

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL-DATA.

Date of Birth: April 27, 1974
Nationality: Kenyan
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Home County: Migori
Home Sub-county: Rongo
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Sub-county of Residence: Kitengela

OBJECTIVE

To join an institution that is concerned with the well-being of the Environment, be it in the management and conservation of nature or the planning, and maintenance of the human surrounding through knowledge dissemination, and the art of design and/or policy making for community development.

EDUCATION

- 2000 - 2002: NewSchool of Architecture & Design. San Diego, CA, U.S.A.,
Master of Architecture (M Arch) Architecture and Urban Design.
Thesis document was based on low-income housing in Kibera, Nairobi through Community Based Organizations (CBOs). Other topics covered included: Environmental Psychology; Site Analysis; Codes; Architectural Design Studios; Urban Design; Materials and Methods; Concrete, Wood, and Steel Structures; Sustainable Design; Urban Issues; Long span Structures; Statics; Professional Practice; Seismic Design; and Urban History.
- 1995 -1999: St. Lawrence University, Canton NY, U.S.A
Bachelor of Arts (B. A) Environmental Studies and Fine Arts
Graduated with Honors in Fine Arts. Topics included: Land-use Planning; Rural Planning; Environmental Management; Government; Activism & The Environment; Global Problems Human Solutions; Sustainable Design; Special Senior Project on Design of Low-cost Housing in Kibera, Nairobi
- 1997 Fall: Denmark International Study Programme (DISp), Denmark.
Diploma in Architecture and Urban Design
- 1990 - 1993: Alliance High School, Kikuyu, Kenya.
Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (K.C.S.E)

OTHER TRAINING

1997 -May: **Mediator and Arbitrator Course** – Adirondack, NY. U.S.A.

Three weeks' course organized by the Residential Services of St. Lawrence University. Topics covered: Conflict Resolution, Mediating and Counseling Techniques.

WORK EXPERIENCE.

1. Organization: Kenyatta University – School of Architecture & the Built Environment, Ruiru Campus

Job title – Lecturer & Chair of Department – August 2015 – Present

Job description includes heading the administrative & academic setting up and running the new department of Architecture and Interior Design through acquisition of studio & lecture space and equipment; coordinating the approval of the proposed six year bachelor of architecture curriculum and setting up studio briefs and outlines for all course units. I also give lectures on various course units which are dynamic every semester.

2. Organization: Maseno University, School of Planning & Architecture, Maseno,

Job title – Assistant Lecturer – September 2008-July 2015

Job description included instructing post-graduate and undergraduate level students in Site Planning, Architectural Studies, Presentation Techniques and Principles in Urban Design, Project Planning and Management and Landscape Design. I also supervise 4th year students in their final year Urban Design projects. I am also in charge of researching and writing the proposed Architectural curriculum for the School.

2. Organization: Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology (JKUAT), Juja

Job title – Part time Lecturer – May 2011 – August 2011

Job description included instructing 5th year architecture students on architecture and urban design studies for their studio project on housing provision in Muthurwa, Nairobi.

3. Organization: - Maseno University/Chalmers University of Technology, Maseno/Kisumu/Gothenburg

Job title – Reality Studio Tutor – January 2009 – July 2015

Job description includes instructing post-graduate students in Reality Studio, a hands-on experience that affords the students the ability to learn through systems design. Students are regarded as key producers of knowledge and are made aware of the social context of their future work and develop the ability to analyze the context as a necessary point of departure for their design work.

4. Organization: - University of Nairobi, Urban Planning (DURP), Nairobi,

Job title – Part time Lecturer – August 2003-July 2008

Job description included instructing post-graduate and undergraduate level students in Rural & Site Planning, and on presentation techniques in Urban Design (BUR 109 & 106), from freehand drawing to the use of computer programs such as Corel Draw, Adobe Illustrator, AutoCAD and ArchiCad (BUR 311, 515 & 607). I also supervised 4th year students in their final Urban Design projects.

5. Organization: - Symbion International Architects, Karen, Nairobi, Kenya

Job title – Graduate Architect – August 2004-June 2005

Job description: As team leader, coordinating with consultants in overseeing projects from concept through to the post-contract stages of work. Examples of projects done are: a private home in Mozambique for His Highness the Agha Khan, infrastructure inventory for the NSSF Embakasi Housing Project and Master-planning a proposed mixed use development for the Karen-Langata district of Nairobi. These projects were done through the use of Achicad, illustrator, Photoshop and Artlantis among other computer programmes.

6. Organization – Zagdronik + Thomas Architects LLC, San Diego, CA. U.S.A

Job title – Junior Architect – January - June 2003

Job description included drafting and correcting architectural drawings. I was a team member in charge of particular projects that the firm was involved in, including meeting consultants in relation to project goals. Main projects done were for public Elementary schools in the San Diego metropolitan zone.

7. Organization: - Visible Ink, San Diego, CA. U.S.A

Job title - Production Manager - March 2000 – December 2002

Job description included printing large format digital prints using QuarkXpress, Illustrator and Photoshop; Designed posters, brochures, business cards using the three programs; Mounting and laminating the work for presentation and advertising purposes.

CONSULTANCY WORK

1. Organization:- Elgeyo Marakwet County Government.

Job title – Architect & Urban Designer, July 2014 to June 2015

I worked under Simuplan Consultants (Planners) in Eldoret to develop a master plan for Kamariny, Iten Stadium including various sports facilities such as an athletics track and stadium pavilion, field events, tennis and handball courts. My task was to lead the team through the architectural design process after the planners had done the master-plan layouts.

2. Organization:- Urban Empowerment Program (UEP), Mistra Urban Futures/Kisumu Local Interactive Program (KLIP), Kisumu

Job title – Design Consultant. Jan 2012-present

I am a team member of the UEP the assists local low-income residents in Kisumu achieve their goal of getting decent housing through creative collaborative designing with the end user as co-designer.

3. **Organization:- Urban Innovation Program (UIP), Dept of Urban & Regional Planning, University of Nairobi, (Rockefeller Funded) Nairobi**
Job title – Design Consultant. 2008-2013

Part of a team looking at effective and efficient forms of laying-out and designing urban markets within open public spaces and in prescribed areas assigned for the same. With this exercises, Ruiru town has experienced a great improvement of market facilities because our work has improved market traders comfort and accessibility to a client base. In the same team, we also studied and suggested way of using urban spaces in a flexible way to minimize user conflicts.

3. **Organization: - African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS), Nairobi**
Job title – Research Assistant to the Executive Director. May - Aug 1998

Looked into the institutional collaboration in formulating policies that would enable better conservation and management of Kenya’s biological resources. Researched on the numbers and composition of Kenya’s biological diversity. My contribution to these research activities ensured that two good policy papers were produced.

DOCUMENTS AUTHORED

Mwango F., Helena H., Jennifer O., Nystrom M., *A Transdisciplinary Research Approach: Challenges and Benefits of Co-production*

A paper presented and published at the Cumulus conference Proceedings titled: “Design with the other 90%: Cumulus Johannesburg Conference Proceedings”. November 2014.

Mwango F. et al., *Spatial Strategies for Manyatta: Designing For Growth.*

A report based on an urban design study by the Master of Science in Architecture & Urban Design, Spring 2014. A collaboration of Maseno University- School of Planning & Architecture; Columbia University in the City of New York – Urban Design Program, Urban Design Lab and Millenium Cities Initiative; Cordaid0Urban Matters Program

Mwango F., Dr. Musyoka R., Prof. Ngau P., *Planning and Designing Flexible Use of Public Spaces for Improved Livelihoods in Urban Areas.*

A paper presented at the 46th ISOCARP Congress, September 2010, Nairobi Kenya.

Mwango F., Dr. Musyoka R., Prof. Ngau P., *Innovative Planning for Sustainable Urbanization.*

A paper presented at the Planning Africa Conference, September 2010, Durban, South Africa.

Masters Thesis on the *“Provision of Environmentally Low-Impact, Low-Cost Housing in Nairobi Kenya*, NewSchool of Architecture & Design, 2002.

Sustainable Architecture in a Capitalistic Economy. Article in the Architect Magazine. August 2008

HONORS + AWARDS

- **The City of San Diego, CA U.S.A. Special Commendation** May 2001
Recognized and commended by the Fifth District, City of San Diego for outstanding and creative efforts given to designing the Linda Vista Towne Center, in San Diego California.
- **St. Lawrence University Fine Arts Honorary Society**, Spring 1998
Recognized by the society for being among the top Fine Art students.
- **Who’s who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges**.
I was featured in the publication in 1999. It is a distinguished biographical volume that honors the nation’s most noteworthy students of higher learning.
- Denmark International Study Program (DISp) Scholarship, 1997
- St. Lawrence University Scholarship, 1995-1999
- Non-Governmental Organizations Co-ordination Bureau Design Contest, 91’
Awarded for the second best logo design for the new Burea

MEMBERSHIP POSITIONS

1. 2015-Present – Member – Board of Management, Nairobi School
2. 2013- Present – Member – Board of Management, St Michaels Nursery School, Langata
3. 2004-Present – Member – Consolata Shrine Charities Committee
4. 1998-Present – Member – East African Wildlife Conservation Society.
5. 1994 – present – Treasurer & Member – Church Choir, Consolata Shrine, Nairobi
6. 1996 -1998 – Disk Jockey (DJ) & member- St. Lawrence University Association for Campus Entertainment
7. 1996 –1998 – Member- Kenya Semester Program Interviewing Panel of the St. Lawrence University – involved in interviewing and selecting prospective students for the off-campus study tour to Kenya.
8. 1991-1993 - Secretary: Alliance High School Scout Canteen.

LEADERSHIP

The Consolata Shrine Choir

2005-2010 – Treasurer – managing the finances for the church choir.

St. Lawrence University, Canton NY

1. 1996 – 1998 – *Resident Assistant* – in-charge of student welfare, mediating over conflicts, student adviser in academics and social issues within the student residential setting
2. 1996 – 1998 – *Teaching Assistant* – Kiswahili, African Studies, and Cultural Anthropology - assisting the instructors in teaching the subjects.
3. 1996 – 1997 – *Library Assistant* - Assisting students in Research and cataloguing of books.

Alliance High School, Kikuyu

1991-1993- *Patrol Leader*, Boy Scouts

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