

## CURRICULUM VITAE 2017

### 1. Personal Data

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**Title/Qualifications:** PhD, MA, BEd (KU)

**Department/Unit/Section:** Philosophy and Religious Studies

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**Position:** Senior Lecturer

**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.

### 2. Conference Presentations

- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians, Resurrection Gardens, July 1998. Paper presented: "Political Violence in Kenya; The Case of Ethnic Clashes in the Rift Valley and their Impact on Women".
- Workshop on Ethnicity, Community Relations and Civil Society in Kenya: Perspective from a New Generation Sports View Hotel October 1999: Paper presented: "Change and continuity in a Democratizing Kenya: An Analysis of Kikuyu Interaction with other Communities".
- The Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians Kenyan Chapter Kenyatta University March 2000. Paper presented: "A Disfigured Body of Christ: A Denial of Women's Sexuality".
- Participated in a one week writers workshop on Christian Education for peace and reconciliation organized by All African Conference of Churches AACC between 7 – 12 August 2000 at KCCT, Mbagathi Paper presented: "Abuse and Exploitation of children in conflict situations".
- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians Dimesse Centre Karen 2000. Paper presented: A Theology of Work: The effects of Retrenchment in Kenya".
- New Testament Seminar at Kenyatta University. Paper presented: "Mary's magnificat. A song of Liberation for African Women".
- Ecumenical Association of the Third World Theologians Kenya Chapter August 2002, St. Paul's United Theological College Limuru, Paper presented: "Youth subculture: A challenge to the church".
- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians, EATWOT Kenyan Chapter August 2003, Karen. Paper presented "Building a Democratic Society: The Role of the church in the Politics of Transition in Kenya".
- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians, (EATWOT) Kenya Chapter August 2004, Association of Sisterhoods of Kenya, Ngong Road. Paper presented: "Challenges of Inter-Faith dialogue: Reflections in the face of Globalization and the war on Terror".

- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians EATWOT Africa Region February 28<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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”.
- African Institute for Contemporary Mission and Research paper presented: “The Gospel Symbol of the Kingdom and the African values of Hospitality and sharing”: A Response to the problems of famine in Africa. 2007
- 10<sup>th</sup>Hekima college Symposium Paper Presented “Contesting Identities in the Context of Democratic Change in Africa” March 2009.
- County conversations organized by Taweza Communication, Paper presented” Search for Identity? Youth, Culture and Religion in the Mount Kenya Religion” November 2010.
- Circle For Concerned African Women Theologians (East African Region) Mystic Centre Nairobi, Paper presented” Women and Peace Building in Africa” August 2011.
- 12<sup>th</sup>Hekima College Symposium Paper Presented “Theological Insights on Ecology and Technology towards Sustainable Development and Peace in Africa”.Hekima College Nairobi, March 2012

### 3. Research.

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

#### 4. Publications

##### a) Book articles

- “Rape: A weapon of Violence Against Women” in *Violence Against Women Reflection by Kenya Women Theologians* Edited by Grace Wamue and Mary Getui Acton Publishers, Nairobi, 1996.
- “Ecology and Creative Stewardship” in Getui M. and Obeng E. *Theology of Reconstruction: Exploratory Essays*, Acton Publishers, Nairobi 1999.
- “Ethnic conflicts and their impact on women”. *Quests for Abundant Life in Africa* Edited by Getui M. and Theuri M. Acton Publishers Nairobi 2001.
- “Women and Political Participation in Kenya”. In Amoah Elizabeth *Divine Empowerment of Women in Africa’s Complex Realities*. SAM Wood Accra, Ghana, 2002.
- “Cause of violent conflicts: African Traditional perspective” in Getui Mary and WasayeMusyoni (eds) *Overcoming violence: A Faith Based Response* NCKK Nairobi 2003.
- “Religious Groups and Democratization in Kenya: Between the Sacred and the Profane” *In Kenya: The Struggle for Democracy* Zed Books 2007 (London).
- “Sex Education in the Context of Changing Family Roles.” In Getui Mary(Editor) *Responsible Leadership in Marriage and Family* Acton Publisher 2008(Nairobi)
- “Globalization and the Churches.” In Mwase I. and Kamaara E. (Editors) *Theologies of Liberation and Reconstruction* ,Acton Publisher,2012 (Nairobi)
- “Search for Identity: Youth Culture and Religion in the Mount Kenya Region”. In Kimani Njogu ,Twaweza Communications,2013 (Nairobi)

##### b) Journal Articles

- EATWOT “HIV/AIDS Prevention and Rehabilitation Projects in Kenya: A Locus of Interfaith Dialogue and Window of Hope for Women and Children. In *Voices From the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Theologians Theme: Interfaith Dialogue Listening to African Voices*, Vol. XXVIII No. 2. 2005 PP 116-134.
- 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.
- “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 .
- “Enhancing Graduate Employability through Community Engagement” In *Journal of Administrative Science and Policy Studies Vol 1*. 2013
- “Unfolding Religiosity and and Spirituality :Towards an Integrated Theology of Holism in the Advent of New HIV Infections in Africa.”In *The International Journal Of Humanities and Social Studies Vol 4 Issue 9* Co-authored with Musili Telesia Kathini ,2016 pp, 230-235
- “The Relationship between psychosocial preparationfor 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 , pp251-260.

## 5. Thesis Under Supervision

- Factors that cause Conflicts in Pentecostal Churches :A Case Study of the Christian Church International ( M.A)
- The role of Anglican Church of Kenya in peace building among the urban poor with reference to Mathare Informal settlement. (M.A)
- The Role of the Catholic Church in the Alleviation of Food Insecurity in Euvore Division ,Embu County(M.A)
- Christianity and Public Morality With Special Reference to Corruption in Kenya(PhD)
- Moral Education Among the Basoga :An Analysis Of Sexual Behavior of Students in Anglican Founded Schools in Jinja District.(PhD)

## 6. Thesis Examined

- “ Colonial Transformation of Female Circumcision and Its Impact on Women Roles and Gender Relations among The Agikuyu of Kiambu from 1895 to 1963” (M.A) Kenyatta University, by Martha Wanjiru Muraya.(2007)
- “Evangelizing Executives: A Case Study of Club Members in Nairobi, Kenya”. (PhD) Kenyatta University Nairobi , by Patrick Gregory M. Mungai.(2009)
- “An Appraisal of the Role of the Church in Conflicts in Uganda the Buganda Region (1879-1986)” (PhD) Kenyatta University by JoesphMatovuBatulekedeki 2011.
- “The Challenges of Islamic Education on Spiritual and Academic Formation of Secondary School Students in Nairobi Kenya “ ShaabanJuma(M.A) 2012.
- “The Role of the Mosque Institution in The Prevention of Cattle Rustling and Banditry in Mandera East ,Mandera County ,Kenya Kenyatta University ,(M.A) 2012
- “The Socio-Economic Impact of Ethnic Violence in Molo Division ,(1969-2008) by Paul NjorogeMuiru Kenyatta University (M.A) 2012
- Early Christian Missionary’s Influence on Bride wealth by Cyrus Kimanyi St.Pauls University Limuru (MTh) 2013 .
- The Impact of Spheres of Influence Policy on the Presbyterian Church of East Africa with Special Reference to Nakuru Presbtery by Caleb Oguye St.Pauls University (MTh)2013.
- The Changing Face of Pentecostalism in Kenya Since 1910 :An Examination of Historical ,Religious and Cultural Dynamics by Susan Murimi -Akrofi-Christaller Institute of Theology, Mission and Culture.(Ghana) (PhD )Thesis 2013.

- “Neo-Pentecostalism: The Civic and Public Role (1970-2010)” by Damaris S. Paristau Kenyatta University (PhD) Thesis 2014.
- “Sex Education among the Christian Youth with Special Reference to Redeemed Gospel in Mathare Slum Nairobi County.” By Rose Maluki Ndusya, Kenyatta University (M.A.) Thesis 2014
- “Prevalence Of Spousal Abuse In Kisii And The Response Of The Evangelical Lutheran Church In Kenya, South West Diocese” by Kemunto Margaret Obaga, PhD, Catholic University of Eastern Africa, 2014
- An Analysis Of The Contribution of African Traditional Education To Moral Uprightness In Eweland Of Ghana”, (PhD) by Gbortsu Fabian Kwame, Catholic University of Eastern Africa, 2014
- The Transformation of Male Circumcision among The Agikuyu of Kiambu, 1945 – 2007”(MA) by Veronica Kimani, Kenyatta University, 2014
- “An Investigation into the Integration of Christian and Abatiriki Death Rituals” (MA) by Beatrice Vugutsa Lukalo, Masinde Muliro University, 2014
- “An Investigation on the Challenges Facing Prosperity Gospel on Biblical Theology of Giving: A Case Study of Selected Churches in Mombasa, Kenya” (MA) by Paul Mwangi Kariuki, Mt. Kenya University, 2014
- “Marriage across Cultures and Its Implications: A Case Study of Christ is The Answer Ministries, Kenya” (PhD) by Isaac Kibuthu, Catholic University of Eastern Africa, 2014
- “An Assessment Of The Effects Of Giving In Church On Christian’s Economic Status: A Case Study Of Selected Urban Pentecostal Churches In Nakuru Town “ (MA) by Nyamosi Kemunto Doreen, Mt. Kenya University, 2014
- “A Study On Contribution Of Christian Values On Environmental Conservation Practices In Imenti South Sub-County, Meru County – Kenya” (MA) by Ikiara Joyce Muthoni, Mt. Kenya University, 2014
- “The Impact Of Biblical Strategies In Minimizing Lawlessness Among Students In Selected Public Secondary School In Kiharu Division, Murang’a County Kenya” (MA) by George Munene Mukigi, Mt. Kenya University, 2014.
- “The Contribution of Christian Religious Education to Moral Formation of Secondary School Students in Kangundo Constituency, Machakos County” (PhD) by Sr. Theresia Makau, Catholic University of Eastern Africa, 2014
- “The effects of indigenous forms of worship on numerical growth of the Anglican Diocese of Muranga South, Kenya, (PhD) by Mwangi D.Kihwaga, Catholic University of Eastern Africa ,2015.
- “Interreligious Dialogue for peace at grassroot: A case of Damieta Peace Initiative and Nairobi region (PhD) Sambu Alice,Catholic University of Eastern Africa, 2015.
- “Investigation of Kipsigis Socio-Religio Cultural items towards Understanding the Catholic Theology of Salvation through Inculturation Approach :A Case of Kericho District (PhD)by Rop Naaman,Universty of Nairobi,2015

- “Effects of Commercialization of the Gospel by Independent Preachers on the Growth of Christianity in Meru County Kenya” (PhD), Mwangi D. Kihwaga ,Catholic University of Eastern Africa,. 2015
- “Influence of Religion on Choices among Politicians in Kenya” (PhD) by Giuseppe Caramazz ,Catholic University of Eastern Africa,2016.
- “The Role of the Catholic Church in Enviromental Conservation :Towards a New Paradigm of Evangelizationin Nairobi Archdiocese ”( PhD) by Mulandi Joyce, Catholic University of Eastern Africa ,2016.
- “The Challenges facing the Methodist Church in Kenya in her Efforts to Eradict Female Genital Mutilation in Kisii Mission (PhD) by Obwoe Douglas ,Catholic University of Eastern Africa ,2017.
- “Effects of Pentecostal Churches in the Catholic Church :A Case of the Catholic Diocese of Yei South Sudan , ”(PhD),by Pololo STE Ndeke ,Catholic University of Eastern Africa, 2017
- “Effects of Humanitarian Assistance on Secularization among encamped Christian Refugees :the Case of Kakuma Camp Kenya” ( PhD) by Tucholski Henry , Catholic University of Eastern Africa.
- Impact of Luo Traditional Scarifice on the Value of the Eucharist among Luo Catholics :A Case of the Catholic Diocese of Homa Bay Kenya” (PhD) by Chrispine Ouma Nyadiwa , Catholic University of Eastern Africa.

## 7. Thesis supervised

- “The Role of Church Organizations in Mediation of Conflict. The Case Study of Sudan (1955 – 2005)”. Master of Arts in Peace Studies and International Relations, Hekima College, Constituent College of the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, by Justin Ndungu Kimani. (2007)
- “An Analysis of Perceptions and Praxis of Work among African Neo-Pentecostals: A Case Study of Maximum Miracle Centre, Nairobi.” Master of Theology in African Christianity (M.Th). Daystar University, Nairobi by Chris E. Anthony,(2009)
- “A Theological Examination of the Relationship between the Widows of the Rwandan Genocide and the Anglican Church of Rwanda, Diocese of Shyongwe.” Master of Theology in African Christianity (M.Th). Daystar University Nairobi, by ZacharieNyilinkwaya,(2009)
- “Theological Foundations for Successful Leadership: A Case Study of Selected Anglican Church Of Kenya (ACK) Congregations”. Master of Theology in African Christianity(M.Th) .Daystar University Nairobi, by Geoffrey Kamau Njenga ,2011
- “The role of the Catholic Church in Environmental Conservation in Kericho County ,Kenya” Master of Arts (MA),Kenyatta University,by Bett G.Kiptoo ,2015.
- “Conflict in Pentecostal Churches :The case of Christian Church International,Kiria-ini Town Murang’a County “by Daniel Maina Gathuki,2015.

- “Relationship between Retirement Preparation in the Psychosocial, Financial and Health Domains and the Quality of Life of Retirees in Nyeri County”, by Thuku Pauline Wanjiru (PhD) Kenyatta University, 2015.
- “Peace Building Among the Urban Poor of Mathare Informal Settlement in Nairobi County: The Interventions of The Anglican Church of Kenya, Diocese of Nairobi 1999-2000” Master of Arts, (MA), Kenyatta University, Karuiki Kabiru Jonathan, 2016.
- “Christians’ Perceptions and Practice of ‘ABC’ Strategy in the Context of New HIV Infections in Kiambu County-Kenya (PhD) Kenyatta University by Musili Telesia Kathini, 2017.

## **8. Books Reviewed**

- *Holy Warrior/ Infidel! Religionisation of Politics, Violent Conflicts And Religious Initiatives for Peace in Sub-Saharan Africa* By Jacob Tesfai. published by Palgrave Publishers.

## **9. Affiliation to Professional Bodies**

- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (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.

## **10. National and International Awards and Recognitions**

- Awarded a Certificate for undertaking an intensive theology course in Washington D.C United States of America December 2002.
- Awarded a Certificate for participating in the International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance Conference in Lisbon September 2005.

## **11. External examination**

- Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA)
- University of Nairobi.

## **12. Administrative positions/University Committees held to date**

- Chairperson of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Kenyatta University (2012-to 2016).
- Served as Departmental Examination Co-ordinator 2008- 2010.
- Involved in the Kenyatta University Mentoring Programme: to mentor students
- University Committee for Financial Literacy (joint venture of Kenyatta University and Equity Bank-2010-2011)
- Worked as a Member of University Procurement Committee from 2014 -2016

- Board member of the Community Outreach and Extension Programmes(COEP-Kenyatta University)