

Dr. Karani Shiyuka



Qualification: PhD

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Areas of specialization: The social history of Africa especially the history of African religions.

Personal Profile.

Dr Karani Shiyuka is a social historian with a strong bias towards the history of African religions. He holds a Bachelor of Education (Arts) degree from Moi University, Kenya, and a Master of Arts in history and PhD from Kenyatta University, Kenya. Shiyuka teaches at the Department of History, Archaeology, and Political Studies and also sits in various Departmental Committees and Boards including the Curriculum Review and Research and Innovation committees and the Postgraduate Defense Board. He is also in charge of teaching unit allocation and timetabling.

Publications.

- Shiyuka, Karani. 2022. "The Transformation of the Religious Thought of the Pokot of Northwestern Kenya, c. 1800-1900" *Journal of Religion in Africa*, 52. 3-4, 475-500.
- Shiyuka, Karani. "Inscribing Agency in Religious Change: The Rise of Messianism in Pokot, Kenya." *Journal of Religion in Africa* 53, no. 3-4 (2022): 1-27.
- Shiyuka, K., Gimode, E., & Biegon, E. (2024). "Notes on the Chicken in Tiriki Religious Philosophy." *Journal of Religion in Africa*, 1(aop), 1-24.
- Shiyuka, Karani, "The Social Transactional Exchange in the Historical Development of Religion in Baringo, Kenya, 1908-1947", undergoing editorial review at the *Cambridge Journal of African History*.

Seminars and Workshops attended.

13th July 2021, "*Ethnic Interactions and Religious Change in the Kerio Valley Complex, Kenya*" at the BIEA Graduate Forum.

24th February 2022, "*The Transformation of the Religious Thought of the Pokot of Northwestern Kenya, 1800-1900.*" Kenyatta University Department of History Monthly Seminar Series

5th April 2023, "*Notes on the Chicken in Tiriki Religious Philosophy*" Kenyatta University History Department Monthly Seminar Series

23rd September 2022, attended the Department of History's "*The Kenya 2022 Election Book Project*" at the BIEA.

Professional and Academic Membership.

Member of the Kenyatta University's History Department Research and Innovation Committee (DRIC)

The British Institute of East Africa's (BIEA) Reading Group

Research Interests.

I am interested in the history of social change especially the history of the religions of Western Kenya's communities including the Kalenjin, Luyia, Turkana, Iteso, and Luo and the reaction of these communities to British colonial rule and the subsequent waves of modernization and globalization.