

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Details

Name: DR. JAMES NDWIGA KATHURI Title/Qualification: PhD (Economic Geography), M.A Geography, PGDE, B.A (1st Class Hons.) Department: GEOGRAPHY Designation/Position: LECTURER Email: kathuri.james@ku.ac.ke Contact Address: 16778-80100 - Mombasa Area of Specialization: - Economic and Industrial Geography - Agricultural Geography - Education - Research Methods Research Interests: - Food security/Insecurity - Industries such as the flower industry - Gender and trade/industries - Education such as academic performance vs discipline Google Scholar: ORCID ID: 0000-0003-0609-7213	
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Academic & Professional Qualifications

Doctor of Philosophy (PHD), 2022: Acquired PHD (Economic Geography) of Kenyatta University: PhD Thesis Title: **Socio-Economic Determinants of Food Insecurity and Interventions for Enhancing Food Security at Household Level in Makueni County, Kenya.**

Masters Degree, 2004: Acquired Master of Arts (M.A) Degree in Geography, University of Nairobi. My M.A thesis is entitled **‘The Feminization of Labour in the Flower Industry in Naivasha, Kenya’.**

Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE), 2008: Acquired PGDE (Credit), University of Nairobi.

Under Graduate level, 1997: Acquired Bachelor of Arts (B.A) Degree **First Class Hons.** in Geography, Sociology and Philosophy, University of Nairobi.

Secondary level, 1991: K.C.S.E grade B- at Don Bosco Boys Secondary School, Embu.

Primary level, 1987: Kithimu Primary School, Embu.

Employment History

- **July 2024 to date:** Director, Kenyatta University, Mombasa Campus
- **July 2024 to date:** Kenyatta University Senator
- **2007 to date :** Employed to teach Geography at Kenyatta University – Mombasa Campus in the Department of Geography
- **Jan 2006- Jan 2008:** Lecturer at Kenya Methodist University (KEMU) in the Department of Education and Counseling. I taught Geography and Research Methods. Other courses taught at KEMU include Sociology, Anthropology and Philosophy
- **2004-2005:** Worked as a Research Coordinator at IREN Kenya.
- **1999-2002:** Assistance in teaching and conducting tutorials to under graduate students pursuing Industrial and Economic Geography in the Department of Geography, University of Nairobi. This was done while pursuing my M.A degree in the department.
- **1997-1998:** Teaching (Geography, Physics and Metal work theory) at Gitaraka Girls secondary school, Mbeere.
- **Sep.-Oct. 1997:** Teaching (Geography) at St. Peters Kathakwa secondary school, Embu.
- **Jan.1994-Sept.1994:** Teaching at Don Bosco Boys secondary school, Embu while on University holiday/ break

Achievements

- Awarded First Class Honors at Bachelor's degree of the University of Nairobi in 1997
- Was the best student and put in the board of honour at the KCSE (B Minus) at Don Bosco Technical Secondary School, Embu
- Awarded Research Grant for my Masters Degree by IFRA in 2002/2003.

Publications

Referred Journals

- Kathuri N.J, Kisovi, L.M Obando. J.A (2020) Socio-Economic Determinants of Food Insecurity at Household Level in Makueni County, Kenya In IJSRP Volume 10, Issue 7, July 2020 edition. <http://www.ijsrp.org/research-paper-0720.php?rp=P10310227> DOI 10.29322/IJSRP.10.07.2020.p10310
- Kathuri, N.J, Obando, J.A & Kisovi, M.L (2020) Household Coping and Adaptive Strategies Undertaken by Households to Enhance Food Security in Makueni County, Kenya Published in 'The IJHSS' Journal, Volume VIII, Issue 6, June, 2020 DOI No.: 10.24940/theijhss/2020/v8/i6/HS2006-066

- Co-Author of Climatic, Social-Economic, and Health Factors Affecting Human Vulnerability to Cholera in the Lake Victoria Basin, East Africa In AMBIO Vol. 36 No 1 2007 (Online)

Books and Books Chapters

- Kathuri N. James (2011) Feminization of Labour in the 21st Century Flower Industry in Africa - ISBN/ISSN Reference No. 978-3-8454-1676-2
- Kathuri N. James and Juma Josphat (2007) Slum Education: Making low-income schools relevant - ISBN/ISSN Reference No. 9966 9834 6 5
- Opondo, M, Dolan, C, Wendoh, S and Kathuri N.J (2007) Gender and Employment: Participatory Social Auditing in Kenya: In Kindon, S, Pain, R, and Kesby, M. Participatory Action Research- Approaches and Methods: Connecting People, Participation and Place. ISBN/ISSN Reference No. 0-203-93367-2 3
- Kathuri N. James (2004). The flower Industry in Africa: The case of Kenya. In Shikwati J. Reclaiming Africa: ISBN/ISSN Reference No. 9966983430 - 2004

Conference/Workshops/Seminar Papers

Conference Papers

- Kathuri N. James: Socio-Economic Determinants of Food Insecurity and Interventions for Enhancing Food Security at Household Level in Makueni County, Kenya. Presented at Kenyatta University PhD July 2022 Graduands seminar Held on 8th July, 2022. The theme of the seminar was: ***“Repositioning Research and Education beyond COVID-19 Pandemic”***
- Kathuri N. James: Dos and Don'ts in Putting Africa on the Development Map. Presented at the Africa Resource Bank Meeting in Kunduchi Beach Hotel and Resort, Tanzania 11th -14th November 2007 Sponsored by IREN Kenya
- Kathuri N.James: Strategies of creating a Better Africa': Presented at the East African Media Training Conference, Panafric Hotel , Nairobi, Kenya 14th – 19th 2007 Sponsored by IREN Kenya

Student Co-authored Publications

George Murithi Nyamu and Kathuri, N.J (2014) The Challenges of the Meat Industry: The Impact on the Operations of Kenya Meat Commission in [IOSR Journal of Business and Management](#) 16(10):25-30 DOI:[10.9790/487X-161022530](#)

Other Publications

❖ Articles published online:

- *Love Flowers to Increase Competitiveness in* www.africanexecutive.com
- *Black Smoke Everywhere in* www.africanexecutive.com
- *Develop infrastructure to Develop Africa in* www.africanexecutive.com

- *Food Insecurity* in www.africanexecutive.com
- *Referendum: Wealth Creation not Constitution* in www.africanexecutive.com
- *MDGs: Asian Tigers Miracle?* in www.africanexecutive.com
- *High Fertility Rate is a Blessing* in www.africanexecutive.com
- *Hunger: Employing Food First Strategy* in www.africanexecutive.com
- *IQ Not the Only Measure of Intelligence* in www.africanexecutive.com

Research

- PhD Thesis Research on Socio-economic Determinants of Food Insecurity and Interventions for Enhancing Food Security at Household level in Makueni County, Kenya. – PhD completed and graduated in July, 2022.

- M.A Thesis Research on the Feminization of Labour in the Flower Industry in Naivasha, Kenya' 2002- 2004.

2004-2005: Research Coordinator with Inter Region Economic Network (IREN Kenya).

The main tasks were to coordinate research both in the field and secondary data. I also coordinated data entry using Statistical Package for Social Scientists (SPSS). I also analyzed data, compiled and wrote reports. In addition, I moderated Focus Group Discussions and Facilitated Seminars as well as training of farmers.

Jan-June 2004: Consultancy work as a Research Assistant with the Kenya National Academy of Sciences (KNAS) and Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA) in various Research projects.

Sept.-Dec.2003: Team Leader of a research project entitled: **Private Schools Serving Low-Income Earners in Third World Countries: The case of Nairobi and Western Provinces in Kenya.** A project being undertaken by the University of New Castle England, in collaboration with Inter Region Economic Network (IREN KENYA). This involved co-ordination of the project, gathering of secondary and primary data, data entry using SPSS computer package and writing reports.

August 2003: Moderation of Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) for a project entitled: **Capacity Building to Evaluate and Adapt to Climate Change-Induced Vulnerability to Malaria and Cholera in the Lake Victoria Region.** A project coordinated by the Kenya National Academy of Sciences. The project covered Kericho and Kisumu Districts.

May-June 2003: Collected primary and secondary data on a project entitled: **Review and Documentation of efforts and Experiences Around Girls' Education in Kenya.** A project by Elimu Yetu Coalition in collaboration with Centre for Independent Research, Kenya. The study covered Nairobi, Tharaka and Kajiado districts.

March-April 2003: Gathering of data on a project entitled: **A Review of Health Status in Kenya**. A project co-coordinated by IREN KENYA.

Jan-Feb. 2003: **Market Survey on Radio Stations in Kenya. A project for Kiss 100 FM, Nairobi.**

December 2002: Moderated FGDs for a project entitled: **The Gender Implications of Contract Farming in the Tobacco Industry in Kenya**: A project for the Rockfellow Foundation. This covered Bungoma, Mbeere and Migori districts.

Nov-Dec 2002: Gathered secondary data and carried out interviews for a project entitled: **Capacity Building to Evaluate and Adapt to Climate Change-Induced Vulnerability to Malaria and Cholera in the Lake Victoria Region**. A project coordinated by the Kenya National Academy of Sciences. The project covered Kericho and Kisumu Districts. This also involved data entry using SPSS Computer package.

July-Sept.2002: Gathered secondary data, carried out interviews and moderated FGDs for a project entitled: **Ethical Trade in African Horticulture: Gender Rights and Participation**. A project for the United Kingdom (UK) Department for International Development (DFID) undertaken by the university of Nairobi and University of Sussex. This was conducted in Naivasha, Limuru and Ruiru.

June-July 2002: Gathered secondary data and carried out interviews for a project Entitled: **International Trade and Gender in East Africa: The Case of Cut Flower Industry in Naivasha, Kenya**. A project for Center for Development Research (CDR)

Jan-march 2002: Carried out interviews for the project entitled: **Costs and Benefits of Eliminating Child Labor in Kenya**. This also involved data entry using SPSS computer package. This project was conducted by Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA) in collaboration with International Programme for Elimination of Child Labor (IPEC), a Department of International Labor Organization (ILO). The Project Covered Nairobi, Thika and Machakos districts.

June-July 2001: Secondary data collection for a project entitled: **The Gender Implications of Contract Farming in the Tobacco Industry in Kenya**: A project for the Rockfellow Foundation.

2000-2001:

- (i) Conduction of interviews and gathering of secondary data for a project entitled: **An Understanding of the Business Systems in Kenya: The case of the Metal Sub-sector**. A project for the Institute for Development Studies (IDS), University of Nairobi. The study covered Nairobi, Mombasa and Eldoret districts.
- (ii) Secondary data collection for a project entitled: **International Trade and Gender in East Africa: The Case of Cut Flower, Fishing and Garment Industry in Kenya**. A project for CDR.

Funded Projects

- Funding of my M.A thesis is entitled ‘**The Feminization of Labour in the Flower Industry in Naivasha, Kenya**’. by **French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA)** in 2000/2003 amounting to Ksh 70,000.

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Conferences/Workshops/Seminars Attended

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- Gave key note address to the Art-based sustainability event for pupils shaping sustainable development of Mombasa city on 27th July 2024 at Kenyatta University, Mombasa Campus under the project titled: “building urban community networks for sustainable cities in Africa – UComNetSus - Africa.
- Kenyatta University PhD July 2022 Graduands seminar Held on 8th July, 2022. The theme of the seminar was: “***Repositioning Research and Education beyond COVID-19 Pandemic***”
- Africa Resource Bank Meeting in Kunduchi Beach Hotel and Resort, Tanzania 11th -14th November 2007 Sponsored by IREN Kenya
- East African Media Training Conference, Panafric Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya 14th – 19th 2007 Sponsored by IREN Kenya
- Facilitated an Africa Resource Bank Meeting (ARB) Conference at Lake Bogoria, Kenya in November, 2005.

Workshops Attended

- Attended a GIS training workshop at the Kenya National Academy of Sciences between 25th and 29th August 2003.
- Was a rapporteur on Centre for Training and Integrated Research in ASAL Development (CETRAD) workshop at Silver Springs Hotel on 15TH May 2003.
- Was a rapporteur in the Ethical Trade in Horticulture: Gender Rights and Participation workshop held on 25th and 26th February 2003 at Panafric Hotel, Nairobi.
- Attended a training workshop on Socio-Economic and Health data collection o 14th to 19th October 2002 at KEMRI, Kisian –Kisumu.
- Participated in the sub-committee on Agriculture which negotiates for World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement in July 2002 at Panafric Hotel, Nairobi.
- Trained in two days workshop on participatory research methods and aspects of social participatory auditing in 2002 by the Ethical Trade and African Horticulture Research Team.

- Participation in the International Trade and Gender in East Africa Workshop at Entebbe, Uganda in December 2001.

Seminars Attended

- Invitation as a speaker to various church youth seminars on issues of good governance, human rights, Hiv/Aids and other challenges facing the youth.

Supervision of Postgraduate Students

Masters

- Factors influencing the sustainability of Kenya Meat Commission: A case study of Mombasa Branch: A Research Project Report Submitted to School of Human Resource Management, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology in Partial Fulfilment of the Requirement of Executive Masters in Business Administration (EMBA) by: George Murithi Nyamu, HD334- 033-2396-2011
- An Investigation of Factors Causing Poor performance in Kilifi District; MED proposal presented at KEMU by Esther Wanjiru Githaiga.

Professional/ Consultancy (Editor/ Peer review in journals, Networks/ Collaborations, External Examiner, Patents)

- Lead External Examiner for Kenya Institute of Professional Counselling (KIPC) which was in collaboration with Kenya Methodist University between 2006 and 2007.

Community Service and Other Engagements

- Chairman BOM, St Benedict Kithimu Secondary School, Kithimu Ward, Embu County
- Chairman, Kithimu Vocational and Training Centre, Kithimu Ward, Embu County
- Chairman, St Andrews Primary School, Embu, Kithimu Ward, Embu County
- Finance Director, Cordial Smart Ventures Co. Ltd.

Affiliation of Professional Bodies

- IREN KENYA

Administrative Positions Held

- Currently serving in the position of Director, Mombasa Campus
- Kenyatta University Senator
- Committee Member in the Kenyatta University appointed committee on Development of Teacher Professional Development (TPD) Implementation Framework
- Mombasa Campus Examinations Coordinator
- Coordinator, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kenyatta University, Mombasa Campus

Recognized university administrative positions

- Currently serving in the position of Director, Mombasa Campus
- Kenyatta University Senator
- Mombasa Campus Examinations Coordinator
- Secretary, Mombasa Campus Management Board
- Zonal Teaching Practice Coordinator - Nyeri Zone
- ISO and QMS Coordinator, Mombasa Campus

Other administrative positions Held

- Mombasa Campus Examinations Coordinator – From 2020 to date.
- Coordinator, School of Humanities and Social Sciences- 2009 – 2020
- Departmental Examinations Coordinator at Kenya Methodist University between 2006-2007
- School Based Programme Coordinator at Kenya Methodist University in 2007.