

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- PhD** Binghamton University: Philosophy, Interpretation and Culture, 2005
- MA** University of Nairobi: Philosophy, 1994
- BA** University of Nairobi: History, Political Science and Philosophy, 1989 [Requirements for all three majors completed with honors in Philosophy]
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DISSERTATION

Title: "Africa's Environmental Crisis: Unmapped Terrain, Existing Challenges and Possible Solutions." Advised by:

- Dr. Stephen David Ross, Philosophy, Interpretation and Culture (PIC) Graduate Program, Binghamton University.
 - Dr. Ali A. Mazrui, Albert Schweitzer Professor in the Humanities and Director of the Institute of Global Cultural Studies, Binghamton University.
 - Dr. Rifa'at A. Abou-El-Haj, History Department, Binghamton University
 - Dr. Darryl Thomas, Dissertation Reader, Africana Studies and Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University, College Park
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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Environmental Ethics and Policy
- African and African-American Philosophies

- Social and Political Philosophy
- Post-Colonial Studies
- Value theory—with interests especially in Personal Ethics, Cross-cultural health care issues, and International Justice

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Race, Ethnicity, and Justice in Philosophy
- History of Philosophy and its Multitude of Traditions, including Comparative Philosophy, Epistemology and Metaphysics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- The Science and Politics of Climate Change
- Environmental Pan-Africanism
- Globalization, Democratization and Normative Features of the Global Order— especially focusing on:
 - The Relevance of African Philosophy to Issues of Development in Africa and African Diasporas
 - The Promise and Challenges of Building a Foundation of a New Moral Republic in Africa, and Kenya in particular
 - Policy Implications of the Discourses on Environmental Ethics
 - Normative, Political and Economic Challenges Surrounding the Family of Discourses on Sustainable Development
 - The Impact of Globalization on Africa's Grassroots Movements
 - The Ways in which some of the Demands of Social Justice in Africa, and especially in Kenya [but also elsewhere in the world], might be addressed in Programs for Environmental Change

ACADEMIC AND WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2012- Senior Lecture & Chair, Department of Science and Technology Studies, Kenya Polytechnic University College
- 2005 – 2012 **Research Fellow and Associate Instructor**, Institute of Global Cultural Studies, Binghamton University
- Associate Instructor**, Africana Studies and Research Center (AS&RC), Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
- Research Associate**, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Philosophy, Interpretation, and Culture (CPIC), Binghamton University
- 2002-2005 **Graduate Project Assistant**, Institute of Global Cultural Studies, Binghamton University
- 2000 **Adjunct Instructor**, Medical Ethics, Department of Philosophy and the School of Nursing, Binghamton University
- 1999 **Adjunct Instructor**, Environmental Ethics and Policy, Departments of Philosophy and Environmental Studies, Binghamton University
- 1997-1998 **Teaching Assistant**, Binghamton University
- 1993-1996 **Tutorial Fellow**, University of Nairobi, Kenya
- 1991- 1992 **Administrative Assistant**, Ministry of Health, Kenya
- 1984 -1985 **High School Teacher**, Eldoret, Kenya

COURSES TAUGHT

- Environmental Studies
- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Environmental Justice
- Environmental Ethics and Policy
- Ecology of Pan-Africanism
- The Politics of Environmental Conservation in Africa
- Multicultural Medical Ethics
- Self, Culture and Society
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Ethics
- Comparative philosophy
- History of Modern Philosophy
- Social Political Philosophy
- African Philosophies

- Government and Politics in Africa
- Islam in Africa and the African Diaspora
- Cultural Forces in World Politics
- Africa in World Politics
- Politics of Global Africa
- Global Africa: Comparative Black Experience

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Periodicals

Robert L. Ostergard, Jr., Mathew Tubin and Patrick M. Dikirr, "Between the Sacred and the Secular: Indigenous Intellectual property, International Markets and the Modern African State." *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 49, 2 (2006), pp.1-25

"The Challenges of Indigenizing Africa's Environmental Conservation Goals." *The Journal of Pan African Studies*, vol.2, no.3, March 2008

African Bio-Communitarianism Revisited." (Submitted to *Transformations: The Journal of Inclusive Scholarship and Pedagogy*)

"A Re-colonizing Decolonization: Confronting Eurocentric Paradigms, Reclaiming the Genius of Indigenous African Heritage" (In Progress)

"Environmental Pan-Africanism: The Ecology of Unification" (In Progress)

"The Ecology of Pan-Africanism: From Aswan to Akosombo and Beyond (In Progress)

"Draconian Safeguards, Democratic ideals and principles in Retreat" (In Progress)

"Democratic Tyranny: Emasculation of Contrarian Thoughts, Celebration of Conformity"

"Feeding People versus Saving Nature: Missed Opportunities in Holmes Rolston's Paper," (In Progress)

BOOKS

Co- editor: *Africa's Islamic Experience: History, Culture and Politics*. New Delhi, India: Sterling Publishers, 2009

Co-editor: *Globalization & Civilization: Are They Forces in Conflict?* New York: Global Scholarly Publications, 2008

Editor: *The African Mind and Comparative Traditions of Thought, Collected Essays of Ali A. Mazrui*. (Manuscript is Camera Ready, Now Looking for Possible Publishers)

Author: *The Colonization and Enslavement of Planet Earth* (Manuscript in Progress)

Author: *Africa's Environmental Crisis: Difficult Dilemmas, Library of Conflicting Interpretations and Future Challenges* (Manuscript in progress)

Unpublished Works

Africa's Environmental Crisis: Unmapped Terrain, Existing challenges and Possible Solutions (PhD Dissertation, Binghamton University, 2005)

The Philosophy of Death and Immortality among the Maasai, (MA Thesis, University of Nairobi, 1994)

Chapters, in Books Edited by Others

"Sagacity in the Maasai Concept of Death and Immortality," in GranessAnke and Kresse Kai (eds.), ***Sagacious Reasoning: Henry OderaOrika in Memoriam***, Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 1997: 181-193

"Inducing Transformational Change in Africa," in Amutabi, Maurice (Ed), ***Regime Change and Succession Politics in Africa: from 1960's to the Present*** [Forthcoming].

Africa's Linguistic Ecology: Between Homogenizing Intentions and Heterogeneous Outlets in the Works of Ali A. Mazrui, NgugiwaThiongo and V.Y. Mudimbe] (In progress)

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

"Climate Change Induced Intercontinental Migration: Hot Topic or Hot Air?" Paper Presented at the New York African Studies Association {NYASA), State University of New York at Oneonta, March 21 2011

"Climate Change: The Emergence of a New African Diaspora," Paper Presented at the African Studies Association (ASA), San Francisco, California, November 18-21 2010

"Preventing Genocide," Lecture Delivered at the Lyceum Academy, Blessed Sacrament School, Binghamton, New York, April 27th 2010

"Bridging the Digital Divide, Opening Up a Digital Dump, in Africa: A Disquieting Dilemma," Lecture Delivered at Wittenberg University College, Ohio, April 22nd 2010

"The Globalization of E-waste: Enduring Concerns, Divergent Interpretations," Paper Presented at the New York African Studies Association, Binghamton University, New York, 29th March 2010

"The Ecology of Pan-Africanism: From Aswan to Akosombo and Beyond," Paper Presented at a Round Table on **Kwame Nkrumah's Centennial**, African Studies Association, New Orleans, November 18-22, 2009

"Democratic Tyranny: Emasculation of Contrarian Thoughts, Celebration of Conformity," Paper Presented at a Symposium Hosted by the African Studies Department, James Madison University, Virginia, October 9th 2009

"Africa's Environment Crisis and Challenges of Development," LECTURE DELIVERED AT THE LYCEUM ACADEMY: BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK, MARCH 6, 2009

"Environmental Pan-Africanism: The Ecology of Unification," New York African Studies Association [NYASA], Syracuse University, New York, March 2009

"Africa's Linguistic Ecology: Between Homogenizing Intentions and Heterogeneous Outlets in the works of Ali. A. Mazrui, NgugiwaThiongo, and V.Y Mudimbe," Round Table on **Rival Paradigms of Understanding Africa**, African Studies Association, Chicago, November 13-16, 2008

"Between a Eurocentric Africanity and a Pervasive Paralysis of Imagination" Kenya Scholars Studies Association (KESSA), Bowling Green State University, Ohio, August 1-2, 2008

"A Re-colonizing Decolonization: Confronting Eurocentric Paradigms, Reclaiming the Genius of Indigenous African Heritage." New York African Studies Association, Africana Studies and Research Center, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, March 28-29, 2008

"2007/8 Kenya's Post-Election Violence," Invited Speaker, Binghamton University Campus Forum, February 12, 2008.

"Is Planet Earth Colonized and Enslaved by Human Beings?" Round Table on **Was the Abolitionist Movement the First War on Terror?** African Studies Association Conference, New York, October 18-21, 2007

"Being at Home and Away: Africa Between Concord and Clash of Civilizations," African Studies Association Conference, San Francisco, November, 16-19, 2006

"Engaging the Camera: African Women, Portraits and the Photographs of Hector Acebes," Invited Speaker, Binghamton University, September 2006

"HIV/AIDS and Its Impact on the Military in Africa," Round-table on Africa's Dual Brain Drain: Migration and HIV/AIDS, African Studies Association Conference, Washington DC, November 17-20, 2005

"The Challenges of Indigenizing Africa's Environmental Protection Goals," 38th Conference of African Heritage Studies Association, Africana Studies and Research Center, Cornell University, October, 2005

"Holmes Rolston: Feeding People versus Saving Nature Revisited," Pro-seminar, Department of Philosophy, Binghamton University, October 7, 2003

"Preparing the Ground for the Construction of an African Environmental Ethics," Pro-seminar, Philosophy, Interpretation and Culture (PIC) Graduate Program, Binghamton University, March 12, 2002

"Going Native: Retrieving Africa's Indigenous Epistemologies of Empowerment or Entrapment?" Binghamton University, April 28, 2001

"Treatments of Africa's Environmental Crisis in Contemporary Western Environmental Ethics Discourse," Binghamton University, April 29, 2000

"Race and Racism in America," Invited Speaker, State University of New York at Cortland, New York, March 21, 2000

"A Critique of Baird Callicott's African Biocommunitarianism," 24th Annual Conference on Africa and African Diaspora in the New Millennium, Cortland, April 29, 2000

"Reconstructing an African Environmental Ethics Through the African Experience," 24th Annual Conference of the International Association for Philosophy and Literature (IAPL), State University of New York at Stony Brook, May 12, 2000.

"Excavating Indigenous Africa's Environmental Wisdom: For whom is it Profitable Anyway?" 9th Annual conference of Philosophy, Interpretation, and Culture (PIC), Binghamton University, April 25, 1999

"Addressing Africa's Environmental Crisis: Between Indigenous African Morality and Western Techno-scientific Skill," Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Estes Park, Colorado, August 14, 1997

"The Nature, Status and Futures of African Philosophy," 15th Annual Conference of the Institute of Global Cultural studies, Binghamton University, October 26, 1996

"Futures of Communication in Sub-Saharan Africa: For What, and By Whom?" Youth's World Futures Studies Workshop held in Andorra, October 6, 1994

"Sage Philosophy: A Methodology of Retrieving Africa's Indigenous Epistemologies," Workshop on Methods of Recovering Indigenous African Knowledge Systems. Organized and Funded by Plan International and Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG), Embu, Kenya, September 26, 1993

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Discussant, Round-Table on "**Africa Between Concord and Clash of Civilizations: In Search of A Balance Sheet**," African Studies Association Conference, November 16-19, 2006

Discussant & Moderator, "Re-conceptualizing the Strangeness and Complexity of the Post-Colonial Order in Africa," African Heritage Studies Association. 38th Annual conference, Africana Studies and Research Center, Cornell University, October 21, 2005

Moderator, "The Future of Philosophy of History," 11th Annual Conference of Philosophy, Interpretation and Culture, Binghamton University, April 27, 2000

Moderator, "Profit in Philosophy," 10th Annual Conference of Philosophy, Interpretation and Culture, Binghamton University, April 28, 2000.

Moderator, "Nature, Land, Dwelling, and Home," 8th Annual Conference of Philosophy, Interpretation, and Culture, Binghamton University, April 24, 1998

Moderator, "African Philosophy in a Global World," 15th Annual Conference of the Institute of Global Cultural Studies, Binghamton University, October 27, 1996

Resource Person, "Futures of Communication in Africa," Youth Workshop Organized by World Future Studies Federation (WFSF) in Conjunction with United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Government of Andorra, Andorra, October 2-10, 1994

Discussant, "Promoting Sustainable Construction Industry Activities in Kenya," Seminar on Policy Outlook, Organized by African Center of Technology Studies (ACTS) in Conjunction with the Kenya National Academy of Sciences, Nairobi, Kenya, November 30, 1994

Resource Person, "Methodologies of Unearthing Indigenous Africa's Knowledge Systems," Seminar Organized and Funded by Plan International and Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG), Embu, Kenya, September 27-30, 1993

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2009- | Member of the Editorial Board, <i>Kenya Studies Review Journal</i> |
| 1997-1999 | Secretary General, <i>Graduate African Students Organization</i> , Binghamton University |
| 1994-1996 | Member, <i>Kenya Futures Studies Federation</i> (KFSF), body affiliated with the <i>World Futures Studies Federation</i> (WFSF) |
| 1995: | Local Member, National Organizing Committee of the World Futures Studies Federation Conference, The first WFSF Conference in Sub-Saharan Africa. |
| 1991 | Member, Local Organizing Committee of the World Conference of Philosophy on "Man, Nature and Environment," Organized by the Philosophical Association of Kenya (PAK), Kenya National Academy of Sciences (KNAS), Federation of International Society of Philosophy (FISP), and United Nations Educational |

Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Nairobi, Kenya, June 21- 25, 1991

1998-1989 Secretary General, *Nairobi University Philosophical Society* (NUPHIS)

AWARDS / HONORS / GRANTS

- Ross Fellowship, Binghamton University, 1996-1997
- World Futures Studies Federation (WFSF) Grant to Attend a Workshop on Futures of Communication in Andorra, October 2-10, 1994
- University of Nairobi Scholarship to Pursue Master of Arts Degree in Philosophy 1989-1991
- Non-Governmental Organizations: Are they Credible Brokers in Africa's On-Going Democratic Transition? (Grant Proposal in Progress)
- Mainstreaming the Study Climate Change of Climate Change in Kenyan Universities (Grant proposal in Progress)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member, World Futures Studies Federation (WFSF)
- Member, Philosophical Association of Kenya (PAK)
- Member, Kenyan Scholars Studies Association
- Member, American Philosophical Association (APA)
- Member, African Studies Association (ASA)
- Member, New York African Studies Association

MEDIA COVERAGE

Regular Contributor to a Radio Program "Forum For Understanding," Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (1992-1994)

Invited Guest on the Roy Green Show, **CKNW** (Vancouver, Canada) on January 6th & 20th, 2008, Topic of Discussion was about the 2007/2008 Post Election Violence in Kenya

LANGUAGES

- Written and Oral Fluency in English, Kiswahili and Kimaasai.
- Oral Fluency in Kikuyu.
- Reading Proficiencies in Elementary German

REFERENCES

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