# Curriculum Vitae

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**PERSONAL AND CAREER GOALS**

I look forward to teaching Theology and Religious Studies to undergraduate and graduate students in a college or university setting and to pursue primary research and publishing in these fields.

**EDUCATION**

1986 Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Penn. Doctor of Philosophy in Systematic Theology. Passed Comprehensive Exams with honours. Dissertation: *Vatican II: The Problem of Inculturation*.

1983 Magdalen College, Bedford, N.H. Pontificate Certificate of Catechetical Qualification.

1982 Gannon University, Erie, Penn. Master of Arts in Religious Education. QPA 4.00. Thesis: *Inculturation of Christian Sacraments of Initiation*.

1982 Gannon University, Pontifical Centre, Erie, Penn. Advanced Catechetical Diploma.

1981 Magdalen College, Bedford, N.H. Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts. Major in Philosophy and Theology. Magna cum laude. QPA: 3.7.

1976 Loreto Convent Msongari, Nairobi, Kenya. East African Advance Certificate of Education (EAACE).

1973 Mount St. Mary’s Secondary School, Namagunga, Lugazi, Uganda. East African Certificate of Education (EACE).

**AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE**

Theology of the Church

Liberation Theology

Inculturation of the Sacraments

African Womanist Theology

African Religion

Belief Systems in Kenya

Christian Response to Contemporary Issues.

**ACADEMIC RANK AND TEACHING POSITIONS**

1987 Lecturer in Systematic Theology, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya.

1989 Senior Lecturer in Systematic Theology, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya.

1994 Associate Professor in Systematic Theology, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya.

2002 Full Professor in Systematic Theology, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya.

**OTHER TEACHING POSITIONS**

1985 Part-time lecturer on African Religion, Carlow College, Pittsburgh.

1984-1986 Guest lecturer on Feminism in Third World Countries, Dusquesne University, Pittsburgh.

1991 Summer School lecturer on the Emerging African Christologies and Ecclesiologies, Maryknoll School of Theology, Maryknoll, N.Y.

1999 Lecturer in Religious life and Inculturation, Bethlehem, South Africa.

**ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS: ACADEMIC**

**1978-1979** Vice Principal, Kisoko Girls’ Secondary School, Nambale, Kenya.

**1987-1990** Supervisor of Kenyatta University Students on Teaching Practice.

**1987-1992** Examinations Officer for Philosophy and Religious Studies Department. Kenyatta University, Nairobi.

**1999-2001** Acting Dean of Students, Kenyatta University, Nairobi.

**1999-2002** Chairperson of Departmental Postgraduate Committee, Religious Studies Department, Kenyatta University, Nairobi.

**2002-2004** Dean of Students, Kenyatta University, Nairobi.

**2002-2003** Chairperson, School of Humanities and Social Sciences Board of Postgraduate Studies. Kenyatta University, Nairobi.

**ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS: RELIGIOUS**

**1976-1978** Assistant Formation Directress, Little Sisters of St. Francis, Bahati, Nakuru, Kenya.

**1976-1978** Vocation Directress, for the Little Sisters of St. Francis in Kenya.

**1984-1986** Coordinator of the Little Sisters of St. Francis in the USA.

**1992-1998** Superior General of the Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, Generalate in Uganda.

**1993-2001** Member, Executive Committee, Franciscans International at the United Nations.

**1993-2001** Executive Council Member Representing Third World on International Franciscan Conference of the Brothers and Sisters of the Third Order Regular, Rome, Italy.

**2010-2016** Superior General of the Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, Generalate in Uganda.

**PUBLICATIONS**

“Vatican II and Liturgical Adaptations.” *African Theological Journal* 13.1 (1984).

“The Other Africa: Sexism in African Society.” *Raggio* 54.6 (1987).

“Polygamy: A Feminist Critique.” *Apostolate to Nomads of AMECEA (ANA)* 130-131 (1988).

“Christology and an African Woman’s Experience.” *Jesus in African Christianity: Experimentation and Diversity in African Christology*. Eds. J.N.K. Mugambi and Laurenti Magesa. Nairobi: Initiatives, 1989. 123-135. Rpt. in *Faces of Jesus in Africa.* Ed. Robert J. Schreiter. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1991. 70-81, and in *Liberation Theology: An Introductory Reader*. Eds. Curt Cadorette et al. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1992. 92-103.

“Images of Women in African Religious Tradition.” *Communicatio Socialis: Journal of Christian Communication in the Third World* 8 (1989).

“La polygamie aux prise avec la critique féministe.” *Telema: Revue de réflexion et créativité chrétiennes en Afrique* 59-60 (1989). Rpt. as “Polygamy: A Feminist Critique.” *The Will to Arise: Women, Tradition, and the Church in Africa*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1992. 101-118.

“Response.” *Towards African Christian Liberation*. Nairobi: Paulines, 1990.

*Talitha, Qumi! Proceedings of the Convocation of African Women Theologians*. Trinity College, Legon-Accra. Sept. 24-Oct. 1989. Nigeria: Day Star, 1990.

“Religious Ferment in East Africa.*” Voices from the Third World: A Cry for Life. Spirituality of the Third World* 14.2 (1991) 76-94.

“Christianity and African Rituals of Birth and Naming. *The Will to Arise: Women, Tradition, and the Church in Africa*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1992. 40-53.

“Child Neglect and Abuse: An African Moral Question.” *Moral and Ethical Issues in African Christianity*. Eds. J.N.K. Mugambi and A. Nasimiyu-Wasike. Nairobi: Action, 1992. 153-169.

“Prophetic Mission of the Church: The Voices of African Women.” *Mission in African Christianity: Critical Essays in Missiology.* Eds. A. Nasimiyu- Wasike and D.W. Waruta. Nairobi: Uzima, 1993.

“The Role of Women in Small Christian Communities,” *How Local is the Local Church: Small Christian Communities and Church in Eastern Africa.* Eldoret: AMECEA Gaba, 1993.

“Domestic Violence Against Women: A Cry for Life in Wholeness.” *Pastoral Care in African Christianity: Challenging Essays in Pastoral Theology.* Eds. D.W. Waruta and H.W. Kinoti. Nairobi: Action, 1993.

“Liberation of Co-opted and Oppressive Culture and Religion.” *Culture, Religion and Liberation*. Ed. , Simon Maimela. Pretoria: Penrose, 1994.

“Religieuses Africaines.” Spiritus: Expérience et recherche missionnaire 137 (1994).

“Acceptance of the Total Human Situation as a Precondition for Authentic Inculturation.” *Inculturation: Abide by the Otherness of Africa and Africans.* Eds. P. Turkson and F.J.S. Wijsen. Netherlands: Kok, 1994.

“Dialogue between the North and the South.” *Africa: The Kairos of a Synod. Sedos Symposium on Africa*. April-May 1994. Eds. Walter Von Holzen and Seán Fagan. Rome: Sedos, 1995.

“Mary, the Pilgrim of Faith for African Women.” *The Bible in African Christianity: Essays in Biblical Theology.* Eds. Hanna Kinoti and John M. Waliggo. Nairobi: Action, 1997. 165-178.

“Witnesses to Jesus Christ in African Context at the Dawn of A New Millennium.” *Propositum: A Periodical of the Third Order Regular Franciscan History and Spirituality.* 1997.

“Poverty, Peace, Justice, the Vow of Poverty: Religious Women as Witnesses of Justice and Peace.” Inculturation and Millennium-Trends: Consecrated Life of Women Religious in Eastern Africa. Sisters of East Africa Study Conference (SEASC) Report. Nairobi: Paulines, 1997.

“Franciscan Compassionate Caring in Kenya. *Propositum: A Periodical of the Third Order Regular Franciscan History and Spirituality.* 5.1. (2000).

“Genesis 1-2 and Some Elements of Diversion from the Original Meaning of the Creation of Man and Woman.” *Interpreting the Old Testament in Africa: Papers from the International Symposium on Africa and the Old Testament.* Nairobi, Oct. 1999. Eds. Mary Getui et al. New York: Peter Lang, 2001. Also published in Nairobi by Action Publishers.

“Is Mutuality Possible? An African Response.” *Missiology: An International Review* 29.1 (2001).

“Scenarios of Pluralism – A Sociological Analysis.” *Bulletin Dei Verbum* 62/63 1-2 (2002).

“Imaging Jesus Christ in the African Context at the Dawn of a New Millennium.” *Challenges and Prospects of the Church in Africa*. Eds. Nahashon W. Ndung’u and Philomena N Mwaura. Nairobi: Paulines, 2005.

“History of Feminism among Babukusu of Western Kenya.” *Concilium* (2006).

“The Influence of African Beliefs and Proverbs on the Control and Spread of HIV and AIDS in Western Kenya.” *Urban Ministry in Africa: Theological Reflections for the 21st Century*. Nairobi: Paulines, 2006. Paper accepted for publication in the Journal of the Ecumenical Symposium of Eastern African Theologians (ESEAT).

“Christian Response to Girl Children’s Plight at This Time of HIV/AIDS.” *The Girl Child, Women, Religion and HIV and AIDS in Africa. Report of the 4th Pan African Conference of the Circle of Concerned African Woman Theologians.* Yaounde, Cameroun, Sept. 2-8, 2007.

“Christian Response to Poverty Infrastructure and Advertising.” *Economic Partnership Agreements for Eastern African Region.* Nairobi, Beacon, 2007.

“Africans and the Catholic Church: The Process of Inculturation.” *Africans and the Catholic Church*. Ed. Olufemi Taiwo. Seattle: Seattle UP, 2008.

“Silent Voices in the Church.” *Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church.* Ed. James F. Keenan. 2012.

# SELECTED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Feminism and African Theology.” Presented at *Making of African Theology: Theology in Africa Since 1956*. Nairobi, April 1988.

“The Church: An African Woman’s Legitimate Role in Ministry and Sacramental Life.” Presented at *Conference on African Ecclesiology.* March 1990.

“Liberation of Co-opted Culture and Religion.” Presented at. *Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians Conference (EATWOT)*. Jan. 1991.

Series of lectures on “Women and Inculturation in Kenya.” Munich, Germany, March 1991.

“The Role of Women in Ministry.” Presented at a conference on *Ministry to Catholic University Students.* Nairobi, March 1992.

Reflections on African Family, Reproduction, and Work. Presented at a symposium on *Feminism and Catholic Social Thought*. Saint Paul, Minn., Dec. 1992.

“Religion and Politics, and How They Affect Women.” Presented at a the *Global Summit for Women*. Taipei, Feb. 1994.

“Africa and North Dialogue in Solidarity.” Presented at The Kairos of a Synod:Sedos Symposium on Africa. Rome, April-May 1994.

“Witnesses to Jesus Christ in Africa Context at the Dawn of A New Millennium.” Presented at *International Franciscan Conference of the Bothers and Sisters of the Third Order Regular.* June 1997

“Inculturation of the Vow of Poverty.” Presented at *SEASC Conference on Inculturation and Millennium Trends in Consecrated Life.* Lusaka, Zambia, Aug. 1997.

“The Effects of AIDS on Women and Children in Kenya.” Presented at *Women’s Worlds 99: Seventh International Congress on Women.* Tromso, Norway, June 1999.

“Is Mutuality Possible? An African Response.” Presented at *Creative Partnerships for Mission in the 21st Century: Possibilities and Pitfalls.* A meeting of the American Society of Missiology. June 2000.

“The Prophetic Role of the Church in Kenya.” Presented at *Friends of God and Prophets: Toward An Inclusive Community.* Call To Action National Conference. Milwaukee, Nov. 2000.

“The Effects of HIV/AIDS on Women and Children in Kenya.” Presented at *United Nations 45th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).* March 2001.

“Working with Religious Leaders.” Presented at *Action To Reduce Maternal Mortality In Africa: Regional Consultation on Unsafe Abortion.* Addis Ababa Ethiopia, March 2003.

“African Women and Children in Era of HIV/AIDS.” Presented to Yale University Catholic Women Scholars. New Haven, May 2004.

“The Influence of African Myths and Proverbs on the Spread and Control of HIV and AIDS.” Presented at the *East African Symposium Conference.* St. John the Baptist Pastoral Centre, April 2006.

“The value of Woman is the Value of the Church: From Rhetoric to Reality.” Presented at the *Hekima Forum for Exploring Faith in Public Life.* Hekima College, Nairobi, April 2007.

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

I have been a member of several committees at Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya, e.g., Deans Committee, Student Disciplinary Committee, Student Welfare Committee, and University Promotion and Appraisal Committee for Academic Staff. I chaired the Wardens Committee, Work Study Programme Committee, University Promotion and Appraisal Committee for Non Academic Staff, and Sisters of Eastern African Study Conference.

I coordinated the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians in East Africa and was the women’s coordinator in Africa of the Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians.

I served on the editorial committee of *Propositum*, a periodical of Third Order Regular Franciscan history and spirituality published by the International Franciscan Conference.

I supervised six master’s theses and seven doctoral dissertations at Kenyatta University, Nairobi.

**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

1979-1981 Magdalen College International Fellowship.

1981-1982 Franciscan Mission Associates Scholarship.

1983-1984 Duquesne University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences International Fellowship.

1985 Saint Joseph Fellowship Graduate Women’s Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad.

1986 Altrusa International Foundation, Inc. Grants-in-Aid.

1992 Missio Aachen Project Development Support for Theological Initiative in Africa.

2003/2004 Yale University Research Fellowship