

## ABRIDGED CURRICULUM VITAE

### I. GENERAL

**Name** : **Vincent Gerlac SIMIYU**

**Date of Birth** : 1942

**Nationality** : Kenyan

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**Qualifications** : Diploma Ed. (French) -Toulouse, France  
Higher Diploma in French (Toulouse)  
Dip. in Sociology (Sorbonne, Paris)  
B.A., M.A., Ph.D., (Toulouse)

**Present Status** : Associate Professor, Department of  
History, University of Nairobi.

### II. WORKING EXPERIENCE

Sept 2001 to date : Associate Prof., Department of History,  
University of Nairobi

1994 to Date : Part-Time lecturer, United States  
International University-Africa, Nairobi.

- 1997 – 2000 : Chairman, Department of History, University of Nairobi.
- 1992 – 1993 : Fulbright Scholar in Residence, Armstrong State College, Savannah, Georgia. U.S.A.
- 1994 – 1995 : Visiting Professor, Armstrong State College, Savannah, Georgia, U.S.A
- 1992 to date : External Examiner to many universities in the East African Region (Maseno, Makerere, Kyambogo, Moi and Dar-es-Salam Universities).
- 1991 to date : Guest Lecturer. Staff Defence College (Defense Staff College; National Defense College; Lanet Advanced School of Combat; Peace Support Centre).
- 1975 to date : Supervised and supervising many B.A, M.A and PhD candidates.

### **III. FIELD RESEARCH WORK**

- 1970 to date : 1. Done a lot of field research in oral traditions.  
2. Extensive library and archival research.

### **IV. AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS.**

1965 to date

- Received many awards for research, scholarly work and grants.
- French Government Scholarship, 1965 -1975, France.
- Some of the awards:
- 1966 - Best student in French language, Tananarive University, Madagascar.
- 1985 – 1988 Deans’ Committee Research Fund, “The Maize Revolution in Kenya, 1900- Present”

- 1992-93 - Fulbright Senior Scholar in Residence, Armstrong State College, Savannah, Georgia, USA.
- 1994- 1995 - Visiting Professor, Armstrong, State college, Savannah Georgia, U.S.A.
- 1996 – 2000 KARI PROJECT. “The Role of Indigenous Crops in the Agricultural Research and Development in Kenya from 1900 to the present”.
- 2002 – 2003, UNDP PROJECT, “The Role of the UN in the Development of Kenya, 1964 – 2004”.

## **V. PUBLICATIONS**

### **A. BOOKS**

- 1997:** **Elijah Masinde: a Biography: in the Series: Makers of Kenya’s History, Edited by Prof Simiyu Wandibba; East African Educational Publishers, Nairobi, Kenya.**
- 2004** **With Njuguna Ngethe and Dorothy McConick of IDS, U.O.N., “The Role of the UN in the Development of Kenya, 1964-2004”.**
- 2006-2007** **With Dr. E. Wahome, “Technological Change Through Time”; Textbook for First Year Students in History. U.O.N. Module Three Programme.**

### **B. 1975 to Date.**

**Many other publications ( chapters in books, articles in journals, conference papers and research reports ).**

**Some of the Publications:**

- June 2006, “The Colonial Legacy in Science and Technology in Kenya, 1963 to the Present”, paper presented at the Kenya Historical Conference, USIU.
- July 2004, “Social Differentiation in Kenya, 1963-2003”, paper presented at Kenya Historical Association Conference, Lake Baringo.
- 1987- “The Democratic Myth in African Traditional Societies”, in Atieno Odhiambo et al. Theory and Practice in Africa, E.A. Educational publishers,

**Other publications on request.**

**VI Revision: Elijah Masinde, a Biography.**

**VII. COMMUNITY AND OTHER SERVICES.**

1997-2000:	Chairman, Department of History.
1997 to date	Member, Advisory Council of Kenya National Archives and Public Records.
1998 to 2005:	Hon. Secretary, Chuna Housing Co-operative Society Ltd.
2004 to date	Chairman, Board of Governors, Nairobi School, a national school.
2005 to date	Chairman, Chuna Housing Co-operative Society Ltd.
2006 to date	Chairman, Advisory Council of Kenya National Archives and Public Records appointed by His Excellency Hon. Mwai Kibaki, President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Kenya.
2002 to date	Chairman, Parents and Teachers Association, Teremi Secondary School, Bungoma.

**VII. COURSES TAUGHT**

## **A. Undergraduate Courses.**

1. History of West Africa
2. History of East Africa
3. History of Kenya
4. African Economic History
5. History of Political Ideas
- 6. History of Science and Technology**
- 7. The Development of Military Technology through Time**
- 8. Revolutions: Concepts, Causes and Case Studies Eastern Africa**
- 9. Technological Change Through Time**
10. World Cross-Cultural History
- 11. Aspects of Armed Conflict in Africa.**
12. World Civilization.
13. Senior Seminar.

## **B. M.A. Courses.**

1. History of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law
2. Revolutions in World History
3. Armed Conflict in History and Society
4. Philosophy of History
5. Nationalism: The Idea and the Movement.
6. Political processes in African societies.
7. Armed Conflict in World History.

## **C. Post- Graduate Supervision.**

1. **Supervising Two Ph.D. and Eight M.A. students.**

## **VIII. A NUMBER OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANCIES.**

## **IX. TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION**

Recognized international Freelance Translator and Simultaneous Conference Interpreter, French-English-French.

Languages written and spoken fluently: English, French, mother language Lubukusu and Kiswahili.

## **X. REFEREES**

1. Prof. Simiyu Wandibba,  
Prof. of Anthropology  
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2. Prof. Daniel Sifuna  
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3. Prof. Milcah Amolo Achola,  
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