

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., History, Bowling Green State University, Ohio, 2009
 - Dissertation: “From Colonial Elitism to Moi’s Populism: The Policies and Politics of University Education in Kenya, 1949-2002”
 - *Dissertation Awards*:
 - The Ohio Academy of History (OAH) 2011 Outstanding Dissertation Award
 - Bowling Green State University (BGSU) Graduate College’s Distinguished Dissertation Award for 2010-11
 - BGSU History Department’s Friedman Dissertation Award for 2010-2011
 - *Doctoral Comprehensive Examination Fields*:
 - Major Field: African History and Culture
 - Minor Field: African American History
 - Minor Field: Modern Europe
- M.A., History, Saint Cloud State University, Minnesota, 2005
 - Thesis: “A System for Control: Colonial and Apartheid education in South Africa, 1820-1955”
- B.A., History and Education, University of Nairobi, Kenya, 2000

POSITIONS

- *Interim Director*, African and African American Studies Program, University of Central Arkansas, August 2014 –present
- *Assistant Professor*, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas, August 2013-present
- *Assistant Professor*, Department of History, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith, August 2008-August 2013

- *Instructor*, Department of History, Bowling Green State University, January 2007-August 2008
- *Teaching and Research Assistant*, Department of History, Bowling Green State University, August 2005-December 2006.
- *Teaching Assistant*, Department of History, Saint Cloud State University, January 2003-April 2005.

TEACHING

Courses Taught

- Pan-Africanism and the Liberation Struggle
- Africa 1500 to Present
- Pre-Colonial African History
- Colonial African History
- Contemporary Africa
- African Cultures and Societies
- Methods of Historical Research
- History Senior Research Seminar (capstone class)
- Civilizations of the World to 1500
- Civilizations of the World since 1500
- Introduction to African and African American Studies (Africana Studies)

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Africa History and Culture
- African American History
- History of the Atlantic World
- European History
- Education and Intellectual History
- Diplomatic History
- Environmental and Ethno History
- Regional Integration in Africa and Europe
- American History
- World History

Articles in refereed journals, book chapters and Encyclopedia entries

- Michael M. Kithinji, Nancy Patterson and Ashley Lucas, "Higher Order Thinking in Planning Social Studies Lessons: An Examination of Teachers' Uses of Source Documents," *Social Studies Research and Practice Journal* 7, no. 2 (Winter 2012): 68-85.

- Michael M. Kithinji, “An Imperial Enterprise: The Making and Breaking of the University of East Africa, 1949-1969,” *Canadian Journal of African Studies* 46, no. 2 (August 2012): 195-214.
- Michael M. Kithinji, “A Tug of War: Moi versus the World Bank and the Transformation of University Education in Kenya,” *OFO: Journal of Transatlantic Studies* 1, no. 1 (2011): 95-118.
- Michael M. Kithinji, “Apartheid South Africa” in *(Re)tracing African Societies, History, and Cultures: A Multi-disciplinary Study of Africa* ed. Ogechi Anyanwu and Salome Nnoromele (Dubuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, 2012).
- Michael M. Kithinji, “Koinange wa Mbiyu,” In *Oxford Dictionary of African Biography*, edited by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Emmanuel Akyeampong, (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012).
- Michael M. Kithinji, “Olonana Ole Mbatian,” In *Oxford Dictionary of African Biography*, edited by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Emmanuel Akyeampong, (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012).
- Michael M. Kithinji, “Peter Mbiyu Koinange,” In *Oxford Dictionary of African Biography*, edited by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Emmanuel Akyeampong, (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012).

Peer-review activities/Journal Reviewer:

- *The African Studies Review*
- *The Interdisciplinary Humanities*
- *The Journal of Retracing Africa (JORA)*.
- *The Kenya Studies Review Journal*
- *The African Journal of Teacher Education (AJOTE)*

Presentations in Academic Conferences/Colloquiums/Invited Lectures

- 2014: “Jomo Kenyatta and the Puzzle of Pan-Africanism, Nationalism, and Ethnic Nationalism, 1926-1963,” Paper to be presented at the 14th Annual Africa Conference at The University of Texas, Austin, April 3-6, 2014.
- 2013: “Colonialism, Neoliberalism, and the Debasement of Liberal Education in Africa: the Case of Kenya,” Paper presented at the International Society for Intellectual History (ISIH) held at Princeton University, June 5-7, 2013.
- 2012: “Liberal Education and Reforming University Curriculum in Kenya,” Paper to be presented at the 5th KESSA Annual Conference to held at Bowling State University, September 7-8, 2012.

- 2011: “Historical Lessons: Systemic Crisis and Reforming Kenya’s University System,” Paper to be presented at the 4th KESSA Annual Conference held at Bowling State University, September 16-17, 2011.
- 2010: “State and Non-State Actors in the fight against HIV/AIDS Pandemic in Africa,” Paper presented at the meeting of the Zonta Club of Fort Smith, October 18, 2010.
- 2010: “Expansionism, Marketization, and the Transformation of University Education in Kenya,” Paper presented at the 3rd KESSA Annual Conference held at Bowling State University, Ohio, September 17-18 2010.
- 2009: “The Trans-Atlantic Currents: Africans and African Americans in Perspective,” Paper presented at the Annual Arkansas Black Students Association meeting held at the University of Arkansas, Fort Smith on November 7, 2009.
- 2009: "Inter-territoriality and the University of East Africa, 1949-1970," Paper presented at the 51st Annual Missouri Conference on History, held at Missouri State University, April 15-17, 2009.
- 2007: “Kenya and the Shaping of Colonial University Education Policy in East Africa, 1922-1963” Paper to be presented at the forthcoming 10th Annual Africana Studies Student Research Colloquium, Bowling Green State University, March 16, 2007.
- 2007: “Regional Autonomy versus Cooperation: the Colonial University Education Policy in East Africa, 1922-1963” Paper to be presented at the Ohio Academy of History Conference, held at Otterbein College, Ohio, April 27-28.
- 2006: “Equity and National Unity in the Historical Evolution of Public Education in Kenya, 1963-1970,” Paper Presented at the James A. Barnes Club Conference, held at Temple University, Philadelphia, April 1, 2006.
- 2006: “The Education Subordination of Africans in the British Colonial and Early Afrikaner Rules in South Africa, 1820-1920,” Paper Presented at the HGSA Paul Lucas Conference in History, at Indiana University, March 25, 2006.
- 2006: “Africana Nationalism and Education Discrimination in pre-Apartheid South Africa, 1900-1948,” Paper Presented at the 9th Annual Africana Studies Student Research Colloquium, held at Bowling Green State University, March 17, 2006.

Works in Progress

Books:

- *The State and the University Experience in Kenya: Trends, Tension, and Transformation, 1949-2002* (Forthcoming).

- *Kenya at Fifty: Milestones, Challenges, and Prospects (lead editor)*
- *Jomo Kenyatta: The Paradox of Pan-Africanism, Nationalism and Ethnic Nationalism*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member American Historical Association (AHA)
- Member International Society for Intellectual History (ISIH)
- Member African Studies Association, USA (ASA)
- Member Kenya Scholars and Studies Association (KESSA)
- Arkansas Association of College History Teachers (AACHT)
- Member Africana Culture and Policy Studies Institute (ACPSI)
- Member Phi Alpha Theta, History Honor Society