



## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**OBJECTIVE:** Seeking for a position in Government leadership in areas of educational administration, research, and or attachment abroad.

### **1. EDUCATION BACKGROUND.**

**April 1998. Ph. D. University of Minnesota, USA.**

- Major: Comparative International Development Education, emphasis in vocational education and technical training, and Geography.
- Minor Geography, emphasis on the geography of the tropics: Economic Development of Third World Countries and The methodologies of Teaching.
- Dissertation: Students' attitudes, values and beliefs towards vocational education in Kenya: A case study of the four Youth Polytechnics in Gusii.

**August, 1993, Masters of Arts Degree, University of Minnesota,**

- **Major:** Educational Policy and Administration with an emphasis in Educational Policy and Administration.
- **Thesis:** The *Harambee* school movement in Kenya.
- **Specialization:** Comparative International Education and Organizational Administration.

**August, 1991, Bachelor of Arts Degree, University of Minnesota,**

- **Double Major:** Geography and African Studies - with an emphasis in regional geography and socio-economic development in third world countries.
- **Plan B paper:** The historical development of small-scale farming and the role of education in promoting peasantry in Kenya.
- **Specialization:** Regional geography of the tropics and Economic Development of 3<sup>rd</sup> World Countries.

## **2. TEACHING EXPERIENCE, INTERESTS AND ATTITUDES.**

**August 1998 - to date. Appointed as Lecturer,** Department of Educational Communication and Technology, Kenyatta University,

- Lectures geography subject methods, and working on vocational education issues in Kenya.

**January 1995-98, Teaching / Research Assistant,** Department of Educational Policy & Administration, College of Education, University of Minnesota, USA.

- Lectured, coordinated student discussion groups and activities, assisted with research and class preparation for graduate and undergraduate level courses.
- Program coordinator for USIA Linkage project between the University of Minnesota and Kenyatta University, Kenya.
- Coordinated and facilitated communication between the faculty members in the two institutions that were involved in the project. Both professors, Victoria Coifman and Michael Paige highly appreciated my teaching and research techniques, organizational and managerial skills.

### **SKILLS:**

Planning and organizing lectures and student activities, working with faculty and creating team work, assigning and delegating powers, hiring and training, defining and delaminating goals, reasoning, writing and listening, auditing school finances & budgeting, recognizing and solving problems, data collecting, analyzing, synthesizing and interpretation, coordinating.

## **3. POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION.**

Supervised postgraduate students in the Department of Educational Communication & Technology & Department of Special Education in the School of Education

## **4. CONFERENCES / SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS.**

- **August, 1995.** Attended and participated in an International Society of Poets convention and symposium held in Washington DC. USA, where I presented a collection of my poems - produced in a taped cassette of poems.
- **March, 1997.** Presented a paper on vocational education in Kenya: A case study of the Youth Polytechnics in Kenya, held at St. Paul Campus, University of Minnesota.
- **July, 1997.** Involved in the organization of a workshop on Vocationalization of education - Charter schools in metropolitan area held at Harvard Humphrey center, University of Minnesota USA,

- **July, 1998.** Attended the International society for multicultural education, training and Research (SMETAR) at the University of Minnesota,
- Participated on multicultural issues in third world countries, presented the African traditional dance among the Abagusii people
- **August, 2002.** Attended and participated in a seminar at Manga Community Center on HIV/Aids epidemic in Kisii, organized by WOFHAP, Kenya.
- **May, 2003.** Attended and participated in an HIV/AIDS workshop / seminar organized by KANI at Kariobangi slums in Kasarani, Nairobi.
- **September, 2003.** Presented a paper on Student-Lecturer relationships in the Institutions of learning, a leadership seminar organized by Kenyatta University SDA Church, at Kenyatta University.
- **March, 2004.** Presented a paper at The International Environmental Health Education Workshop in Eastern Africa Region: Challenges and way forward" organized by the Department of Environmental Health, Kenyatta University on 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> march 2004. Paper was published.
- **April, 2004.** Attended a workshop organized by Natasha Seret and the Science team lecturers in the Department of Communication and Technology, Kenyatta University on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004.
- **August, 2004.** Attended and presented a paper at University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, Eldoret.
- Paper titled Students' Attitudes, Values and Beliefs Towards Vocational Education and Training. A case study of Four Youth Polytechnics in Kisii. Paper has been reviewed for publication by ATWS, to be out this 2005.
- **May, 2005.** Presented a paper on The University and Globalization Programmes: A study of Two Kenyan Universities. International conference organized by DAAD and Kenyatta University.
- **September, 2005.** Attended a Departmental Seminar at Utalii College. Presented a paper on the Ph. D programme and its implications in training in research.
- **September, 2005.** Organized a seminar for Student Leaders in the KUSDA church and presented a paper on student leadership and relationships with staff.
- **February, 21<sup>st</sup> 2006.** Attended and participated in a Departmental programme seminar organized by ComTech Department and SMASSE INSET center. The Seminar was on the Role and project activities of the SMASSE projects in Kenya.
- **May, 2006.** Jointly presented a paper at an International conference in Copenhagen - Denmark Titled the impact of poverty and wellbeing of the elderly people in Nyanza Province-Kenya.
- **June 18<sup>th</sup> –20<sup>th</sup> 2007.** Had a joint workshop and training on Blackboard and e-learning with NCCU in ComTech
- **June, 2007.** ISO Certification Training, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya.
- **September, 2007.** RRI certification Training, School of Monetary Studies, Nairobi, Kenya
- **February, 2008.** Attended a workshop on sexual abuse among primary school girls in Kenya, held at Kenya Utalii college, Nairobi, Kenya.

## **5. RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS.**

### **Published books and poems**

- Geography Methods: a teaching guidebook, copyrighted, 2002
- Co-authored a book entitled "What comes from the heart are the honest feelings of touching poems, copyrighted, 2002
- Other publications include poems:
- "Down the stream" published in A Journey of the Mind by Stevens Franz, 1995 and
- "Death of my mother's daughter" published in Best Poems of 1996 by Sullivan and Stevens Franz, 1996.

### **Published Articles & Manuscripts**

- Students Attitudes towards vocational training in Kenya: A case study of four youth polytechnics in Gusii districts, Nyanza Province.
- Two co-authored manuscript articles and a textbook are under review for publication in 2007.
- Two manuscripts have been accepted for publication in the African Journal of Education studies, July/August 2007.
- A Manuscript paper, under review to be published in the Journal of Education Kenyatta University, title Use of Small Groups as A Method of Teaching, to be published 2007.

## **6. RECOGNITION/QUALITY OF TEACHING AND SERVICE.**

### **Recognition:**

- Received International Student Scholar Services tuition awards, 1990 - 1993 and 1998,
- International Poetry award, 1995 winner's award.
- Dean's List Fall 1989 - Spring, 1991.

### **On-Going Research Works.**

Involvement in research: undertaking research work on the following:

[a] Doing a longitudinal study on Career Achievement among the graduates from the Four Youth Polytechnics in Gusii. A follow-up study on how students who have graduated from their youth polytechnics use their skills in the world of work. So far 16 graduates have successfully participated in the study and it is on going.

[b] Working with geography students on an assigned class project on How to improve

- the teaching of geography in the Secondary schools in Kenya.
- A survey instrument developed is being used to data collection.
- Data collection is going on.

[c] A proposal has been developed and now looking for funding for a to undertake a study on the teaching strategies: A case study of primary and Secondary Schools within Nairobi.

## **7. LEADERSHIP/ADMINISTRATIVE WORK:**

**June, 2006-07** Appointed Chairman Communication and Technology Department.

### **Acting Dean School of Education**

- April 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 2007
- June 11<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 2007.
- June 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 2007
- July 18<sup>th</sup> –25<sup>th</sup> 2007

**April, 2006** Appointed by the VC Kenyatta University to Chair a task force on Motivational Award.

**March 2007.** Appointed member of the Teaching Practice Board.

**29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2006** Acting Chairman ComTech Department

**2003-2004 Academic year to date.** A member of the Board of Examiners' Committee in the School of Education

**2000-2001 and 2003/2004 Academic year to date** appointed respectively

- **A Member of the Departmental Board of Examiners'**, ComTech Department.
- **A Member of the Departmental Board of Examiners'**, Department of Special Education, Kenyatta University.

**April, 2004/2005 Academic year,**

- **A Member of the Departmental Funds Disbursement Committee,** ComTech Department, Kenyatta University.

**2003/2004 Academic year to date**

- **Subject Methods coordinator in the department,** I oversee the smooth running of the subject Methods courses offered by ComTech Department in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, the setting of CATs and Final examinations.
- **Academic Advisor,** advising students on career choices and academic work.

**February 2000 to April, 2005,** Secretary of AWAKU supervisory Committee,

- Audited the circulating finances, amounting to over a million Kenya shillings of the welfare are kept by the management committee.

**March, 2003 to date, Appointed Chairman** of The Investment & Church building Committee, Kenyatta University Seventh-Day Adventist Community Church,

- To oversee the Investment projects of the church and the construction of the church worth over Kshs. 50 million.

**April, 2005 to date, Appointed Chairman,** Kahawa Sukari Abagusii

Welfare Association, to oversee the running of the association & bring

together all Abagusii living in the estate for a purpose of establishing socio-economic, political and cultural ties in Nairobi and Gusiland.

**January, 1995-1998. USAI Linkage Program Coordinator**, University of Minnesota,

- Co-coordinated the activities of the USAI grant amounting to \$500,000. This involved 9 faculty members from Kenyatta University and 10 faculty members from the University of Minnesota, USA engaged in joint research activities.

**January, 1995 - 1998, International Program coordinator**, University of Minnesota, USA,

- Program coordinator for United States International Agency Linkage project between the University of Minnesota and Kenyatta University, Kenya.

**September November, 1982 - March, 1983**, Ag. Deputy H/M at Omoyo Secondary School,

- Assisted the H/M in running the school and deputized him when out of school,

**October/November 1982 and 1983**, Supervised Kenya Secondary Certificate of Examination, Nyakongo Secondary School , Kisii.

- Invigilated form four students during their national examinations in Kisii.

**September, 1995 - December, 1997, President of Kenyan Student Association,**

- Represented Kenyan students' academic and social interests at the University of Minnesota, counseled and guided students on social, emotional, and academic issues.

**July, 1993- August, 1995, Treasurer**, Mwanyagetinge Student Association in Twin Cities, Minnesota,

- Kept the accounts for the Student Welfare in Twin Cities, Minnesota USA.

## **REFEREES**

Prof. Richard Michael Paige, University of Minnesota, Dept. of Educational Policy & Administration, 330 Wulling Hall, 86 Pleasant St. S.E., MPLS, MN 55455, [612] 626-7456.

Prof. Eric Sheppard, University Of Minnesota, Dept. of Geography, 414 Social Science Bldg. MPLS, MN, 55455. [612] 625-5840.

Dr. John Maundu, ComTech Department, Kenyatta University, School of Education. Tel. 254-2- 811622, Ext. 57329.