

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

DATE OF BIRTH :August 28th 1977  
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CITIZENSHIP :KENYAN.  
LANGUAGES :Luo, English, Kiswahili (Written & Spoken).

### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

UNIVERSITY 2016 University of Pau- France (PhD Degree- Graduated 13/5/2016)

UNIVERSITY 2005-2010 M.A degree in History (Graduated on 2/7/2010).

DEPARTMENT History, Archaeology and Political Science

RESEARCH TOPIC **The Relations Between The African and Asian Communities of Kenya's Nyanza Province 1901-2002'**

SUPERVISORS Dr Mildred A.J. Ndeda and Dr Edward E.W. Kisiang'ani

UNIVERSITY Kenyatta University 1998-2002 Bachelor of Education (Arts)

DEPARTMENTS History & Government.  
Library & Information Science.

CLASSIFICATION Second Class (Honours) Upper Division.

HIGH SCHOOL Awasi Secondary School 1993-96.

PRIMARY SCHOOL Migosi Primary School.

## **FIELD EXPERIENCE**

Presented a paper titled **Coalition of The Willing As A Pathway To African Future Integration: Some Reflections on East Africa Regional Integration**, during the 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa, held in Dakar, Senegal from 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

Presented a paper titled '*Legislating Sexuality and Marriage Relations: A reflection on the New Constitution and Gender Justice in Kenya*' at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Africa and Diaspora Conference, held at the California State University- Sacramento, United States of America from the 23<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, April 2015 courtesy of a travel grant from Ford Foundation, East Africa regional Office.

Presented a Paper titled **Odingaism, New Constitution and the 2013 General Elections: Some Reflections on the Senatorial and Gubernatorial Elections in Nyanza Province of Kenya** held at the University of Pau, France, Salle C 13, on 22<sup>nd</sup>, November, 2013

Travelled to France to pursue my PhD studies and consult with my supervisors at the Universitaire de Pau (University of Pau) from 1<sup>st</sup>, September 2013 to 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2013

Presented a paper titled **United States of Africa in the Post Abdoulaye Wade and Muammar Gaddafi Eras; A Mirage or a Reality** during the European Conference on African Studies (ECAS 2013) held in Lisbon, Portugal, from 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June, 2013

Presented a paper titled **The Relations Between Asian and African Communities: A Comparative Study of Western and Nyanza Provinces of Kenya** at the Global History in Kenya: New Fields and Questions Workshop held on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 at the British Institute in East Africa and French Institute of Research in Africa Auditorium, Nairobi

Travelled to France to pursue my PhD studies and consult with my supervisors at the Universitaire de Pau (University of Pau) from 1<sup>st</sup>, September 2012 to 1<sup>st</sup>, December 2012

Presented a paper titled **Youth Unemployment and Employment: Good or Bad Policies and Strategies in Kenya?** at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual African Conference held on the 26-28<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at the **California State University, Sacramento, United States of America**, courtesy of a travel grant from Ford Foundation

**Appointed as an Assistant Lecturer to teach history at Pwani University from 1**

September 2011 up to date. I teach Global History, Survey of world History and Race Relations

Presented a paper titled **Political and Economic Transformations of Indian Diaspora in Kenya's Nyanza Province from 1964 to 2002** at the Empire, Nation and Diaspora: Mapping the Trajectories of Transformations in Indian Diaspora conference held at Hyderabad University, India from 21 to 23 February 2012

Awarded a French government scholarship to pursue a PhD in History at Universite de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (University of Pau) on a sandwich basis with Kenyatta University from September 2011-2014. Stayed in France from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, 2011-30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011

Became a member of **M-PRAM** in 2011. **M-PRAM is A Multidisciplinary Partner Team on Poverty, Resource Accessibility and Spatial Mobility in East Africa.** M-PRAM is a research team initiated by Makerere University (Uganda), Kenyatta University (Kenya) and Institute of Research and Development (France) with a challenging research and training agenda. The team brings together researchers from different institutions who share a common objective and have decided to work together on a long term basis within a collaborative and interdisciplinary research and training programme. It is built around joint sessions of fieldwork for all the team members, and joint training sessions on multi-disciplinary research methods for graduate students and lecturers. The aim of this research programme is to explore global, national and local strategies to control resources and their impact on livelihoods in East Africa.

**Appointed as a part-time lecturer in September, 2010** to teach history at Kenyatta University, History department (Mombasa Campus). Courses taught, Themes in East African History, Transformations in Europe, History of Gender Relations in Africa. I have teaching on a part time basis at KU-Mombasa Campus from 2010 up to date

Presented a paper titled **The Relations Between the African and Asian Communities of Kenya's Nyanza Region from 1901- 2002** at the Indian Ocean Studies Workshop held at the Jamia Islamia University, New Delhi, India from 30th November- 4th December, 2009.

Worked as a research assistant to Dr Andrew Stewart (Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs) and Dr Bennet Huw both of Defence Studies Department, Kings College London- United Kingdom from July-September 2009

Presented a paper titled **United States of Africa: Towards Transformation of the African Union Authority'** at a Symposium on the The United States of Africa held from 27th- 30th July, 2009 at the Hotel Meridien President in Dakar, Senegal.

Presented a paper titled **Afro-Asian Relations in Kenya's Nyanza Province in the Post- Independence Period 1963-1978** at the Historical Association of Kenya

conference held from 23rd- 25th July, 2009 at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA), Jubilee Hall Auditorium Nairobi, Kenya.

Assisting in the organization of Gender Round Table Series and workshops in Kenyatta University through the support of the Heinrich Boll Foundation to the History Department-Kenyatta University 2008-2010

Presented a paper titled' **Asian Diaspora in Nyanza Province of Kenya: Some Reflections on the Shifting Terrains of Engagement**' at the Contemporary India-East Africa relations: Shifting Terrains of Engagement conference, organised by the British Association of South Asian Studies (**BASAS**) held at the British Institute in East Africa (**BIEA**), Nairobi, Kenya from 27th-28th April, 2009.

Worked for and with Prof Annie Coombes of Birbeck University (UK) and Dr Lotte Hughes of Open University (UK) in their three year project on National Heritage and Peace Museums in Kenya from December 2008 to March 2009, through the British Institute in East Africa (**BIEA**)- Still on going.

Worked as a graduate attachee and as a research assistant at the British Institute in East Africa (**BIEA**) on their Graduate Attachment programme from February 2008- February 2009.

Assisted Prof Henrietta Moore of Cambridge University to carry out research and to collect data among Makerere university students and members of Namirembe ACK Cathedral Church in Kampala, Uganda from 8th-10th June 2008.

Worked as a co-ordinator and a research assistant to Professor Henrietta Moore of London School of Economics (**LSE**)/Cambridge University (UK) on her research project based on **Modern Lifestyles ( History of Sexuality in Africa)** conducted in the cities of Nairobi (Kenya), Kampala (Uganda) and Lusaka (Zambia) and facilitated by the British Institute of Research in East Africa (**BIEA**).

Presented a paper titled **FM Radio Stations and Leisure in Kenya: An Historical Overview**, at the **Leisure in Sub-Saharan Africa: Colonial and Postcolonial Transformation conference** organised by the British Institute in East Africa (**BIEA**) with the support of Cambridge University Press, held at the Kenya Wildlife Training Institute in Naivasha, Kenya from 9th-11th July, 2008.

Presented a paper titled **Decolonising Social Sciences: Some Reflections on The Way Forward** during the Second Intervention Series of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (**CODESRIA**) held at Hotel Ndiambour in Dakar, Senegal from 6th – 11th May, 2008.

Assisted Prof. Shadrack Wanjala Nasong'o, of Rhodes College, Department of International Studies- United.States of America to carry out a research in kenya from March to May 2008. This resuch culminated into a book titled *The Human Rights Sector*

*in Kenya: Key Issues and Challenges*

Participated as a laureate in the Methodological Workshop organised by the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa **CODESRIA** for members of their Comparative Research Networks (**CRN**) in Africa held at Hotel Ndiambour in Dakar, Senegal from 20th-22nd February 2008.

Co-Coordinator of the Nigeria-Cameroun -Ethiopia and Kenya CRN Group working on **Popular Music, Identity and Culture in Contemporary Africa: A Comparative Study of Anglophone and Francophone Countries**. This is a three year research project (2008-2011) which will culminate into a book in which I have contributed a chapter on the East African perspective.

Participated as a Laureate in the **Democratic Governance Institute 2007** of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (**CODESRIA**) held in Dakar, Senegal from 6th -31st August, 2007. Research proposal topic presented: **Security and Citizenship Rights: An Assessment of the Performance of the Kenya Police Force from 1963-2002**. A Chapter from this research has been submitted to CODESRIA for publication

Presented a paper entitled **Asian Diaspora in Nyanza Province of Kenya: Some Reflections on Afro-Asian Socio- Economic Interactions in Nyanza Province of Kenya From 1900-1969** at the Globalization: Migration, Citizenship and Identity Conference held from 6th-9th November 2007 at Ibadan University, Nigeria.

Worked for the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa **CODESRIA** at their Book fair stand during the Nairobi International Book fair (NIBF) held in September 2009, at the Sarit Centre, Nairobi, Kenya.

Worked for the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa **CODESRIA** at their Book fair stand during the World Social Forum (WSF) held in Nairobi, Kenya in January 2007

Participated as a Laureate in the Annual Writing Workshop for Scholarly Publishing organised by the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa **CODESRIA**, for all English Speaking African countries (Anglophone) held at Kenyatta University, Nairobi- Kenya from 15th-19th November 2006.

Participated as a Laureate in the **Gender Institute 2006** of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa ,**CODESRIA** held in Dakar, Senegal from 6th - 30th June, 2006. Research topic presented: “**Changing Trends of Gender Participation in Luo Music**”. A Chapter from this research has been submitted to CODESRIA for publication

Research Assistant to I Choose Life/ Aids Control Unit, Kenyatta University-Task: **Endline Survey on the impact of the above Organisation's programme on Aids awareness on the University students in Kenyatta University, February 2006.**

Research Assistant to Dr M.A.J Ndeda, Chairperson History Department, Kenyatta University. **Research Topic- Secret Agent: A History of Intelligence and Espionage in Kenya 1900-1999.** A Report Submitted to the National Security and Intelligence Service (NSIS- Kenya) March 2005- February 2006.

Assisted in Supervising, Invigilating and marking exams/Term papers for first Year students- AHT 100 Sources of African History- Kenyatta University February/March 2006

Worked as a Presiding Officer for the Electoral Commission of Kenya (ECK) during the 2005 Referendum for the new constitution at Kamkunji Constituency, Uhuru Primary Ward polling station.

Participant, Kenya Inter Municipality Games with Kisumu City Council in Bungoma, Kenya in August 2005.

Worked as a Polling clerk for the Electoral Commission of Kenya (ECK) during the Kisumu Town West By-Election of May 2004.

Research Assistant to Dr M.A.J Ndeda, Chairperson, History Department, Kenyatta University. **Research Topic- Church and State Relations.** A report submitted to the Organisation of Social Science Research in East Africa **OSSREA**, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in April 2004.

Teacher at Kisumu Boys High School May 2002-July 2003.

Library Assistant, Kisumu Boys High School May 2002- July 2003.

Participated as a choir member for the Kisumu City Council Choir during the Kenya Inter- Municipality Games held in Embu in August 2002.

Polling Clerk, Electoral Commission of Kenya Dec 2002 General Elections.

Member of the Kenyatta University choir from September 1998- April 2002

Casual Worker, Ministry of Agriculture, Kisumu, June 1998- August 1998.

Line Attendant, Bottling Section, Kenya Breweries Limited, Kisumu Branch 1997-1998 .

### **PERSONAL INTEREST**

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Football player

Member Kisumu City Council Choir.

Participated in the environmental clean up in Kiwanja alongside community members of Kiwanja slums in Nairobi

## PERTINENT INFORMATION

AVAILABILITY :Immediately.

SALARY :Negotiable.

## MEMBERSHIP

A member of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa, **CODESRIA** based in Dakar, Senegal.

A member of CODESRIA's Comparative Research Network (**CRN**) of scholars from West, Central and East Africa.

A member of the British Institute of Research in East Africa (**BIEA**)

A member of French Institute of Research in Africa

A member of the Organising Committee of the Gender Roundtable Series (**GRS**) coordinated and convened by Dr Godwin Murunga through the Department of History, Political Studies and Archaeology of Kenyatta University.

## PUBLICATIONS

### **BOOK(s)**

Omenya, G. (2012). *The Relations Between Asians and African Communities of Kenya: Afro-Asian Socio-Economic and Political Relations in Nyanza Province of Kenya*, Germany: LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing

### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Omenya, G. (2016). 'A Global History of Asian's Presence in Kisumu District of Kenya's Nyanza Province' in Bocchetti, C (ed) *Global History, East Africa and the Classical Tradition*, Special Issue of Les Cahiers, Nairobi: IFRA

Omenya G., & Odhiambo, G. (2014). 'New Constitution, Odingaism and the State of Internal Democracy in Orange Democratic Movement and its Effects on the 2013 Elections in Kenya', in Thibon, C. et al (ed.) *Kenya's Past as Prologue: Voters, Violence and the 2013 General Election*, Twaweza Communications Ltd

## **JOURNAL ARTICLES**

Omenya, G., & Kithuure, N. (2014). Indigenous Knowledge System: Aspects of Samburu Indigenous Education in Kenya, *Asian Academic Research Journal of Multidisciplinary*, Vol 1, Issue 23

Omenya, G. (2013). Afro-Asian Relations in Kenya: A Socio-Economic History of Kisumu District, Nyanza Province, *Mambo! Vol XI, no 5*

Omenya, G., & Ndeda, M.A (2009). Asian Diaspora in Nyanza Province of Kenya: Some Reflections on the Afro-Asian Socio- Economic Relations in Nyanza Province 1900-2002, published in the *Awaaz (Journal of South East Asian Studies) Volume 6 Issue 2, September 2009 pp27-31.*

## **FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS**

1. Omenya, G. et al, Popular Music, Identity and Culture in Contemporary Africa: A comparative Study of Anglophone and Francophone Countries, Dakar CODESRIA (in printing press)

## **UNPUBLISHED ARTICLES**

1. FM Radio Stations and Leisure in Kenya: An historical Overview
2. United States of Africa: Towards the Transformation of the African Union Authority

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