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Academic Qualifications

- **Niilo Maki Institute (Finland) – August 2012 - August 2014** - Higher Diploma In Grapho Learning (Intervention Program in Reading difficulties)
- **Kenyatta University** - 2012 - Proficiency in Chinese Language and Culture.
- **Kenyatta University, 2007** (Nairobi, Kenya) PhD. In Educational Psychology.
- **Amani Counseling center, 2000 (Nairobi, Kenya)**
Attended courses on counseling skills.

- **University of Jyvaskyla, June 1996- March 1999(Finland)**
Higher Diploma in Neuropsychological Assessment Methods- course sponsored by Nilo Maki Institute.
- **Danish Bilharziasis Laboratory, 1998(Denmark)**
Higher Diploma in Research Methodology Computer & Data analysis techniques.
- **Kenyatta University, 1987-1989(Nairobi, Kenya)**
M.Ed. in Educational Psychology.
- **Kenyatta University, 1984-1987(Nairobi, Kenya)**
B.Ed. (science) - Second class honors- Upper division in Mathematics and Chemistry.
- **Kenya Science Teachers College, 1980-1983(Nairobi,Kenya)**
Trained as an SI Teacher of Chemistry and Biology.
- **The Highlands Girls High School, 1977-1978 (Eldoret, Kenya)**
A'Level, Principal Passes in Chemistry and Mathematics, and subsidiary passes in Biology and General Paper.
- **Mukumu Girls High School, 1973-1976 (Kakamega, Kenya)**
O'Level, Division 1

Work Experience:

- **Pwani University , September 2014 –** Dean school of Education & Senior Lecturer in the Department of Educational Psychology and Special Needs at Pwani University
- **Pwani University, September 2012 -** Senior Lecturer in the Department of Educational Psychology. Teaching Statistics, Tests, Measurement and Evaluation in Education and Research methods In Education.
- **Kenyatta University, 1991 to August 2012.** Lecturer in the Department of Educational Psychology. Teaching statistics, Research methods, &Tests and Measurement.
- **National University of Rwanda (Butare), March-May, 1999 and May-June 2000 –**Visiting Lecturer.

- **I have also taught at the Catholic University of East Africa(CUEA), United States international University (USIU) and University of Nairobi – As a part time lecturer in Education statics Measurement and evaluation.**
- **Kenya Technical Teachers College, 1990-1991**
Tutor in statistics, tests and measurement.
- **Alliance High School, 1987.**
Teacher of Chemistry and Mathematics.
- **Ngandu Girls High School, 1983-1984**
Teacher of Chemistry and Mathematics.

Responsibilities

- **Currently**, Dean School Of Education, Pwan Univerity.
- **Current External Examiner for Mout Kenya University**
- Sept 2012 to Sept 2014 – coordinating the postgraduate progammes in the school of education at Pwani University.
- While in Kenyatta University I coordinated Examinations for 4 years Plus coordinated the course Educational statistics and evaluation for over 5 years.
- Teaching. Main teaching areas are Education **Statistics. Measurement & Evaluation in Education, Research Methods and Neuropsychology.**
- **Supervision of Bachelor of education (B.Ed.) and Post-Graduate** students in teaching practice, project and Thesis Writing.
I have supervised **Four complete PhDs** and several masters theses and projects; Right now six PhDs theses and several masters projects and theses are in the pipe line.
- Participation in School & departmental research projects and attendance of relevant workshops/conferences
- Mentor to a group of 50+ students at the university plus students at my old schools – Mukumu Girls and Moi Girls (The Highlands Girls Eldoret)
- I regularly facilitate workshops on **Research Design and methodology, Test construction and Moderation and Statistics and Data Analysis Techniques** for the Centre for capacity building Kenyatta University.

- I have facilitated various workshops on **Research Methods** for the National Council of Churches in Kenya (NCCCK).
- I have facilitated and participated in various workshops at the Kenya Institute of Education (KIE) on Curriculum development and Development of Assessment Tools in the area of Special Education.
- Member of the committee of Childwatch International Research Network.
- Member of the committee for International Forum for Child welfare Welfare (IFCW)
- Member of the board for Post graduate committee for the school of education.
- Member of the post graduate committee and Overseer for the department of special Education
- Member of the Board of Governors (BOG) for St. Mary’s Girls School – Thigio - Kiambu.
- Executive member of Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of St. Anne Lioki High School – Kiambu.
- A friend of Kilimo Primary School situated in Pwani University, Kilifi. I participate in their school function, talk to pupils, teachers and parents about good practices in education.
- Consultancy services (assessment and remediation of Children with Learning Disabilities) at Gertrude children’s Hospital Child development Centre (CDC).

Workshop/Seminar Papers and Research Projects

Workshop/ Conferences/ Seminars attended and papers presented

1) **Aswani J. S. K. (1991)**. *Some of the home environment factors that influence educational and occupational Aspirations of standard Eight Pupils in Kenya*. An Unpublished Med. Thesis - Kenyatta University.

2) **Kwena J. S. A. (1993)**. *Educational and Occupational Aspirations of Women in Kenya*. Paper Presented at the annual Psychological Seminar Organised by the Department of Educational Psychology Kenyatta University.

Theme: Gender Issues in a Changing society.

- 3) **Kwena J. S. A. (1996).** *An Analysis of Rape Cases as Reported by The Kenya Dailies in the year 1995.* Paper presented at the annual Psychological Seminar at the Department of Educational Psychology - Kenyatta University.
Theme: Human Sexuality.
- 4) **Kwena J. S. A. (1999).** *Construct Validation of the NEPSY Scales using a sample of school going Children from Nairobi Area - Kenya.* Paper submitted to the Niilo Maki Institute Jyväskylä University in partial fulfilment for the award of a Higher Diploma in Neuropsychological Assessment
- 5) **Kwena J.S., Okatcha F.M., and Ingule F.O. (1999).** *School Absenteeism and the related factors, their effects on schooling along the lake shore regions of Bondo district.* Paper presented at the 3rd African conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in Nairobi, Kenya 13th –17th September 1999.
- 6) **Kwena J.S.A. (2000).** *The Plight Of Orphans In a Changing Society.* Paper Presented during the cultural week held in October 2000, at Kenyatta University.
- 7) **Kwena J.S., Okatcha F.M., and Ingule F.O. (2003).** *Children Who are Afraid of school: A study of Absenteeism and Dropouts.* Paper presented at Child Watch International (CWI) on Children and Youth At Jacaranda Hotel Nairobi, Kenya 17th – 19th November 2003.
- 8) **Kwena J.S.A. (2006).** *The influence of Nutrition on Cognition: a case of Marasmus and Kwashiorkor.* Paper Presented at the first National Seminar in Neuropsychology at Kenyatta University – 28th to 31st March 2006.
- 9) **Kwena J.S.A. (2007).** *Effects of some Selected Factors on Academic Self-concept Among Primary School Pupils in Bondo.* Completed PhD study.
- 10) Attended a workshop on Neuropsychological assessments at Niilo Maki Institute and Jyväskylä university in Finland, between 10th – 20th august. Presented a paper, Aswani Jacinta S. Kwena (2008). Kenyatta University Neuropsychology assessment centre (KUNAC) Outreach activities.
- 10) Attended a Psychological Congress held in Helsinki (Finland) between 20th – 22nd August (2008)
- 11) Attended an international conference in Lusaka, Zambia on “Issues on Learning Disabilities” between 4th – 9th January 2009. Presented a paper, Aswani Jacinta S. Kwena (2009). Rehabilitation of Learning disabilities in Kenya. Paper presented at Lusaka Zambia in an International Conference on the “issues of Learning Disabilities.

12) Attended an international conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on “Children’s Rights at a crossroads – research and Child Rights” between 30th – 2nd December 2009. Made a presentation:

Aswani Jacinta S. Kwena (2009). *Child Research Activities at Kenyatta University.*

13) Attended an international World Forum 2010, in Palisades, New York, USA on “A World Fit for Children: Advancing the global Movement” between 7th and 11th November 2010. Presented a paper: **Aswani Jacinta S. Kwena (2010).** *Effects of Class-Retention on educational Rights of the Kenyan Child: The Case of Rural Kenyan Primary Schools.*

14) Attended the 6th International conference on ICT for Development, education and Training in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, May 25 – 27, 2011.

15) Attended a Edulink ACP project Education for Children with Learning Disabilities, workshop VI 5-10 June 2011, Lusaka, Zambia.

16) Attended the first International GraphoLearning (GL) workshop organized by Niilo Maki Institute Finland, in Lusaka, Zambia between 1st - 4th October 2012.

17) Attended the second International GraphoLearning (GL) workshop organized by Niilo Maki Institute Finland, in Windhoek, Namibia between 2nd - 8th March 2013.

18) Attended the Third International Grapho Learning (GL) Workshop organized by Niilo Maki Institute Finland, in Bagamoyo, Tanzania between 14th - 20th September 2013.

19) Attended the fourth International Grapho Learning (GL) Workshop organized by Niilo Maki Institute Finland, in Lusaka Zambia between 2nd March 2014 – 7th March 2014.

20) Attended the Earli SIG 5 Conference 2014 in Finland At the University of Jyvaskyla and made a presentation of a paper **Kwena J.S., Mukolwe, N. Malasi F., & Kairanya L (2014).** *“parental Attitudes towards language of Instruction and Learners’s Literacy Levels.; A comparative study of lower primary pupils in public Primary schools in Kilifi, Nairobi and Narok Counties.*

20) Attended the fifth and Graduation International Grapho Learning (GL) Workshop organized by Niilo Maki Institute Finland, in Jyvaskyla, Finland between 28th and 30th August 2014

Major Research Projects involved in

1. 1992 – Study on School wastage in Baringo and Kibera areas of Kenya. Research sponsored by UNICEF.
2. 1996 – A study on the effects micronutrient supplementation and deworming on school attendance and achievement in Siaya District of Kenya. Research sponsored by The Kenya Danish Health Research Project (KEDADR).

3. 1998 – 1999 – A study on the interaction effects of Vitamin A supplementation and Malaria treatment on Growth and development among the children in the Lakeshore areas of Bondo district of Kenya. Study sponsored by KEDAHR.
4. Absenteeism, class-retention, dropout and the effects of Class - retention on Academic self concept and academic Achievement among Primary school pupils in Bondo district. Data collection sponsored by KEDAHR.
5. 2006 – 2007 - Effects of some Selected Factors on Academic Self-concept Among Primary School Pupils in Bondo. Completed PhD study, awaiting defence. Data collection sponsored by KEDAHR.
6. 2008 – 2012 – Developing Resources for children with learning Disabilities – Edulink Project, collaboration with Niilo Maki Institute in Finland, Sponsored by The European Union.
7. August 2012-December 2014 Developing the literacy- reading Program, using the graphogame - sponsored the Niilo Maki Institute Finland – Just completing.
8. **Kwena J.S.& Ongayo H.A. (2014)** – Pwani University Customer Satisfaction Survey
9. 2013 – **On-going** HIV Positive Adolescents Sexuality. A survey of Knowledge, Perception and Practices in Kilifi county of Kenya (Pwani University Research Board Sponsored)

Publications

Journal publications, still in the process however I have written a number of modules that are in use and they include:

1. Otenga, A.P. W. and Aswani J.S.K. Methods of Social Investigations (STC/HRM 303).
2. Aswani, J.S.K. Data Analysis techniques for Qualitative and Quantitative Data (USC/PDM 003).
3. Gichuki, C. and Aswani, J.S.K. Research design and methodology (USC/PDM 004)
4. Aswani, J.S.K. Designing a training program, Setting, Moderating and marking Examinations (USC/MP009)
5. Aswani J.S.K. and Suzane Otieno (2012) – contributed a chapter in the Manual for Learners with Disabilities.
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Supervision of PhD Theses - Completed.

1. **Bironga S. M. (2014).** *Relationship Between Parternal Involvement in Pupils's Educational and Academic Achievement Among Primary School Pupils in Nairobi County, Kenya.* PhD Thesis, Kenyatta University 2010
2. **Cheseto, N. (2012).** *Assessment of Effectiveness of an "Incredible Years Program Years Program" Compared to the Traditional program in Behaviour Modification among Juvenile Rehabilities in Nairobi, Kenya.* PhD Thesis, Kenyatta University 2012.
3. **Muchiri, K., (2012).** *Prevalence and Correlates of School Violence in Kenya: Implications for Intervention.* PhD Thesis, Kenyatta University 2012
4. **Mutweleli, S.M. (2014).** *Academic Motivation and Self Regulated learning as Predictors of academic Achievement of Students in Public Secondary schools in Nairobi County, Kenya.* PhD Thesis, Kenyatta University 2014
5. **Nzomo, L. N. (2012).** *Relationship Between Principals' Emotional Intelligence and Student' Learning Achievement in Public Secondary Schools in Nairobi County Kenya.* PhD Thesis, Kenyatta University 2012.
6. **Wawire, C.K. (2010).** *Predictors and Cosequences of Self handicapping Pessimisim Among Students in Selected High Schools in Nairobi Province, Kenya.* PhD Thesis, Kenyatta University 2010

Ongoing PhD Theses Supervision

1. **Amaya Ketra (E83/PU/2104/13).** *The Correlates of Farmers attitudes toward the adoption of Organic Hyacinth Fertilizer at Lake Victoria Basin, Kenya.* On-going Ph.D Thesis Pwani University
2. **Khamisi, Madiha Salim (E83/PUC/2094/12).** *Self Esteem, Educational Aspiration and Attitude Towards Secular Education as Predictors of Academic Performance Among Secondary School Students in Mobasa.* On-going Ph.D Thesis
3. **Lusike Lusweti Sella (E83/PUC/2046/11).** *The influence of Cognitive Learning Styles on Academic Performance of Secondary School Students In Chemistry in Kenya.* Ongoing Ph.D Thesis
4. **Mwaniki Elizabeth (E83/12895/2009).** *Metacognition and Attitudes towards Readind as correlates of Comprehension Performance Among Standard Six Puppls of Dagoretti Division, Nairiobi.*

5. **Ndeke Florentina Influence (E83/12895/2009).** *E-Mentoring On Self-Esteem, Self-Efficacy, And Academic Achievement Of Secondary School Students In Nairobi And Kiambu Counties, Kenya.* On-going PhD theseis, Kenyatta University.
6. **Oromo Alice Anika (E83/10147/06).** *Emotional Intelligence and Self-Concealment as Predictors of Voluntary Counselling And Test Seeking Behaviours Among Public University Students in Kilifi and Mombasa Counties Kenya.* On-going Ph.D Thesis Kenyatta University

Personal Profile

Charismatic, versatile, performance-driven individual who enjoys challenges and thrives on responsibility, quick to understand new technology and apply it for the good of a firm. Good knowledge of computer skills including statistical package on social sciences (SPSS) – very well versed in data analysis methods.