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Education

- Ph.D. (African History), 2005 - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,

Title of Dissertation: “Beyond Relief and Rehabilitation: The Role of NGOs in Kenya’s Development, 1924-2000.” Dissertation Committee Director, Prof. Donald Crummey

- M. A. (History), 1994 - University of Nairobi, Kenya

Title of Thesis: “A History of African Interior Church in Kenya, 1946-1990.”

- B. A. (History and Political Science), 1989 - University of Nairobi, Kenya

Employment

- Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Department of History, Assistant Professor of History, 2005 to present
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of History, Visiting Lecturer, 2005
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of History, Instructor, 2004
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of History, Teaching Assistant, 2001-2003
- Moi University, Kenya, Department of Development Studies and Department of History, Lecturer, 1992-2000
- University of Nairobi, Kenya, Department of History, Teaching and Graduate Assistant, 1989-1992

List of Publications (excludes publications in popular and non-academic press)

- “Intellectuals and the Democratization Process in Kenya” in S. W Nasong’o and Godwin R. Murunga. (Eds). *Kenya: The Struggle for Democracy*. London: Zed Books, 2007. pp. 197-226
- *The NGO Factor in Africa: The Case of Arrested Development in Kenya* New York: Routledge, 2006.
- *Foundations of Adult Education in Africa* (with Prof. Frederick Nafukho and Prof. Ruth Otunga). Cape Town and Hamburg: Pearson Education Publishers (South Africa) and UNESCO, 2005.
- “Power and Influence of African Court Clerks and Translators in Colonial Kenya: The Case of Khwisero Native (African) Court, 1946 –1956” in Emily Osborn; Benjamin Lawrence and Richard Roberts (eds). *Intermediaries, Interpreters and Clerks: African Employees and the Making of Colonial Africa*: Madison: The University of Wisconsin Press, 2006.
- (With Prof. Mary Lutta-Mukhebi) “Women and Mining in Kenya: The Case of Mukibira Mines in Vihiga District: Twentieth Century Developments and Colonial Traditions.” In Jaelyn C. Viskovatoff and Laurie Mercier. (Eds). *Mining Women: Gender in the Development of a Global Industry, 1700-2000*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan Ltd, 2006
- “Transient, Mobile 'Nations' and the Dilemma of Nationhood in the Horn of Africa: Interrogating Nomadic Pastoralists, Insecurity and the Uncertainty of Belonging” (Chapter 8). In *East Africa: In Search of National and Regional Renewal*, edited by Felicia Arudo Yieke. Dakar, Senegal: CODESRIA Publications, 2005. 45-56.
- “Captured and Steeped in Colonial Dynamics and Legacy: The Case of Isiolo Town in Kenya” in Steven Salm and Toyin Falona (Eds). *African Urban Spaces in Historical Perspectives*. New York: University of Rochester Press, 2005. 213-242.
- “Small Arms, Cattle Raiding and Borderlands: The Ilemi Triangle”(Chapter Seven) in Willem van Schendel and Itty Abraham Itty (eds) *Illicit Flows and Criminal Things: States, Borders, and the Other Side of Globalization* Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2005 (with Kenneth Inyani Simala)
- "Globalization and the Mainstreaming of Kiswahili Research in the Twenty-First Century" in Kenneth I. Simala (ed). *Utafiti wa Kiswahili (Kiswahili Research)*. Eldoret, Kenya: Moi University Press, 2004.
- “Political Interference in the running of education in post-independence Kenya: a critical reflection.” *International Journal of Educational Development*, Volume 23, Issue 2, March 2003. Pages 127-144.
- "Experimenting in Distance Education: African Virtual University (AVU) and the Paradox of the World Bank in Kenya". *International Journal of Educational Development*, Volume 23, Issue 1, January 2003. Pages 57-73 (with Moses Oketch).
- "Cultural History of the Abaluyia: The Role of Traditional Music" in William R. Ochieng' (ed). 2002. *Historical Studies and Social Change in Western Kenya*. Nairobi: East African Educational Publishers.

- "Crisis and Student Protest in Universities in Kenya: Examining the Role of Students in National Leadership and Democratization Process". *African Studies Review*, Volume 45, Number 2 (September 2002), pp.157-78.
- "Agency and Action in Colonial Africa: Essays for John E Flint" edited by Chris You'e and Tim Stapleton. *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, Volume 36, Number 1, 2002. Pages 182-184 (Book review)
- "The role of Traditional Music in the writing of Cultural History: The Case of the Abaluyia of Western Kenya" In Toyin Falola and Christian Jennings (eds.). *Africanizing Knowledge: African Studies Across the Disciplines*. New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers, 2002. Pp.191-207.
- "Gender and Mining in Kenya: The Case of Mukibira Mines in Vihiga District, Jenda: A Journal of Culture and African Women Studies, 2001, 1, 2, 16-34, also at: <http://www.jendajournal.com/jenda/vol1.2/amutabi_lutta-mukhebi.html. > (with Mary Lutta- Mukhebi).
- "Resource Conflict in the Horn of Africa" by John Markakis. *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, Volume 35, Number 2.pp 397-400 (Book Review)
- "The Politics of GNP and GDP and their Implications for Africa" in P.G. Okoth. (Ed). *Africa in the Twenty-First Century: Problems and Prospects*. Pp.56-71 Nairobi, Kenya: University of Nairobi Press, 2000.
- "Islam and Urban Violence in Kenya: Revisiting the Mombasa and Malindi Riots" *Occasional Paper* Association for World Education, Nairobi, Kenya, No.12, 2000.
- *Nationalism and Democracy for People-Centered Development in Africa*. Eldoret, Kenya: Moi University Press, 2000 (with Edmond Were)
- "The Paradox of Islam and Cattle-rustling in Northern Kenya in the 1990s." *Journal of World Education*, 1999, 3, 2:17-25.
- "Islamization of Nandi and Uasin Gishu Districts: Socio-political implications". *Journal of World Education*, 1998, 2,2:24-33.
- "Globalization and Higher Education in Africa: Problems and Prospects, in Van DerDyke (Ed) *Globalization and Education in Africa, Conference Proceedings*. Johannesburg: Horizon Publishers, 1997. 1-7.
- "Plight of Adult Education in Kenya", in Shirley Walters (Ed) *Globalization, Adult Education and Training: Impacts and Issues*, London/New York: Zed Books, 1997. Pp. 196-200.
- "Introduction", in Shirley Walters (Ed) *Globalization, Adult Education and Training: Impacts and Issues*, London/New York: Zed Books, 1997, Pp. 1-12.
- "Sheikh Khalid Balala, IPK and Islamic Extremism in Kenya." Association for World Education, Nairobi, Kenya, *Occasional Paper, No.4*, 1996.
- "Federalism as a Solution to Tribalism" in B.A. Ogot (ed) *Ethnicity, Nationalism and Democracy in Africa*, Kisumu: Maseno University Press, 1996. Pp.176 – 86

Forthcoming publications

- "Urban Culture, Globalization and Islam in Kenya: The case of Isiolo Town." In Ali A Mazrui (editor), *Islam in Africa*. (New York, forthcoming, 2006).

- “Identity, ‘Foreignness’ and the Dilemma of Immigrants at the Coast of Kenya: Interrogating the Myth of ‘Black Arabs’ among Kenyan Africans” in Toyin Falola (editor), *Movements, Borders and Identities in Africa* (forthcoming, 2007).

Courses Taught

- The Modern Middle East Since 1914 to the present
- Muslim Middle East
- History of Africa
- History of Colonial Africa
- World History Since 1815 to the present
- Africa: Crisis and Nation-Building
- Comparative Colonial History: The British and French Colonial Policies
- Selected Topics in African History
- Western Civilization, 1600 to the present
- Comparative Environmental History
- History of East and Southern Africa
- Nationalism in the Horn of Africa
- Governance and Management of Development in Africa
- State, Society and Development in Africa
- Development Concepts and their Application in Africa
- Introduction to the History of Kenya
- Introduction to African History
- History of Kenya
- History of East Africa
- History of South Africa
- History of Central Africa
- History of Europe From 1789
- Colonialism and the British Empire
- History of the Middle East
- History of the US Before 1865
- History of the US Since 1865
- Social Change and Development in Africa
- Africa and the Black Diaspora
- Africa and the Atlantic World
- Research Methods
- History of Political Thought
- History of Economic Thought
- Nationalism in East Africa
- Several Masters Thesis advising/supervising and committees
- Member of Ph.D examination committee (Eliza Johannes, College of Education, University of Illinois, at Urbana-Champaign, 2005)

Awards, Fellowships and Grants

- UNESCO Travel and Conference Grant. Forum for Higher Education, Paris, France, 2004
- Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Washington, DC. Insecurity and Globalization in Eastern Africa: The Case of Pastoralist Regions, 2003/4
- University of Illinois, Graduate College International Travel Grant, 2003/4
- University of Illinois, Department of History Research Fellowship, 2003
- Phi Kappa Phi, University of Illinois, Outstanding Scholar Award, 2003
- Dissertation grant-in-aid, Rockefeller Archive Center, Rockefeller, Foundation, New York, March, 2003
- CODESRIA, Dakar, Senegal, Research Grant. National Working Group on Kenya: To Research on Democrat Transition in Kenya. November 2002
- UNESCO's continent-wide Africa Book Project; commissioned to write one of the volumes on the African Indigenous Education Textbook Series (2002-2004), UNESCO Education Institute, Hamburg, Germany. Received award in Gaborone, Botswana, August 2002
- Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Grant on Research in "Conflict Areas" for Research in the Ilemi Triangle of East Africa (together with Kenneth Inyani Simala), August. 2002
- Research grant-in-aid, Rockefeller Archive Center, Rockefeller Foundation, New York, March 2002
- Travel Grant; Center for African Studies, Stanford University, California. April, 2002
- Travel Grant, Coleman Institute, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), February 2002
- University of Illinois, Department of History. Conference Travel Grant, 2001
- Conference Travel Grant, Institute of Global and Cultural Studies, State University of New York, Binghamton, April, 2001
- Conference Grant, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin, March, 2001
- J.W Fulbright Junior Scholars Fellowship, 2000-2002
- Research Grant from Action-Aid Kenya to investigate "the Problems of Cattle-Rustling in Northern Kenya (1998-1999)
- Association for World Education (AWE) Research Grant on Research on Women in Mining Areas in Kenya, 1998
- Fellowship sponsorship from the Democracy Fund of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to attend a workshop on "Globalization, Lifelong Learning and Active Citizenship" at Copenhagen, Denmark (27 April – 14 May 1997)
- Grant from the International Consortium on Experiential Learning (ICEL) to attend Seminar at Cape Town, South Africa (June 1996)
- Grant from the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) and the University of Western Cape, South to attend an conference on Adult Education and Training in Reconstruction and development: Lessons from the South and the North held in Cape Town, South Africa in November, 1995
- Won Award Competition on Program on Governance and Peace, and Professional Development Fellowship (PDF) University of Florida, Center for African Studies,

- Gainesville, U.S.A. 15th December 1994 administered by the University of Florida on behalf of the Ford Foundation
- University of Nairobi Post-Graduate Scholarship, 1989 – 91
 - Government of Kenya Scholarship for Undergraduate study at the University of Nairobi, 1986-1989

Presentations (excludes invited talks at schools, students' associations and conferences organized by non-professional organizations)

2007

- “Memory and Nostalgia in African American Identity: The Legacy of ‘Africanness’ in James Baldwin’s Fiction”, paper presented at the AAAHRP Fourth Annual Black History Conference on the theme: “The Black Experience: Presenting History’s Hidden Pages (Previously Avoided, Dismissed, Forgotten, Submerged, or Unknown)”, Saturday, February 3, 2007, Seattle University, Seattle, Washington, USA.
- “Multiculturalism, globalization, hybridity and the dilemma of Western Education in Africa: The Case of Kenya’s Education Curriculum”, paper presented at the Third International Globalization, Diversity, and Education Conference, March 1-3, 2007, Red Lion Inn at the Park, Spokane, Washington.

2006

- “The Place of ‘Blood’ and Martyrdom in Islam: The Implications for Shia and Sunni Differences,” Panel on Demystifying the Middle East as part of the International Education Week at Central Washington University, November 13, 2006
- “Land and Conflict in the Ilemi Triangle of East Africa,” paper presented at the 49th Annual Conference of African Studies Association (ASA), San Francisco, November 16-19, 2006
- “Interrogating the Role of Islam and Sharia on Women's Reproductive and Sexual Rights in Islamic States of Africa”, Paper presented at the SOURCE Workshop, Central Washington University, May 18, 2006.
- “Redefining Development in and on African Terms: Negotiating and Designing Africa’s Roadmap towards Re-taking the Lead in World Affairs.” Keynote address, presented at conference on Africa’s Development in the Global Encounters, organized by African Students' Organization (ASO), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 8, 2006.
- “The Native and Topography as Undifferentiated: Critical Assessment of the Writings and Photography of Elspeth Huxley on Colonial Kenya,” paper presented at the 2006 African and African Diaspora Conference, on ‘Images of African Peoples: Photography, History and Culture in Africa and African Diaspora’, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois, March 31 - April 2, 2006.

- “Identity, ‘Foreignness’ and the Dilemma of Immigrants at the Coast of Kenya Interrogating the Myth of ‘Black Arabs’ among Kenyan Africans”, Paper presented at a conference on “Movements, Migrations and Displacements in Africa”, University of Texas at Austin, March 22-24, 2006.

2005

- Mercenaries of Globalization or Missionaries of Development: The Paradox of NGOs in Kenya’s Development History with Reference to Pastoralist Areas,” Conference paper presented at the 48th Conference of Association of African Studies (ASA), on the theme: “Health, Knowledge, and the Body/Politic in Africa and the African Diaspora,” held in Washington DC, between 17 and 20 November 2005.
- “Interrogating the Role of Universities in Rural Community Development in Africa: The Case of Kenya”, Paper presented at the Southern African Comparative and History of Education Society (SACHES) Conference, held at the University of Dar-Es-Salaam, Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania, 16-19 September 2005.
- Alternative Strategies of Governance and Management of Development in Africa: The Case of NGOs in Kenya. Paper presented at the ASO Forum 2005, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA. April 16, 2005.
- “Recuperating Traditional Pharmacology and Healing Among the Abaluyia of Western Kenya: From the Past to the Present.” Paper presented at the conference on ‘Health and Healing in Africa’. Held at the University of Texas at Austin, USA. March 24-27, 2005.
- “Water and the Redefinition of Power, Gender and Development in Kenya: A Critical Examination of the Work of NGOs in Rural Kenya.” Paper presented at the Sixth Annual Graduate Symposium on Women's and Gender History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA. March 10-12, 2005.
- “Interrogating the Role of Universities in Community Development in Africa: The Case of Kenya.” Moi University International Annual Conference. Eldoret, Kenya, February 24-26, 2005.

2004

- “Missionaries of Development or Mercenaries of Globalization: Retrospection of Western NGOs in Kenya since 1924.” Fall Brown Bag Seminar Series, Paper No.2, Center for African Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA. September 22, 2004.
- “Prospects and Dilemmas of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in University Education in Africa: The Case of Kenya.” Paper presented at the UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO) Forum for Higher Education, Research and Knowledge: Colloquium on Research and Higher Education Policy conference on “Knowledge, Access and Governance: Strategies for Change”, Paris France. December 1- 3, 2004

2003

- “Islamic Extremism in Kenya and the Implications of the first and second *Intifada*.” Paper presented at the Sixth Annual Graduate Student Conference, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, on “Dismantling the Myths of Africa in the 21st Century”, organized by Africa-In-Academic Student Association, Champaign, March 1, 2003.
- Transient, Mobile “Nations” and the Dilemma of Nationhood in the Horn of Africa: Interrogating Nomadic Pastoralists, Insecurity and the Uncertainty of Belonging, Conference paper presented at the CODESRIA East African Sub-regional Conference, 30th Anniversary celebrations, between the 29 October to 1 November 2003, held at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

2002

- The history of American Private Voluntary Organizations in Kenya's Socio-Economic Development: The Case of the Rockefeller Foundation," Paper Presented at the conference on "Post-WCAR: Reviving the Dialogue for Africans and African Descendants", University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. February 23, 2002.
- "The Role of American NGOs in socio-political and economic dynamics of Post-Independent Kenya". Paper presented at Conference on "Critical Approaches in African Studies: Conversations Across Disciplines", 7th Annual Midwest Graduate Student Conference in African Studies, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. March, 22-24, 2002.
- Interrogating Trans-Indian Ocean Culinary Diffusion in Africa: The Case of *Chapati* and *Pilau* in Kenya and their Indian and Arab Origins". Paper presented at the International Conference on Cultural Exchange and Transformation in the Indian Ocean World (IOW), the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). April 5-6, 2002.
- (With Moses Oketch) "Privatization of Higher Education in Kenya: Problems and Prospects". Paper presented at a Conference on the theme: African Universities in the 21st Century, Organized by University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. April 25-27, 2002.
- "A Critical Assessment of the Power and Influence of African Translators and Clerks at Khwisero Court in Colonial Kenya, 1946 -1956." Paper presented at the 8th Stanford-Berkeley and Colonialism Symposium on "Interpreters, Letter Writers, and Clerks: Mediating Law and Authority in Colonial Africa". Stanford University, California. May 2-4, 2002.
- "Insecurity and the Legacy of the Italian Presence in the Ilemi Triangle of Eastern Africa: Sixty Years Later". Paper presented at the Seventeenth Annual Multidisciplinary Conference on "The Sixtieth Anniversary of World War II" at Siena Research Institute, Sienna College, Loudonville, New York. June 6 – 7,
- "Market Women in International Trade in Kenya: The Case of Eastleigh and Gikomba Open Air Markets in Nairobi." Paper presented at the Conference on

- "Globalization, Liberalization and the Role of Women in Africa's Development", held at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. September 6 - 8, 2002.
- "New Questions on the History of Urbanization in Kenya: The Case of Isiolo Town". Paper presented at the 45th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Session XI-E14 – "Technological Innovation, Tradition and Political and Economic Development in Kenyan History", Marriot Wardman Park Hotel, Washington DC, December 5-8, 2002.

2001

- "The Shifting Images of African-Americans in the Oral Narratives of Rural Kenya". Paper presented at the 4th Annual Student Conference on African Studies: 'Reconsidering Africa and the Diaspora: Practices and Perspectives'. Center for African Studies, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. 3 March 2001.
- "How Men Ruined the Show: the Illustration of Women Ingenuity in Development: The Case of Ebunangwe, Kenya". Paper presented at the Graduate Students Symposium on Gender and Women's History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. March 22-24, 2001.
- "The Role of Traditional Music in the Writing of Cultural History: The Case of Abaluyia of Western Kenya". Paper presented at the conference on "Pathways to Africa: A conference on Sources and Methods in African Scholarship". University of Texas at Austin, Texas. 30th March -1st April 2001.
- "Urban Culture, Globalization and Islam in Kenya: The case of Isiolo Town." Paper presented at conference on "Islam in Africa". Binghamton University, Institute of Global Cultural Studies (IGCS), New York. 18 – 22 April 2001.
- "The African Virtual University (AVU) and the Paradox of the World Bank in Kenya". Paper presented at the Conference on "Technology and Development in Africa." Center for African Studies and College of Engineering, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. 25th -28th, April 2001.
- "Northern NGOs as Vehicles of Globalization in the South: The Case of Kenya." Paper Presented at the conference on "Border Subjects: Global (Dis) Connections". Illinois State University, Normal-Bloomington, Illinois. April 25th - 27th, 2001.
- "Beasts of War: Livestock and Bandit Economies of the Ilemi Triangle of Eastern Africa: Global Connections" Paper presented at the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS) conference, 19th Annual Meeting, Theme: "Globalization and the Third World". Savannah, Georgia. October 11-13, 2001.

2000

- "The Shifting Images of African-American in Oral Narratives of Rural Kenya", Paper presented at the 44th Annual African Studies Association (ASA) Meeting on "Africa and the African Diaspora: Past, Present, and Future". November 15-18, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Houston, Texas, 2000.

- Mary C. Lutta Mukhebi and M.N Amutabi. "Globalization of Communication and Media Technology and its Impact on Democracy in Kenya" Paper presented at the 4th Congress of the Organization of Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA) Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania April 2000.
- "The Historical Problems of Pastoralists in Northern Kenya: The Case of Settler Politics in Laikipia District". Paper presented at National Workshop on Effects of Military Training on Pastoralist Rights organized by Action-Aid and Osiligi, Sportsman Arms Hotel, Nanyuki, Kenya, 1-3 August 2000.

1999

- "Traditional Methods of Conflict Management: The case of the Terik of Western Kenya" Conference paper presented at the International Conference on Adult Education and Conflict Resolution, Pope Paul IV Community Centre, Lubaga, Kampala, Uganda, 21-25th January, 1999.
- "The Role of Politicians in Influencing Livestock Marketing Policy in Kenya" Paper presented at Workshop organized by Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural Policy and Development, Egerton University and ACTIONAID - KENYA on the theme "Re-thinking Livestock Marketing in Kenya" held at BOMEN HOTEL, ISIOLO, Kenya, 6th - 8th June, 1999.
- "Natural Constraints and Poverty: The case of the Samburu" Paper presented at the 4th National Workshop of the Association for World Education (AWE) Kenya Chapter on the theme, "Community Education and Poverty Alleviation" held at The Reformed Church of East Africa Conference and Training Centre, Eldoret, Kenya, 26th June, 1999.
- "Cattle Rustling Among Pastoralists in Northern Kenya: The Genesis and the Truth" a Commissioned Paper presented at a workshop for Leaders' Forum for Northern Kenya, Bomen Hotel, Isiolo, Kenya 21-23 August, 1999.

1998

- "Causes of Conflict in Kenya: A Historical Perspective" Conference Paper presented at the 2nd Association for World Education (AWE) National Workshop, Reformed Church of East Africa Conference and Training Centre, Eldoret, Kenya, 2-4 April 1998.
- "Governance and Management of Administrative Information and Policies in Kenya", Conference paper presented at the 11th Biannual Conference of the Association of Comparative Information and Media, Kenya College of Communication Technology, Nairobi, Kenya, 1-7 May, 1998.
- "Policy Pluralism and Development in Kenya: Prospects for the 21st Century", Conference Paper presented at Department of Development Studies Conference on "Globalization and Development in Kenya since the 1990s" Moi University, 5 – 8 May, 1998.
- "Development Research and public Administration in Kenya: Assessing the Gray Areas, Conference paper presented at the 3rd OSSREA national Workshop on

“The Role of Research in Social, Political and Economic Transformation in Kenya”, Maseno University College, Kisumu, Kenya, 10-11 December 1998.

1997

- “Globalization and Higher Education in Africa: Problems and Prospects,” Paper presented at the Southern African Society of Education Conference, Pretoria, South Africa, 5-8 July 1997.
- “Islamic Fundamentalism and Conflict in Post-Colonial Africa” Paper presented at the 5th Historical Association of Kenya Conference, Kisumu, Kenya, 1-2 November 1997.

1996

- "Masinde Muliro: Portrait of a Nationalist", Department of History, Moi University, Kenya, Staff Seminar Paper No.6, 17th May 1996.
- “The Role of Experiential Learning in Kenya’s Socio-Economic Development Since Independence” Conference Paper presented at the 5th International Conference on Experiential Learning, Rondebosch, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa, 1 - 6 July, 1996.
- “A History of Traditional Architecture Among the Luhya and Environmental Conservation: Lessons for Contemporary Practitioners”, Conference Paper presented at the Second All Africa Conference on “Green Architecture and Environmentally Sensitive Sustainable Development” Panafric Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya, 13 - 18 July 1996.
- “Governance and its Impact on Development in Africa: The case of Kenya”, Paper presented at the Second National OSSREA (ICC) Conference on “Socio-Economic and Political Transformation in Africa since the 1960s, Bongo Hotel, Kitale, Kenya, 25 - 28 July, 1996.
- “The Impact of Culture on Urbanization in Kenya”, paper presented at the 6th Pan-African Anthropological Conference, University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria, South Africa, 6-10, November 1996.

1995

- "Education and Democracy in Kenya and Botswana", Conference Paper presented at the All-Africa Conference on "Education for Democracy", Education Association of South Africa (EASA), Rand Afrikaans University, Johannesburg, South Africa, 11 - 13 January 1995.
- "Pop Democracy: the overburdened Bandwagon” Conference Paper presented at the Historical Association of Kenya (HAK) Symposium, Royale Hotel, Kisumu, Kenya, 3 - 5 March 1995.
- "Northern NGOs in the Socio-Economic Transformation of Kenya since Independence and the Roots of Dependent Development" Paper presented at the Symposium of the Historical Association of Kenya, University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, Kenya, 3 - 4 March 1995.

- "Biomedicine and Ethno-Medicine in Bunyore: A Research question", Seminar Paper presented at the Department of Development Studies, Moi University, Kenya, 8 April 1995.
- "Challenging the Orthodoxies: The Role of Ethnicity and Regional Nationalism in Leadership and Democracy in Africa" Conference Paper presented at the UNESCO Conference, Kericho, Kenya, 28 - 31 May 1995.
- "The Literary Artist and the Historian in Africa as Bedfellows: Problems and Prospects for the Future" Conference Paper presented at the Symposium of the Historical Association of Kenya (HAK), Egerton University, Njoro, Kenya, 5 - 6 August 1995.
- "Government Policy, Environmental conservation and Social Sciences Research in Kenya: New Paradigms", Conference Paper presented at the First OSSREA Conference in Kenya, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya, 7 - 8 August 1995.
- "Regionalism and Academic Merit in Training Opportunity Allocation: The Quota System in Tertiary Education in Kenya", Conference Paper presented at the sixth BOLESWA Symposium, Gaborone, Botswana 7 - 11 August 1995.
- "East African sub-region at crossroads: Political Struggle, Turmoil amidst Environmental Degradation: New Paradigms". Paper presented at the Conference on Environment and Development, University of Leeds, United Kingdom, 12-15 September 1995.
- "Conflict, Myth-Making and Democratic Revival in Africa Today: Implications for the Populace" Paper presented at the 5th Conference of Pan African Anthropologists on Anthropology, Population and Challenges of our Time", African Association of Anthropologists, Nairobi, Kenya, 15 - 19 October 1995.
- "Education for the 21st Century: The Future of Adult Education in a Democratic Kenya". Paper presented at the International Conference on Adult Education and Training in Reconstruction and Development, Cape Town, South Africa, 8 - 10 November 1995.

1994

- "Portrait of a philosopher: Ngugi wa Thiong'o' works and contribution to Kenya's History with special reference to *The River Between* and *A Grain of wheat*". Paper presented at the International Conference on Ngugi's Texts, Penn State University, Pennsylvania. March 3 - 6, 1994.
- "Political Aspects on the running of Education in Kenya: A Critical Retrospection". Paper Presented at the All-Africa Conference on Comparative Education, Duduville, Nairobi, Kenya, June 14th - 16th, 1994.
- "Human Rights and Democracy in Kenya" Seminar Paper, Centre for African Studies, University of Florida, U.S.A. September 1994.
- "Leadership in Africa", Seminar Paper, Institute of Black Culture, University of Florida, U.S.A September 1994.
- "The Missing Link" Avenues for the Democratization of Education in Kenya and Botswana: A comparative critical Retrospection", Conference Paper, fourth southern African Comparative and History of Education Society (SACHES) International Conference Gaborone, Botswana 25 - 27 October 1994.

1992

- "The Role of Independent churches in Mau Mau: Thirty years Later", paper presented at a Conference on "Mau Mau" - Thirty years Later, (Maseno University College) at Gulfstream Hotel Kisumu, Kenya, 9 – 11, October 1992.

Invited Presentations

- "Redefining Development in and on African Terms: Negotiating and Designing Africa's Roadmap towards Re-taking the Lead in World Affairs." Keynote address, presented at conference on Africa's Development in the Global Encounters, organized by African Students' Organization (ASO), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 8, 2006.
- "The Canon and African History" under Department of History, Faculty/Student panel 'Theory and Canonicity', Department of History Panel, March 31, 2005.
- Publishing as Graduate Student: Turning Dissertation Chapters into publications and publications into Dissertation Chapters", the Sixth Annual Graduate Symposium on Women's and Gender History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA. March 10-12, 2005.
- "Invisible Children in Northern Uganda: Origins of the Crisis", invited talk to a student forum organized by Central Washington University Students, May 8, 2006.

Service to society

Academic Service

- Peer reviewer for the International Journal of Educational Development (IJED), 1997-2005
- Peer reviewer for *Africa Today*, Indiana University Press
- Seminar/workshops Coordinator, Department of Development Studies - Moi University, Kenya (1995-2000).
- Faculty Representative - The Honorary Degree Awards and Prizes Committee, Moi University, Kenya, 1994-2000.
- Graduate Studies Coordinator, Department of Development Studies - Moi University, Kenya (1998-2000).
- Liaison Officer of the Organization of Social Science Research in Eastern Africa (OSSREA), Moi University Chapter (1997-2000).
- Chairman, Association for World Education (AWE), Kenya Chapter (1996-2000).

Non-Academic Service.

- Member of Board of Governors (B.O.G.), Eburngwe Secondary School, Vihiga (1994-2000).
- Internal Patron, Vihiga University Students Association (VUSA), Moi University (1996-7).

- Chairman, Abeene Initiatives (a local Community-Based Organization - CBO in Kakamega, Kenya) 1996-2002.

Graduate Courses studied

- **University of Nairobi, Kenya:** Africa and the Black Diaspora; Philosophy of History; Methods of Historical and Social Science Research; Nationalism: The Idea and the Movement; Social Change and Development in Africa, History of Political Thought; and History of East Africa.
- **University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign:** Problems in American History Since 1815 (Native American History); History and Social Theory; History and Historiographies; Bibliography of Africa; US Foreign Relations; Twentieth Century Africa: The Colonial Era; Colonial History in Africa; Women, Gender and Colonialism in Africa; Slavery and Antebellum South; Colonial America; Nationalism in the Horn of Africa; Problems in European History Since 1789; The Writing of Colonial Histories; Social History of Women in Africa; Gender and the British Empire (Independent Reading –IR); The Atlantic World (IR); Slavery in the US South (IR).

Membership to Professional Associations

- African Studies Association (ASA), USA
- American Historical Association (AHA)
- Anthropological Association of Kenya (AAK)
- Association of Third World Studies (ATWS), USA
- Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), Dakar, Senegal
- Historical Association of Kenya (HAK), Nairobi, Kenya
- Organization of Social Science Research in Eastern Africa (OSSREA), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Southern African Comparative and History of Education Society (SACHES)

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