


Personal Profile

Personal Details

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Academic & Professional Qualifications

2010 to July 2019: Kenyatta University. PhD in Agricultural Geography with a thesis

entitled: *Spatial Analysis of Constraints and Opportunities in Banana Value Chain in Meru County, Kenya*

1997 to 2003: Kenyatta University. Master of Arts (M.A) in Agricultural Geography with

a thesis entitled: *Farming-related Transport Needs and Provision to Farmers in Mwea Tebere Irrigation Scheme, Kirinyaga District, Kenya*

1992 to 1996: Kenyatta University. Bachelor of Arts (B.A) in Geography, Sociology &

Religious Studies

1987 to 1990: Othaya Girls Secondary School. K.C.S.E

October 2020: Certificate. Online course on Cyber Security by KENET

July-Sep. 2020: Certificate. Online course on Take Your Teaching Online by The Open University

Employment History

April 2014 to date Kenyatta University (**Main Campus**), P.O Box 43844, NAIROBI

Lecturer - Geography courses

- August 2008 to 2014 **Marist International College**, A Constituent college of **Catholic University of Eastern Africa** P.O Box 24450, KAREN, 00502, NAIROBI
- Egerton University (Nairobi City Campus), and Laikipia University (main Campus)** as a part time lecturer.
- Part time lecturer - Geography courses**
- 2010 to 2011 **Kenyatta University (main Campus)**, P.O Box 43844, NAIROBI
- Part time lecturer - Geography courses**
- 2009 **Christ The Teacher Institute For Education, Tangaza College**, P.O Box 15055, P.C. 00509, LANGATA
- Part time lecturer - Geography courses**
- 2008 to 2009 **KEMU (Kenya Methodist University)**, P.O Box 267, 60200 MERU
- Part time lecturer - Geography courses**
- 2003 to 2005 **Self**
- Managing a family business
- 2001 to 2002 **Undugu Society of Kenya**, P.O Box 40417, NAIROBI
- Social worker** - Working with youths and women groups in developing small scale businesses in slum areas (Pumwani, Majengo and Kinyago) in Nairobi
- 1997 **Gatanga C.C.M Secondary School**, P.O. BOX 1539, THIKA
- Teacher - Christian Religious Education**

Publications

Referred Journals

Mbuthia, S. W., Kayi, C. and Wambugu, S. K. (2018). Constraints limiting profitable participation by small-scale banana farmers in Meru County, Kenya. *International Journal of Scientific and Research Publications*, 8 (7): 66-75

Mbuthia, S. W., Wambugu, S. K. and Kayi, C. (2018). The spatio-temporal distribution of periodic banana markets in Meru County, Kenya. *International Journal of Development*, 8 (2): 19161-19164

Books and Books Chapters

Mbuthia, W. S. (2020). Banana Ripening in Kenya: Some Food Safety Concerns. In Kioo, J. & Njuguna, C. (eds) *Food Safety, from Farm to Fork: Emerging and Re-emerging Issues*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing

Conference/Workshops/Seminar Papers

Conference Papers

May 2019: International Food Safety Conference at Kenyatta University, Kenya
Presentation topic – Banana Ripening in Kenya: Some Food Safety Concerns

Seminar Papers

July 2019: The 38th Kenyatta University Postgraduate Seminar
Presentation topic: Spatial Analysis of Constraints and Opportunities in Banana Value Chain in Meru County, Kenya

Research

March – July 2015	Kenyatta University Main researcher A PhD research project on <i>Spatial Analysis of Constraints and Opportunities in Banana Value Chain in Meru County, Kenya</i>
May – August 2001	Trier University in Germany M.A Student –an exchange program sponsored by DAAD. Farming-Related Transport Needs and Provision to Farmers in Mwea Tebere Irrigation Scheme, Kirinyaga District, Kenya
November 2000 - April 2001	Kenyatta University

Research Assistant

A research project on accessibility and pricing of rural domestic water supply: A case study of Kakamega District, Kenya

April and May 1999

AAWORD (Association of African Women For Research And Development)

Research Assistant

Non-Governmental Organization data collection for preparation of an NGO data profile (InfoBank) in central province

August 1998

Nairobi City Council

Research Assistant

Data collection for Third Nairobi Water Supply Project: A Socio-Economic Survey, Final Appraisal in Nakuru, Laikipia, Nyandarua, and Murang'a Districts

June 1998

Kenyatta University

Research Assistant

A research project on climatic change awareness among Nairobians undertaken by Professor Shisanya

Conferences/Workshops/Seminars Attended

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May 2019: International Food Safety Conference at Kenyatta University, Kenya
Presentation topic – Banana Ripening in Kenya: Some Food Safety Concerns

Workshops Attended

15-16 Dec 2020: Valuing Variability workshop (Virtual)

July-Aug.2019: Summer School at Naivasha, Kenya

October 2016: Self-archiving training by Kenyatta University.

February 2016: Proposal writing training by CIRCLE in Nairobi.

January 2016: Facilitated a Proposal Writing Workshop at the Department
of Geography, Kenyatta University

July 2015: Scientific Writing Course by AWARD at ICIPE, Nairobi

Seminars Attended

July 2019: The 38th Kenyatta University Postgraduate Seminar

Presentation topic: Spatial Analysis of Constraints and Opportunities in Banana Value Chain in Meru County, Kenya

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

External Examiner

1. AMBUBI ANDREW JOSEPHERT (MAG/2014/72850) Thesis entitled “Use of seasonal climate forecast information on maize crop production in Vihiga County, Kenya.”
Mount Kenya University, P.O. BOX 324-01000, Thika, Kenya
2. JOTHAM AKALA KHAGALI (MAG/2013/55513) Thesis entitled “The impact of artisanal surface gold mining on socio-economic development of residents of Rosterman area, Kakamega county, Kenya.”
Mount Kenya University, P.O. BOX 324-01000, Thika, Kenya
3. ANGWEYU LAURA (MAG/45753/2016) Thesis entitled “Analysis of community participation in conservation of Kakamega Forest, Kenya.”
Mount Kenya University, P.O. BOX 324-01000, Thika, Kenya

Community Service and Other Engagements

Treasurer of Ladies’ group at my local church
Secretary of Development Committee at my local church.

Affiliation of Professional Bodies

Member of The Kenya Association of Food Safety and Protection (KAFSAP)

Administrative Positions Held

Recognized university administrative positions

Department Time tabling