Arts Degree

May-Sept 1991 Harvard Summer School – Certificate in Palaeoanthropology

December 1984 University of Nairobi - B. Ed Upper Second Class Honors Degree

HIGH SCHOOL

Feb. 1979 – Nov. 1980: Kakamega High School, Kakamega District

Kenya Advanced Certificate Of Education (KACE)

Three principles and one subsidiary

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Jan. 1974 –Nov. 1977: Butere Boys Sec. School, Butere district

Kenya Certificate of Education (KCE)

Division 1

PRIMARY SCHOOL

1968-1973: BUMAMU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Certificate of Primary Education

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2016-present: Senior Lecturer, Department Of History, Archaeology and Political Studies

2002-2016: Lecturer, Department Of History, Archaeology And Political Studies,
Kenyatta University

October 1993: Tutorial Fellow, History, Department, Kenyatta University

1989-1993 Graduate Assistant Department Of History Archaeology and Political Studies.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2012-2016:** Chairman Department Of History Archaeology And Political Studies
- 1992-1999:** Examination coordinator Dept of History archaeology
- 2016-date:** Senior Lecturer, Kenyatta University Department of HAPS
- 2012-2014:** Lecturer Kenyatta University Department of HAPS –Tutorial Fellow
- 1989-1992:** Graduate Assistant Department of History
- 1984-1986:** Graduate Teacher Bujumba Sec School Busia
- 1986-1989:** Graduate Teacher Kabarak High School, Nakuru
- 2000-2014:** Area Supervisor Teaching Practice for Mombasa
- 2014-2019:** Supervisor Teaching Practice Machakos, Kisumu, Bomet Garissa

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Teaching both undergraduate and postgraduate students
- Research
- Supervision of dissertations and field projects
- Departmental time tabling
- Examination coordinator
- Coordinator field projects
- Staff mentor of students
- Member of postgraduate departmental committee
- Academic advisor of students in the department

UNITS TAUGHT UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE LEVEL

- Principles of archaeology
- Themes , theory and thought in world archaeology
- Archaeology of pastoralism in Africa
- Gender in archaeology
- Environmental archaeology
- Archaeological research methodology
- Paleolithic archaeology
- Sources of African History

- Historical archaeology
- Human adaptations in archaeological perspective

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2011 PhD Research Environmental and Settlement In The Lower Tana During The Holocene

Dec 1986-1992: Field Research on Kenya Coast

Sponsor: Sarec Urban Origins in Eastern Africa Projects

Feb May 1991: Kenyatta University, History Department. Early Iron Age Research on the Kenya Coast

Theme: An Ethnoarchaeological Study of Contemporary Local Pottery On The Kenya Coast.

Supervisor: Prof H.W. Mutoro

PAPERS PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

1991: M.A thesis, An Ethnoarchaeological study of contemporary local pottery on the Kenya Coast, Unpublished M.A, thesis Department of History, Kenyatta University

1995: Environment and Settlement on the Upper Tana. Paper presented to the 10th Pan African Congress for Prehistory and Related Studies, Harare.

Ndiiri 1992: An Ethnoarchaeological Study of Contemporary Local Potter on Kenya Coast. MVITA Bulletin of the regional centre for the study of archaeology in Eastern and southern African issue No. 6- Pp 10-14. Also available on internet in French and English.

NDIIRI W. 1999 “Research findings on the Iron Using Communities of the Upper Tana and their environment” in CHEMICHEMI Vol 1 No. 1. International Journal of arts and social sciences. Kenyatta University ISSN 1563-1029 pp. 48-55

NDIIRI W 1996 “Continuity and Change: A Case Study Of Ceramic Technology Of The Kenya Coast” in the journal of eastern African research and development vol . 26 ISSN 0251-0405

NDIIRI W 1999 ‘Exchange Systems in Archaeological past ‘in Chemi chemi vol . No 1.
International journal of arts and social sciences, Kenyatta University ISSN
1563-1028

NDIIRI (2003) ‘Environment and settlement on Lower Tana’ In World Archaeology Bulletin

NDIIRI (2004) Early African archaeology Nairobi a publication for the institute of open
learning, Kenyatta University

NDIIRI (2019) ‘Martin Shikuku, the president that never was’ in Nationalism And National
Building In Africa Group, London.

CONFERENCES

1998 Codesrea conference on methodological approaches 8th-12th June 1998, Nairobi

1999 Codesrea conference on Research Methodology, Nairobi

April 11-15th 2005: Attended A Conference On Regional Methodological Workshop On Social
Sciences In Africa Session 2005.

July 30th –Aug 2008: Attended A Corus Conference, Sponsored By IRD And NMK At Fort
Jesus Mombasa On Sacred Sites, Heritage And Identities In East Africa.
Presented a Paper “Cultural Sites” Conservation as an Avenue For Resolution Of
Conflict”

Aug 2007: Attended CORUS Conference in Mombasa

Presented a paper “palynology and its role in environmental reconstruction on the Kenya coast

2010 : Attended conference on contemporary approaches in heritage preservation Mombasa
11-16th Oct 2010

2010 Attended conference in Paris, France, presented a paper entitled: Research Findings on
Role Environment on Settlement on Lower Tana, an overview

2010 Aug: Kenyatta University capacity building seminar for staff mentors Nairobi

2014: Workshop on National Open University, Multimedia University 23rd July -25th July
2014, Nairobi.

2014: Conference on Refugee and IDPs in Historical Perspective: The East Africa Experience
19-21 June Kenyatta University P.T.O

AWARDS

- Kenya Government and Kenyatta university scholarships to study B. Ed, M.A and PhD degrees at Nairobi and Kenyatta University
- Codesrea research grants for PhD work. Sarec/sida research grants for PhD work. IRD Research Grants for PhD work. NMK Research Grants for PhD work.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY AND OUTSIDE

- Chairman Department Of History Archaeology And Political Studies(2012-2016)
- Member of committee on student disciplinary appeals committee
- Students mentor
- In charge of building and construction in my church

SUPERVISION

Supervised and graduated – 3 PhD students

-10 master students.

Several other supervisions ongoing

REFEREES

1. Prof. Erick M. Aseka
DVC (Academics)
NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
2. Prof. Henry A. Mwanzi
Kenyatta University, Department of History, Archaeology and Political Studies
3. Dr. George Abungu
National Museums of Kenya.