

CURRICULUM VITAE



PERSONAL INFORMATION

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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AT A GLANCE.

- 2011 - PhD in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (India).
- 2008 – Master of Philosophy in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (India).
- 2001 – Master of Education from University of Illinois, Urbana - Champaign (USA).
- 1995 - Master of Arts in Economics from University of Nairobi, Nairobi (Kenya).
- 1987- Bachelor of Education (Mathematics/Economics) from Kenyatta University, Nairobi (Kenya).

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

July 2008- April 2011: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Economics from **Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India:** Thesis Title: “Growth and Structure of Organic Agriculture in Kenya since Early 1980s”.

July 2007- July 2008: Master of Philosophy in Economics (M.Phil) at **Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.**

1998– 2001: Master of Education **from University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign, USA.** Specialized in Entrepreneurship Development

1992 - 1994: Master of Arts in Economics- **University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya.**

1984 - 1987: Bachelor of Education (Upper Second Class Honors) – Area of Specialization being teaching of Mathematics and Economics - **Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya.**

1981- 1982: Kenya Advanced Secondary Examination – (Passed with 3Ps, 1S). **Maryhill Girls High School, Thika.**

1977- 1980: Kenya Secondary Examination - **Gikondi Secondary School, Nyeri.**

1970- 1976: Kenya Certificate of Primary Examination- **Mugunda Primary School, Nyeri.**

SCHOLARSHIPS AND RESEARCH AWARDS

2010: Awarded PhD Thesis Research Grant by African Economic Research Consortium (AERC).

2007- 2011: Commonwealth Scholarship in the Indo-Kenya Cultural Exchange Programme Category to pursue PhD in Economics at the most prestigious university in India - Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), in New Delhi. The Doctoral Scholarship was Competitively Facilitated by The Ministry of Education in Kenya.

1998- 2000: Belgian Embassy Scholarship to Pursue Masters in Education offered by University of Illinois Professors in Kenya. Specialized in Entrepreneurship Development.

1992-1994: African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) Scholarship to pursue M.A Economics at the University of Nairobi (UON), Nairobi, Kenya.

1984-1987: Government of Kenya Scholarship to Pursue Bachelor of Education (BEd) in Kenyatta University (KU), Nairobi, Kenya.

RESEARCH AND TRAINING INTERESTS

Agricultural Economics; Environmental Issues; Health Economics; Econometrics; Mathematics for Economists and Statistics for Economists.

PAPERS & PUBLICATIONS:

Njaramba J G (2015). "Towards Greening Markets in Rural Africa". Case of Ruiru Open Air Market. An Ongoing Book Chapter in UNU-INRA – Biodiversity-Related Business Challenges and Opportunities in Rural Africa

Jennifer Njaramba (2015). "Organic Agriculture in Kenya". ISBN 978 – 659 -56687 – 5. PhD Thesis Published by LAP Lambert Academic Publishing.

Njaramba J G (2013). "Soil Enhancement Techniques: Evidence from Central Kenya". A paper presented in Asia Pacific Symposium held on 2nd – 4th December 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Njaramba J G (2011). "Growth and Structure of Organic Agriculture in Kenya since Early 1980s" Unpublished PhD Thesis. Jawaharlal Nehru University, India.

Njaramba J G (2011). "Role of Information in the Adoption of Soil Enhancement Techniques: Evidence from Central Province in Kenya". A paper presented in African Growth Initiative Forum held on 19th- 20th February 2011 in Brookings Institution in Washington DC, USA

Njaramba J G (2005). "Adoption of Organic Agriculture in Central Province". Paper presented in Regional Methodological Workshop on Social Sciences in Africa – Fields and Theories of Qualitative Investigation held in Nairobi, Kenya.

Njaramba J G (2004). "Analysis of the Performance of Kenya's Pyrethrum Industry". Paper presented in ATWS – Kenya Chapter Conference in Baraton University, Eldoret. Kenya.

Njaramba J G (2004). “Towards Policies on Environmental Friendly Agricultural Systems in Kenya”. In Keraka M N. and Akunga D N (Eds).*Status of Environmental Health Education in the Eastern Africa Region: opportunities, challenges and the way forward.* Unicef, Unesco, IFRA and Kenyatta University. pp 184-188.

Njaramba J G (2003). “Analysis of Disparities Existing In Kenyas Crop Sub-Sector”. In Momanyi, C. and Wawire N. H. W (Eds) *Disparities in Developing Countries: Types, Challenges and the Way Forward. Vol. 1 Disparities in Social Sciences, Politics and Gender.* Association of Third World Studies- Kenya Pp. 83 -93

Njaramba J G (2002). Sustainability of Organic Farming Practices in Kenya: A Case Study of Kenya Institute of Organic Farming (KIOF) Beneficiaries. A paper presented in the International Conference of the Association of Third World Studies Kenya Chapter. Nairobi, Kenya.

Njaramba J G (1994) Demand for Maternal Health Services: A Case Study of Antenatal Care in Thika Division of Kiambu District. Unpublished MA Thesis University of Nairobi, Kenya

SELECTED CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS ATTENDED

4th December 2014. Attended one day Seminar on “Enforcement of Competition Law and Policy: A key Driver for Inclusive Growth and Shared Prosperity” Organized by Competition Authority of Kenya. Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi.

22nd - 26th September 2014. Participated in a Workshop on: “Greening Businesses Through Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services” held in Lusaka, Zambia and Conducted by United Nations University- Institute for Natural Resources in Africa.

4th April 2014. Launch Kenya National Organic Agriculture Platform - Under the Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative in Kenya. The workshop was Organized to Address and Act on Issues arising from African Heads of State Decision EX.CL/Dec.621 (XVII) to Embrace Ecological Organic Agriculture in Africa. The Launch Took place at ICIPE in Nairobi, Kenya.

2ND - 4TH December 2013. Asia Pacific Symposium on “Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Organic Farming” Organized by IFOAM and FAO. Main Objective was to Tap the Various Successful Strategies Adopted by Organic Farmer Entrepreneurs to Ensure their Competitiveness. Held in Bangkok, Thailand.

15th – 16th November 2011. Participated in the “International Conference on Ecological Organic Agriculture: The Alternative for Africa” - Organized by IFOAM, UNEP, KOAN and COLABORA. The conference came up with the Nairobi Declaration for an Ecological Organic Alternative for Africa that informed the African Heads of States. Held at UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya.

19th – 20th January 2011. Participated and Presented a Paper at The African Growth Initiative (AGI) Forum Organized by Brookings Institution, Washington DC, USA. Main Aim of the Initiative was to Tap on Key Growth Drivers in African Continent From Empirical Results.

11th - 12th February 2011. Attended a Conference on ‘Statistics, Economic Development and Public Administration’ Organized by Indian Statistical Institute on ISEC Diamond Jubilee Day. Held in New Delhi, India.

17th – 19th November 2010. Participated in International Conference addressing key Agricultural Issues Affecting Developing Countries entitled - “Conference on Agrarian

Question: Global and Local” that Brought together Key Stakeholders from Asia, Africa and Latin America. Conference held in New Delhi, India

15th -17th September 2008. Attended International Conference on Natural Resource Management, Climate Change and Economic Development in Africa: Issues, Opportunities and Challenges. Organized by African Economic Research Consortium. Held in Nairobi, Kenya.

11th- 15th April 2005. Presented a Paper at the Methodological Workshop on Social Sciences in Africa Organized by CODESRIA with the Theme- Fields and Theories of Qualitative Investigation. Held in Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya.

15th – 17th September 2004. Presented a Paper at the Association for Third World Studies (ATWS) Annual Conference – Kenya Chapter held At the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton.

24- 26th March 2004. Presented a Paper at the International Environmental Health Education Workshop in Eastern Africa Region: Challenges and the Way Forward. Organized by UNICEF, UNESCO, IFRA and Kenyatta University and Held in Nairobi, Kenya.

17th- 19th September 2003. Participated by presenting a paper and acting as Treasurer of the Committee organizing the Fourth International Conference of the Association of Third World Studies- Kenya Chapter which was held in Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya. Theme of the conference - Disparities in Developing Countries: Types, Challenges and the Way Forward

26th September 2003. Participated in a one Day Workshop as a Board Member of University Industry Linkages Committee Entitled “Opportunities for University- Industry

Links” Sponsored by Kenyatta University.

26th June 2002. Attended one Day Workshop on Corporate Social Responsibility Organized by World Bank Institute- held in University of Nairobi, Kenya.

18th- 20th September 2002. Participated by Presenting a Paper at the International Conference of the Association of Third World Studies – Kenya Chapter Organized By Daystar University in Nairobi, Kenya. Theme of the conference: “Towards Effective Strategies for the Management of Africa’s Resources for Development”.

23rd -24th May 2002. Attended an “International Conference on “Institutionalizing Democracy in Kenya: Prospects and Challenges” organized by DAAD German Academic Exchange and Held at Limuru Conference Centre, Kenya.

TRAINING

April 2014. Successfully Completed Awareness and empowerment Training Entitled “Information Literacy Training”. The Insightful Training Focused on the Access to the Rich Data Bases Available at the Post Modern Library of Kenyatta University.

26th February 2014. Trained on the Application and Utilization of **SMARTBOARD** as a Teaching Tool.

May 2013. Successfully Completed a Refresher Course in Teaching Methodology which Covered Teaching Methodology, Setting of Examinations, Administration of Examinations, Marking and Analysis of scores.

September 2008. One Week Training on Data Analysis: Handling Primary Data in Research Facilitated by Chandan Murkerje in New Delhi, India.

January – March 2007. Trained on the Practical Use of R- Statistical Package in Handling Primary Data. Facilitated by Professor Vikas Rawal. Conducted in Jawarhalal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

July – September 1999. Trained on Microsoft Word, Excel, Internet, PowerPOint, Eviews and Shazam by Kenyatta University.

May – September 1996: Training of Trainer’s (TOT) Course at K.T.T.I (Nairobi) with Women Entrepreneurs for Industrial Growth Organization, Sponsored by UNDP. Kenya.

October 1996. Training on Skills in Advocacy with Kenya Small Traders Entrepreneurs Society. Facilitated by UNDP in Nairobi Kenya.

15th October 1996. Training on Small Business Counseling as a K-MAP Counselor. Conducted by Kenya Management Assistance Programe in Nairobi. Kenya.

June 1994: Participated as a Trainer in a Management Course Seminar for Entrepreneurs Organized by Plan International in Maua Meru, Kenya.

July – September 1993. Training on MS-Dos, Lotus 1-2-3, WordPerfect and Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) by African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) at Joint Facility in Karen, Nairobi. Kenya.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.

2011- To date. Lecturer in the Department of Econometrics & Statistics, School of Economics. Course Specialization - Mathematics for Economists, Statistics for Economists,

Econometrics, Sample Surveys, Research Methods and MicroEconomics.

1998 – 2007. Assistant Lecturer, Department of Economics, Kenyatta University. Specialized in Lecturing - Mathematics for Economists, Statistics for Economists, Microeconomics, Sample Surveys and Agricultural Economics.

1996- 1998. Tutorial Fellow, Economics Department, School of Humanities and social Sciences, Kenyatta University.

1995 – July 1996. Assistant Lecturer. Taught Economics in the Former Kenya Polytechnic, Nairobi, Kenya. Currently Full Fledged University - Technical University of Kenya.

1987 – 1990: Graduate Teacher. Taught Mathematics and Economics at Dagoreti High School - Nairobi

1991 – 1992: Assistant Lecturer at Thika Technical Training Institute, Thika.

1983 – 1984: Taught Mathematics as Untrained Teacher at Ngumo Secondary School – Nyahururu

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

August 2014 – To-date: Chairman, Department of Econometrics and Statistics, School of Economics, Kenyatta University.

21st February – 25th April 2014: Member of the School of Economics Committee Tasked With the Responsibility of Facilitating Upgrading of the School of Economics, Kenyatta University from Category “A” University to the Coveted Category “B” University under African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) Arrangement.

April 2013- August 2014: Departmental ISO Coordinator, Department of Econometrics & Statistics, School of Economics, Kenyatta University.

2013 – To date: Departmental Subject Specialist - Mathematics for Economists

2013 – To date: Member of School of Economics Committee Overseeing the Rationalization of New Programmes at the School level.

January 2012 - To-date: Postgraduate Board Member for Various Masters and PhD Thesis, Kenyatta University.

2002 - 2004: Assistant Examinations coordinator, Economics Department, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kenyatta University.

2005 – 2007: Examinations Coordinator, in the former Economics Department, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kenyatta University.

2003 – 2007: Board Member of University Industry Links Board, Kenyatta University.

2000- 2004: Chairperson of Staff Departmental Welfare.

1989- 1991: Head of Mathematics Department, Dagoreti High School, Nairobi.

1983 – 1984: Girls Student Advisor in Mathematics and Sciences in Ngumo Secondary School, Nyahururu.

COMMUNITY SERVICES.

2006 – 2007: Member of Committee Entrusted with Upgrading Former Kimathi Institute of Science & Technology (Nyeri) to its Current Status of Dedan Kimathi University of

Science & Technology.

2005- 2007: Management Board Member and Head of Credit Committee of St Augustine Parish Catholic Self- Help Group, Juja. **Archdiocese of Nairobi.**

2001 – 2003: Management Board Member of Kalimoni Catholic Self Help, Juja. **Archdiocese of Nairobi.**

2003- 2007. Treasurer: St Mary’s Catholic Self Help Group in Juja- Archdiocese of Nairobi.

MEMBERSHIP & PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZATIONS

2004 - Todate: Member of Kenya Organic Agriculture Network (KOAN).

2003 - 2005. Treasurer: Association of Third World Studies – Kenya Chapter Conference Organizing Committee.

2004- 2005. Associate Editor: Association of Third World Studies, Kenyatta University Conference Proceedings.

REFEREES

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