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PERSONAL PROFILE

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SUMMARY OF KEY ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- PhD topic – Women’s autobiography – its transformational nature (2010)
- Volunteer civic educator on the proposed draft constitution (2010).
- Mentoring youth for the Young Men Christian Association (YMCA) 2009.
- Resource person on etiquette for the Young Men Christian Association (YMCA) 2008.
- Paper presentation “Memory in popular culture” Goethe Institute 2008.
- Part time lecturer on gender, literature and history – United States International University (USIU) (1995 – to date).
- Copy Editor (freelance).

- Participant in a participatory methodologies forum of Kenya Workshop on policy formulation 1997.
- Copy Editors on “The impact of structural Adjustment Programs on Kenyan Women for The National Christian Council of Kenya (NCCCK) 1994.
- Participant in UNICEF sponsored workshop on Adolescent Girl Communication Initiative in Eastern and Southern Region (1994).
- Paper presentation on role of communication in gender issues at ACCE workshop (1994).
- Participant in gender sensitization Conference (1994).
- Paper presentation “Ideology and Children Literature” at the 3rd Pan African Book Fair 1994.
- Chapter titled “Women and Mass-Media. The Road to Empowerment Femnet 1994.
- “Listen papa” poetry in Tender Memories, E.A.E.P. (Nairobi)
- Researcher (U.N) on employment patterns of Women Workers (1989).
- Researcher on the “The State of Literature. The Response of Indigenous forms to the influence of Western Media”. York University Canada. 1990.
- Paper presentation “Effective Report Writing” at Medicos Sin Frontial (MSF) 1995.

PROFESSIONAL / SOCIAL APPLICATIONS

- Founder Treasurer – Kenya Oral Literature Association (KOLA)
- Member of Writers Association of Kenya (WAK)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Master of Arts (Literature)	University of Nairobi	1988
Bachelor of Arts Upper Second	Division – University of Nairobi	1984
East African Advanced Certificate of Education	Nairobi School	1979
East African Certificate of Education	Nairobi School	1977

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Gender and development
- Democracy, governance leadership and its intersection with literature.
- Women's autobiography as a technique in transformational literature.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- University lecturer for 23 years in the areas of Literature, gender and history.
- Mentoring the youth for over 20 years.