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Education

- PhD in Public and International Affairs, Northeastern University, Boston, 2004.
Field: Comparative Politics and International Relations.
Dissertation: "Contending Political Paradigms in Africa: Democratization vs. Authoritarianism in Kenya and Zambia."
- MA in International Relations, University of Nairobi, Kenya, 1995.
Thesis: "Claims and Realities of Inter-State Relations: The case of Kenya-Norway Aid Relations."
- BA (Honors), Political Science and Linguistics, University of Nairobi, Kenya, 1990.

Academic Positions and Teaching Experience

- Assistant Professor of International Studies, Rhodes College, Memphis, 2005-Present.
Intro to Comparative Politics Intro to International Relations
Senior Research Seminar Government and Politics of Africa
Africa and the Global System The Politics of Pan-Africanism
- Lecturer in Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2004-2005.
Comparative Intro to Political Science Intro to International Relations
- Adjunct Lecturer in Political Science, Northeastern University, Boston, 2002-2004.
International Conflict and Negotiation Intro to International Relations
Intro to International Affairs Intro to Politics
College Introduction
- Lecturer in Political Science, University of Nairobi, Kenya, 1997-2000.
Kenya Government and Politics The Kenya Constitution
History of Political Ideas Pan-Africanism and the OAU
- Adjunct Lecturer in International Relations and Comparative Politics, Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, 1998-2000.
Urban Politics Modern Political Theory
Intro to International Relations Intro to International Law
Comparative Politics of Industrial States
- Occasional Guest Lecturer in Geopolitical and Strategic Studies at the National Defense College, Karen, Nairobi, Kenya.
Geopolitical Studies Strategic Studies
- Tutorial Fellow, History and Government, University of Nairobi, 1995-1997.
Kenya Government and Politics The Kenya Constitution

History of Political Ideas

Pan-Africanism and the OAU

Other Employment and Experience

- Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Nairobi, Kenya, 1991-1994.
- Examinations Officer, Department of History and Government, University of Nairobi, 1996-2000.
- Taught English and Kiswahili at Friends' High School, Kitale, Kenya, September - Nov 1988.

Honors, Fellowships, and Grants

- Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), Dakar, Senegal, grant for a National Working Group on Kenya, 2002.
- Inducted into the Delta Gamma Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha the U.S. National Political Science Honor Society, 2002.
- Pi Sigma Alpha award for the best graduate paper in International and Comparative Politics: "*Ethnonationalism and State Integrity in Africa: Cultural Objectification and the Rwandan Genocide*" Department of Political Science, Northeastern University, Boston, 2002.
- Awarded the Fulbright Fellowship to pursue Ph.D. studies in Public and International Affairs at Northeastern University, Boston, 2000.
- Research Associate, French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA); Awarded a Grant to undertake a survey of the performance of six agricultural activities in Kenya within the context of economic liberalization, February-November, 1999.
- Attended the United States Information Agency Summer Institute for foreign Scholars on American Political Culture held at the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, August-June 1998.
- Awarded the Sasakawa (Japan) Young Leaders Fellowship for my Master of Arts Degree at the University of Nairobi, Kenya, 1990.

Research and Publications

Books:

- *Shifting Modes of Politics in Africa: Liberal and Critical Approaches* – Manuscript under consideration by Africa World Press, Trenton, New Jersey.
- *Kenya: The Struggle for Democracy* (with G.R. Murunga, eds.), London: Zed Books, 2007 (forthcoming).
- *Contending Political Paradigms in Africa: Rationality and the Politics of Democratization in Kenya and Zambia*, New York & London: Routledge, 2005.

Refereed Journal Articles:

- "Political Transition without Transformation in Africa: The Dialectic of Liberalization without Democratization," *African Studies Review*, forthcoming.
- "Bent on Self-Destruction: The Kibaki Regime in Kenya" (with G.R. Murunga), *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, vol. 24, no. 1, 2006, pp. 1-28.

- “Lack of Consensus on Constitutive Fundamentals: Roots of the Sudanese Civil War and Prospects for Settlement” (with G.R. Murunga), *Asian and African Studies*, vol. 4, no. 1-2, 2005, Leiden: Brill, pp. 51-82.
- “The Paucity of Personalized Democratic Crusades: Kenya and Zambia from an Institutional Perspective,” *International Review of Politics and Development*, vol. 3, no. 1, 2005, pp. 1-19.
- “From Political Dictatorship to Authoritarian Economism: Plural Politics and Free Market Reforms in Africa,” *Journal of Third World Studies*, vol. XXI, no. 2, 2004, pp. 107-125.
- “La Sociedad Civil y la Democratización Africanas: La Dinámica de las Fuerzas Externas,” *Estudios de Asia y Africa*, vol. XXXIX, No. 1, El Colegio de México, 2004, pp. 75-94.
- “Ethnonationalism and State Integrity in Africa: Cultural Objectification and the Rwandan Genocide,” *Canadian Review of Studies in Nationalism*, vol. 30, no. 1-2, 2003, pp. 53-63.
- “Aristocratic Democracy or Democratic Aristocracy? The U.S. Political System, Election 2000, and Democracy Lessons,” *Nigerian Journal of International Affairs*, vol. 28, no. 1&2, 2002, pp. 314-339.
- “Civil Society and African Democratization: The Flip Side of the Coin,” *Studies in Democratization*, vol. 1, no. 1, fall, 2002, pp. 3-16: www.csd.neu.edu/journalhome
- “Multilateral Imperialism in Kenya’s Sugar Industry: The Political Economy of Transnational Corporations,” *Nigerian Journal of International Affairs*, vol. 26, no. 1, 2000, pp. 56-77.
- “Environmental Policy and the Politics of Ecologism in Cameroon and Kenya,” *Journal of Sustainable Development in Africa*. Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Fall/Winter, 2000 (with Wilfred Gabsa), see: <http://publicpolicy.subr.edu/Africa/FallWinter2000/Nasongo.htm>

Refereed Book Chapters:

- “Nationalist Myth-Making, Cultural Identity and Nation-Building: African Minorities in the U.S. and Latin America,” in Toyin Falola, ed. *African Minorities in the New World*, Trenton, NJ: Transaction Publishers, forthcoming.
- “Negotiating New Rules of the Game: Civil Society, Social Movements and the Kenyan Transition,” in G. R. Murunga and S. W. Nasong’o, eds., *Kenya: The Struggle for Democracy*, London: Zed Books, 2007.
- “Introduction: Prospects for Democracy in Kenya” (with G.R. Murunga), in Murunga and Nasong’o, eds., *Kenya: The Struggle for Democracy*, London: Zed Books, 2007.
- “Women and the Politics of Transition in Kenya” (with T.O. Ayot), in Murunga and Nasong’o, eds., *Kenya: The Struggle for Democracy*, London: Zed Books, 2007.
- “Women and Economic Liberalization in Kenya: The Impact and Challenges of Globalization,” in Sylvain Boko, et al. eds. *Women in African Development: The Challenges of Globalization and Liberalization in the 21st Century*. New Jersey: Africa World Press, 2005, pp. 33-52.
- “Kenya’s Multiparty Elections in an East African Perspective,” in Ludeki Chweya, ed. *Electoral Politics in Kenya*. Nairobi: Claripress, 2002, pp. 197-225.
- “The Illusion of Democratic Governance in Kenya,” in Robert Dibie, ed. *The Politics and Policies of sub-Saharan Africa*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2001, pp. 117-132.
- “Resource Allocation and the Crisis of Political Conflicts in Africa: Beyond the Inter-Ethnic Hatred Thesis” in P. G. Okoth and B. A. Ogot, eds. *Conflict in Contemporary Africa*. Nairobi: Jomo Kenyatta Foundation, 2000, pp. 44-55.

- “Political Leadership and the Crisis of Development in Africa: Lessons from Kenya” (with Henry Mutoro and Ludeki Chweya), in Robin Ghosh et al., eds. *Governance Issues and Sustainable Development: The Indian Ocean Region*. New Delhi: Atlantic Publishers, 1999, pp. 67-82.

Encyclopedia Entries:

- “Zambia,” in Christensen, K. and Levinson, D., eds. *Global Perspectives on the United States*. Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Publishing Group, 2006 (forthcoming).
- “Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa,” in Paul Tiyambe Zeleza and Dickson Eyoh (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Twentieth Century African History*. London: Routledge, 2003, pp. 113-115.

Book Reviews/Review Essays:

- *Legacies of Power: Leadership Change and former Presidents in African Politics*. Edited by Roger Southall and Henning Melber. Cape Town: Human Sciences Research Council, and Uppsala: The Nordic Africa Institute, 2006, in *Africa Development*, Dakar: CODESRIA, forthcoming.
- “Post-Conflict Democratization: Arduous Process in Mozambique and Beyond,” Review of Carrie Manning, 2002. *The Politics of Peace in Mozambique: Post-Conflict Democratization, 1992-2000* (Wesport: Praeger, 2002), 230 pp., *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*, vol. 1, no. 2, 2005, pp. 159-162.

Research and Project Reports

- “Contending Political Paradigms in Africa: Democratization vs. Authoritarianism in Kenya and Zambia,” Ph.D. Dissertation, Department of Political Science, Northeastern University, Boston, December 2003.
- “Democracy Report for Jamhuri Ya Kenya” (with Njuguna Ng’ethe and Jeremiah Owiti), Report compiled and prepared for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), Stockholm, Sweden, 2000. See compressed version of the pilot Country Reports at: http://www.idea.int/documents/sod_reorganized1.pdf
- “The Political Economy of The Sugar Industry in Kenya,” Research Report prepared for the French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA), Nairobi, January 2000.
- “The Youth and Governance,” a project evaluation Report on civic education in Lugari District, Kenya, prepared for KENAIID Fund, Nairobi, Kenya, July 1999.
- “The Role of Multilateral Imperialism in Kenya’s Sugar Industry,” Research Paper prepared for the African Association of Political Science project on ‘Economic Liberalization and the Agrarian Question: The Case of the Sugar Industry in Kenya,’ November 1999.
- “Towards a Poverty Reduction Strategy: Agenda for Action” (With Godfrey Ndeng’e & John Okello) a National Workshop Report compiled for KENAIID Fund, Nairobi, Kenya, December 1999.
- “Agricultural Performance in the Context of Liberalization: A Survey of Six Agricultural Activities in Kenya,” Research Report prepared for the French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA), April 1999.
- “Governance and Development Management in Kenya since Independence” (With Walter Oyugi) Paper prepared for the West African Development Institutes Network Book

Publication Project on 'Good Governance and Development in Africa: A Global Challenge,' December 1998.

- "Claims and Realities of Inter-State Relations: The Case of Kenya-Norway Aid Relations," MA Thesis, Department of Government, University of Nairobi, Kenya, 1995.

Professional Conference Papers

- "Nationalist Myth-Making, Cultural Identity and Nation-Building: African Minorities in the U.S. and Latin America," in Africa Conference on 'Migrations, Movements, and Displacements in Africa,' University of Texas at Austin, 2006.
- "Power, Privilege, and Coalition Government in Kenya: NARC and the Politics of Social Service Delivery," in African Studies Association's 48th Annual Conference, Washington, DC, 2005.
- "Lack of Consensus on Constitutive Fundamentals: Roots of the Sudanese Civil War and Prospects for Settlement," in 22nd Annual Meeting of the Association of Third World Studies on 'Exploring Conflicts and Conflict Resolution in the Contemporary Third World,' Macon, Georgia, 2004.
- "Democracy and Electoral Competitiveness in Africa: The Primacy of Electoral System Design," in 47th/34th Annual Conferences of the African Studies Association/Canadian Association of African Studies on 'The Power of Expression: Identity, Language, and Memory in Africa and the Diaspora,' New Orleans, 2004.
- "The Paucity of Personalized Democratic Crusades: Kenya and Zambia from an Institutional Perspective," in 46th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association on 'Youthful Africa in the 21st Century,' Boston, 2003.
- "Political Patronage and the Making of a Kleptocracy: Scraps of Evidence from a Postmortem of the KANU Regime in Kenya," in 21st Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies on 'Advancing New Dimensions in Third World Studies in the 21st Century,' Louisiana State University at Shreveport, 2003.
- "A Decade of Electoral Democracy in Africa: What Prospects for Consolidation?" in New England Political Science Association's Annual Conference, Providence, Rhode Island, 2003.
- "Political Transition without Transformation in Africa: The Dialectic of Liberalization without Democratization," in 45th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association on 'Africa in the Information and Technology Age,' Washington, DC, 2002.
- "Regime Consolidation and the Betrayal of Nationalism in Kenya: The Dynamics of External Linkages," in SORAC International Conference on 'Internalist vs. Externalist Interpretations of African History and Culture,' Montclair State University, Upper Montclair, New Jersey, 2002.
- "Women and Economic Liberalization in Kenya: The Impact and Challenge of Globalization," in conference on 'Globalization, Liberalization, and the Role of Women in Development in Africa in the Twenty-First Century,' Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 2002.
- "From Political Dictatorship to Authoritarian Economism: Globalization and Free Market Reforms in Africa," in 19th Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies on 'Globalization and the Third World,' Savannah, Georgia, 2001.

- “Civil Society and African Democratization: The Dynamics of External Forces,” in Canadian Association of African Studies Annual Conference on ‘Africa: Between the Demons of the Past and the Promises of the Future,’ Université Laval, Quebec City, 2001.
- “Ethnic Identity, Community Relations and Political Pluralism among the Luo of Kenya” (with Rose Janet Ayugi), Paper prepared for the Ford Foundation Civil Society and Governance Project/workshop on ‘Ethnicity, Community Relations, and Civil Society in a Democratizing Kenya,’ 2000.
- “From Christian Evangelism to Democratic Evangelism: The Paucity of the Leninist Approach,” in 11th Biennial Conference of the African Council for Communication Education on ‘Communication and Good Governance,’ Kenya College of Communications Technology, Nairobi, Kenya, 1998.
- “Conceptualizing Civil Society,” in CODESRIA/UNDP Eastern and Southern Africa Sub-Regional Workshop on ‘Civil Society Empowerment for Poverty Reduction in Sub-Saharan Africa,’ Silver Springs Hotel, Nairobi, 1998.
- “Interdependency and the Illusion of Mutuality in Inter-State Transactions: The Case of Kenya,” in Historical Association of Kenya Annual Conference on ‘Missed Opportunities: Kenya since the 1950s,’ Asis Hotel, Eldoret, Kenya, 1998.
- “Democratization and Human Rights Issues in Kenya: The Role of American Ambassadors William Attwood and Smith Hempstone,” in 6th Regional Colloquium on American Studies in East Africa, Egerton University, Kenya, 1997.
- “Political Communication: It’s Role in State-Civil Society Contest in Kenya” (with Ludeki Chweya) in 10th Biennial Conference of the African Council for Communication Education, Cape Town, South Africa, 1996.
- “Political Leadership and the Crisis of Development in Africa: Lessons from Kenya,” in International Conference on ‘Good Governance as a Precondition for Sustainable Development with Particular Reference to Indian Ocean Rim Countries,’ Centre for Migration and Development Studies, University of Western Australia, Perth, 1996.

Membership in Professional Associations

- African Studies Association
- Association of Third World Studies
- African Association of Political Science, Kenya Chapter (AAPS-K).
- Kenya American Studies Association (KAMESA).

Training and Consultancy

- Course Assistant, Fifth Africa Training Course on Local and Regional Development Planning and Management organized by the United Nations Center for Regional Development (UNCRD), Africa Office and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), in collaboration with the Government of Japan, Nairobi, Kenya, October 1999.
- Course Assistant, Third Africa Training Course on Local and Regional Development and Planning organized by UNCRD, Africa Office and UNDP in Collaboration with the Government of Japan, Nairobi, Kenya, October 1997.

- Worked with the African Center for Research and Development as a consultant in the rationalization of the Ministry of Cooperative Development under the Civil Service Reform Program, Kenya, April-June 1997.

Community Outreach and Commentaries on Topical Issues

- “Reasons Behind the Current Rot in the Sugar Industry,” *East African Standard*, Nairobi, Kenya, March 13, 2003.
- “The 2002 Kenyan Opposition Electoral Victory and its Implications for Democratic Elections in Africa,” Panel presentation at the ‘Forum on Democracy and Elections in Africa’ organized by Universal Human Rights International in conjunction with the Cameroonian Community, Twelfth Baptist Church, 160 Warren Street, Roxbury, MA, February 8, 2003.
- “Constitution Must be Based on Consensus,” *East African Standard*, Nairobi, Kenya, March 29, 2002.
- Member, Board of Governors, Kongoli Secondary School, P. O. Box, 2465, Bungoma, Kenya, 1999-2000.
- “The Stalled Constitutional Reform Talks in Kenya: A Case for a Return to Initiatives From Below?” *Civic Agenda* Nos. 2 and 3, Dakar: UNDP and CODESRIA, September 1999.
- “[Ethnic Clashes] Inquiry Move Raises Skepticism,” *Daily Nation*, Nairobi, Kenya, Monday, July 6, 1998.

Rhodes College Service

- Faculty Advisor, 2005 – present.
- Faculty Advisor, Students Taking Action Now – Dafur, 2005 – 2007.
- Member, African-American Studies Program organizing committee to bring Professor Ali A. Mazrui to Rhodes College, 2006.