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EDUCATION

- 2009-2014** **University of Cambridge, UK**
PhD in Social Anthropology
Dissertation: *Kinship, Hospitality and Humanitarianism: 'Locals' and 'Refugees' in Northeastern Kenya*
- 2001-2004** **University of Nairobi, Kenya**
Master of Arts in Anthropology
Thesis: *Factors that Influence Local Attitudes Towards Refugees in Kenya*
- 1994-1998** **University of Nairobi**
Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2011-Date Ethnographic research on Kinship, gender, and religion in Dadaab Camps, funded by

- 2006 by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK.
Supervised the terminal evaluation of **AMREF's** European Union Block Grant Funded Programme on HIV/AIDS mitigation and PMTCT projects in Nyando district, while working as consultant for the **African Institute of Health and Development (AIHD)**.
- 2002-03 Local-Refugee relations in Dadaab Camps, funded by the Kyoto University Research Fund
- 2002-03 Lead Researcher, 'The role of the informal sector in generating employment in East Africa' funded by the Tokyo Foundation's Joint Research and Exchange (JREX) programme.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2005-2008** Part-time Lecturer, **Catholic University of Eastern Africa**, department of Social Sciences
Responsibilities: Teaching and research.
- 2008-2014 Assistant Lecturer, Sociology and Anthropology Department, **Maseno University**
- 2014-2019 Lecturer, Sociology and Anthropology Department, **Maseno University**
- 2019 to Date Senior Lecturer, Sociology and Anthropology Department, **Maseno University**

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2020: Stephen Ellis Prize Biennial Award for the article entitled "Somali refugees in Kenya and social resilience: Resettlement imaginings and the longing for Minnesota" *African Affairs*, 117(469): 569-591.
- 2019: Taylor & Francis Commonwealth Scholar Best Journal Article Prize for the article entitled "Somali refugees in Kenya and social resilience: Resettlement imaginings and the longing for Minnesota" *African Affairs*, 117(469): 569-591.
- 2013: Wyse Fund for Dissertation writing
- 2011: Smuts fund to conduct research at the Dadaab Complex
- 2010 Commonwealth Scholar in Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, UK
- 2002 The Tokyo Foundation's Joint Research and Exchange (JREX) Program award
- 2001 Awarded the University of Nairobi Masters Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

1. Member, Association of Social Anthropologists
2. Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *AFRICA/IAI* Journal.
3. Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Sapiens*, an editorially independent online magazine of the Wenner-Gren Foundation in the US.

SKILLS AND TRAINING

- Administrative:** Budgetary skills, maintaining Customer Service records and Complaints, Timetabling, day-to-day running of department

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

2019 to present Chairman of the Board, Bumula Sub-County Hospital, Bungoma County

2019 to Date Member of the Board, British Institute in Eastern Africa

2018 to Date Member, Editorial Advisory Board, AFRICA/IAI

2014 to 2020 Chairman, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Maseno University.

Responsibilities: Head of 9 academic programmes, Department's Chief Examiner, Administering 14 faculty members, 750 Students and 2 support staff. Representing the department in the University Senate.

Achievements: Introduced three new Programs, increased student enrolment from 600 when I took over to 750.

2010-2011 Sports Officer, Wolfson College, University of Cambridge while undertaking my PhD degree.

Responsibilities: In charge of all sports facilities, budgetary allocation for various sporting activities within the college, motivation of sportspersons

Achievement: Cricket, Rowing, and Football teams won several trophies during my tenure as sports officer.

2003-2004 Chairman, Postgraduate Committee at the University of Nairobi while undertaking MA studies.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

International Exposure: Attended many international conferences and workshops in European and African countries where I presented academic Papers, including the 2nd IGAD Scientific Conference on Migration and Displacement: Human Mobility in the Context of COVID-19 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in February 2021, Visiting Fellow at Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies, Germany (2016); Master of Research and Public Policy workshop in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (2017); ABORNE PhD Winter school in Saint-Louis, Senegal (2013), Researching Africa Workshop at Oxford University, UK (2013), Writing Workshop at the University of Birmingham, UK (2013)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer reviewed journal articles

- Ikanda, F.N. 2020 The role of Somali Kinship in Sustaining Bureaucratic Governance around Dagahaley Camp in Kenya. *Ethnos, Journal of Anthropology* DOI: [10.1080/00141844.2020.1773894](https://doi.org/10.1080/00141844.2020.1773894)

- Ikanda, F.N. 2018 ‘What makes a Refugee Vulnerable? The way officials measure a person’s vulnerability could undercut the long-term success of refugees. *Sapiens, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research*.
- Ikanda, F.N. 2018, ‘Animating “refugeeness” through vulnerabilities: Worthiness of long-term exile in resettlement claims among Somali refugees in Kenya’, *Africa* 88(3): 579-596.
- Ikanda, F.N. 2018, ‘Somali refugees in Kenya and social resilience: Resettlement imaginings and the longing for Minnesota’, *African Affairs*, 117(469): 569-591.
- Onyango, S.O, and Ikanda, F.N. 2018, ‘Challenges Faced by Local Farmers in Adopting Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) in Lower Nyakach Division’, *International Journal of Social Science and Humanities Research* 6(1): 355-365.
- Onyango, S.O. and Ikanda, F.N. 2018 ‘Farmers’ level of awareness of climate change and available mitigation services in Lower Nyakach Division, Kenya”, *International Journal of Recent Research in Social Sciences and Humanities* 5(1): 123-134.
- Ikanda, F.N. 2008, “Deteriorating Conditions of Hosting Refugees: A Case Study of the Dadaab Complex in Kenya” *African Study Monographs*, 29(1): 29-49.
- Wandibba, S. and Ikanda F.N. 2005 “Changing Perceptions on Wife Inheritance in the Bukusu Community of Bungoma District, Western Kenya”, *Mila Journal* 2005, 6: 13-22.

Book Chapters

- Ikanda, F.N. 2019, ‘Forging Associations Across Multiple Spaces: How Somali Kinship Practices Sustain the Existence of the Dadaab camps in Kenya, in J.D. Schmidt and Owiso, M.O (eds.) *Refugees and Forced migration in the Horn and Eastern Africa*. Chennai: Springer.
- Ikanda, F.N. 2018, ‘Good and Bad Muslims: Conflict, Justice and Religion among Somalis at Dagahaley Refugee Camp in Kenya’, in Jessica Johnson and George H. Karekwaivanane (eds.) *Pursuing justice in Africa: Competing imaginaries and practices*. Athens: Ohio University Press.

In progress

Ikanda, F.N. “Somali Kinship and Bureaucratic Governance in Kenya: Dagahaley Refugee Camp”, in Wale Adebawale (ed.) *Everyday State and Democracy in Africa*. Athens: Ohio University Press

Reports and policy briefs

- Ikanda, F.N. 2020, ‘The Snake’s Head? Mistrust of Somali Refugees and the Encampment Policy in Kenya’
- Ikanda, F.N. 2012, ‘Exploring Kinship and Performativity among Somali Locals and Refugees in Kenya’, *Vision, Cambridge University International Development Society*.