

Academic Staff Profile

Personal Profile

Personal Details

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Department: Geography

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Area of Specialization: Urban and Regional Planning

-Urban studies

Research Interests:

Google Scholar:

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Academic & Professional Qualifications

Kenyatta University. 1998-2002. PhD (Urban Geography)

University of Nairobi. 1988-1990. Master of Arts (Urban Geography)

University of Nairobi. 1984-1987. Bachelor Of Arts

Employment History

Lecturer, Kenyatta University, Department of Geography, 1992-Present

Tutorial Fellow, Kenyatta University, Department of Geography. 1990-1992

Graduate Assistant, Kenyatta University, Department of Geography. 1989-1990

Books and Books Chapters

Women Street Vendors in Nairobi, Kenya A Situational and Policy Analysis Within a Human Rights Framework. 2010 Organisation for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa. Printed in Ethiopia. ISBN: 978-99944-55-46-1

Muiruri P.W. Changing Dynamics in Urbanization of Poverty and the Emerging Governance Challenges in Poverty Reduction in Kenya. 2014. Beyond State Building: Confronting Africa's Governance and Socio-economic Challenges in the 21st century. Edited by Samuel Kale Ewusi and Jean Bosco Butera. UPEACE Africa Programme

Muiruri P.W. Linking Informal Social Arrangements, Social Protection and Poverty Reduction in Urban Slums: Case of Mathare Informal Settlement, Nairobi, Kenya. 2011. OSSREA Publication.

Muiruri, P.W. 'Finding Sustainable Policy Options for Informal Street Traders in Nairobi, Kenya: A Human-Right Based Approach'. 2008. UNESCO Small Grants Programme on Poverty Eradication Building national capacities for research and policy analysis. Published by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization 7, place de Fontenoy 75352 Paris 07 SP France. ISBN: 9-789231-040764

Student Co-authored Publications

An Investigation of Coping Strategies Adopted by Small-Scale Sugarcane Growers in Bungoma County, Kenya . Protas Fwamba Khaemba, Dr. Philomena Muiruri¹ & Dr. Thomas Kibutu. East African Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies, Volume 3, Issue 1, 2021 Article DOI: <https://doi.org/10.37284/eajis.3.1.310>

An evaluation of grid-based rural electrification adoption dynamics in Meru-South sub-county. Charity Kageni Mbaka, Philomena Muiruri, Kennedy Obiero and Masika Oscar Kisaka International Journal of Energy and Statistics Vol. 04, No. 02, 1650010 (2016)

Levels and Performance Outcomes of Participation in Community-Based Tourism Projects in the Coastal Region of Kenya . Authors: David A.M. Osebe, P.W. Muiruri, and George, L. Makokha International Journal of Liberal Arts and Social Science. Volume 3, Issue 1, 2020 ISSN: 2307-924X

Park user's characteristics that influence satisfaction in urban parks in Kisumu County, Kenya. Judith Ochengo, Philomena Muiruri, Thomas Kibutu. International Journal of Innovative Research and advanced studies. Voulmen 5 Issue 11, November 2018

Funded Projects

Research grant from UN Habitat to undertake a project entitled "Identifying Risks and Strategies on Disaster Risk Reduction in the City of Nairobi". 2014

The African Career Award, Rockefeller Foundation. 2006. Project Title: Participation of Women in the Planning, Implementation and Management of Low-income Housing Projects.

Organisation of Social Sciences Research for Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA). 2008. Project Title: A Situational Analysis on Responses to HIV/AIDS Challenges in the Manufacturing of Food, Beverages and Tobacco Sector in Nairobi City, Kenya.

National Council of Science and Technology Grant Program. 2005-2006. Project Title: A Situational Analysis of HIV/AIDS in the Hospitality Industry in Kenya: The Need for a Workplace Policy

United Nations Education and Scientific Organization (UNESCO): Small Grants Programme on Poverty Eradication and Human Rights. 2006-2007. Project Title: Finding Sustainable Policy Options for Informal Street Traders in Nairobi, Kenya: A Human-Right Based Approach.

Organisation of Social Sciences Research for Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA). Research Grant under the Senior Scholars Research Grant Award. 2007-2008. Project Title: Towards New Policy Measures to Govern Women Street Vendors from a Human Rights Based Approach in the City of Nairobi, Kenya.

Kenyatta University Vice Chancellors Research Grant. 2008-2009. Project Title: Enhancing Community Participation in Pro-poor Tourism Projects in the Coastal Region of Kenya

Conferenced/Workshops/Seminars Attended

Preparation of 9th edition of the Pan African summit of Local and Regional governments (Africities) 2021. Held at on 4th and 5th February at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nairobi

The inequality of climate change on the 'water poor' in Nairobi's informal settlements, Kenya. 13th KMS International Conference on Meteorological research, applications and services. 13-15th November 2017 in Eldoret, Kenya

Exploring the challenges and opportunities of ageing in the City of Nairobi in achieving the Post 2030 Agenda. Fourth Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA-IV) October 8 – 10, 2016, Marrakesh, Morocco

“Challenging the Dominant Knowledge Base: The Need for a Gendered Approach in Monitoring the Impacts of Globalization on Women in Kenya” paper presented during the International Conference on International Aid, Trade and Development in Africa: The Search for a Paradigm. Held on 21st -23rd November, 2014, Hilton Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

“Linking Informal Social Arrangements, Social Protection and Poverty Reduction in Urban Slums: Case of Mathare Informal Settlement, Nairobi, Kenya”. Regional Conference on Informal and Formal Social Protection Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa. 16-20th September 2012. Lenana Mount Hotel, Nairobi.

“Effects of and Coping Strategies to Climate Variability in the Informal Settlements of Nairobi City.” The 10th Kenya Meteorological Society International Conference. 20-24th September 2011. Mombasa Beach Hotel.

“Challenges in Natural Resource Conservation of Sacred Sites: Case of Kaya Kinondo Forest Mombasa, Kenya”. LARS-2011 Lake and Catchment Research Symposium water sanitation and energy for Sustainable Livelihoods. KUCC 14-18TH March 2011

“Emerging Youthful Cities in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities Facing the Urban Youth” paper presented during the Africa in the 21st Century: Setting the Agenda Congress held on 17th-19th December, 2008 at the Villa Via Gordon Bay Hotel in Cape Town, South Africa.

Supervision of Postgraduate Students

Masters completed thesis

1. Sitati Hannington C50/12596/05. Commercialization of handicraft among the Maasai of Kajiado District.
2. George M. Echesa C50/11171/04 The role of residents associations in urban service delivery: the case of Nairobi City, Kenya
3. Edwin Kipkosgei Sang C50/5836/03 Socio-economic effects of the enforced road safety regulations on passenger service vehicles operations in Nairobi, Kenya. Status:
4. Alain N.M. Alembe C50/6002/03. Characteristics and sustainable management of street trading in Bukavu Town, Democratic Republic of Congo.
5. Mwangi John Kariuki C50/CE/11838/2008 An evaluation of accommodation challenges faced by seasonal commercial workers during tourism peak season in Malindi town, Kenya

6. Evans Motanay Nyangau C50/CE/23759/2013 Evaluating the determinants for the adoption of tissue culture banana technology by small scale farmers in Nyamira county, Kenya
7. Micheal Kingwa Kiti C50/CE/23910/2013 Socio-economic, cultural and institutional factors influencing modern box hives adoption in Kitui county, Kenya
8. Ananua Stephen Mwendia C50/CE/26852/2011 An investigation of the drivers of diversification to banana farming among households in Meru County, Kenya.
9. Judith Mongina Ochengo C50/22922/20102 Park users characteristics that influence utilization of urban parks in Kisumu County, Kenya
10. Mbaka Charity Kageni C50/20113/2012 An evaluation of rural electrification adoption dynamics in Meru South Sub-county, Tharak Nithi County, Kenya
11. Norah Moige Nyaiyo C50/CE/23341/2010 Effects of climate variability and other factors on the outbreak and spread of Newcastle disease in Suneka division, Kissi County.
12. Rita Akinyi Maroko C50/CE/22310///2010 Dynamics of cooked food vending in Kayole location, Nairobi County, Kenya

Ph. D

1. Vincent G Gaitho. C82/5077/06. The role of ecotourism on the socio-economic and environmental management in the rangelands of Kenya: A case study of II-Ngwesi and Olgulului group ranches.
2. Maurice Omollo. C82/3112/04 Strategies of coping with inadequate income among slum dwellers of Mathare Valley in Nairobi.

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

- i) External examiner: Marist International University College. Nairobi
- ii) Multi-Methods Research Course (MMRC). 7 Modules. Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR). June 2014
- iii) Research Capacity Building Workshop on Developing Peace Research Skills in Africa. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. 10-27 April, 2010.
- iv) Poverty Eradication: Building National Capacities for Research and Policy Analysis. United Nations Educational and Scientific Council Organization (UNESCO). Zanzibar. 10-25 September 2009.

v) Reviewer for Eastern Africa Social Science Research Review (EASSRR). Addis Ababa Ethiopia

Community Service and Other Engagements

i) Committee Member State Corporations Advisory Committee (SCAC).

ii) Chairperson Board of Governors Ndururumo High School

iii) Chairperson Association of African Women for Research and Development, Kenya Chapter (AAWORD-K)

Affiliation of Professional Bodies

The Association of Third World Studies, Kenya Chapter

Third World Organization for Women in Science (TWOWS)

African Association of Women in Research and Development. (AAWORD)

Administrative Positions Held

Recognized university administrative positions

i) Acting capacity as Chairperson Department of Geography

ii) Geography Department Time-tabling:

iii) Departmental Representative to the Postgraduate Studies Committee in School of Humanities and Social Sciences

iv) Committee Member Policy on Field Trips