

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Job Title: Associate Professor

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Position: Lecturer

University Education

1972 – 1975	University of Nairobi	B.A. (Hons) Sociology, History and Government
1976 – 1978	University of Nairobi	M.A. Sociology
1979 – 1987	University of Nairobi	Ph. D. Sociology

EXPERIENCED/PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS HELD:

August 1975 – January 1976

Worked in the Civil Service as Probation Officer II Kericho District, R.V.P. Kenya

2nd March 1979 – 12th April 1987

Tutorial Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi

13th May 1987 – 19th April 1993

Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi

20th April 1993 – 18th October 1999

Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi

19th October 1999 – Present

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi

31st January 2004 – Retired at age 60 yrs

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Specialization

Rural Sociology with drylands studies bias. My Ph.D. thesis was titled: *Human Response to Drought and Famine in Turkana, Kenya.*

PUBLICATIONS

a) Books

Life in the Balance: Ecological Sociology of Turkana Nomads, Nairobi: Acts Press, African Center for Technological Studies, 1990

Introduction to Sociology, Nairobi: Basic Books Kenya Limited. 1993

Quantitative Research Methods 1: Introduction, Nairobi: Basic Books (Kenya) Limited, 1994.

Masters of Survival (with H.W. Namai and B.M. Mutsotso), Nairobi, Basic Books Kenya Limited, 1994

b) Journal Articles

“Wildlife conservation and decline of pastoralism in Kenya,” *African Journal of Sociology*, vol. II, No. 2 1982, pp. 74 – 83

“Drought and famine in Turkana: some human problems and attempted solutions”. *The Kenya Geographer*, vol. 5. Nos. 1&2, 1983, pp. 175 – 82

“Family Planning Posters: Differentials in Design Intention and Audience Interpretation: Consequences for Message Effectiveness (with Waithera Gikonya) Tony Johnston, Aart de Zeeuw and Waithera Gikonyo (eds): *African Research Studies in Population Information, Education and Communication*, Nairobi: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), 1991, pp. 13 – 29

“Training by Armatures: Is Kenya’s 8-4-4 University Education Suited For The Modern Age? *The Independent Review*, VOL.1., No. 1 1996, pp. 95 - 103”

“Development from Below: Examples from Karamoja, Uganda” *Pan African Journal of Anthropologists*, VOL. 5, No. 3, March 1998 Special Issue, pp. 230 – 244.

“The Industrial Criminal”, *Hekima*, vol. II, No. 1, 2003, pp. 84-90.

c) Published Workshop/Conference Papers:

“Camel acquisition as the most spectacular innovation in Turkana multi-resource pastoral economy, Migot-Adholla, S.E. (ed), *Significance and Prospects of Camel Pastoralism in Kenya*, I.D.S. University of Nairobi, Occasional Papers No. 45, 1985, pp. 84 – 92.

“*Kenya Arid and semi-Arid Land*”: Appraisal for utilization in the coming decade”, Lewis O. Odhiambo and John E.O. Odada (eds), *Kenya Industrial and Agricultural Strategies Towards the Year 2000*, Nairobi: The Kenya Economic Association & Friedrich Ebert Foundation, 1987, pp. 238 – 248

“Co-operative Education and Rural Development in Kenya,” Odada, J.E.O., H.A. Liyai and K.O. Litondo (eds), *Strategies for Improving Performance of the Co-operative Movement in Kenya*, Nairobi: Kenya Economic Association and Friedrich Ebert Foundation, 1988, pp. 125 – 148.

Strategies For Improving Performance of the Cooperative Movement in Kenya. Nairobi: Kenya Economic Association and Fredrich Ebert Foundation, 1988, pp. 125 – 148

d) Unpublished dissertations

Rural employment opportunities for village polytechnic – trained masons and carpenters: the Ndere case study (Siaya, Nyanza), B.A. honors dissertation, Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi, 1975.

The Probation Service in Kenya: Its Structure, Functioning and Effectiveness, M.A. thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi, 1978

e) Staff Seminar Papers:

Social indicators of marginalization in a changing pastoral economy: the case of commercialized fishing in Turkana, Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi, Seminar Paper No. 41, 1980

Ecostress, population dynamics and resource utilization patterns in Turkana, Population Studies and Research Institute (PSRI), University of Nairobi, Staff Seminar Paper, November 1981.

Patronage and misery in Turkana, Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi, Staff Seminar Paper No.45 1981.

Introducing Disaster Studies
Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi, Staff Seminar Paper No. 48 1982

Poverty of Knowledge and Underdevelopment of Pastoralism: A critique.
Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi, Staff Seminar Paper No. 50 1984.
(Tekuza Research Series No.3, 1985).

Turkana resistance to British colonial rule, 1910 – 1918: A case of the colonial administration that capsized,
Staff Seminar Paper No.5 , Department of History, University of Nairobi, January, 1980

Turkana guerrilla warfare re-visited,
Staff Seminar paper No. 4, Department of History, University of Nairobi, (1985 /86).

f) Unpublished Workshop/Conference Papers:

Population issues and concerns since Malthus,
Paper presented at the UNESCO Population Communication Regional Workshop on “The Role of Population Communication Projects in Population I.E.C. Country Strategy”, Silver Springs Hotel, Nairobi, 11 – 22 November, 1991.

Use of Research-Based Knowledge for Audience Segmentation, Message Development and Channel Choice,
Paper presented at the UNESCO Population Communication Regional Workshop on “The Role of Population Communication Projects in I.E.C. Country Strategy”, Silver Springs Hotel, Nairobi, 11 –22 November 1991.

Access of the Kenyan Nomads to basic Needs,
Paper presented at the workshop on “The impact of Structural Adjustments Policies/Programmes on the well-being of the Vulnerable groups in Kenya”, organized by the Kenya Economic Association in collaboration with UNICEF, Nairobi, 3-5 November 1988.

Co-operatives and perishable commodities: Fish,
Paper presented at the workshop on Artisanal Fisheries of Lake Victoria, 24 – 26 November, Imperial Hotel, Kisumu (IDRC)

The Famine Factor in the history of Kenyan Peoples of circa 1900,
Paper presented at the Historical Association Ad Hoc Annual Conference, 3-5 January, 1988, Main Campus, University of Nairobi

The Rise of the “Cheering Crowd”: Fiction and Kenya’s Political History,
Paper prepared for the Historical Association of Kenya, Annual Conference, August 1984, Main Campus, University of Nairobi.

Prospects of rural-rural remittances in the development of Turkana District
Paper prepared for the Academic Policy Makers Seminar on Migration, Remittances and Rural Development in Kenya, sponsored jointly by the International Development Research Center (IDRC) and the Ford Foundation, Kisumu, Kenya, 18 – 20 July, 1984.

Human Factor and Change in Turkana District,
Paper presented at the Consultation Meeting on Reforestation in the Turkana Region, organized by the Ministry of Environmental and Natural Resources, held at the Forest Department headquarters, Kenyatta Avenue, Nairobi, 4 – 5 December 1980.

Social, cultural and economic impacts of Ecotourism, (with F.M. Nthuku),
Paper presented at the Ecotourism Workshop, Sarova Lion Hill Hotel, Nakuru National Park, 13 –17 September, 1992.

Working with the Nomads: Experiences from East Pokot, Kenya,
Paper prepared for the Conference on Nomadism and Development: Survival Strategies and Development Policies, held in Isfahan, Iran, 1- 6 September 1992.

The press and Democracy in Kenya: Some Critical Reflections for the Future,
Paper prepared for the seminar on “Freedom of Expression” Association and
Assembly” organized by the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) (Kenya
Section) held in Mombasa, 6 –9 May, 1992

Mass Media and Rural Development,
Paper presented at In Search of New Paradigms for the Study of African
Development (ISENPAD) Workshop, held at Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, 3 – 8 July,
1989.

Kenya Arid and Semi-Arid Lands: State of the Art Suggestions for Sustainable
Development,
Paper prepared for the Seminar on Sectoral Studies focusing on Kenya’s future Policy
Reforms, organized by the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) (Kenya Section),
November, 1992.

Journal Publishing: Management and Editorial Standards,
Paper presented at the Seminar on Publishing, organized by the University of Nairobi
Press, held at the Silver Springs Hotel Nairobi, 20 – 23 January, 1992.

g) Workshops/Conferences Attended

In Search of New Paradigms for the Study of African Development (ISENPAD)
Workshop, Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, 3 –8 July 1989.

UNFPA Population Information, Communication and Educational Support
Programme for Eastern and Southern Africa Seminar/Workshop, held at the Outspan
Hotel, Nyeri, 22 – 27 July, 1991.

The World Bank ASAL Team Seminar, Milimani Hotel, Nairobi, 17th December
1991.

The Launch Workshop of Coast ASAL Development Programme for Lamu District,
New Mahrus Hotel, Lamu 19-20 March 1992.

The Seminar on Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Strategy, Review
and Male Motivation for Family Planning Acceptance in Kenya, Held at Green Hills
Hotel, Nyeri, 7 – 13 October, 1990.

UNESCO Population Communication Regional Workshop on “The Role of
Population Communication Projects in Population IEC Country Strategy”, Silver
Springs Hotel, Nairobi, 11- 22 November, 1991.

Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), Kenya (1989) second dissemination
seminar, The National Council for Population and Development (NCPD), Sirikwa
Hotel, Eldoret, February 1990.

Regional Workshop on the Fisheries of Lake Victoria, Kenya sponsored by International Development Research Center (IDRC) and the University of Nairobi, held at the Imperial Hotel, Kisumu, 24 – 26 November 1988

Conference on “The North Sudan Dialogue: A Strategy for Africa”, organized by the Kenya Economic Association and sponsored by the Fredrich Ebert Foundation, held at the Silver Springs Hotel, Nairobi, 16 –22 November 1988

Workshop on “The Impact of Structural Adjustment Policies. Programmes on the well-being of the vulnerable groups in Kenya” organized by the Kenyan Economic Association in collaboration with UNICEF, Hotel Intercontinental, Nairobi, 3 –5 November 1988.

Workshop on “Recurrent Costs of Public Investments and Budget Rationalization in Kenya”,
Kenya Economic Association, Kenyatta International Conference Center, Nairobi, 27 –29 April 1988

Workshop on “Strategies for Improving performance of the cooperative movement in Kenya”
The Kenya Economic Association and Fredrich Ebert Foundation, 28- 31 March, 1988 Midwest Hotel, Kericho, Kenya.

Workshop on “Kenya’s Industrial and Agricultural Strategies Towards the year 2000”,
The Kenya Economic Association, Kenyatta International Conference Center, Nairobi, 21- 25 September, 1987.

Workshop on “Technical Training and Work experience in Kenya”, sponsored by the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), held at the Silver Springs Hotel, Nairobi, 21 –22 May 1987.

Historical Association of Kenya, Annual Conference, 3- 5 January, 1986, Main Campus, University of Nairobi.

Workshop on “Reforestration in the Turkana Region”.
Organized by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, held at the Forest Department Headquarters, Kenyatta Avenue, Nairobi, 4- 5 December, 1980

Kenya Ecotourism Workshop organized by the Wildlife Conservation International (WCI), Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife (MTW), Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS), Kenya Association of Tour Operators (KATO) and the African Center for Technology Studies (ACTS) held at Sarova Lion Hotel, Lake Nakuru National Park, 13 – 17 September 1992

h) Other Academic and Professional Responsibilities

Assistant Editor,
Hekima

CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE

- 2001 – 2002** Customary Land Laws in Kenya, Kenya Land Law Commission
- 1994 – 1995** **Consultant**, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Government of Uganda, A socio-economic study of water projects in Karamoja Uganda.
- 1993 – 1994** **Senior Rural Sociologist**, Bank Africaine de Development, Program Eneretique African, jointly with Dr. Ben Okech (Project Coordinator), Kenya
- 1992** **Project Evaluator**, Evaluation of Ugambe, Gomre and Okanda Small Scale Irrigation Project, administered by the Kenya Freedom from Hunger Council (KFFHC), Nairobi, financed by the German Agro-Action (GAA), Bonn.
- 1991** **Evaluation of Food Security Programme: Phase IV (FSP IV)** in East Pokot and Baringo District, administered by Kenya Freedom From Hunger Council (KFFHC), Nairobi and financed by the German Agro-Action (GAA), Bonn. This study evaluated the success of 30 dams that had been installed to supply water to East Pokot nomads of Baringo District, R.V.P. of Kenya
- 1991** **Sociologist/Team Member** of the Coast Arid and Semi Arid Lands (ASAL) Diagnostic Socio-Economic Baseline Surveys
- Team Leader** on the Lamu District Baseline Data Survey and the Boni Household Economy Study
- All the above-indicated studies were carried out for the Ministry of Reclamation and Development of Arid and Semi Arid Areas and Wetlands and funded jointly by the IFAD Rome and UNDP. Nairobi
- 1990** Fertility Management Study funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Regional office Nairobi