

1.1 PERSONAL PROFILE

1.1.1 Personal Details

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1.1.2 Academic & Professional Qualifications

- **Doctor of Philosophy in Economics:** Kenyatta University, September 2013 to August 2017.
- **Master of Arts in Economics:** Kenyatta University, September 2005 to July 2008.
- **Bachelor of Arts in Economics** (First class Honors): Kenyatta University, September, 2000 to April 2004.
- **Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education**, Mean Grade 'B': Karamugi Secondary School, January 1995 to November 1998.
- **Kenya Certificate of Primary Education**, Mean Grade 'A-' (494 out of 700 marks): Nkwego Primary School, 1987 to 1994

Professional Qualifications

- 29th July to 2nd August, 2024 – Programme Based Budgeting (PBB) Training - KSG
- 14th February to 2nd March 2022 - Impact Evaluation Training for researchers in East Africa - NIERA
- May, 2013 – **Senior Management Course** – Kenya School of Government
- April, 2013 – Disaster Risk Reduction Mainstreaming course for county planners – Humanitarian Peace Support Nairobi, Kenya
- February – March 2010 Sustainable Tourism Development as a tool for Regional Development for Sub-Saharan Africa at Weitz Center for Development Studies, Rehovot, Israel.
- 26th May – 30th May, 2008: Project Monitoring and Evaluation Course, KSG, Nairobi.
- 4th -8th February, 2008 – Integrity Assurance Officer's Course, KACC, Nairobi
- 15th May to 19th May, 2007 – District Development Planning Course, AICAD, Nairobi

1.1.3 Employment History

- **April, 2025 - To Date:** Lecturer, Department of Economic Theory, School of Economics, Kenyatta University.
- **June, 2023 – March, 2025:** Regional Coordinator, Eldoret, USAID HERO - KU

- **November, 2017 – June, 2023:** Lecturer, Department of Economic Theory, School of Economics, Kenyatta University.
- **September, 2013 – October, 2017:** Tutorial Fellow, Department of Economic Theory, School of Economics, Kenyatta University.
- **November 15, 2006 – September, 2013:** Senior Economist, Ministry of Planning, National Development and Vision 2030. – deployed as District Development Officer (DDO): Kilifi district 2007 – 2008; Kwale District 2009 – 2012; County Development Planning Officer (CDPO) Kwale County 2012 - 2013. Duties were coordination of development activities in the district and county. Planning and coordinating UNICEF, UNDP programmes in the district. Secretary to District Development Committee (DDC); District Executive Committee (DEC) and District Technical Committee (DTC).

1.1.4 Summary of Achievements

- **June, 2023 – March, 2025:** USAID HERO, Regional Coordinator, Eldoret, - Enhanced stakeholder engagement by fostering strong working relationships with County Government departments, other development partners, and locals.
- **July, 2016 to 16 July, 2022** - Departmental Examinations Coordinator, Department of Economic Theory; - Successfully coordinated departmental examinations for six consecutive years, ensuring smooth planning, administration, and completion in compliance with university policy and regulatory standards. Improved examination timeliness through effective scheduling, coordination with lecturers, invigilators, and administration, resulting in reduced delays and disruptions.
- Successfully supervised 6 Master's students to completion, guiding them through proposal development, research design, data analysis, and thesis writing.
- **Acting Chairperson**, Department of Economic Theory, 18th October, 2021 to 23rd November, 2021; and 31st December, 2019 to 15th February, 2020. – where I successfully led the Department of Economic Theory during two acting tenures (2019–2021), ensuring continuity of academic and administrative operations.
- **July, 2016 - June, 2023** – Chairman, Departmental QMS (ISO) committee - Chaired the Departmental QMS (ISO) Committee for seven years, successfully coordinating implementation, documentation, and compliance with ISO quality standards. Strengthening quality assurance systems by developing, reviewing, and enforcing departmental policies, procedures, and continuous improvement mechanisms.
- **July, 2016 - June, 2023** – Chairperson, Departmental Curriculum Review Committee - Led the Departmental Curriculum Review Committee, overseeing systematic review and alignment of academic programmes with university regulations, Commission for University Education guidelines, national standards, and labour-market needs.
- **July, 2016 - March, 2023** – Members, School of Economics, Curriculum Review Committee where I played a central role in curriculum redesign, harmonization, and approval, improving programme relevance, learning outcomes, and academic rigor.
- **7th February - June, 2023** - Member Committee on designing Short Courses for Public Officers
- **18th February – April, 2022**- Member, Joint Committee for Preparation of the 4th Students National Economic Symposium that took place on 9th March, 2022.

- **2019** – School of Economics Strategic Planning Committee
- **2019** – Member Master of Regional Integration committee that developed and launched new Master Programme (MRI) in the Department of Economic Theory.
- **2017** – Task force on high failure rate of undergraduate students in the school of Economics.

1.2 PUBLICATION

1.2.1 Referred Journals

- Silas, M.P.** (2025). Fiscal Decentralization and Economic Growth in Kenya: An Autoregressive Distributed Lag (ARDL) Approach. *Journal of Economics, Business, and Commerce*, 2(1), 148-156. <https://doi.org/10.69739/jebc.v2i1.523>
- Silas, M.P.** (2025). Fiscal Decentralization and Macroeconomics Stability in Kenya. *Journal of Economics, Business, and Commerce*, 2(1), 141-147. <https://doi.org/10.69739/jebc.v2i1.512>
- Nyambu, J. G., Mwiathi, P. S.** (2023). Interest rate and performance of value added tax in Kenya. *International Academic Journal of Economics and Finance*, 3(10), 413-425. https://iajournals.org/articles/iajef_v3_i10_413_425.pdf
- Silas, P.M., and Mwangi, R.W.** (2020). Credit Access and Performance of Micro and Small Enterprises in Nakuru County, Kenya. *IAR J Bus Mng*, 1(3), 163-170.
- Silas, P.M., and Cheboi, A.K.** (2020). Inflation, Balance of Payments and Exchange Rate in Kenya. *IAR J Huma Soc Sci* .1(3) 180-185.
- Silas, P.M., Wawire, N. H. W., and Onono, P.**(2018). Effects of Fiscal Decentralization on Poverty Reduction in Kenya. *International Journal for Innovation Education and Research*, 6(1),213-230.
- Mwiathi, P.S., Wawire, N. H. W., Onuonga. S.M.** (2008). “Determinants of Adoption of Organic Farming by Maize Farmers in Meru South District”. *International Journal of Afro Asian Studies. Volume 1 Number 1: Spring 2008:108 – 118.*

1.2.2 Refereed Learning Modules

Three (3) modules written and are under use by Kenyatta University in the Virtual and Open learning (VOL) programs

- APP800: Microeconomics for Public Policy
- APP805: Macroeconomics for Public Policy
- EET301: Macroeconomic Theory III

1.2.3 Reviewed Conference Papers

- Mwiathi, P. S. (2022, September 6–8). *Economic practicability, implications and prospects of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA): A case of Kenya*. Paper presented at the **WTO Chairs Programme (WCP) Virtual International Conference on International Trade and Investment (ICITI 2022)**, Special Theme: *AfCFTA: Challenges and Opportunities*.
- Mwiathi, P.S. (2022, July 6-8). *Measuring Women’s Economic Empowerment in Kenya: A Theoretical Framework*. Paper presented at 1st International Women Economic Empowerment Conference, 6th -8th July 2022, Kenyatta University, International Culture and Languages Center (ICLC)

1.2.4 Consultancy and Project Reports

- Usawa Agenda, Consultant for 2025 International Common Assessments of Numeracy (ICAN) and Reading (ICAR)

- Usawa Agenda, Consultant for 2025 national Survey of Secondary Schools (SESS)
- Usawa Agenda, Consultant for 2023 and 2025 Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Learning Assessment (FLANA)
- Okoa Uchumi Fiscal Consolidation Public Education Campaign Kenya Debt Crisis: Unpacking Fiscal Consolidation 2021 – TISA
- Debt Transparency for Social Service Financing in East African Countries: Kenya's Public Debt Profile - Institute of Public Finance Kenya, 2021 – EABN
- Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA); Review of the second basis and preparation of the third basis for revenue sharing among county governments in Kenya. Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA).
- Ministry of education, state department of basic education and World Bank/global partnership for education primary education development (PRIEDE) study on teacher deployment and utilization in Kenya.

1.2.5 Scholarly Presentations at Conferences/Workshops/Seminars

Determinants of Human Capital Formation in Kenya: A Study on Kenyan Counties, paper presented during AERC BMGF Human Capital Development Project Online Review Workshop Wednesday, 30 October 2024.

Effects of Fiscal Decentralization on Poverty Reduction Outcomes in Kenya, African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Biannual Research Workshop June 1-7, 2021

Critique of the 2nd basis for sharing Revenue among County governments, CRA technical review workshop 24 May 2018

1.3 QUALITY TEACHING, LEARNING AND MENTORSHIP

1.3.1 Student Evaluation

- Student Evaluation Reports average score 93.73%

1.3.2 Training in Higher Education

- successfully participated in the Optimize your time & meeting with Google Calendar and Google Meet conducted by Pawa IT Solutions Limited
- Participated in a training New Research Management System (KENRIS) and Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Mainstreaming held virtually on 19th May 2022

1.3.3 Ongoing Supervisions

Ph.D

1. **Nicholas Musau Mutinda (K96/CTY/27536/2019):** Innovation Intensity and Economic Growth in Selected Emerging Economies in the World
2. **Nyangweso Lynnette (K96/CTY/21282/2023):** Fiscal Decentralization and Public Healthcare Service Delivery Across Regional Blocks in Kenya

Masters

1. **Mourice Wambua Kausya (K102/CTY/20555/2022):** Household Cooking Energy Choices in Urban Informal Settlements in Kenya.
2. **Shem Meshack Okari (K102/27219/2019):** Exchange Rate Volatility and Manufacturing Sector Performance in Kenya
3. **Beatrice Jerop Kangogo (K101/CTY/25311/2024):** The effect of government subsidy on secondary education on performance and transition students in Kenya

4. **Evelyn Wanjiru Gichuru (K102/24440/2013):** Effects of Profit margins on partner and Driver Satisfaction in Ride Hailing Services in Nairobi County, Kenya
5. **IVY MURUGI RWAMBA (K102/CTY/PT/26164/2018):** Socio-Economic Effects of Mobile Money Platforms on Economic Growth in Kenya (2007-2024)

1.3.4 Supervision of Postgraduate Students

1.3.4.1 Masters

1. **DANSON MUTHENDU KABUGA (K102/CE/11571/2008):** Agricultural Education, Training, and Smallholder Dairy Farmers' Productivity in Kiambu County, Kenya – July, 2024
2. **JAMES KITOGHO NYAMBU(K102/CTY/26413/2019):** Interest Rate and Performance of Value-Added Tax in Kenya – December, 2024
3. **MASINDE James Mwibanda (C153/OL/CTY/32690/2016):** “Impediments to Government’s Supply of Decent Affordable Housing: A Case of the Starehe Constituency in Nairobi City County, Kenya”. – **50th Graduation December, 2021**
4. **CHEBOI Austin Kiptoo (K102/CTY/PT/38476/2016):** Inflation, Balance of Payments and Exchange Rate in Kenya – **49th Graduation July, 2021**
5. **RAHAB W. Mwangi (K102/PT/CTY/27458/2013):** Credit, Entrepreneurship Training and Performance of Micro and Small Enterprises in Nakuru County, Kenya – **48th Graduation December, 2020**
6. **ALEX Mulembo Ong'ang'o (K102/27537/2014):** Child Labour and Economic Growth In Kenya – **Graduated December, 2019**

1.4 PROFESSIONAL/CONSULTANCY

1.4.1 Networks/Collaborations

- Commission for Revenue Allocation (CRA)
- African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)

1.4.2 Consulting for Organizations/ Institutions

- Kenya Institute of Public policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA)
- Institute of Public Finance Kenya (IPFK)
- National Democratic Institute (NDI)
- Usawa Agenda

1.4.3 Membership to Academic/Professional Bodies

- Economists Society of Kenya (ESK)
- KAAD Association of Scholars for East Africa (KASEA)
- Society of Kasea (SoK)

1.5 ADMINISTRATIVE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1.5.1 Recognized university administrative positions

- **July, 2016 to 16 July,2022** - Departmental Examinations Coordinator, Department of Economic Theory;
- **Acting Chairperson**, Department of Economic Theory, 18th October, 2021 to 23rd November, 2021;
- **Acting Chairperson**, Department of Economic Theory, 31st December, 2019 to 15th February, 2021.
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- *July, 2016 - June, 2023* – Chairperson, Departmental Curriculum Review Committee
- *July, 2016 - March, 2023* – Members, School of Economics, Curriculum Review Committee

1.5.2 Other Responsibilities in the University

- *June, 2023 – March, 2025*: USAID HERO, Regional Coordinator, Eldoret,
- *7th February - June, 2023* - Member Committee on designing Short Courses for Public Officers
- *18th February – April, 2022*- Member, Joint Committee for Preparation of the 4th Students National Economic Symposium that took place on 9th March, 2022.
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- Departmental Community Outreach Representative

1.6 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

1.6.1 Research Funding

- 2022 – **(\$15,000)** AERC CMAAE “*Determinants of Human Capital Formation in Kenya: A Study on Kenyan Counties*” Completed
- 2019 – 2020 (Kshs. **19,413,000.00**) NRF Multidisciplinary Research Grant “*Sources and Management of Housing Price Growth in Kenya*” Co-investigator, awarded but yet to be funded

1.6.2 Community Outreach

- 2023 – to date Vice-Moderator, Catholic Men Association (CMA), St. Joseph the Worker, Mutonya, Outstation
- 2nd September, 2015 – 30th June, 2022 Chairperson, Board of Management (BOM) of Kamuguongo Secondary School.
- Chairperson, Local Church Development Committee (St. Joseph the Worker, Mutonya, Outstation)
- Secretary, Catholic Men Association (CMA) Welfare (St. Joseph the Worker, Mutonya, Outstation)
- Support Kenyatta University Economics Students Association (KUESA) Community Outreach Programme.
- Mentor, Kenyatta University Economics Students Association (KUESA)

1.7 Referees

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