

KENNEDY GITU WAGURA

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Education

- PhD 2019 History University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour (UPPA), France.
Theses Title: *Samburu Demographic Dynamics 1984 to 2018*
- M.A. 2007 Anthropology University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT USA
- B. A. 2002 History and Anthropology Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya

Positions Held

- January 2020 to Present: Lecturer
- June 2012 to 2019: Tutorial Fellow, Department of History, Archaeology and Political Studies Kenyatta University.
- 2011: Adjunct Lecturer Department of History, Archaeology and Political Studies Kenyatta University
- 2011: Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Social Studies, Karatina University.
- 2011: Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Social Studies, Catholic University of Eastern Africa
- 2007- 2010: Administrator, Provost's Commission on Status of Women University of Connecticut
- 2004- 2007 Teaching Assistant Department of Anthropology University of Connecticut, Storrs CT

Research & Areas of Interest:

Historical Demography, Pastoral Mobility & Survival Strategies; Climate Change and Adaptation; Resource access and Use in Pastoral Landscapes; Anthropology of Conflict; International Conflict and Cooperation.

Work, Teaching and Research Experience

- 2020 — Present Lecturer, Department of History, Archeology & Political Studies
- 2012— 2019 Tutorial Fellow Department of History, Archeology & Political Studies
- 2007 — 2010 Administrator - Provosts' Commission on Status of Women University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Teaching Experience

2020— Present: Lecturer Kenyatta University
2012— 2019: Tutorial Fellow, Kenyatta University
2011- 2012: Adjunct Lecturer Kenyatta University
2011— 2012: Part- Time Lecturer. Social Sciences Department, Catholic University of Eastern Africa
2004- 2007: Teaching Assistant Anthropology Department, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Research Experience

2021 PI Urban Herders or Pastoralists? The Livestock Keepers Living in the Margins Nairobi City, BIEA Thematic Grants, June, 2021.

2014 — 2019 PhD research *Samburu Demographic Dynamics 1984 to 2018*.

2017—2019 Pamoja Project on Oil and Conflict in Turkana, University of Pau and Kenyatta University

2016—2018 Joint secretary, Global Africa the Effects of American and Asiatic Crops to Great Lakes Kingdoms

2012. Co- PI. Transmara Sugar Outgrowers Mapping Project. Consulted by Transmara Sugar Company Limited. Focus on Gucha , Transmara and Migori Districts.

2014— 2016 CODESRIA Comparative Research Network “Religion Spirituality And Power In Kenya And Uganda” part of a group of 6 researchers in Kenya and Uganda, US \$ 25,000

2011/ 2012. Research Assistant, Historical Ecology of East African Landscapes, Laikipia Plateau .P.I. Prof. Paul Lane.

2010. Research Assistant, Mapping Urban Transport: Matatu Transport Sector Kenya, PI Ference M, Washington University St. Louis.

Summer 2005 & Summer 2006. Research Assistant, Roc de Marsal (France) research project University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March — June 2005. Field Researcher. The Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center, Mashantucket CT.

2003. Research Assistant, University of Helsinki and British Institute in Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, Projects in Tanzania (Engaruka), Uganda and Kenya.

October 2003— February 2004. Research Assistant, Northern Kenya Nutritional and Health Project, Covering the Gabbra, Dassanetch and El- Molo

October — December 2002 and September — November 2003. Research Assistant, Engaruka Environmental and Land Use Patterns Tanzania. Joint Project, University of Helsinki Finland, University of Uppsala Sweden, British Institute in Eastern Africa and University of Dar- es Salaam, Tanzania

April 2002 —December 2002. Graduate Attaché, British Institute in Eastern Africa, participated in research projects in Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya

June — August 2001. Research Assistant- the Archeology of Settlements Within the Town Walls, Gede Ruins. PI Stephane Pradines, CNRS, France

University Service

- 2020: Committee on review of Curriculum Department of History, Archaeology & Political Studies
- 2019: Committee on Departmental Strategic planning of History, Archaeology & Political Studies
- 2018: Coordinator Departmental website History, Archaeology & Political Studies
- 2015: Committee formulating department’s curriculum for Rwanda Campus.

- 2014: Committee on reviewing curriculum, Department of History, Archaeology and Political Studies Kenyatta University
- 2012: Review of Archaeology Courses, Department of History, Archaeology and Political Studies Kenyatta University
- 2011: Review new Courses, BAPP, Undergraduate Public Policy Program Kenyatta University
- 2009: International Students Orientation Committee, International Studies Department, University of Connecticut.
- 2005: Organizing Committee Departmental Colloquium, Anthropology Department, University of Connecticut.

Grants & Fellowships

- 2021 Urban Herders or Pastoralists? The Livestock Keepers Living in the Margins Nairobi City, Thematic Grants British Institute in Eastern Africa GBP 1,280
- 2016 Institute of French Research in Africa workshop grant, Preliminary Report on Samburu Demographic Dynamics 1984- 2016. Samburu Guest House, Maralal, Kshs 120,000
- 2014. Institute of French Research in Africa PhD Research Grant, KSHs 70,000
- 2014. French Government PhD scholarship at University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour
- 2013 CODESRIA Comparative Research Network “Religion Spirituality And Power In Kenya And Uganda” part of a group of 6 researchers in Kenya and Uganda, US \$ 25,000
- Minor Research Grants British Institute In Eastern Africa November, 2010 GB £ 400
- Provost’s Graduate Fellowship, University of Connecticut 2007– 2010 US \$ 22,000 per academic year
- Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Anthropology Univ of Connecticut 2006 US \$ 2,500
- Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Anthropology Univ of Connecticut 2006 US \$ 3,000

Seminars and conferences

September 8th 2021, “We Abandoned Livestock for Wildlife’: COVID-19 and the Collapse of Tourism Economy within Community Conservancies in Northern Kenya,” at Division for Research on Sub-Saharan Africa Institute of Mediterranean and Oriental Cultures Polish Academy of Sciences (DRSSA IMOCPAS), *Culture in the Times of Plague. Coronavirus’ Impact on the Cultural Development in Sub-Saharan Africa.*

June 4th 2021, East African Archeologists and Heritage Practitioners Workshop, British Institute in Eastern Africa.

2020 "From near demographic collapse to a ‘bounce back’: population growth, mobility and settlement in Samburu:, Paper presented to Departmental Seminar on History, Archaeology and Political Studies (SHAPS) on 12th November 2020.

2018, The Effects of American and Asiatic Crops to Great Lakes Kingdoms, Global Africa Project, Institute of French Research in Africa (IFRA) 10th- 12th July 2018.

2018, Cultural Resource Management: the Debates and State of Affairs. Kenyan Heritage and Prehistory Scientists’ Workshop British Institute in Eastern Africa March 28th & 29th 2018.

July 7th –8th 2017, Preliminary Report on Samburu Demographic Dynamics 1984- 2016. Samburu Guest House, Maralal Samburu County.

21st October, 2015, *Youth and modernity: the Current Status in Samburu*. Les Afriques dans le Monde (LAM), Pau France

May, 13- 15 2015, Exploratory conference on Africa and the World Research Project. Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology.

16th November 2014, “*A Historical Analysis of Pastoral Boundaries: A Case of Samburu Ecological Boundaries*”. Les Afriques dans le Monde (LAM), Pau France

7th November 2014, “*Samburu Turkana borders old question and new challenges*”. Les Afriques dans le Monde (LAM), Pau France

19th – 21st June, 2014, regional conference on refugee and IDPs in a Historical Perspective: the East Africa Experience, Kenyatta University. “The role of refugee capital (human and economic) in post conflict reconstruction: case of Somalia refugees”.

April, 2008 Political Science Department, University of Connecticut

Graduate Research Presentations: “*China’s Increased Interest in Africa: Implications to International Order*”

Selected Publications

Wagura Kennedy, G in review ‘Wildlife for Livestock’: COVID-19, Tourism and Community Conservancies in Northern Kenya.’ to be published on *Hemispheres. Studies on Cultures and Societies*, Vol. 36/2021.

Wagura, K (2019). *Samburu Demographic Dynamics 1984— 2018*. Pau, France: Unpublished PhD Thesis Universite De Pau et Des Pays De L’adour.

Wagura Kennedy G, (2016). “Policies For Addressing Intra- County Marginalization And Economic Disparities for Social- Economic Development in Kenya” “in *Public Policy Transformations in Africa: Trends, Challenges and the Future*.

Post- graduate supervision

Ahmed Abdishakur Mohamud, Masters of Arts

Title: Evolution of Wajir Town, 1912- 2019

Kipchumba Jonah Kipyegon, Masters of Arts

Title: Early Marriages among the Pokot of Baringo County, 1895-2014.

REFEREES

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