

Personal Profile

Personal Details

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Area of Specialization: African and Christian Studies

Research Interests: African Christianity and culture; religion, gender and sexuality; religion and reproductive health issues; youth studies; religion and development; Religion and Conflict Management; Gender, conflict management and peace building; Theology and Environment; Patristic History, Pentecostalism and Charismatic Renewal.

Google Scholar:

<http://www.ku.ac.ke/schools/humanities/index.php/faculty/faculty-profiles/87-faculty/287-dr-gecaga?start=1>

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Academic & Professional Qualifications

- PhD, Kenyatta University
- MA, Kenyatta University
- Bed, Kenyatta University

Employment History

- 2008: Senior Lecturer , Kenyatta University
- 1998: Lecturer , Kenyatta University
- 1994 – 1996: Tutorial Fellow, Kenyatta University
- November 1989: Graduate Assistant , Kenyatta University

Publications

Books and Books Chapters

- “Globalization and the Churches.” In Mwase I. and Kamaara E. (Editors) Theologies of Liberation and Reconstruction, Acton Publisher, 2012 (Nairobi).
- “Sex Education in the Context of Changing Family Roles.” In Getui Mary(Editor) Responsible Leadership in Marriage and Family Acton Publisher 2008 (Nairobi).
- “Religious Groups and Democratization in Kenya: Between the Sacred and the Profane” In Kenya: The Struggle for Democracy Zed Books 2007 (London).
- “Beyond Anthropocentrism to Biocentric or Ecocentric Inclusiveness: Engaging the Church in Kenya in Exploring Alternative Futures for Humanity and Nature in Africa Parading Through Development, Edited by Maurice N. Amutabi Published by the Centre for Democracy, Research and Development, Nairobi.
- “Cause of violent conflicts: African Traditional perspective” in Getui Mary and WasayeMusyoni (eds) Overcoming violence: A Faith Based Response NCK Nairobi 2003.
- “Women and Political Participation in Kenya”. In Amoah Elizabeth, Divine Empowerment of Women in Africa’s Complex Realities. SAM Wood Accra, Ghana, 2002.

Conference/Workshops/Seminar Papers

Conference Presentations

- 12th Hekima College Symposium Paper Presented “Theological Insights on Ecology and Technology towards Sustainable Development and Peace in Africa”.Hekima College Nairobi, March 2012
- Circle For Concerned African Women Theologians (East African Region) Mystic Centre Nairobi, Paper presented” Women and Peace Building in Africa” August 2011.
- County conversations organized by Twaweza Communication, Paper presented” Search for Identity? Youth, Culture and Religion in the Mount Kenya Religion” November 2010.
- EATWOT Africa Region February 28 th – 6 th March, 2005 Accra, Ghana, Paper presented: “HIV/AIDS Rehabilitation Projects in Kenya: A Window of Hope for Women and Children”.
- International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance (IAEVG) held in Lisbon Portugal between 14 – 16 September 2005. Paper Presented: “Puberty Initiation Seclusion School”.

Student Co-authored Publications

- Musili, T, Gecaga, M & Gitome, J., (2018). Condom Use and Culture of Life: The Roman Catholic Church Dilemma in the Wake of New HIV Infections. *Research on Humanities and Social Sciences* 8 (6) 66-72.
- Condom use and Culture of Life: The Roman Catholic Church Dilemma in the Wake of New HIV Infection, by Gecaga Margaret, Musili Teresia and Gitome Josephine in the *Journal of Research on Humanities and Social Sciences Vol. 8 No 6* 2018 pp 66 – 72 (2018).
- “The Relationship between psychosocial preparation for retirement and quality of life in Kenya”. In *International Journal of Social Science and Humanities vol 4 Issue 3* co-authored with Dr. Lucy Maina and Pauline Thuku 2016, pp. 251-260.

- “Unfolding Religiosity and Spirituality: Towards an Integrated Theology of Holism in the Advent of New HIV Infections in Africa” (2016). In *The International Journal of Humanities and Social Studies Vol 4 Issue 9*, Co - authored with Musili Telesia Kathini , pp, 230-235.
- “Enhancing Graduate Employability through Community Engagement” In *Journal of Administrative Science and Policy Studies Vol 1*. 2013.
- “Theological Insights on Ecology and Technology towards Sustainable Development and Peace in Africa”. In *Hekima Review Journal of Hekima College, Jesuit School of Theology ,Peace Studies and International Relation No.46 May 2012 PP 57-73* .
- The Response of the Church to the Plight of Children in Africa” in *World Studies in Christianity Vol 13 Part 2 the Edinburgh Review of Theology and Religion Edinburgh University Press 2007 (Edinburgh) PP 142-159*.

Research

- Master of Arts (M.A) 1994 Thesis Entitled: “The African Orthodox Church: A Historical and Theological Study 1929 – 1989”.
- PhD Thesis entitled “Issues in the Controversy surrounding the Introduction of Family Life Education in Kenyan Schools 1987 – 1997”.

Funded Projects

- Awarded A CODESRIA (Council for the Development of Social Sciences Research in Africa), The Small Grant Programme for Thesis Writing in March 1998.
- Involved in a research on Ethnicity, Community Relations and Civil Society in Kenya: Perspective from a New Generation in 2000 funded by Ford Foundation, New York.
- Completed research on “The Role of Religious Groups in the Democratization process in Kenya” under the Council for the Development of Social Sciences Research in Africa (CODESRIA) – Kenya National Working group. (Funded by CODESRIA).
- Co-investigator on Pentecostal and Charismatic Research Initiative: A Comparative Research Network – Topic “Religion, Spirituality and Power in Kenya and Uganda” (funded by CODESRIA-2013.)

Conference/Workshops/Seminars Attended

Conferences Attended

- 2019 (31st May), Conference on the Palestinian Question & its Relevance to the Struggle for Human Rights
- 2017 (2nd November), Conference on *Cultural & Scientific Impact on Extremism & Radicalism*

Supervision of Postgraduate Students

Masters

- Nyang’au Onserio: The Influence of Catholic Theology of Sexuality on Teenage Girls in Njoro Deanery, Nakuru County, Kenya” MA, KU 2017

- Eugenio Ileri Nyaga: "Participation of the Catholic Church in Consumption of Avocado to Enhance Food Security in Evurore Division, Mbeere North Sub-County, Embu County" MA, KU, 2017
- Kariuki Kabiru Jonathan: "Peace Building Among the Urban Poor of Mathare Informal Settlement in Nairobi County: The Interventions of The ACK, Diocese of Nairobi 1999-2000" MA, KU, 2016.
- Daniel Maina Gathuki: "Conflict in Pentecostal Churches: The case of Christian Church International, Kiria-ini Town Murang'a County" MA, KU 2015.
- Chris E. Anthony: "Analysis of Perceptions and Praxis of Work among African Neo-Pentecostals: A Case Study of Maximum Miracle Centre, Nairobi." Master of Theology (MTh) in African Christianity, Daystar University, 2009.

Ph. D

- Mukisa Joy Isabirye: "The Anglican Theology of Sexuality: Its Teaching and Practice among Students in Anglican Church Founded Schools in Jinja District, Busoga Region, Uganda" PhD, KU, 2019
- Musili Telesia Kathini: "Christians' Perceptions and Practice of 'ABC' Strategy in the Context of New HIV Infections in Kiambu County-Kenya, (PhD) KU, 2017.
- Thuku Pauline Wanjiru: Relationship between Retirement Preparation in the Psychosocial, Financial and Health Domains and the Quality Of Life of Retirees in Nyeri County, Kenya: PhD, KU 2015

Professional/ Consultancy (Editor/ Peer review in journals, Networks/ Collaborations, External Examiner, Patents)

External Examiner

- Catholic University of Eastern Africa(CUEA)
- University of Nairobi
- Alupe University College, Busia.
- St. Pauls University, Limuru

Community Service and Other Engagements

- Board Member, Thika Technical Training Institute

Affiliation of Professional Bodies

- EATWOT, Kenya Chapter, The Contact Person/Secretary: August 2003 to date.
- A member of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians.
- Puberty to Adulthood Camps in Kenya (PACK), Treasurer since 2006.

National and International awards and Recognitions

- Certificate for participating in the International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance Conference in Lisbon, September 2005.
- Certificate for undertaking an intensive theology course in Washington D.C., USA, December 2002.

Administrative Positions Held

Recognized University Administrative Positions

- Chairperson of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Kenyatta University (2012- to 2016).
- Departmental Examination Co-ordinator 2008- 2010.

Other administrative positions Held

- Board Member, Teacher Professional Development and Excellence , December 2018
- Board Member, Teaching Practicum – Kenyatta University, June 2018
- Worked as a Member of University Procurement Committee from 2014 - 2016
- University Committee for Financial Literacy (joint venture of Kenyatta University and Equity Bank-2010- 2011)
- Board member of the Community Outreach and Extension Programmes (COEP - Kenyatta University)
- Involved in the Kenyatta University Mentoring Programme: To mentor students