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1. PERSONAL PROFILE

Senior Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Kenyatta University with extensive experience in teaching, research, postgraduate supervision, and academic leadership. My specialization is in African and Christian Studies (Religious Studies), with research interests in African Christianity, Pentecostal and Charismatic movements, religion and gender, religion and sexuality, religion and health, youth studies, religion and development, conflict management, peace-building, and theology and environment.

I have developed a sustained record of scholarship through peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, conference presentations, postgraduate supervision, curriculum development, and collaborative research projects. I have also contributed to university leadership through roles such as Chairperson of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Acting Dean, and membership in various university boards and committees. My academic work is driven by a commitment to scholarly excellence, mentorship, and research that engages religion's role in addressing contemporary social and developmental issues in Africa.

1.1 PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: Dr. Margaret Gathoni Gecaga

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Area of Specialization

- African and Christian Studies (Religious Studies)
- Christian Theology and African Christianity

Research Interests

- African Christianity and Culture
- Religious Movements
- Pentecostalism and Charismatic Renewal Movements
- Patristic History
- Religion, Gender and Sexuality
- Religion and Reproductive Health Issues
- Youth Studies
- Religion and Development
- Religion and Conflict Management

- Gender, conflict Management And Peacebuilding
- Theology and Environment

Google Scholar:

<http://www.ku.ac.ke/schools/humanities/index.php/faculty/facultyprofiles/87-faculty/287-dr-gecaga?start=1>

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1.1.2 Academic Qualifications

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Religious Studies, 2004 – Kenyatta University

Title: *Issues in the Controversy Surrounding the Introduction of Family Life Education in Kenyan Schools (1987–1997)*

MA (Religious Studies), 1992 – Kenyatta University

Title: *The African Orthodox Church: A Historical and Theological Study (1929–1989)*

Bachelor of Education (Arts), 1987 – Kenyatta University

Second Class Honours (Upper Division)

Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education: Ngirambu Girls High School, 1982

Kenya Certificate of Education: St. Anne's Lioki, Kiambu, 1980

1.1.3 Employment History

Senior Lecturer: 14th August 2008 to Present

Lecturer: 1999 to 2008

Tutorial Fellow: 1994 to 1999

Graduate Assistant: 1989 to 1994

1.1.4 Achievements

- Successfully supervised six Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) students to completion.
- Successfully supervised multiple Master of Arts (MA) and Master of Theology (MTh) students to completion.
- Developed and contributed to peer-reviewed university teaching modules including ARE 320 Islam in East Africa, ARE 450 Inter-faith Dialogue, and Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements in Africa.
- Published single-authored and co-authored articles in refereed journals in the areas of African Christianity, gender, sexuality, ecology, peace, conflict and religion.

- Published book chapters in scholarly edited volumes addressing women, peace-building, democratization, ecology and youth studies.
- Served in academic leadership positions including Chairperson of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies and Acting Dean.
- Served as External Examiner in universities in Kenya and Ghana.
- Secured and participated in funded research projects supported by CODESRIA and Ford Foundation.
- Participated in international, regional, and national conferences, symposia, and webinars, presenting scholarly papers in Religious Studies and Theology.
- Contributed to mentorship, student practicum, and student mentorship programmes in Kenyatta University.
- Contributed to editorial work including editing of scholarly manuscripts and assistant editorship of a forthcoming scholarly book.

1.2 PUBLICATIONS

1.2.1 Refereed Journals

- Gecaga M.(2005)
“HIV/AIDS Rehabilitation Projects in Kenya: A Window of Hope for Women and Children”. In Voices From Third World Theologians Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians:Interfaith Dialogue Listening to African Voices vol. xxviii no.2 pp 116-134
<https://ixtheo.de/Record/1645446050>
- Gecaga, M. (2007).
“The Response of the Church to the Plight of Children in Africa.”
World Studies in Christianity, Vol. 13, Part 2, The Edinburgh Review of Theology and Religion.
Edinburgh University Press, pp. 142–159.
<https://muse.jhu.edu/pub/63/article/218360>
- Gecaga, M. (2012).
“Theological Insights on Ecology and Technology towards Sustainable Development and Peace in Africa.”
Hekima Review Journal of Hekima College, Jesuit School of Theology ,Peace Studies and International Relation, No. 46, pp. 57–73.
<https://journals.hekima.ac.ke/index.php/journals/article/view/831>
- Tumuti, D., Mule, L., Gecaga, M., & Mangurui, D. (2013).
Enhancing Graduate Employability through Community Engagement.
Journal of Administrative Science and Policy Studies, Vol. 1.
<https://jasps.thebrpi.org/vol-1-no-1-december-2013-abstract-1-jasps>

- Musili, T., & Gecaga, M. (2016).
Unfolding Religiosity and Spirituality: Towards an Integrated Theology of Holism in the Advent of New HIV Infections in Africa.
The International Journal of Humanities and Social Studies, Vol. 4 Issue 9, pp. 230-235.
<https://www.internationaljournalcorner.com/index.php/theijhss/article/view/126924>
- Thuku, P., Maina, L., & Gecaga, M. (2016).
The Relationship between Psychosocial Preparation for Retirement and Quality of Life in Kenya.
International Journal of Social Science and Humanities, Vol. 4 Issue 3, pp. 251-260.
<https://www.researchpublish.com/papers/the-relationship-between-psychosocial-preparation-for-retirement-and-quality-of-life-of-retirees-in-kenya>
- Musili, T., Gecaga, M., & Gitome, J. (2018).
Condom Use and Culture of Life: The Roman Catholic Church Dilemma in the Wake of New HIV Infections.
Journal of Research on Humanities and Social Sciences, Vol. 8 No. 6, pp. 66–72.
<https://www.iiste.org/Journals/index.php/RHSS/article/view/41553/42776>
- Cherono, M., Gecaga, M., & Gitome, J. (2023).
Effects of Anglican Church of Kenya and Kenya Assemblies of God Teachings on Sexual Behaviour Choices of Students in Selected Universities in Nairobi County.
International Journal of Humanity and Social Sciences, Vol. 1 Issue 2, pp. 1–19.
<https://carijournals.org/journals/IJHSS/article/view/1524/1888>
- Abdi, A., Gecaga, M., & Kahumbi, N. (2023).
The Influence of Terrorism Activities on Muslim-Christian Relations in Garissa.
International Journal of Current Aspects, Vol. 6 Issue 1, pp. 1-23.
<https://journals.ijcab.org/journals/index.php/ijcab/article/view/223/209>
- Sunguti, K., Katola, M., & Gecaga, M. (2023).
Factors Contributing to the Increase in Suicide Cases and its Mitigation among Youth in Ruaraka Deanery of the Catholic Archdiocese of Nairobi.
Journal of Applied Philosophy, Vol. 21 No. 3, pp. 19–32
https://www.igwebuikerresearchinstitute.org/o_journals/AMAMIHE_21.3.3.pdf
- Cherono, M., Gecaga, M., & Gitome, J. (2024).
Role of Church Affiliation and Sexual Behaviour Choices of Students in Selected Universities in Nairobi County.
International Journal of Humanity and Social Sciences, Vol. 2 Issue 1, pp. 1–16.
https://carijournals.org/journals/IJHSS/article/view/1524/1888?srsId=AfmBOorW36vh96oP_VUjhf9ZMUkdGd6-aYgRf736DJ9g1jfiXq0ImvSn
- Ronoh, L., Kaviya, C., & Gecaga, M. (2024).
Violence Against Women: Mitigation Role of the African Inland Church in Uasin Gishu County.
Journal of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Vol. 21 Issue 3, pp. 31–37.

<https://isarpublisher.com/backend/public/assets/articles/1710147578-ISARJAHSS--1502024-Gallery-Script.pdf>

- Mabeya, M., Samita, Z., & Gecaga, M. (2025).
Personal Evangelism and Church Growth: A Case Study of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Nairobi County.
Journal of Sociology, Psychology and Religious Studies, Vol. 5 Issue 6, pp. 12–26.
<https://doi.org/10.70619/vol5iss6pp12-26-641>

1.2.2 University Level Scholarly Books

- Mwaura, P., Gecaga, M., and Samita, Z. Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements in Africa.
Kenyatta University Press (Peer-reviewed, approved for use)

1.2.3 Patented Invention or Innovations

1.2.4 Tertiary Level Scholarly Books

1.2.5 Book Chapters

- Gecaga, M. (1996).
“Rape as a Tool of Violence Against Women.”
In Wamue, G. & Getui, M. (Eds.), Violence Against Women (pp. 49–59).
Nairobi: Acton Publishers.
- Gecaga, M. (1999).
“Creative Stewardship for a New Earth.”
In Getui, M. & Obeng, E. (Eds.), Theology of Reconstruction: Exploratory Essays (pp. 28–48).
Nairobi: Acton Publishers.
- Gecaga, M. (2002).
“Impact of War on African Women.”
In Getui, M. & Ayanga, H. (Eds.), Conflicts in Africa: A Women’s Response (pp. 53–70).
Nairobi: Ruaraka Printing Press.
- Gecaga, M. (2002).
“Ethnic Conflicts and Their Impact on Women.”
In Getui, M. & Theuri, M. (Eds.), Quest for Abundant Life in Africa (pp. 45–61).
Nairobi: Acton Publishers.
- Gecaga, M. (2003).
“Cause of Violent Conflicts: African Traditional Perspective.”
In Getui, M. & Musyoni, W. (Eds.), Overcoming Violence: A Faith Based Response (pp. 16–36).
Nairobi: National Council of Churches of Kenya.

- Gecaga, M. (2007).
“Religious Groups and Democratization in Kenya: Between the Sacred and the Profane.”
In Kenya: The Struggle for Democracy (pp. 58–89).
London: Zed Books.
- Gecaga, M. (2008).
“Sex Education in the Context of Changing Family Roles.”
In Getui, M. (Ed.), Responsible Leadership in Marriage and Family (pp. 49–59).
Nairobi: Acton Publishers.
- Gecaga, M. (2012).
“Globalization and the Churches.”
In Mwase, I. & Kamaara, E. (Eds.), Theologies of Liberation and Reconstruction (pp. 320–340).
Nairobi: Acton Publishers.
- Gecaga, M. (2013).
“Search for Identity: Youth, Culture and Religion in the Mount Kenya Region.”
In Njogu, K. (Ed.), Citizen Participation in Decision Making: Towards Inclusive Development (pp.147–159).
Nairobi: Twaweza Communication.
- Gecaga, M. (2019).
“Beyond Anthropocentrism to Biocentric or Ecocentric Inclusiveness: Engaging the Church in Kenya in Exploring Alternative Futures for Humanity and Nature.”
In Amutabi, M. (Ed.), Africa Parading Through Development (pp. 277–284).
Nairobi: Centre for Democracy, Research and Development.
- Gecaga, M.
“Healing, Empowerment and Transformation: Social and Spiritual Capital in Pentecostalism.”
In Mwaura, P. & Gecaga, M. (Eds.), Religion, Spirituality and Power in Kenya and Uganda. Funded by CODESRIA.
Forthcoming (2026)

1.2.6 Refereed Learning Modules

- Gecaga, M. ARE 320 Islam in East Africa (Being revised for final submission)
- Gecaga, M., Nzau, J., and Samita, Z. ARE 450: Inter-faith Dialogue (Being revised for final submission)
- Mwaura, P., Gecaga, M., and Samita, Z. Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements in Africa. Kenyatta University Press (Peer-reviewed, approved for use)

1.2.7 Reviewed Conference Papers

- International Webinar on Application of African Philosophical and Religious Thought in Addressing Contemporary Issues on 27 February 2026

Organized by the Virtual Exchange in Religious Euro-African Dialogue (VEREAD) in collaboration with the Department of Religious Studies and the University of Dar es Salaam.

- World Forum of Theology and Liberation, Brazil, 21–25 January 2009
Theme: Water, Earth Theology: Towards Another Possible World.
- International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance (IAEVG) Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 14–16 September 2005
Paper presented: Puberty Initiation Seclusion School.
- Sixth Confucius Institute Conference, China, December 2011
Participated in a global conference focused on sharing best practices in the operations of Confucius Institutes and discussing development strategies for Confucius Institutes in the coming decade.
- Catholics for a Free Choice Intensive Theology Training, Washington DC, United States of America, 6–9 December 2002
- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT) Africa Region Conference, Accra, Ghana, 28 February – 6 March 2005
Paper presented: HIV/AIDS Rehabilitation Projects in Kenya: A Window of Hope for Women and Children.
- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT) Women's Commission Conference, Kempton Park Lutheran Conference Centre, South Africa, 22–23 July 2006.
- Inter-University Council of East Africa Workshop, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 20–22 June 2011.
- Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians (East African Region) Conference, Mystic Centre, Nairobi, August 2011
Paper presented: Women and Peace Building in Africa.
- 9th International Interdisciplinary Conference, Multimedia University, Kenya, 26–28 June 2019
Paper presented: Beyond Anthropocentrism to Bio-centric or Eco-centric Inclusiveness: Engaging the Church in Kenya in Exploring Alternative Futures for Humanity and Nature.
- Hekima College Symposium, Nairobi, March 2012
Paper presented: Theological Insights on Ecology and Technology towards Sustainable Development and Peace in Africa.
- Circle For Concerned African Women Theologians (East African Region) Mystic Centre Nairobi, Paper presented" Women and Peace Building in Africa" August 2011.
- County Conversations Forum, organized by Twaweza Communication, Izaak Walton Inn, Embu, November 2010
Paper presented: Search for Identity? Youth, Culture and Religion in the Mount Kenya Region.

- 10th Hekima college Symposium Paper Presented “Contesting Identities in the Context of Democratic Change in Africa” March 2009.
- African Institute for Contemporary Mission and Research paper presented: “The Gospel Symbol of the Kingdom and the African values of Hospitality and sharing”: A Response to the problems of famine in Africa. 2007
- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians, (EATWOT) Kenya Chapter August 2004, Association of Sisterhoods of Kenya, Ngong Road. Paper presented: “Challenges of Inter-Faith dialogue: Reflections in the face of Globalization and the war on Terror”.
- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians, EATWOT Kenyan Chapter August 2003, Karen. Paper presented “Building a Democratic Society: The Role of the church in the Politics of Transition in Kenya”.
- Ecumenical Association of the Third World Theologians Kenya Chapter August 2002, St. Paul’s United Theological College Limuru, Paper presented: “Youth subculture: A challenge to the church”.

1.2.8 Secondary School Level Textbooks

1.2.9 Short Communication in Journals

1.2.10 Consultancy and Project Reports

- Ford Foundation Research Project, New York (2000)
Involved in research on Ethnicity, Community Relations and Civil Society in Kenya: Perspective from a New Generation.
- Council for the Development of Social Sciences Research in Africa (CODESRIA) – Kenya National Working Group
Completed research on “The Role of Religious Groups in the Democratization process in Kenya.”
From this research, wrote a chapter “Religious Groups and Democratization: Between the Sacred and the Profane” published in Zed Books, London (2007).
- Pentecostal and Charismatic Research Initiative (CRN): A Comparative Research Network
Research Topic: “Religion, Spirituality and Power in Kenya and Uganda.”
Role: Co-investigator
Funding body: CODESRIA (2013)
Amount granted: US\$ 25,000
Chapter produced from this research:
“Healing, Empowerment and Transformation: Social and Spiritual Capital in Pentecostalism.”

1.2.11 Non - Reviewed Conference Papers

- World Forum of Theology and Liberation, Brazil, 21–25 January 2009
Theme: Water, Earth Theology: Towards Another Possible World.

- International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance (IAEVG) Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 14–16 September 2005
Paper presented: Puberty Initiation Seclusion School.
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Participated in a global conference focused on sharing best practices in the operations of Confucius Institutes and discussing development strategies for Confucius Institutes in the coming decade.
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- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT) Africa Region Conference, Accra, Ghana, 28 February – 6 March 2005
Paper presented: HIV/AIDS Rehabilitation Projects in Kenya: A Window of Hope for Women and Children.
- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT) Women's Commission Conference, Kempton Park Lutheran Conference Centre, South Africa, 22–23 July 2006.
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- Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians (East African Region) Conference, Mystic Centre, Nairobi, August 2011
Paper presented: Women and Peace Building in Africa.
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- Circle For Concerned African Women Theologians (East African Region) Mystic Centre Nairobi, Paper presented" Women and Peace Building in Africa" August 2011.
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- African Institute for Contemporary Mission and Research paper presented: "The Gospel Symbol of the Kingdom and the African values of Hospitality and sharing": A Response to the problems of famine in Africa. 2007

- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians, (EATWOT) Kenya Chapter August 2004, Association of Sisterhoods of Kenya, Ngong Road. Paper presented: “Challenges of Inter-Faith dialogue: Reflections in the face of Globalization and the war on Terror”.
- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians, EATWOT Kenyan Chapter August 2003, Karen. Paper presented “Building a Democratic Society: The Role of the church in the Politics of Transition in Kenya”.
- Ecumenical Association of the Third World Theologians Kenya Chapter August 2002, St. Paul’s United Theological College Limuru, Paper presented: “Youth subculture: A challenge to the church”.

1.2.12 Refereed Exhibitions and Performances

1.2.13 Other Publications

- Edited the manuscript of the book by Yocab Tesfai (2010) Holy Warriors, Infidels and Peace Makers in Africa, New York: Palgrave MacMillan

1.2.14 Editorship of a Book or Conference Proceedings

- Assistant Editor
Religion, Spirituality and Power in Kenya and Uganda (2026)
Funded by the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA)

1.2.15 Scholarly Presentations at Conferences/Workshops/Seminars

- World Forum of Theology and Liberation, Brazil, 21–25 January 2009
Theme: Water, Earth Theology: Towards Another Possible World.
- International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance (IAEVG) Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 14–16 September 2005
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- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT) Women's Commission Conference, Kempton Park Lutheran Conference Centre, South Africa, 22–23 July 2006.
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- Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians (East African Region) Conference, Mystic Centre, Nairobi, August 2011
Paper presented: Women and Peace Building in Africa.
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Paper presented: Beyond Anthropocentrism to Bio-centric or Eco-centric Inclusiveness: Engaging the Church in Kenya in Exploring Alternative Futures for Humanity and Nature.
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- Circle For Concerned African Women Theologians (East African Region) Mystic Centre Nairobi, Paper presented: "Women and Peace Building in Africa" August 2011.
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- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians, EATWOT Kenyan Chapter August 2003, Karen. Paper presented "Building a Democratic Society: The Role of the church in the Politics of Transition in Kenya".
- Ecumenical Association of the Third World Theologians Kenya Chapter August 2002, St. Paul's United Theological College Limuru, Paper presented: "Youth subculture: A challenge to the church".

1.2.16 Book Review Published in Refereed Journals

1.3 QUALITY TEACHING, LEARNING AND MENTORSHIP

1.3.1 Student Evaluations

- Student-Lecturer Evaluation reports attached
- Evidence of student evaluation available through attached reports for undergraduate teaching.

1.3.2 Trainings in Higher Education

- Certificate issued by the Centre for Teaching Excellence and Evaluation for completing a course on Teaching Methodology which included setting of Examinations, Administration of Examinations and Marking and Analysis of Scores.
- Certificate for participating in Student Practicum May–August 2019.
- Certificate for participating in Student Mentorship Program in Kenyatta University.

1.3.3 Ongoing Supervisions

- Wilson Okonjo Adongo (C82/33365/2015)
“Managing Leadership Succession in African Instituted Churches with reference to the voice of Salvation and Heling Church of Kenya.” PhD
- Thiongo Joyce Njeri (C82/384505/2016)
“Counter Narrative as a Strategy of mitigating Radicalization, Extremism, and Terrorism among Muslims in Kenya” PhD

1.3.4 Supervision of Postgraduate Students

1.3.4.1 Masters

- Kimani Justin
“The Role of The Church Organization in Mediation of Conflict: The Case Study of Sudan”
(MA) Peace Studies, Hekima College Institute of Peace Studies and International Relations, 2007
- Nyilinkwaya Zacharie
“Theological Examination of the Relationship between the widows of the Rwanda Genocide and the Anglican Church of Rwanda”
Master of Theology (MTh) in African Christianity, Daystar University, 2009
- Chris E. Anthony
“Analysis of Perceptions and Praxis of Work among African Neo-Pentecostals: A Case Study of Maximum Miracle Centre, Nairobi.”
Master of Theology (MTh) in African Christianity, Daystar University, 2009
- Geoffery Njenga
“Theological Foundations for Successful Leadership: A Case Study of Selected Anglican

Church of Kenya Church (ACK) Congregations”
Master of Theology (MTh) in African Christianity, Daystar University, 2011

- Kiptoo Bett
“The role of the Catholic in Environmental Conservation in Kericho County”
(MA), Religious Studies, Kenyatta University, 2015
- Maina Daniel
“Conflict in Pentecostal Churches: The Case of Christian Church Intentional, Kiria-ini”
(MA), Religious Studies, Kenyatta University, 2015
- Kabiru Jonathan Kariuki
“Peace Buliding among the Urban Poor of Mathare Informal Settlement in Nairobi County: the intervention of the Anglican Church of Kenya, Diocese of Nairobi”
(MA), Religious Studies, Kenyatta University, 2016
- Nyaga Eugenio
“Participation of the Catholic Church in the Consumption of Avocado to Finance Food Security in Evurore Division Mbeere North Sub-County Embu County.”
(MA), Religious Studies, Kenyatta University, 2017
- Onserio Nyang’au
“The Influence of Catholic Theology of Sexuality on Teenage Girls in Njoro Deanery Nakuru County”
(MA), Religious Studies, Kenyatta University, 2017
- Abdi Aden Ismail
“The Influence of Terrorism Activities on Muslim-Christian Relations in Garissa County”
(MA), Religious Studies, Kenyatta University, 2023
- Sunguti Henry Ron
“Catholic Church Teaching on Sanctity of Human Life and Its Bearing on Suicide Among Youth in Ruaraka Deanery Nairobi City County”
(MA), Religious Studies, Kenyatta University, 2023
- Ronoh Lucy
“Domestic Violence Against Women in African Inland Church in Uasin Gishu County”
(MA), Religious Studies, Kenyatta University, 2024

1.3.4.2 PhD

- Thuku Pauline
“Relationship Between Retirement Preparation in the Psycho social, Financial and Health domains and The Quality of Life of Retirees in Nyeri County”
PhD, Kenyatta University, 2015
- Musili Telesia
“Christian Perceptions and ‘ABC’ Strategy in the New HIV Infections in Kiambu County.”
PhD, Kenyatta University, 2017

- Mukisha Joy Isabbirye
“The Anglican Theology of Sexuality: Its Teaching and Practice Among Students in Anglican Church Founded Schools in Jinja District, Busoga Region Uganda”
PhD, Kenyatta University, 2021
- Cherono Marseline Rotich
“Impact of Anglican Church and Kenya Assemblies of God Teachings on Sexual Behaviour Choices of University Students Nairobi City County.”
PhD, Kenyatta University, 2021
- Opol Samuel
“Political Involvement and Relations of Anglican Christians and Sunni Muslims During the National Resistance Administration, Kampala, 1986–2016”
PhD, Kenyatta University, 2024
- Iminza Florence
“Participation of Women in the Promotion of Christian-Muslim Dialogue with Reference to Umbrella Religious Organizations”
PhD, Kenyatta University, 2025

1.4 PROFESSIONAL/CONSULTANCY

1.4.1 Networks/Collaborations

- Pentecostal and Charismatic Research Initiative (CRN): A Comparative Research Network
- Council for the Development of Social Sciences Research in Africa (CODESRIA) – Kenya National Working Group
- Ford Foundation Research Project, New York
- Virtual Exchange in Religious Euro-African Dialogue (VEREAD) in collaboration with the Department of Religious Studies and the University of Dar es Salaam
- Inter-University Council of East Africa Workshop collaboration
- Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians
- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT)

1.4.2 Editorial Boards/Referee for professional periodicals

- Edited the manuscript of the book by Yocab Tesfai (2010) *Holy Warriors, Infidels and Peace Makers in Africa*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan
- Assistant Editor
Religion, Spirituality and Power in Kenya and Uganda (2026)
Funded by the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA).

- Peer review contribution through refereed scholarly publications and reviewed university learning modules.

1.4.3 Consulting for international/national boards

- Board Member of Confucius Institute.
- Board Member of the Directorate of Community Outreach and Extension Programmes (COEP).
- Board Member of the Centre for Teacher Professional Development and Excellence (2018).
- Member of the University Committee for the establishment of the Institute of China Studies.
- Member of the Confucius Institute Management Board.
- Member of the University Committee for Financial Literacy (joint venture of Kenyatta University and Equity Bank), 2010–2011.

1.4.5 Consulting for organizations/institutions

- Ford Foundation Research Project, New York (2000)
Involved in research on Ethnicity, Community Relations and Civil Society in Kenya: Perspective from a New Generation.
- Council for the Development of Social Sciences Research in Africa (CODESRIA) – Kenya National Working Group
Completed research on “The Role of Religious Groups in the Democratization process in Kenya.”
From this research, wrote a chapter “Religious Groups and Democratization: Between the Sacred and the Profane” In Murunga Godwin and Nasongo Shadrack (Eds) Kenya Struggle for Democracy CODESRIA BOOKS in association with Zed Books, London (2007).
- Pentecostal and Charismatic Research Initiative (CRN): A Comparative Research Network
Research Topic: “Religion, Spirituality and Power in Kenya and Uganda.”
Role: Co-investigator
Funding body: CODESRIA (2013)
Amount granted: US\$ 25,000

1.4.6 Membership to Academic/Professional Bodies

- African Association for the Study of Religions (Member since 2001)
- Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians (Member since 1996)
- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (Kenya Chapter Secretary up to 2011)
- Puberty to Adulthood Camps Kenya (PACK) — Treasurer (2006–2016)

- Kenya Christian Professionals Forum (Member since February 2026)

1.4.7 Any other (Editorship/Peer review, external examiner, etc)

Served as External Examiner at:

- Catholic University of Eastern Africa (2020–2026)
- Alupe University College (2019–2022)
- University of Nairobi (2015–2017)
- Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (2014)
- Akrofi-Christaller Institute, Ghana (2013)
- Hekima University College (2007–2009)

1.5 ADMINISTRATIVE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1.5.1 Recognized university administrative positions

- Acting Chairperson of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies on various occasions between 2001–2012; May 2001, March 2005, May 2011, December 2011, January 2012, May 2012.
- Examination Coordinator of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies (Religious Studies section), 2008–2010.
- Chairperson of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Kenyatta University (2012–2016).
- Acting Dean (then School of Humanities and Social Sciences), now School of Law, Arts and Social Sciences, November 2015.
- Acting Director, Community Outreach and Extension Programs (COEP), June and September 2011.
- Acting Director, Accommodation Services, October 2011.

1.5.2 Other responsibilities in the University

- Board Member of Confucius Institute.
- Board Member of the Directorate of Community Outreach and Extension Programmes (COEP).
- Board Member of the Centre for Teacher Professional Development and Excellence (2018).
- Member of the University Committee for the establishment of the Institute of China Studies.
- Member of the Confucius Institute Management Board.

- Member of the University Committee for Financial Literacy (joint venture of Kenyatta University and Equity Bank), 2010–2011.
- Member of the Planning Committee for the Kenya Secondary School Association (KSSA) Meeting (2012).
- Member of the Planning Committee for Equity Group Foundation Congress (2013).
- Member of the University Procurement Committee (2014–2016).
- Member of the University Medical Camps (1–5) Organizing Committee (2017–2018).
- Member of the School of Law, Art and Social Sciences Committee on Collaboration and Linkages (2023).
- Member of the following committees in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies:
 - Executive Committee
 - Post-Graduate Committee
 - DSVOL Coordinator
 - Resource Room Coordinator
 - Time tabling (Religious Studies' Section)
 - Linkages and Collaboration Committee
 - Departmental Representative at the Directorate of Disability

1.6 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

1.6.1 Research funding

- Council for the Development of Social Sciences Research in Africa (CODESRIA) Grant Awarded under the Small Grant Programme for Thesis Writing, March 1998.
Amount awarded: US\$ 3,000.
- Ford Foundation Research Project, New York (2000)
Involved in research on Ethnicity, Community Relations and Civil Society in Kenya: Perspective from a New Generation.
- Council for the Development of Social Sciences Research in Africa (CODESRIA) – Kenya National Working Group
Completed research on “The Role of Religious Groups in the Democratization process in Kenya.”
From this research, wrote a chapter “Religious Groups and Democratization: Between the Sacred and the Profane” published in Zed Books, London (2007).
- Pentecostal and Charismatic Research Initiative (CRN): A Comparative Research Network
Research Topic: “Religion, Spirituality and Power in Kenya and Uganda.”
Role: Co-investigator

Funding body: CODESRIA (2013)

Amount granted: US\$ 25,000

- Chapter produced from this research:
“Healing, Empowerment and Transformation: Social and Spiritual Capital in Pentecostalism.”
- Members of the CRN include:
Professor Philomena Mwaura (Coordinator and Chief Investigator)
Prof Lazarus Ngari
Dr Margaret Gecaga
Dr Richard Mutura
Dr Kennedy Gitu Wagura
Dr Damaris Parsitau (Kenya)
Dr Paddy Musana
Dr Christopher Tuhirirwe
Dr Hellen Nkabala Nambalirwa (Uganda)

1.6.2 Community outreach

- Former Board of Governors Member — Thika Technical Training Institute
- Youth Mentor — Puberty to Adulthood Camps Kenya (PACK)
- Motivational Speaker — Secondary schools and informal institutions
- Financial supporter of Kenya Christian Students’ Association through check-off system

1.6.3 Professional Affiliation & portfolios

- African Association for the Study of Religions (Member since 2001)
- Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians (Member since 1996)
- Secretary, Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (Kenyan Chapter upto 2011)
- Puberty to Adulthood Camps Kenya (PACK) — Treasurer (2006–2016)
- Kenya Christian Professionals Forum (Member since February 2026)

1.6.4 Recognitions awards and honours

- Certificate for undertaking an intensive theology course in Washington D.C., USA, in December 2002.
- Certificate for participating in an International Seminar on “International Public Service and Culture of Peace” held in Nairobi between 11th – 12th December 2000.

- Certificate of participation in the Post-Graduate Seminar where I presented my research findings for my PhD Thesis entitled “Issues in the Controversy surrounding the Introduction of Family Life Education in Kenyan Schools 1987–1997” held between 29th – 3rd December 2004 at Kenyatta University.
- A Diploma awarded by the International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance in Lisbon, Portugal in September between 14th – 16th 2005.
- Certificate of participation in an International Conference organized by the International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance held in September between 14th – 16th 2005 in Lisbon, Portugal.
- Certificate issued by the Centre for Teaching Excellence and Evaluation for completing a course on Teaching Methodology which included setting of Examinations, Administration of Examinations and Marking and Analysis of Scores.
- Certificate for participating in Student Practicum May–August 2019.
- Certificate for participating in Student Mentorship Program in Kenyatta University.

1.7 REFEREE

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Declaration

I hereby declare that the information given above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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