

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### 1.1 Personal Profile

#### 1.1.1 Personal Details

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Political sociology  
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#### 1.1.2 Academic & Professional Qualifications

Bachelor of Arts,	University of Nairobi,	1981
Master of Arts,	University of Guelph,	1988
PhD,	Kenyatta University,	2007

#### 1.1.3 Employment History

Community Development Officer,	Narok District,	1982
Community Development Officer,	Nandi District,	1983
Community Development Officer,	Garissa District,	1984-1986
Community Development Officer,	Homa Bay District,	1988-1990
Tutorial Fellow,	Kenyatta University,	1990-1992
Lecturer,	Kenyatta University,	1992-2016
Senior Lecturer	Kenyatta University,	2016-Present

#### 1.1.4 Achievements

I successfully served as Chairman of the Department of Sociology from 2014 to 2018.

In 2007 I successfully completed the supervision of my first 2 PhD candidates who graduated in July 2019.

As Chairman I established the Departmental Resource Room that now has a total of 1,500 books, 400 journals and 30 theses and more than 100 projects.

As Chairman, found need to expand the course base of the department and I led the development of three new undergraduate courses in disaster management and criminology in 2014 that were approved by the School Curriculum Committee and yet to be approved by Senate

As Chairman ensured the development of modules for the Digital School of Virtual and Open Learning from 50 per cent to 100 per cent of diploma and undergraduate courses.

## 1.2 Publications

### 1.2.1 Refereed Journals

Masese, S.M., Muia, D.M., & Ombaka, D.M. (2020). Influence of social capital on diversification of livelihood in slum areas in Nairobi, Kenya. *The International Journal of Humanities and Social Studies*, Vol. VIII, Issue 3, March, pp. 294-301. Doi No.: **10.24940/theijhss/2020/v8/i3/HS2003-054. ISSN 2321-9203.**

Boraya, J.O., Githae, C.N., Njuguna, E.W., Ombaka, D., & Gachau, A. (2019). Factors affecting accessibility and use of female condom among youths in selected tertiary institutions in Migori County, Kenya. *Advance, SageSubmissions*. Preprint.

Sitawa, M., Ombaka, D. & Moloo, P. (2019). Family support and the development of fish farming in Busia County. *Journal of Research Innovation and Implications in Education*. Vol. 3, Issue. 1, pp.1-9. **ISSN 2520-7504 (Online)**

Sitawa, M., Ombaka, D. & Moloo, P. (2018). Group networking and the development of fish farming in Busia County, Kenya. *International Journal of Social and Development Concerns*. 3, 11/15. **ISSN 2524-1478 (Online)**

Ombaka, D. (2018). Utado?!, Bad manners, incivility, impunity and the legacy of autocracy in Kenya. *Sociology and Anthropology*, 6, pp. 683-694. Doi: **10.13189/sa.2018.060901.**

Mwaeke, P. & Ombaka, D. (2018). Public perceptions of the effectiveness of policing in Nairobi, Kenya. *Journal of Social Science and Humanities*, Vol. 5, Issue 2, pp. 135-159. **ISSN 2278-859X**

Mwaeke, P. & Ombaka, D. (2017). Public perceptions of the social costs of crime in Nairobi, Kenya. *Journal of Social Science and Humanities*, Vol. 4, Issue 11, pp. 110-147. **ISSN 2278-859X**

Ombaka, D.M. (2017). At Kenyatta University, women speak better and men write better. *International Journal of Scientific Research and Innovative Technology*, Vol. 4, No. 4, pp. 1-11. **ISSN 2313-3759.**

Cheruiyot, D., Wangaruro, J. & Ombaka, D.M. (2016). Influence of constituency development fund on education and health in Samburu West constituency, Kenya. *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science*, Vol 6, No. 8, pp. 263-268. **ISSN 2220-8488.**

Ombaka, D.M. (2015b). The ideological foundations of authoritarian school governance in Kenya: Some evidence from a 1999 study of university undergraduates. *International Interdisciplinary Journal of Scientific Research*, Vol. 2, No. 2, pp 1-17. **ISSN 2200-9833.**

Ombaka, D.M. (2015a). Explaining Kenya's insecurity: The weak state, corruption, banditry and terrorism. *International Journal of Liberal Arts and Social Science* Vol. 3 No. 3 March, 2015, pp 11-26. **ISSN 2307-924X**.

Ombaka, D.M. (2014). Of Kenya's eaters and eatists: Hunger as a development and social justice challenge. *Journal of Social Welfare and Human Rights*, 2 (1), pp. 107-129. **ISSN 2333-5920** (print) **2333-5939** (online).

Ombaka, D.M. (2013c). Christians and the 2010 constitution referendum in Kenya: A search for explanations from a retrospective study. *International Journal of Arts and Commerce*, Vol. 2, No. 5, May 2013, pp 146-158. **ISSN 1927-7106**.

Ombaka, D.M. (2013b). Education and civic engagement in Kenya: Evidence from a study of undergraduate university students. *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science*, Vol. 3, No. 8, Special Issue, April 2013, pp. 233-244. **ISSN 2220-8488** (print), **2221-0989** (online).

Ombaka, D.M. (2013a). The arts and the sciences and the shaping of political orientations in Kenya: Evidence from university undergraduates. *International Journal of Education and Research*, Vol. 1, No. 4 April, pp 105-126 **ISSN 2201-6333** (print), **2201-6740** (online).

Ombaka, D.M. (1997). Retrenchment and the prospects for enhanced human rights in Kenya in the era of economic reform in the 1990s. *The Independent Review*, 1 (2), pp 192-197.

Ombaka, D.M. (1994). Education and democracy in Kenya: Politics and myths. *Basic Education Forum*, 4, pp 27-32.

## **1.2.2 University Level Scholarly Books**

Ombaka, D.M. (2010). *Education and democratization in Kenya: The political socialization of undergraduate university students*. Saarbrücken: LAP Lambert Academic Publishing AG & Co. KG. **ISBN: 978-3-8383-9388-9**.

## **1.2.5 Book Chapters**

Rono, J.K. & Ombaka, D.M. (2021). Social Work with refugees and migrants in Kenya. In Robkopf, R. & Heilman, K. (2021). *International Social Work and forced migration: Developments in Africa, Arab and European countries*. Leverkusen-Opaden: Budrich GmbH. **ISBN 978-3-8474-2288-4**

Ombaka, D.M. (2008). Risk-free education and some of its consequences in Kenya. Sanna, P., Otiende, J.E., Aseka, E.M., Mburu, J.N., Kioo, M. & Koech, J. (eds). *Education and reality: Reflections on Luigi Giussani's book The risk of education*. Nairobi: Fondazioni AVSI & Kenyatta University. **ISBN: 9966- 7333-0-2**.

Ombaka, D.M. (2004). Politics, law and development. Muia, D.M. & Otiende, J.E. (eds). *Introduction to development studies for Africa*, pp. 66-106. Nairobi: Acacia. **ISBN 9966-917-35-7**

Ombaka, D.M. (2004). The role of science and technology in development. Muia, D.M. & Otiende, J.E. (eds). *Introduction to development studies for Africa*, pp. 192-218. Nairobi: Acacia. ISBN: 9966-917-35-7.

Ombaka, D.M. (2001). Education and democracy in Kenya: Politics and myths. Otiende, J.E. & Njoroge, G.K (eds). *Education, gender and democracy in Kenya*, pp. 27-46. Nairobi: Quest & Insight in association with Friends of the Book Foundation. ISBN 9966-925-15-5

### 1.2.6 Refereed Learning Modules

Modules by the Department of Sociology, School of Humanities in collaboration with Digital School of Virtual and Open Learning, Kenyatta University

ASC 054: Logistics in Disaster  
ASC 061: Disaster Information and Emergency Communication  
ASC 069: Rehabilitation and Reconstruction  
ASC 071: Culture, Science, Technology and Disaster  
ASC 076: Introduction to Social and Criminal Psychology  
ASC 103: Social Structure of African Societies  
ASC 429: Culture and Development

### 1.2.10 Consultancy and Project Reports

Evaluation of the Korean Volunteer Organization's feeding programme at Got Matar Primary School, Bondo, 2008

### 1.2.11 Non-Reviewed Conference Papers

**International Social Work Week Conference** held at the University of Applied Sciences Wurzburg-Schweinfurt, Germany. Presented a paper: "Social work with refugees in Kenya", Wurzburg, November 13-17, 2017.

**Technology and Management at the Interface of Cultures: Harnessing culture and technology for sustainable development, good governance and innovative technology transfer Conference** held at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOUST), Bondo, 2015. Paper, "Eco-friendly dry-land agriculture and water technologies in Kitui County, Kenya", presented by M. Mutiso, written by Mutiso, M., Ngeranwa, J., Kamau, A. & Ombaka D.

**Education as an Introduction to Reality Workshop** held at AVU Main Hall, Kenyatta University, 26-27 July 2007. Presented a paper "*Risk-Free Education and Some of its Consequences in Kenya*"

**Youth in Eastern Africa: Past and Present Perspectives** held at the Outspan Hotel, Nyeri, 28-30 June 2006. Presented a paper "*The Changing Face of Electoral Politics in Kenya: The Youth and the 2005 Referendum*"

**The Fourteenth Kenya Library Association Annual Conference** held at the Nairobi Safari Club, November 2000. Presented a paper "*Governance for Kenya in the Information Age: Serekali or Sirikali?*"

**Conference on Economic Reform in Kenya** held at Silver Springs Hotel, Nairobi 13-16 December 1994. Presented a paper “*Retrenchment and the Prospects for Enhanced Human Rights in Kenya in the Era of Economic Reform in the 1990s*”

### 1.2.13 Other Publications

Ombaka, D.M. (2016). “Why the Galana-Kulalu Project will impoverish Kenyans more”. In *Business Daily*, December 22, 2016.

Ombaka, D.M. (2016). “Galana-Kulalu project bad idea”. Opinion in *The Standard* newspaper, p. 15, Wednesday, November 10, 2016.

Ombaka, D.M. (2016). “Of Kenya’s eaters and eatists”. Online publication by the Route to Food.com

### 1.2.15 Scholarly Presentations at Conferences/Workshops/Seminars

**International Social Work Week Conference** held at the University of Applied Sciences Wurzburg-Schweinfurt, Germany. Presented a paper: “Social work with refugees in Kenya”, Wurzburg, November 13-17, 2017.

**International Conference on Social and Human Development Outcomes of Education** held at Kenyatta University Conference Centre. Presented a paper “Sowing seeds of discord: Ethnicity as an educational outcome in Kenya”, 12-14 November 2008.

**Education as an Introduction to Reality Workshop** held at AVU Main Hall, Kenyatta University, 26-27 July 2007. Presented a paper “*Risk-Free Education and Some of its Consequences in Kenya*”

**Youth in Eastern Africa: Past and Present Perspectives** held at the Outspan Hotel, Nyeri, 28-30 June 2006. Presented a paper “*The Changing Face of Electoral Politics in Kenya: The Youth and the 2005 Referendum*”

**International Conference on Transformation of Higher Education Management and Leadership for Efficacy in Africa** held at Kenyatta University, 12-16 November 2001. Presented a paper “*Issues of Conflict in Higher Education: The Perception of Academic Freedom Among Undergraduate Students in Universities in Kenya*”

**National Conference on Higher Education for Human Development in Kenya** held at Kenyatta University, 17-20 April 2000. Presented a paper “*Education as Science and Technology: The Challenge of Assessing its Social Impact in Kenya*”

**Conference on Education and Democracy in a Democratic Kenya** held at Fairview Hotel, Nairobi, May 1993. Presented a paper “*Education and Democracy in Kenya: Politics and Myths*”

## 1.3 Quality Teaching, Learning and Mentorship

### 1.3.1 Student Evaluations

HFN 148	97.81%
ASC 800	100.00%
ASC 429	98.94%

### 1.3.2 Trainings in Higher Education

Training on teaching online through Google Meet held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 in Students' Computer Lab.

Training workshop on Blended Learning Online Facilitation held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 via Zoom, 10:00am – 1:00pm.

Workshop on interactive module development for blended learning held via Zoom on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020, 10:00am – 1:00pm.

The *Carpe Diem* Process of Module Development held by the Digital School of Virtual and Open Learning on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Role of Chairpersons of Department in the Implementation of University Policy, held at Kenyatta University Conference Centre, 8-9 January 2018.

Risk Based Thinking Course (Based on ISO 9001:2015), held in Nairobi by SGS, 9 May 2017.

Teaching Methodology Course conducted by the Centre for Teaching Excellence and Evaluation, 28 May – 14 November 2013.

Curriculum Vitae Writing Skills and Interview Course, LMA 008 conducted by Centre for Capacity Development in Higher Education, 2008.

### 1.3.3 Ongoing Supervisions

#### 1.3.3.1 Master

Wasirimba, J.- C50/26693/2013 – “The role of social capital in self-help groups in Busia County, Kenya.

Wambui, A.- C50/32821/2015 - “Rehabilitation of alcoholics in Nyeri County, Kenya”.

#### 1.3.3.2 PhD

Kirui, A.C. – C82/20938/2010. – “Oil-induced displacement in Turkana County”

### 1.3.4 Supervision of Postgraduate Students

#### 1.3.4.1 Master

Boraya, J.O.M. (2019). Utilization of the female condom among youths in selected tertiary training institutions in Migori County, Kenya. **MA thesis**, Kenyatta University.

Kiogora, J.K. (2018). Community participation in the integrated water resource management of Upper Athi River basin, Kenya. **MA project**, Kenyatta University.

Kasembeli, D. (2018). Socio-economic determinants of water accessibility in Mathare informal settlement in Nairobi City County, Kenya. **MA project**, Kenyatta University.

Kagendo, J.M. (2017). Intergenerational caregiving of orphans and vulnerable children: a case of Nyumbani Village, Kitui County, Kenya. **MA thesis**, Kenyatta University.

Muthoni, V.G. (2017). Community driven development home care programmes for the physically challenged youths in Kibera informal settlement, Nairobi County, Kenya. **MA thesis**, Kenyatta University.

Cheruiyot, D. (2017). Influence of constituency development fund on community development in Samburu West County, Kenya. **MA project**, Kenyatta University.

Musimbi, E. (2013). The contribution of ecotourism to local community development: A case study of Nandi County, Kenya. **MA project**, Kenyatta University

Logiron, T.A. (2012). Identifying needs for scaling up community based organizations. **MA project**, Kenyatta University.

Odongo, G. (2011). The influence of drug abuse on domestic violence in Turkana Central District, Kenya. **MA thesis**, Kenyatta University.

#### **1.3.4.2 PhD**

Masese, S.M. (2021). Determinants of diversification of livelihoods in slum areas in Nairobi City County, Kenya. **PhD thesis**, Kenyatta University.

Mwaeke, P.J.M. (2019). Public perceptions of the effectiveness of policing and the social costs of crime in Nairobi policing region, Kenya. **PhD thesis**, Kenyatta University.

Sitawa, M.M. (2019). Household relations and group networks in the development of fish farming in Busia County, Kenya. **PhD thesis**, Kenyatta University.

## **1.4 Professional/Consultancy**

### **1.4.1 Networks/Collaborations**

Contributor to Route to Food Alliance, since 2016  
Member, Gender Issues Awareness Trainers, 1992-1995

#### **1.4.2 Editorial Boards/Referee for professional periodicals**

Peer reviewer for *Anthropology and Sociology* Published by Horizon Publishing, since 2016

Editor, *International Journal of Social Sciences and Conflict Management*, published by Centre for Advanced Research and Development.

Member, Editorial Board of the *Journal of Social Welfare and Human Rights* of the American Research Institute for Policy Development since 2013.

#### **1.4.3 Consulting for international/national boards**

Chairman, Board of Examiners, Diploma in Social Work, Embu Development Institute (now School of Government) from August 2000 – August 2005.

#### **1.4.5 Consulting for organizations/institutions**

Associate consultant, Girls' and Boys' voices towards Gender Based Violence in Primary Schools: Perspectives from selected countries – Kenya, Nigeria, Jamaica and Malawi. Funded by Rockefeller Foundation, February 2020.

Lead consultant in the evaluation of Korean Volunteer Organization's feeding programme at Got Matar Primary School, Bondo, 2008

Assistant Consultant (socio-economic), Monitoring and evaluation of the Northern Corridor Infrastructure project for Government of Kenya. Conducted by University of Nairobi Enterprises and Services Ltd. (UNES), 2006.

Consultant and trainer in the **Engendering the political process** project, a gender empowerment project of the *Maendeleo ya Wanawake Organisation* and the *Women's Political Caucus* for prospective women candidates in the 2002 General Elections, July- September 2002.

#### **1.4.6 Membership to academic/professional bodies**

American Association of International Researchers (AAIR) (Sociology section), Member ID SOC-AAIR-1005.

International Sociological Association, Member #87114.

#### **1.4.7 Any other (Editorship/peer review, external examiner, etc)**

Appointed External Examiner, School of Education and Social Sciences of Karatina University from June 2019 for a period of three years.



Appointed External Examiner, Department of Sociology, Moi University from September 2017 for a period of three years.

Appointed External Examiner, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Maseno University from January 2017.

Appointed External Examiner in Department of Social Sciences, Rongo University from January 2017.

## **1.5 Administrative and Responsibilities**

### **1.5.1 Recognized university administrative positions**

Member, School of Humanities and Social Sciences Conference Committee, 2020.

Member, Departmental Committee on Curriculum Development and Academic Programmes, 2020

Member, Departmental Appraisal, Publications and Public Seminar Committee, 2020

Member, Departmental QMS Committee, 2020

Chairman, Department of Sociology, 2014-2018

Examinations Coordinator, Department of Sociology, 2011-2014

### **1.5.2 Other responsibilities in the University**

University Committee on **Curriculum Development** for the Kenya Military Academy (2014)

University Committee on **Memorandum of Agreement** with the Kenya Police Service (2014).

University Committee on the development of a **Curriculum for Diploma and Master of Arts/Science** programme for the Kenya Police Service (2014).

University Committee for the establishment of the **Institute of Peace and Security** (2013).

## **1.6 Community Engagements and Other Contributions**

### **1.6.1 Research/development funding**

In 2016 I attracted a donation of books on Criminology to the Departmental Resource Room from Mr. Alan Cole, Head, Global Maritime Crimes Programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Nairobi.

### **1.6.2 Community outreach**

On Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020, was interviewed by Leila Mohammed of NTV on food security, aired during the evening 9:00pm news on the same day.

In May, 2019 I began a collaboration with *Okoa Dada*, a community based organisation (CBO) in Kengeleni, Mombasa, working with marginalized women. I send final year students for voluntary work with the organization.

#### **1.6.4 Recognitions awards and honours**

Recognition by the Institute for Strategic Dialogue of London in March, 2017. Recommended me as an expert to Rebecca Sims-Robinson of international research firm ORB on common vulnerabilities and exposure (CVE) with reference to radicalization of the youth in Kenya.

Guest Speaker, **Heinrich Boll Stiftung - Gender Forum: The Gender Dimension of Food Security** held at Nairobi Safari Club, Lilian Towers, Nairobi, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016

In 2016, recognition by Gert Jan Veldwisch of my opinion piece appearing in *The Standard* newspaper on Galana-Kulalu project.

In 2015, recognition by Professor RollieLal, George Washington University for my article “Explaining Kenya’s insecurity” by using it to teach MA students.

#### **1.6.5 Any other sub-category**

Representative of parents of Form 1-4, “*West*” stream in the Parents’ Association of Ng’iya Girls High School, 2014-2017.

### **1.7 Referees**

Mr. Samuel Gatangi,  
Department of Sociology, Gender and Development Studies,  
Kenyatta University.

Dr. Wasambo Were,  
Department of Literature,  
Kenyatta University.

Dr. Parvin Mooloo,  
Department of Sociology, Gender and Development Studies,  
Kenyatta University.