

Dr. David G. Kariuki CV



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Dr. David Gichovi Kariuki is a member of staff at Kenyatta University's Department of Educational Psychology. He has a Bachelor of Education (Upper Second-Class Honors) in Business Studies and Economics from University of Nairobi. He obtained a Master of Arts degree in Educational Psychology at Kenyatta University in 1987. The research focus was Learning and Motivation.

In 1996, David was awarded a scholarship by the Niilo Maki Institute of the University of Jyväskylä, Finland, to venture into Neuropsychology, which was little-known in Africa at that time. He enrolled for the 1996 class for the Advanced Diploma course in Clinical Neuropsychology, which entailed research experiences not only in Finland, but also in Zambia, Namibia, South Africa and Kenya. During his studies, he was involved in collection of norming data for the NEPSY II Test for learning disabilities. He completed his studies in 1998 and thereafter spearhead the development of the Diploma course in Clinical Child Neuropsychology, which is currently domiciled at the Educational Psychology Department of Kenyatta University. It is the only course of its type in Africa, save for two other Universities in South Africa.

He completed his PhD studies in Educational Psychology at Kenyatta University in 2017. His thesis titled *"Personal, Familial and School Factors as correlates of Achievement Motivation among secondary school students in Kenya"* focused on the psychological area of Learning and Motivation.

He is a Motivational Speaker as well as an active Researcher with extensive national and international research networks. David has worked as the Co-ordinator, Kenyatta University Family Welfare and Counselling project from 1991 to 2014, TOT Consultant in the field of Peer Counselling for the former Highridge Teacher Training College among others as well as a Consultant in Assessment and Remediation of Neuropsychological deficits among children aged 3 to 16 years.

David has been instrumental to the establishment of the following departmental partnerships:

- KU/Niilo Maki Institute, Finland
- KU/Gertude's Garden Children's Hospital
- KU/ZIZI Afrique
- KU/University of The Gambia

He has been involved in marketing Kenyatta University's Culture Week initiative since 1998.

David is a member of several professional bodies such International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD), and the Kenya Hospital Association. He has served on several Kenyatta University committees and sub-committees during his tenure as the Chairman of the department of Educational Psychology and in his capacity as an experienced member of staff at the School of Education and Lifelong Learning.

David is a mentor, academic advisor, and supervisor to several undergraduate and graduate students within the Eastern African Region and beyond.

PUBLICATIONS

- Kene Mothabane, David Kariuki, Susan Ngunu (2026). Relationship Between Students' Sense of Belonging and Academic Performance among Form Five Students of the Northeast Region in Botswana., 10(4), <https://doi.org/10.47772/IJRIS.2026.100400083>.
- Leslie Inambao, David Kariuki, PhD 2, Jotham Dinga, PhD 2 School climate as correlates of academic achievement among form two students in Bobirwa District, Botswana. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15806202>
- Stella Kanyiri Kirimi¹, Dr. David Kariuki², Judith Kamathi Kabira³ Interpersonal Relationships as A Correlate of Teachers' Job Satisfaction in Public Primary Schools in Nairobi. OSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science (IOSR-JHSS) Volume 28, Issue 11, Series 10 (November 2023) 25-31 e-ISSN: 2279-0837, p-ISSN: 2279-0845. www.iosrjournals.org
- Wacoli Nasimiyu Caren¹, David Kariuki, PhD², Josephine Mutua, PhD³ Self-Regulated Learning as A Correlate of Academic Achievement Among Form Three Students in Trans Nzoia County, Kenya OSR Journal of Research & Method in Education (IOSR-JRME) e-ISSN: 2320-7388, p- ISSN: 2320-737x Volume 13, Issue 6 Ser. II (Nov. – Dec. 2023), 01-07 www.iosrjournals.org.
- Gbade I. (2023): Parental Involvement in Child's Education as Correlate of School Disengagement Among Primary School Pupils in Liberia. International Journal of Research International Journal of Research and Innovation in Social Science (IJRISS) Online E- Journal www.rsisinternational.org/journals/ijriss/ ISSN 2454-6186and Innovation in Social Science: ISSN 2454 -6186 Pg.1671 Vol. 7 Issue 7, August 2023.
- Kariuki, D. G: Theories of Educational Research (January 2021)
- Kariuki, D. G: Foundations of Clinical Child Neuropsychology (March 2021).
- Kariuki, D. G. (2019) The Importance of Students' Motivation for Their Academic Achievement – Replicating and Extending Previous Findings.
- Kariuki, D. G. (2018) "The Relationship of Selected Personal Factors to Achievement Motivation Among High School students in Nairobi County, Kenya".
- Kariuki, D. G. (2018) The relationship between four demographic *factors-family size*, ordinal position, mother's age, and social class-to development of aspirations and their impact on Achievement Motivation.
- Kariuki, D. G. (2017) "Personal, familial and School factors as Correlates of Achievement Motivation among Secondary School Students in Nairobi County, Kenya". (PHD Thesis).
- Aro, T., Kariuki, D. G., Jere-Folotiya, J., Hengari, J., and Mkandawire, L. (2011) "Assessment of Learning Disabilities. Cooperation between Teachers, Psychologists and Parents. African edition". ISBN: 978-951-29-4687-7 (Painettu).
- Kariuki, D. G. (2001) Introduction to Psychology, Kenyatta University (IOL), Nairobi.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS HELD

- Chairman, Department of Educational Psychology: 16th February 2019 to 15th February 2024 (5 years)
- Co-ordinator, Kenyatta University Neuropsychological Assessment and Research Centre: 6th January 2007 to 2013 (6 years)
- Deputy Admissions Officer: (Kenyatta University): 6th January 2005 to 5th January 2007 (2 years)

SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTING POSITIONS HELD

- Ag. Director, Kenyatta University Centre for International Programmes and Collaborations (CIPC): 6th – 11th July 2026
- Ag. Director, Kenyatta University Centre for International Programmes and Collaborations (CIPC): 29th June – 3rd July 2026
- Ag. Director, Kenyatta University Centre for International Programmes and Collaborations (CIPC): 16th – 20th June 2026
- Ag. Director, Kenyatta University Centre for International Programmes and Collaborations (CIPC): 7th – 21st April 2026
- Ag. Director, Directorate of Quality Management Systems and Performance Contracting (QMS &PC): 19th May – 6th June 2025
- Ag. Associate Dean, School of Education: 28th November – 1st December 2023

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ATTENDED

Webinars/Online Conferences

- ERC Advanced Grants Webinar: 19th June 2026, 12:30 –2:00 pm.
- Virtual training on innovation management and technology transfer: UPLIFT Series – 15/4/2026 9am -12 pm.
- Webinar on Accelerate Research & Development with Adobe Acrobat Studio: 17th February 2026, 11am -12pm.
- Webinar: From Data to Insight: Writing and Statistical Practice – 3rd February 2026, 16h00 – 18h00.
- Virtual PHD Supervision Webinar: Personal and Social Drivers of Success in PhD studies: A collaborative PhD/PG supervision webinar between the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) (South Africa), University of Eswatini (UNESW) (Eswatini), National University of Lesotho (NUL) (Lesotho), Kenyatta University (KU) (Kenya): Friday & Saturday, 07th - 8th February 2025.
- African Interaction"- Writing Data Collection and Analysis Methods: A collaborative PhD/PG supervision webinar between the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) (South Africa), University of Eswatini (UNESW) (Eswatini), National University of Lesotho (NUL) (Lesotho), Kenyatta University (KU) (Kenya): - Friday & Saturday 06th – 7th December 2024.
- Webinar on Intimate Partner Violence and Femicide Director, Centre for Gender Equity and Empowerment, Kenyatta University – 29th November 2024.
- Webinar: Advancing Gender-Responsive Care Policies: Insights into the Kenyan National Care Policy- Centre for Gender Equity and Empowerment, Kenyatta University: November 28, 2024.

- African Interaction": Writing a Research Design/Style with relevant sampling methods - A collaborative PhD/PG supervision webinar between the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) (South Africa), University of Eswatini (UNESW) (Eswatini), National University of Lesotho (NUL) (Lesotho), Kenyatta University (KU) (Kenya) - Friday & Saturday 11 & 12 October 2024.
- African Interaction: Writing a Research Paradigm - A collaborative PhD/PG supervision webinar between the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) (South Africa), University of Eswatini (UNESW) (Eswatini), National University of Lesotho (NUL) (Lesotho), Kenyatta University (KU) (Kenya): Friday & Saturday 9th & 10th August 2024.
- Webinar on Universal Health Care (UHC) Reforms in Kenya: 11th July 2024.
- Webinar on Action Research: Department of Educational Management, Policy and Curriculum Studies in collaboration with Prof Paul Newton, University of Saskatchewan. Tuesday 9th July 2024.
- Coping with trauma: Department of Psychology, Kenyatta University- 7th, 14th. 21st and 28th May 2024.
- Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (Flana) National Report Launch Feb 29, 2024.
- PhD/PG Supervision Webinar (Writing Research Design and Methodologies. The 4th collaborative PhD/PG supervision webinar between the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) (South Africa), University of Eswatini (UNESW) (Eswatini), National University of Lesotho (NUL) (Lesotho), Kenyatta University (KU) (Kenya): 10 & 11 November 2023.
- PhD/PG supervision webinar (Writing a research framework - theoretical, conceptual and/or analytical). A collaborative PhD/PG supervision webinar between the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) (South Africa), University of Eswatini (UNESW) (Eswatini), National University of Lesotho (NUL) (Lesotho), Kenyatta University (KU) (Kenya): 8 & 9 September 2023.
- Educational Resources launch: Childhood Education International. July 10, 2023.
- Webinar on Academic publications and Supervision models: Department of Educational Management, Policy and Curriculum Studies 14th April 2023.
- IP Protection and Management ~ Research to Commercialization (R2C): Directorate of Research Support & Dissemination - 26th Jan 2023.
- Webinar on Commercializing Research outputs: Strategies to overcome Bureaucracy: 12th January 2023.
- Partnerships in STE(A)M Innovation and Future Africa Symposium - November 3 & 4, 2022.
- Regional Workshop on Universalization and Effective Implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention in Eastern Africa - 18-19 October 2022.
- Workshop On New Research Management System and Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Mainstreaming to Kenyatta University Teaching Staff - 19th May 2022.
- COVID-19 Webinar Series Topic: How to Do Home Isolation/Managing Mild Infections Of Covid-19 - Friday, Feb 25, 2022.
- Interactive online training for ICT – university staff employed at East African December 1st – 15th, 2020. <https://learn.iucea.org>.
- Kenyatta University Graduate School 40th Postgraduate Webinar for D. Graduands: Theme: “Sustaining Academic & Research Excellence during Covid 19 Pandemic &

Beyond". Tuesday 1st December 2020 & Thursday 3rd December 2020 (8.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.).

- Virtual seminar for early career researchers on "where to publish", steered by the Division of Research, innovation, and Outreach through the Directorate of Research - 22nd October 2020 from 00 am to 10.00 am. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16-ak1GPMAJU0LIMLwp7qDcYaBb5MqgXkj7DqtlVCmCQ/edit?ts=5f84004e&gxids=7757>.
- Online facilitation training (School of Education –Kenyatta University): 5th August 2020.
- Module development training (Blended learning – Digital School – Kenyatta University): 14th April 2020.

Local Face – face Training/Workshops and Conferences

- Competency-Based Education Training (CBET): Directorate of Research, Capacity Building and Consultancy Services - Thursday, 25th June 2026.
- HERI Africa KU Research Chair Seminar: Monday, 15th June 2026
- Facilitated the Male Staff Sensitization training on Wellness issues, hosted by the KU Directorate of Wellness on 9/6/2026, 11 am – 1pm.
- KU Pension Scheme: Training For Teaching Members of Staff Aged 55 Years and Above - 29th May 2026
- EU – Strathmore Cooperation on model European Union Simulation – 16/4/2026
- Training workshop: Harnessing biodiversity and cultural heritage for economic transformation. June 3 -7, 2026.
- The Inaugural East African Community Regional Education Conference from August 12th to 15th 2024 at the Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC)
- Training on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDS), Mental Health, Stress Management and HIV & AIDS 23rd & 24th February 2021 BSSC Building, Ground Floor Room 14.
- Conflict Management by Mokoai Business Solutions, A. 30th October 2020 8 to 4 pm
- Training of academic staff on use of google meet in teaching and learning: 13th October 2020, 2 to 5 pm at the Students' Computer Center, Kenyatta University.
- Kenyatta University Wellness and Rehabilitation Services in Collaboration with Basic needs/Basic Rights 15th June 2019.
- Staff Training on Mental Health and Wellbeing Screening and 23rd May 2019.
- Training of Trainers Workshop for Staff Mentors and Growing Leaders 3rd February 2019.
- Teacher training and Development for Peace in the Horn of Africa and Surrounding Countries (4th – 8th June 2018)
- Educational Psychology Department Postgraduate Workshop, Kenyatta University- held on 23rd February
- Capacity building seminar for staff mentors, Kenyatta University: January 2018:
- Module development training: May 17, 2017:
- Training on Setting and Marking of University Examinations: Kenyatta University - 24th April 2017.

International Face to Face Training

- U6+ 9th International Conference 2025: University of The Gambia – September 23 to 25, 2025.

- Workshop on Mitigation of Learning Disabilities: Banjul, The Gambia (21st October 2024 to 1st November 2024).
- Attended a Edulink ACP project Education for Children with Learning Disabilities, workshop VI 5-10 June 2011, Lusaka,
- Attended a workshop on Neuropsychological assessments at Niilo Maki Institute and Jvaskyla University, Finland, between 10th– 20th August 2009 and presented a paper on activities of the Kenyatta University Neuropsychological Assessment and Research
- Participated in an International training in Lusaka, Zambia on “Issues in Learning Disabilities” between 4th– 10th January 2009. Presented a paper entitled: Rehabilitation of Learning disabilities in Kenya.
- Attended a Psychological Congress held at Helsinki University (Finland) between 20th – 22nd August 2008.
- Neuropsychological Assessment and remediation training – Jyvaskyla Finland, from 14th – 19th August 2008.
- Learning Disabilities in Kenya, Zambia, and Finland – Namibia, 24th – 31st January 2007.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Facilitated pre-service training to Hope for Future affiliated Primary school teachers in Korogocho area (2nd - 23rd August 2019).
- Development of IEC materials for use by TOT’s and Peer Counsellors in the Kenyatta University Family Welfare and Counselling project from 17th September 1991 – 1st December 2014.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

- Member, ISSBD
- Member, Neuropsychological Association
- Member, PSYCHONET (Finland)
- Member, EDULINK(Finland)
- Member, Psychological Association of Kenya
- Member, Kenya Counselling Association
- Member, Kenya Hospital Association

CONSULTANCIES

- PANDA Education Consultancy, Kenya
- Neuropsychological assessment and remediation
- Paediatric counselling
- Peer counselling
- Motivational Speaking on adolescent and adult issues

ACADEMIC REFEREES

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