

CURRICULUM VITAE

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Full Professor of Religion specializing in Comparative Religion, Liberation Theologies, New Religious Movements, African Religion and Theology.
- Areas of academic interest include: Religion and Science; Christian Ethics; Biblical Studies; Inter-religious Dialogue; Peace and Conflict, Religious Education Methods.
- Author of more than twenty six journal articles and numerous successful proposals.
- Kenyan National with extensive travel in the USA, Africa, Europe and Japan.
- A fully funded research sabbatical at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California in 2007. Tentative title of book in progress: African Traditional Counseling: Integrating African and Western Approaches to Counseling for Relevant and Effective Therapy in Africa.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy <i>Comparative Religion</i> Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya	1997
<i>Dissertation: "African Religion in the Study of Comparative Religion: A Case Study of Kipsigis Religious Practices."</i>	
Higher Diploma in Psychological Counseling Kenya Institute of Professional Counseling, Eldoret, Kenya	2003
Post Graduate Diploma in Education University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya Major Project Thesis: "Why is History a Dying Subject in Kenya?"	1981
Master of Arts in Religion <i>Theology & Philosophy</i> Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky	1978
Bachelor of Arts Degree <i>Religion & Psychology</i> Houghton College, Houghton, New York	1976
East Africa School Certificate (DIVISION – TWO) Cheptenye Secondary School, Kericho, Kenya	1972

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Moi University
Eldoret, Kenya

Full Professor 2007 – Present
Undergraduate Courses: Introduction to the Study of Religion, Religion and Science, African Traditional Healing and Science.
Graduate Courses: Religion and History of Israel, Comparative Religion, Emerging Issues in World Religions, Emerging Issues in African Religion.

Associate Professor 2001 - 2006
Senior Lecturer 1995 – 2001

Undergraduate Courses: Introduction to the Study of Religion, African Concept of God, New Religious Movements, Contemporary Religious Thought.
Graduate Courses: African Ethics and Jurisprudence, Comparative Religion, African Religion and Philosophy, African Church History.

Lecturer 1992 - 1994
Undergraduate Courses: History of Religion, African Religion, Religion and Science; Culture, Social Structure and Religion.
Graduate Courses taught: Comparative Religion, Modern Trends in Christian Theology, History of Religions, African Christian Theology.

Tutorial Fellow 1989 -1991
Undergraduate courses taught: Comparative Religion, Religion and Science, African Religion.

St. Paul's Theological College Kapsabet, Kenya: Visiting Professor

Taught undergraduate course: History of Christianity 1994

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Member of the Board – Kenya Highland Bible College, Kericho 2007- Present

Director, Kongasis Christian Education Center (KACECE) – Kericho 2001 - Present

Conference Coordinator - Organized the “Dialogue in Religion and Science International Conference” held at Moi University between 26th - 28th May, 2006.

Head, Department of Religion Moi University 1997–2004

Examination Coordinator Moi University 1989-1997

Syllabus Coordinator Moi University 1989-1992

Team Leader Kenya National Examination Council 1987
'O' Level Christian Religious Education

Head, Department of Religious Studies Kericho Teacher Training College 1985-1989
Kericho, Kenya

Tutor in-charge of Admissions Kericho Teacher Training College 1985-1989

Examiner Kenya National Examination Council 1979-1989
'O' Level Christian Religious Education
Teacher Examination Council 1986-1988

ACADEMIC SUPERVISION - Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya

Supervisor of Practice Teachers - undergraduate Bachelors of Education 1990 – present.

Post-Graduate Supervision – Masters in Philosophy Thesis

- Dinah Changwony, “The Role of Women in Keiyo Traditional Religious Rites,” 1994.
- Mutiti Waithanji “The Street Children Phenomenon: An Evaluation of the Role of Church-based programs within Nakuru Town, Kenya,” 1999.
- Elijah K. Boiywo, “A Critical Appraisal of the Position of Africa Inland Church on Polygamous Converts Among the Tugen of Baringo District, Kenya.”
- Esha Mwinyihaji, “The Contribution of Islam Toward Women’s Emancipation: A Case Study of Swahili Muslim Women in Mombasa Districa, Kenya”, on-going.
- Susan J. Too, “The Impact of Biblical Teaching on Nandi Attitude to Childlessness: A Study of Kilibwoni Division of the Nandi District,” on-going.

Doctoral Supervision – Doctor of Philosophy Thesis

- Daniel Kandagor, “A Historical Examination of the Roles of Women in the Anglican Church of Kenya: A Case Study of the Diocese of Nakuru, 1961 – 1999”.
- Damaris M’Mworia, “The Role of the Church in Dealing with the Problem of Violence Against Women: A Case Study of the Imenti of Kenya.”
- Joseph K. A. Koech "The Role of the Holy Spirit as Liberator: A Study of Luke 4:14 - 30 in the African Context.

External Examiner

Makerere University, Uganda 2003 – 2006

University of Cape Town, South Africa 2005- Present

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Writing Fellowship – Global Research Institute - Pasadena, California 2007

Local Societies Initiative Supplementary Award - 2005, Metanexus Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Local Societies Initiative Award - 2004, Metanexus Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Science and Religion Course Competition Award - 2002 by Center of Theology and Natural Sciences, Berkeley, California.

Spalding Trust Grant, 1994, to undertake Doctor Philosophy of degree at Moi University.

Moi University Deans Research Grant, 1993, to undertake Doctor of Philosophy degree, Moi University.

Postgraduate Scholarship by University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya, 1980-1981 to undertake Postgraduate Diploma in Education.

International Scholarship

Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, 1976-1978 to undertake Masters of Arts in Religion.

Foreign Student Scholarship

Houghton College, Houghton, New York 1974-1976 to undertake Bachelor of Arts degree.

George and Grace Lee Christian Service Scholarship

Houghton College Houghton, New York 1974-1976 to undertake Bachelor of Arts degree.

Lion Scout – The highest scouting award in Kenya, 1971.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/SEMINAR PAPERS

International Center for Learning Seminar 1975-1976, Buffalo, New York, March, 1976.
Awarded Certificate of Achievement in Administration.

Naret Annual Conference, Kenamai, Kenya April 1980, Mombasa, Kenya

Annual History Conference, Kenya Technical Teachers College Nairobi, Kenya, August, 1980.

Learning Resource Center Seminar, Kericho Teachers Training College, Kericho, Kenya December, 1983. Sponsored by the Kenya Ministry of Education.

Education Seminar held at Kericho Teachers College, Kericho, Kenya, August, 7th – 8th 1983
Sponsored by Kenya Ministry of Education Science and Technology.

Seminar: Primary Colleges Lecturer's Seminar, Limuru Conference and Training Center, September 17th 1983, Kenya

New Trends in Christian Education Seminar: Guest Facilitator – Dr. Ulrich Becker, March 1988. Nairobi, Kenya

“African Theologies: An Analysis and Assessment”, Departmental Seminar, Moi University, Paper No.4, August 1991. Eldoret, Kenya

Desktop Writing Workshop, Moi University, August 1992. Eldoret, Kenya

“African Religion: Its Relevance to the study of World Religion.” D.Phil. proposal presented on 25th September 1992 to School of Social Cultural Seminar. Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya

“How ‘Primitive’ is African Religion?” Departmental Seminar, Moi University Paper No.17, December 1992, Eldoret, Kenya

Vivekananda Vision 2000 Seminar held at Nairobi, Kenya on 27th March 1993.

“The contribution of Vivekananda to World Spirituality” Seminar held at the University of Nairobi, Kenya, July 1993.

“The Theologians We Need in the Reconstruction of a Just Africa” EATWOT National Conference, held at Branken – Hurst, Limuru, Kenya, August 1993.

“The Role of Church in the Era of Democratization” Department of Religion Seminar, Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya, November, 1993.

Seminar on Planning, programming, Guide lines and preparation of Development plans and Forward Budgets for Key Personnel of Moi University, Midwest Hotel, Kericho, 5th November, 1993.

Association of Theological Institute in Eastern Africa Staff Institute 1994: April 6th – 10th, 1994, held at Cardinal E. Nsubuga Conference Center, Kampala, (Uganda).

“The Midwifery function of the church in Democratic Politics”, EATWOT – Kenya chapter, on 30th September 1994, at Ufungamano House, Nairobi, Kenya.

“Religious Interpretations of Aids: Its Implications and Dangers” 16th African Health Science Congress, 6th – 10th February 1995 at Nairobi, Kenya.

Hindu – African Traditions seminar, held at University of Nairobi, Kenya on 16th August 1995.

Association of Theological Institute in Eastern Africa Staff Institute 1996, April 10th – 16th 1996 held at Tanzanite Hotel, Arusha, Tanzania.

“The Changing Dimensions of Circumcision”, Department of Religion Seminar, 20th June 1996.

“Is AIDS God’s Wrath?” Presented at OSSREA (Kenya Chapter) Conference held at Bongo Hotel, Kitale, Kenya on the theme: “Assessment of Social, Economic and Political Development in Africa since 1960”, July 1996

“The Role of Theologians in the Reconstruction of a Just Africa”, presented at the Pan-African Theological Conference, Pretoria, South Africa, September 9th – 13th, 1996.

“Africa Traditional Democracy: With Special Reference to the Kalenjin Community of Kenya”. Presented at the Ecumenical Symposium of Eastern African Theologians held at Sagana, Kenya, March 13th – 16th, 1997.

“The missing link in Africa’s imported Western Democracy”, presented at Moi University, Department of Religion Seminars, May, 1997.

“The Challenges Facing Religion in the Contemporary Society: An Introductory Background.” Presented at a seminar held at Moi University, August 14th, 1997.

EATWOT Kenya Chapter held on 31-10-1997 at Ufungamano House, Nairobi, Kenya.

“Culture and Poverty Alleviation in Africa” Presented at the Ecumenical Symposium of Eastern African Theologians held at Sagana, Kenya, 28 – 29 March 1998.

“The Unheeded Cries of the Forgotten National Sages: The Vision of a Bright Kenya in the 21st Century” Presented at Asis Hotel, Eldoret, Kenya, on the theme “Missed Opportunities.” 2 – 4 July 1998.

“Ethnicity, Politics and Conflicts in Africa.” Presented at EATWOT National Conference held at the Resurrection Garden, Nairobi, Kenya, from 28th July 1998 to 1st August 1998.

Bahai Faith Seminar held at Kunste Hotel, Nakuru, Kenya, and 16th – 17th October 1998.

“African Religion and Inculturation Theology: The Challenges of the 21st Century”, Presented at the Ecumenical Symposium of Eastern African Theologians held at Sagana, Kenya, 25th – 28th March, 1999.

"The Teaching of African Religion in Tertiary Institution in East Africa", presented at the Association for the Study of Religion held at Amani Centre Nairobi, 27th - 31st July, 1999.

"Global Ethics: The Contributions of Indigenous Religions", 3rd Parliament of World Religion held at Cape Town, South Africa, 3rd - 8th December, 1999.

Attended the launching of Eastern African Association of Biblical Studies held at Diamese Sisters, Nairobi on 24th March 2000.

"New Age Movement: A Challenge to the Church in the 21st Century" presented at the Ecumenical Symposium of Eastern African Theologians held at Bethany House, Sagana, Kenya on 6th - 9th April, 2000.

Attended the launching of Africa Association of the Study of Religion (East African Chapter) held at Amani Center on 12th May 2000.

"A Historical Connection of Kipsigis-Jewish Traditions" presented at the 18th Quinquennial Congress of the IAHR held at Elangeni Holiday Inn, Durban South Africa on 5th - 12th August 2000.

"EATWOT: Its Mission and Vision in the 3rd Millennium" presented at EATWOT National Conference held at Diamese Sisters, Nairobi on 31st August - 1st September 2000.

Attended an International Seminar on International Public Service and Culture of Peace, organized by Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace at Grand Regency Hotel, Nairobi on 11th - 12th November 2000.

"Religion and Environment: Lessons from African Spirituality" presented at ATWS Conference (Kenya Chapter) held at Sirikwa Hotel, Kenya on 15th - 17th November 2000.

"Developing Tulwab Kipsigis for Cultural Tourism" presented at ATLAS Africa Conference held at Whitesands Hotel, Mombasa on 13th - 15th December 2000.

"The Body of Christ has AIDS - Towards an Understanding" presented at the Ecumenical Symposium of Eastern African Theologians held at Bethany House, Sagana, Kenya on 29th March - 1st April 2001.

"Eschatology from an African Perspective" presented at the Center of Theology and Natural Science, Berkeley, California, U.S.A in a workshop held between 8th to 13th June 2001

"Religion in Kenya and United States of America: Comparative Study of Contrasting Perspective" presented at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana Between 8th - 11th May 2002.

"African Traditional Medicine in Partnership with Western Medicine in Kenya"
Presented at the Network Conference held between 7th - 12th September 2002 at Sirikwa Hotel, Eldoret, Kenya

"African Medicine: A Challenge to Christians Today" Presented at the Ecumenical Symposium of Eastern Africa Theologians held at the Bethany House, Sagana, Kenya Between 3rd -6th April 2003.

"Building A Culture of Peace through Reconciliation - An African Perspective"
presented at the National Council of Churches, Kenya (NCCCK) Conference held at KCB Conference Center between 19th to 22nd April 2003.

"Forgiveness: The Way to Reconciliation" Presented at EATWOT Conference held at Damese Sisters, Nairobi Between 15th - 16th August 2003.

Attended a Conference on the theme Contesting Religion Religions Contested held at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, and U.S.A on November 19 - 21, 2003.

Attended the American Academy of Religion Conference at Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A on November 22 - 25, 2003

"Re-Visiting the Role of Africa Women in Peace and Conflict Management" Presented at a Conference of the Program in Religion, Conflict and Peace Building Sponsored by the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, held in April 1 - 3, 2004 at Nile Resort, Uganda.

"African Religion and the African States" Presented at the Ecumenical Symposium of Eastern Africa Theologians held at Cardinal E. Nsubuga Conference Center, Kampala, (Uganda) between March 27 -30, 2004.

"Re-Visiting the Role of Africa Women in Peace and Conflict Management" Presented at the International Association of History of Religions (IAHR) Conference held in Tokyo, Japan between 24th – 30th April 2005.

"Religion and Science in Africa: Living Double Lives" presented at the Annual Metanexus Institute of Science and Religion, Philadelphia, U.S.A between 4th- 8th June, 2005

"New Age Movement: A Challenge to the Church in the 21st Century" Presented at Amecea Gaba Publication Writers Conference, Gaba Institute, Eldoret on 5th - 6th May 2006.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, (ed.) Religion and Health in Africa: Reflections for Theology in the 21st Century (Nairobi: Paulines Publications Africa, 2006)

Articles/Chapters in Books

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, **"Theological Trends in Africa"** *African Ecclesial Review*, 34:1 (February, 1992) 2 – 17. For a modified and revised version of this article, see "Theological Trends in Africa" *Asbury Theological Journal*, Vol.49, No.1 (Spring 1994), 23 –34.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, "**Love: The Organizing Principle of World Spirituality.**" *The Journal of Religious Studies*, Vol.XXIV (Spring 1994) 136 – 144.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, "**Church and Democracy: A Personal Reflection.**" *African Ecclesial Review*, 36.5 (October 1994) 312 – 328.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, "**The Aged: An Endangered Species in the Modern Society.**" *African Christian Studies*, Vol.10, No.4 (December 1994), 14 – 28.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, "**The Youth: A Challenge to the Church in Africa Today.**" *African Ecclesial Review* 38.1 (February 1996), 26 – 42.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, "**The Role of Theologians in the Reconstruction of a Just Africa.**" *Journal of Black Theology in South Africa*, Vol.10, No.2 (November 1996), 36 – 49.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, "**Political Pluralism in Africa**" in *Theology of Reconstruction: Exploratory Essays* (Nairobi: Acton Publishers, 1999), 243-257.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, "**Religion and Democracy in Africa**" in *Democracy and Reconciliation* (Nairobi: Acton Publishers, 1999), 98 – 116.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony "**Gender, Identity and Modernism: The Kipsigis Experience.**" *Theologia Viatorum– Journal of the Faculty of Theology*, University of the North, 1998, 108 – 127.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, "**Sabbath Keeping Among the Kalenjin: A Critical Response to Ngetich's View**" *Journal of Adventist Thought in Africa*, Vol. 4, No 1 (February 2001)

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, "**Christianity and Ethnicity**" in *Quest for Abundant Life in Africa*: (Nairobi: Acton Publishers, 2001), 140 - 157.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, "**An African Approach to the Acquisition of Wealth and Dealing with Poverty**", in Peter Kanyandago (ed.) *The Cries of the Poor in Africa: Questions and Responses for African Christianity*. (Kasubi: Marianum Publishing Company Ltd., 2002), 9 - 32

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, "**Coping with Death in an African Perspective**" In *Quest for Integrity in Africa*: (Nairobi: Acton Publishers, 2003), 34 - 56

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, "**Christian and Traditional African Attitudes Towards HIV/AIDS,**" *African Ecclesial Review* 46:1 (March 2004), 55 – 66

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, "**Building A Culture of Peace through Reconciliation: African Traditional Perspective**" in Mary Getui and Musyimi *Overcoming Violence: A Faith Based Response* (Nairobi: NCKK 2003), 51 - 62.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, "**Religious Education in Tertiary Institutions in East Africa**" in *Religions in East Africa under Globalisation*: (Nairobi: Acton Publishers 2004)

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, "**African Religion and Science**" in P. Ade Dopamu and others, *African Culture, Modern Science and Religious Thought* (Ilorin, Nigeria: ACRS, 2003), 152 - 162

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, “**arap Koilegei Kipnyole**”, in Phyllis G. Jestice, (ed.,) *Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia* (Santa Barbara, California: ABC, CLIO Publishers, 2005), 66 - 67.

arap Chepkwony, “**Birech, Ezekiel Kipro**” in Phyllis G. Jestice, (ed.,) *Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia* (Santa Barbara, California: ABC, CLIO Publishers, 2005), 125.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, “**Mugeni Bargetuny**”, in Phyllis G. Jestice, (ed.,) *Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia* (Santa Barbara, California: ABC, CLIO Publishers, 2005), 606.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, “**African Religion, the Root Paradigm for Inculturation Theology : Prospects for the 21st Century**”, in Nahashon W. Ndungu and Philomena N. Mwaura (eds.,) *Challenges and Prospects of the Church in Africa* (Nairobi: Paulines Publication Africa, 2005), 13 – 53.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, “**Social and Religious Experience in Tokyo**” *AASR Bulletin* (No. 23, May 2005), 28 – 30.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, “**Healers and Healing in an Africa Spirituality**” Forth- coming in *Encyclopedia of Science, Religion and Society: History, Culture, and Controversy*. M.E Sharpe Publisher, 2006.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, “**Healing and the Environment in an Africa Spirituality**” Forth-coming in *Encyclopedia in Forth-coming Science, Religion and Society: History, Culture, and Controversy*. M.E Sharpe Publisher, 2006.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, “**Healing Practices in African: Historical and Theological Considerations**” in Adam K.arap Chepkwony, (ed.,) *Religion and Health in Africa: Reflections for Theology in the 21st Century* (Nairobi: Paulines Publications Africa, 2006)

Adam K. arap Chepkwony “**Religion and Science: Living ‘Double’ Lives in Africa**” in Nehemiah Nyaudi and Kennedy Onkware (eds.,) *Science and Human Values: Essays in Science , Religion and Modern Ethical issues*. (Eldoret: Zapf Chancery, 2006), 173 – 187.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, “**African Religion and the African States**” in Peter Gichure and Diane Stinton eds.,, *Religion and Politics in Africa: Theological Reflections in the 21st Century*. (Nairobi: Paulines Publications, Africa, 2008) 17 – 33.

Adam K. arap Chepkwony, “**Moral Values from an African Perspective**” in Mary N. Getui ed., *Responsible Leadership in marriage and Family*.(Nairobi: Acton Publishers, 2008), 14 - 24

PAPERS ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION

“**Twenty Years of Urban Ministry in Africa**” Forth-coming in the ESEAT series by Paulines Publications, Africa.

RESEARCH COMPLETED

The World Council of Churches Project – Primary Researcher. “**Theology of Life.**” September 1994 to April 1995.

NCCCK Project – Primary Researcher **“Ethnic Clashes: A Theological Perspective”**, April 1995 – July 1995.

National Council of Churches, Kenya (NCCCK) Project – Primary Research, **“Ethnic Clashes: A Historical perspective”**, May 1995 – July 1995.

“African Religion in the Study of Comparative Religion: A Case Study of Kipsigis Religious Practices”– D.Phil. Thesis, 1997.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. Association of Third World Studies – East Africa Chapter, 1993.
2. African Association for the Study of Religions – 1994 – East Africa Contact Person
3. Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians – Kenya Chapter – 1993.
4. Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians – International – 1996.
5. Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa, (OSSREA Kenya Chapter) 1996.
6. Ecumenical Symposium of Eastern African Theologians (ESEAT) –1997 – Chairperson 2003 – Present.
7. Dialogue in Religion and Science (DRS) Group – Moi University – Chair person 2004 – Present.
8. American Academy of Religions – 2004 – Present.
9. Society of Biblical Literature – 2007.

VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS

- Kenya Boy Scout Association
- Patron: Moi University Presidential Award Scheme
- Patron: Moi University Rover Scouts

REFERENCES

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2. Dr. Michael Ntabo Mabururu
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ELDORET, KENYA.
3. Prof. Hazel O. Ayanga
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