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EDUCATION

2015-2018	PhD in Social Anthropology Institute of Social Anthropology University of Bern, Switzerland
2012-2014	Master of Arts in Anthropology Maseno University, Kenya
2006-2010	Bachelor of Arts (Anthropology with Information Technology) Maseno University, Kenya

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

11-28 February, 2019: Qualitative data collection support staff (targeting vulnerable and marginalized groups in Kenyan coast). A project funded by the World Bank through the ministry of agriculture and irrigation state department for fisheries and the blue economy in coastal Kenya: preparing environmental and social safeguards instruments (blue economy project)

June 2015 to June 2017: Research assistant and PhD candidate- Social Protection In Kenya (SPIKE)- Project by Maseno University, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, University of Bern and MoH Kenya.

-Ethnographic Research

-In-depth interviews, Key informant interviews, FGDs, Participant observation.

-Qualitative Analysis.

1st November 2014 to 19th December 2015: Research assistant on a continuous ethnography- Local medical practice and global health interventions: An ethnographic study of biomedicine and the dilemmas of care faced by medical practitioners in western Kenya. At Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH).

-FGD; Participant observation and making ethnographic notes of their daily activities.

Led by: **Faculty of Medicine University of Oslo, Blindern, Oslo (Norway)**

12th July 2018 to 30th July 2018: Supervisor for a MWENDO Project OVC- Baseline Survey in Siaya County

14th October 2014 to 4th November 2014:-Research assistant- Research Care and Training Programme-KEMRI. (Conducted a National Family Planning Service Delivery Point End line Survey for The Kenya Urban Reproductive Health Initiative in Kisumu City)

-Interviewing Service providers in Kisumu County on Family Planning methods provided in various health facilities.

June, 2014: Research Assistant/Supervisor- Integrated Community Case Management (iCCM) midline survey (Bondo Sub-County).

-Interviewing mothers of children under five on childhood diseases: Malaria, Cholera and Diarrhoea. ; Supervising the data collection process.

April, 2014 to June 2014: Research assistant- Local medical practice and global health interventions: An ethnographic study of biomedicine and the dilemmas of care faced by medical practitioners in western Kenya. At Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH). -Conducting in-depth interviews and focus group

November 2013 to March, 2014: -Lead Investigator: The socio-cultural context of Men's Sexual Behaviour Post- Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision in Usenge Sub-Location.

2nd -5th December, 2013: Assistant-organizer: Oral cholera vaccine acceptance in urban and rural communities of Western Kenya: Dissemination workshop in Kisumu and Siaya counties in Kenya.

November to December 2013: Research Assistant- Integrated Community Case Management (iCCM) Baseline survey (Bondo Sub-County). -Interviewing mothers of children under five on childhood diseases: Malaria, Cholera and Diarrhoea.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020 January to date Lecturer

Department of Sociology & Anthropology
Maseno University

2012 Jan to 2019 Part-time Lecturer

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CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

11-14 June 2019: International Conference: **8th European Conference on Africa Studies: ECAS 2019: Edinburgh, Scotland-** (Presented: *“Mwenye” Syndrome: Access to Family Planning Services by Marginalized Young People in Kilifi County Kenya* Sponsored by Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Switzerland.

5-7 March 2019: Africa Health Agenda International Conference in Kigali Rwanda: Attended on a sponsorship from AMREF Health Africa: (Presented a paper on: *Social Protection for Inclusive Healthcare through Free Maternity Services in Kenya*).

12-14 June 2018: International Conference on Devolution in Kenya. Theme: Portraying Devolution: Leaders, Policies, and Identities. Sponsored by: IFRA-Nairobi (Presented a paper on: *Free maternal healthcare in Kenya: Playing the Anti-politics Machine in the Politics of Distribution from mother’s emic perspectives*).

19 April 2018: **Seminar On:- Making reforms and negotiating decisions. The state of research on public policy analysis in Kenya:** Sponsored by IFRA Nairobi (Presented a paper on: *Inclusivity: A way to Restore ‘Trust’ in Maternal Healthcare in Kenya*)

28-30th September, 2016: INCLUDE Research Day. Theme: How to make development policies in Africa more inclusive? A research-policy dialogue (In Leiden-Netherlands). (Presented: *Social protection in maternal health programs: the household perspective (Kenya)*)

4-5 May 2015: SWAN North-South-South Workshop (Kenya): Theme: Social Development in Family Welfare: Family Work Approaches and Methodologies

December 2013: Oral cholera vaccine acceptance in urban and rural communities of Kenya (Kisumu and Siaya Counties)- Organized by the department of Sociology and Anthropology, Maseno University and SWISS TPH-Switzerland.

MEMBERSHIP TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

-2016 to date: Active member of Swiss Society for African Studies (SSAS)

-November 2018 to date: Member of Swiss Graduate Program in Anthropology

-November 2018 to date: Editor and Reviewer- International Journal of Public Health (IJPH)

--July 2021 to date: Reviewer- International Journal of Childbirth

Publications

Ombere, S. O. (2021). Access to Maternal Health Services During the Covid-19 Pandemic: Experiences of Indigent Mothers And Health Care Providers in Kilifi County, Kenya *Frontiers in Sociology*, 6, 53. DOI: [10.3389/fsoc.2021.613042](https://doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2021.613042)

Ombere, S. O. (2021). Men's Emic Perspectives On Factors Contributing To Child Sexual Abuse Vulnerability On The Islands Of Western Kenya. *African Studies*, 1-16. DOI: 10.1080/00020184.2021.1892476

Ombere, S. O. (2018). *Local Perceptions of Social Protection Schemes in Maternal Health in Kenya: Ethnography in Coastal Kenya* (Doctoral dissertation, Philosophisch-historische Fakultät der Universität Bern).

Ombere SO, Nyambedha EO, Bukachi SA (2018) Sex in the Green Lodging: The Voices of Medically Circumcised Fishermen on the Shores of Lake Victoria, Western Kenya. *J AIDS Clin Res Sex Transm Dis* 5: 018. DOI: 10.24966/ACRS-7370/100018

Stephen Okumu Ombere, Erick Otieno Nyambedha & Salome Atieno Bukachi (2015): Wimbo: implications for risk of HIV infection among circumcised fishermen in Western Kenya, *Culture, Health & Sexuality: An International Journal for Research, Intervention and Care*, DOI: 10.1080/13691058.2015.1018949.

Stephen Okumu. (2015). *Socio-cultural Context Of Circumcised Men's Sexual Behaviour in Kenya*. Scholar's Press. Available at: Amazon Books Store

Published Book Chapters

Ombere, S. O. (2021). Access to Maternal Health Services During the Covid-19 Pandemic: Experiences of Indigent Mothers And Health Care Providers in Kilifi County, Kenya. IN. The Global Impacts of COVID-19 on Maternity Care Practices and Childbearing Experiences. *Frontiers in Sociology*, 6 (2021).