

CURRICULUM VITAE

1.0 PERSONAL INFORMATION

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2.0 QUALIFICATIONS.

2.1 Academic Qualifications

- **2003:** PhD in Guidance and counseling for students with Special Educational Needs, Kenyatta University.
- **1985:** M.Ed in Special Education, Mississippi State University, USA.
- **1984:** B.A in Special Education, Central Wesleyan College,SC,USA
- **1981:** A.Sc in Special Education, Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville. Florida, USA.
- **1977:** P.1 Training, Eregi T.T.C., Maragoli, Kenya

3.0EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- **2015 Mid March:** Senior Lecturer
- **1997-2015 Mach:** Lecturer, Kenyatta University – Special Needs Education Department
- **1992 – 1996:** Lecturer, Educational Psychology Department – Maseno University College
- **1991 – 1992:** Tutorial Fellow Educational Psychology Department- Maseno University College.
- **1986-1989:** Lecturer, Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE).
- **1989 – 1990:** Graduate Teacher, Larmudiac Secondary School, Njoro
- **1978 – 1979:** Teacher, Njoro Primary School, Njoro
- **1977 – 1978:** Teacher, Mwigito Primary School, Njoro

4.0 ADMINSTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY (AT KU)

4.1 At Kenyatta University

- **2011:To Present:** Appointed SNE- Departmental Curriculum coordinator
- **2011:** Appointed SNE Departmental Academic Advisor for 3rd Year student
- **2010 -2012:** Appointed Chairperson, Kenyatta university Disability Services Board
- **2009-Current:** Appointed as a student Mentor Kenyatta University
- **2007-2009:** Appointed Chairperson, SNE Department, Kenyatta University

4.2 At Other Institutions

- **1995 – 1996:** Chairperson, Educational Psychology Department, Maseno University College.
- **1988 – 1989:** Chairperson, Department of the Physically Disabled – K.I.S.E
- **1991 – 1996 :** Hall Warden – Makerere Hostel for Women, Maseno University College
- **1987 – 1989:** Games Mistress – K.I.S.E

5.0 POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

5.1 Ph.D Supervision

5.1.1 Completed:

- **2014: Pamela Muriungi Karambu-E83/20952/11:** “Challenges Facing Refugee Children in their Quest for Education in DADAAB Refugee Camps of IFO HAGDER and Dagahaley, Kenya”.

5.1.2 Ongoing:

- **Wamalwa Juliet Nakalule-E83EA/21339/2010**“Effective Copping Strategies for Parenting Children with Autism”. (Colletindg data 2015).
- **Habinshuti Gonzague-E83/EA/21064/10** “Situation Analysis of people with Disabilities and HIV and AIDS in Rwanda”. (*waiting to defend thesis May, 2015*).

5.2 Masters Supervision

5.2.1 Completed

- **2008:** Irungu Mary W.E55/11186/04: Analysis of guidance and counseling programme at Thika High School for the Blind,Kenya.
- **2010:** Wang'ang'a A.Wanjiku E55/10890/06: Instructional Constraints Faced by Learners Suffering from Muscular Dystrophy: A case of Joytown special school, Thika ,Kenya.
- **2010:** Sella N. Muyendo E55/10945/04: Effectiveness of Embossed Picture Techniques in Reading Performance of the H.I: A case study of Kambui school for the Deaf,Kenya.
- **2010:** Rasugu Grace K E55/11062/04: Nature and Prevalence of Learning Disabilities Among Std 3 Pupils in Starehe Division of Nairobi, Province, Kenya.
- **2011:** Christine Mwendo Munalo E55/3666/04 *Implementation of Education for Children with Autism. A study of Challenges Facing Teachers in Nairobi Province, Kenya.*
- **2012:** Rethaa A. Gitonga E55/13377/05: Barriers to Successful Inclusion for Learners with V.I in Igoji District, Imenti South District, Kenya.
- **2012:** Mercy Mugambi E55/11992/04: Challenges in Teaching Students with V.I in an Integrated School: case study of Moi Girl's Nairobi, Kenya.
- **2012:** Lucy Muthoni Marete E55/10367/08: Factors Influencing Provision of Community-Based Rehabilitation Services to Children with Physical Disabilities in Isiolo North Constituency, Isiolo County, Kenya
- **2012:** Chege Loise E55/12999/05: Impact of Early Childhood Education on Children with H.I.
- **2013:** Joan Nyagichuhi Kariuki E55/6330/03: Pedagogical Constraints Teacher's Encounter in Education of Children with Autism: A case of Nairobi City Primary School. Kenya.

- **2014:** Karisa Amani Moses E55/20326/2010: Perceptions of Students with Disabilities and their Non-Disabled Counterparts Towards Inclusive Education at Kenyatta University.

5.2.2 ON GOING

- Mberia S. Riungu E55/10619/07: Challenges to Successful Inclusion of students with H.I in Imenti South District, Eastern Province, Kenya.

(3rd draft of thesis ready Jan; 2014).

- Jane Wanyinyi E55/11172/04: Role of Media in Behavior Modification on Students with H.I on Relation to HIV and AIDs in Kenya.

(Presented at Dept-2005 Held by lack of fees).

- Beatrice W. Chege, E55/10688/04: Relevance of Vocational Training and Subsequent Job Placement for Learners with H.I in Nairobi Province, Kenya.

(Presented at the Dept- in 2005. Held by lack of fees).

- Gatonye EstherWanjiku E55/10687/04: Constraints in Teaching of Reading Primary Skills of Learners with Hearing Impairment in Central Province, Kenya.

(Making corrections on 2nd draft of proposal) .

- Mutezigaju Flora, E55/EA/24280/2012: “Effective Inclusion of Learners with Mental Retardation in Regular Primary Child Friendly Schools’, in Bugesera District, Rwanda. (Waiting to fend thesis-May, 2015).

- Muigai John Macharia, E55/24573/2013 “Factors Affecting Transition Rates of Pupils with Physical Disability from Primary and secondary to post-Secondary Institutions’, in Nyahururu District: Laikipia County-Kenya. (proposal presented at department, Jan 2015)

6.0 CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

6.1 Participation in Workshop/conferences

- Attended Stakeholders workshop on “External Peer Review of Higher Education Institutions and Programmes” Kenya Monetary Studies from 24th to 25th March 2011.
- Attended Seminar on Mentoring at Kenyatta University Students’ Center on 30th August 2010.
- Attended Kenyatta University Annual Postgraduate seminar, July 2010.

- Attended the Official launch on Education for Children with Learning Disabilities (Edulink) Project, at Safari Hotel and Conference Center, Windhoek-Namibia in 2009.
- Attended Regional Conference on Millennium Development Goals and Disability and The African Decade on Persons with Disability General Assembly, at Sarova Pan Afric- Hotel Nairobi-Kenya on Sept;15th-17th 2008.
- Attended Senior management Team Building workshop held at Traveler's Beach Hotel, Mombasa on 10th July 2008.

2008 :Attended workshop on “DIGITAL VILLAGES”, at Utalii Hotel organized by Kenya ICT Board on how to further include persons with special needs in Digital Village (4th, July).

- Participated actively in exhibition organized by
 - ✓ AITEC-AFRICA on World Telecommunication Information Society Day at KICC. The theme was:” Connecting people with disability”: ICT opportunities for all.
 - ✓ Successfully, Manned Kenyatta university stand, exhibiting some of the assistive technology facilities used by students with special needs at Kenyatta University (16th, May) 2008.
- Attended Training on “Rapid Results Initiative (RRI)”, at the Kenya School of Monetary in October,2007.
- Attended Training workshop on, “Distance Learning Material” Development at Kenya Institute of Special Education (K.I.S.E). 18th-22nd June 2007.
- Attended and participated in “Risk of Education”, workshop at Kenyatta University in 2007.
- Attended a Seminar on Infusing and integrating HIV/AIDs **aspects** in the Curriculum in various courses taught at Kenyatta University, 2006.
- Attended a workshop on scholarly writing, by CODESRIA at Kenyatta University, 2006.

- Attended and participated in a workshop on harmonization of “Terms and Concepts”, used in Special Needs Education at (K.I.S.E), May, 2006.
- Seminar on induction to mentoring students, held at Utalii Hotel in 2006.
- Eastern Region Index for Inclusion Project, conference at the University of Cambridge Faculty of Education, 10th July, 2002.
- “Working with Students with Emotional Behavior Disorders”, Conference at University of Cambridge Faculty of Education ,24th June,2002.
- Adults Learning On-Line: Making it Easy, Conference held at the University of Cambridge Faculty of Education, 5th July,2002.
- Attended Neuropsychology seminar at Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE),1999.

6.2 Presentation of Papers at Academic and Professional Conferences

- “Guidance and counseling for adolescents with Physical disabilities”, A paper Presented to teachers in the school and Parents at Joytown secondary school for the physically disabled in 1999 at Thika.
- “The child with exceptionality’, A paper Presented to women from different parts of the country attending women conference at Pentecostal Assemblies of God Church at Njoro in 1996.
- Presentation on, “Guidance and counseling”, on study habits, relationships at Asumbi and Ulanda Girls’ Secondary schools to form four students in 1995.
- “ Psychology of the Physically Handicapped”, a paper presented to three months in-service primary school teachers’ drawn from various parts of the country at KISE,Nairobi in 1988.
- “Children with Multiple handicaps”, a paper presented to Parents and teachers at Lutheran School for the mentally handicapped, Kisumu in 1992.

- Trainer of supervisors for the “Population and Housing Census”, 1999, Malindi.
- “ICT Facilities and Services in Support of Students with Special Needs at Kenyatta University”, a paper presented at the forum on ICT Opportunities and Solutions for Special Needs Community, KUCC, 17th May, 2008.
- “Development of a guidance programme for students with Special Educational Needs” in Kenya: A study of Personal Orientation. Presented at Kenyatta University –AVU main Hall in Dec; 2003’
- “Inclusive Education”, A paper Presented at the Regional workshop on Inclusion, Mwingi , Kenya 2003.
- “Identification of children with special needs”. Facilitator at a workshop organized by Plan International at Thika. Participants, community health workers and village development unit leaders in 2000.
- “Growth and development and changes occurring during the adolescent stage”. A paper Presented to youth at P.C.E.A church, Kahawa West, Maziwa, 2000.

6.3 Convening and Coordinating Conference

- 28th Feb, 2009: Coordinated Kenyatta University “Disability Day Launch”.
- Coordinated for the “Launch of Assistive Technology” the “Dolphin Pen” held at Kenyatta University, August, 2008.
- Coordinated the visit of Dr Blunkett’s member of the British Parliament’s at Kenyatta University, 2009.

8.0 RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

8.1 Articles in Refereed Journals

8.1.1 Joint

- **Wamocho, F. I**, Karugu, G. K and Nwoye, A (2008). Development of Guidance Programme for students with Disabilities in Kenya: A study of Personal Orientation. British Journal of Special Education (BJSE),Vol 35, No 4,(12),pp 221-229 (9).

- Muyendo, S; **Wamocho, I. F** (2010). The Effects of Embossed picture Reading Performance of Learners with Hearing-Impairment: A case of Kambui School for the Deaf, Kiambu, Kenya. Journal of the American Academy of Special Education Professionals (JAASEP)-The Spring/Summer,2010 edition.

(Wamochocorresponding author)

- Irungu ,W M; **Wamocho, I. F** (2010). Analysis of Guidance and Counselling Programme at Thika High School for the Blind, Kenya. The Journal of The International Association of Special Education 2010 Issue .

- **Wanga'ang'a Annerose Wanjiku; Wamocho, I Francisah; Kioy G. Paul 2013.**
“Instructional Constraints Faced by Learners with Muscular Dystrophy: A Case of Joytown Special Primary School, Thika, Kenya”. Rwandan Journal of Education Volume 1, Issue 2 ,pg 77.

- Chege Loise W, **Wamocho** Francisah I and Orodho A John (2014).”Effects Early Childhood Education on Children with Hearing Impairments in Special Schools in Kiambu, Muranga and Nyeri Counties, Kenya. Journal of American Academy of Special Education Professionals (JAASEP)-The Spring/Summer, 2014.

8.2 Articles in Conference Proceedings

- Wamocho Franciscah: “**A Framework of Guidance and Counseling Programme for Students with Special Educational Needs in Kenya**”. Presented at the Kenya Association of Professional Counsellors (KAPC), 9th annual counseling conference held at Safari Park Hotel-Kenya on 2nd-4th Sept; 2008 Paper on line at- www.kapc.or.ke/resources/field

7.3 Books

- Wamocho, F.I (2010). **Development of A Guidance Programme For Students With Special Education Needs in Kenya: A Study of Personal Orientation**, Published by **Verlag Dr. Muller (VDM)**.

8.0 NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION WITH EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

- ❖ Appointed by Commission for Higher Education {CHE} – as a resource Person in 2009-2012. to evaluate and inspect SNE facilities in institution setting up SNE Diploma/B.Ed programs.

9.0 EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL GRANTS

- ◆ 2001: Awarded Kshs.50,000/= Ph.D research grant from Deans school of Education committee, Kenyatta University.
- ◆ 2007-2008: Awarded Kshs. 50,000/= research grant from Deans’ committee School of Education for research on “inclusive education” in Kiambu and Thika District.
- ◆ Participated in proposal writing for a grant for “Disability Day” Feb; 26,2010 which managed to mobilize a total of KSh.500,000 in form of 1,000 T-shirts contributed to Kenyatta University by Tile and Carpet .
- ◆ Participated in grant proposal writing to solicit for funds to set up “ Kenyatta University disability Office” (KUDSO) 2007/2008.

10.0 LOCAL, REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

10.1 External examiner in other universities

- **April 2011:** Master of Education Thesis, Department of Educational Psychology, Makerere University.
- **2010:** Ph.D Thesis in Special Needs Education, UNISA-South Africa.

10.2 Review of professional periodicals

- 2005: Curriculum reviewer, KISE, Diploma programme.
- 2009: Editor, Module Entitled, "Environmental design and educational resources" for learners with Physical & Other Health Impairments and Multiple Disabilities, for KISE, Distance learning programme.

11.3 Being invited to a conference as a Guest Speaker

- **12th-16th March 2012:**
Facilitator-Module writing for academic staff at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology -Faculty of Education and Social Sciences, Eldoret.
- **February 2012:** Facilitator at a Workshop on "Mainstreaming Disabilities in Universities" at Egerton University, Njoro .

11.4 Appointments to Boards

April 2011:

- Appointed member of Board of Governors, Joytown Primary School for Physically Handicapped for a period of three years.

11.0 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Member of Nairobi Pentecostal Church-at Thika Road.
- Member of Women Ministry-NPC-Thika Road church.

12.0 ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

12.1 Development of teaching/academic programmes in department/school/University.

Coordinated review and development of the following programmes in the department of Special Needs Education at Kenyatta University:-

- BE.d in Special Needs Education (Primary and secondary option), 2011
- ME.d-Special Needs Education, 2012/2013
- PH.D –Special Needs Education-course work, 2013/2014

12.2 Developing Programmes External to Kenyatta University

- **2006:** Participated on curriculum development for Kenyatta University/Braeburn link for M/Phi and B/Phil - Special Needs Education, Braeburn .
- **2007:** Developed a Diploma Special Needs Education programme for Mount Kenya University.
- 2009: Evaluated for CHE- KISE revised Diploma curriculum in SNE .
- 2009: Evaluated for CHE- Kenya Methodist University B.ed Curriculum on proposed B.Ed curriculum in Counseling Special Needs Education.
- 2011/2012: Evaluated for CHE- St Paul's University B.ed curriculum on proposed SNE programme .
- 2014: Evaluated for CHE-Mount Kenya:
 - ✓ B.ED Secondary Option Curriculum in SNE
 - ✓ B.ED Primary Option Curriculum in SNE
- **Sept 2014:** Participated in a workshop on SNE-curriculum development at Karatina University, Kenya
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13.0 OTHERS

Membership to professional Bodies

- ◆ Council for Development of Social Science Research in Africa (**CODESRIA**).
- ◆ Association of the Physically Disabled in Kenya (APDK)

Teaching Practice Experience:

- Participation in student-teachers' teaching practice supervision exercise at;
 - Kenyatta University
 - Maseno University
 - Kenya Institute of Special Education.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Carried out research towards Ph.D degree in which baseline data was collected which could be useful in developing a guidance programme for students with disabilities in Kenya. A study on personal orientation.
- ◆ Perceptions of Pupils with Disabilities on Inclusive Education in Kenya. A Study of Thika and Kiambu District.

Selected University Services/Committees

- ❖ Member to various committees, among which I have had an opportunity to be appointed to chair as follows:
 - SNE Departmental Representative on School of Education **Strategic Plan Committee.**
- ✚ Member of senate committee-2007-2009.

External Examiner

✓ 1997-2003: K.I.S.E

Internal Examiner

- ◆ **2004-Currently:**K.U- Internally Examined several postgraduate Ph.D & M.Ed thesis

Community Service

- ◆ Appointed member of Board of Governors -JoyTown Primary School for Physically Handicapped.

15.0 REFEREES

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