

CURRICULUM VITAE

A) PERSONAL DATA:

NAME : MARGARET WANJUGU KIRIMI (PHD)

PROFESSION : DEMOGRAHER/POPULATION GEOGRAPHER

WORK STATION : GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

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DATE OF BIRTH : 11TH NOVEMBER, 1947, KIRINYAGA DISTRICT,
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CURRENT ADDRESS: DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY &
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B) EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

1. PHD in Population Geography 1996
2. M.A in Population Geography 1979
3. B.A in Education 1973
4. Awarded a Fellowship on “Social Science and Health Behaviour” by Harvard Medical School, 1994

C) PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

1. Population issues with special interest in Human Fertility
2. Demography
3. Environmental issues

D) PROFESSIONAL WORK DONE:

1973-1975: Taught at Alliance Girls' High School.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

Since 1st December, 1977 to date I have been teaching in Department of Geography & Environmental Studies University of Nairobi

I taught for two years as a Tutorial Fellow. I became an Assistant Lecturer in 1979 and between October 1983 and March 1996 I became lecturer and in April 1996 to date, a Senior Lecturer.

While at the University of Nairobi I have taught and continue to teach mainly the following courses: Population Geography I and II, Demography I and II, Human Geography, Medical Geography I and II as well as Arid and Semi arid lands course in third and fourth years. I am also teaching Research Methods in third Year. I am also teaching Practical Geography and Spatial Organization in second year. In first year, I have taught Quantitative Techniques, Practical geography and currently I am teaching Introduction to Human Geography. I am also teaching M.A. in Population Geography, an M.A. Course entitled "Human Impact on Natural Environment"

E) Was Census Supervisor in 1999 Population census.

F) RESEARCH WORK DONE:

1. A Dissertation entitled "Smallholder Tea Industry in Ndia Division, Kirinyaga District". This was done in partial fulfillment of B.A. Degree.
2. M.A. Thesis entitled: "Urban-rural Fertility Differentials; A Case Study in Nairobi and Central Province". I collected data for this.
3. Collected data for Ph.D thesis entitled "Determinants of Fertility in Urban Kenya: A Case Study in Nairobi and Mombasa."
4. August 1991: I was the Principal Investigator for Population Council for research on "Evaluation of Default Tracking System in Chogoria hospital in Meru District." In this task I was responsible for collecting data from the field, analyzing it and writing up the report.
5. In April and May 1996, I carried out a research on Population and Conservation in Lake Nakuru catchment basin.
6. Involved in leading a team on POUS i.e. Point of Use water system in Nairobi for KWAHO in 2007.

7. Did a joint research and wrote a report on integrated approach of addressing Population, Health and Environmental issues (PHE) for Ministry of Planning Government of Kenya in 2007.
8. Wrote a joint report on National Environmental Research Strategy for NEMA in 2008.

G) PAPERS WRITTEN AND PRESENTED:

1. A paper on "Population and Employment" July, 1979. Paper presented to a seminar of Labour Officers from 18 African Countries.
2. "Population Issue in Kenya" a Paper presented to students form St. Lawrence University, March, 1980.
3. "Urban-rural Fertility Differentials; A Case Study in Nairobi and Central Province". A paper presented in the Departmental Seminar in March 1980.
4. "The Role of Family Planning in Reducing Fertility in Kenya". A paper presented in the departmental seminar in May, 1981."
5. Population Problem in Kenya. A paper presented in 1986.
6. Factors affecting Population in Kenya. A paper presented in 1987.
7. Application of Demographic Transition in Kenya. A seminar paper presented in McGill University in 1988.
8. A report on "Evaluation of Default Tracking System at Chogoria Hospital," This was co-authored with Population Council (Kenya, 1992).
9. "Land Use Patterns on Eastern and Southern Slopes of Mt. Kenya Region". A Paper Presented in an International Workshop on African Mountains in Nairobi Kenya. March 1993.
10. "Adolescent Reproductive Health in Kenya" A Paper presented in conference on Social Change and Health in Africa. Held at Harvard Medical School, May 4-5, 1995.
11. "Teenage Pregnancy in Kenya" A paper presented in conference on Africa Empowered Women Forum on 16th May 1995. Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College, Harvard University.
12. "Diabetes Mellitus in Kenya: some Preliminary Findings". A paper presented jointly with Dr. Eva Njenga in August 1996 in a conference on health and Behaviour in Kenya.
13. "Health seeking Behaviour of Residents in Tigoni area: 2000.

H) PUBLISHED WORK:

1. Some Factors Affecting urban-rural Fertility. Differentials in Kenya: A Case Study of Nairobi and Central province. Published in a Journal "Kenyan Geographer". 1979.
2. Population Geography (1991). A book published by University of Nairobi Press.
3. "Land Use Patterns on Eastern and Southern Slopes of Mt. Kenya Region". African Mountains and highlands pp.348-355 edited by Ojany, F.F. in 1998.
4. Population and conservation in Lake Nakuru catchment Basin. (1999) Published by WWF International.

I) CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED:

1. Seminar on IPPF Regional Council for Africa region on 23 July 1981.
2. I attended an International Workshop on "Strategies for Developing the Resources of Arid and Semi-arid Areas in Kenya" from August 1981.
3. April 13 to 17 1992 attended conference on "Population Management" organized by Federation of African Medical Students.
4. March 1993 attended an International Conference on "Sustainable Planning for African Mountains". Nairobi, Kenya.
5. March 1993 attended a seminar on African Women as Environmental Managers in Nairobi.
6. August 1994 attended conference in Machakos addressing Health issues in Kenya.
7. November 30th to December 4th 1994, attended 93rd annual meeting on American Anthropological Association in Atlanta, Georgia
8. I attended conference on "Science Innovation Exposition" by American Association of the Advancement of Science, February 1995.
9. Attended a workshop on "Fertility Transition in Africa: Social Determinants and consequences. March 1995, Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard School of Public Health.
10. August 1996 attended a conference on "Health and Social Change in Kenya" held in Machakos.
11. August 1996 attended a conference on "Health and Behaviour in Kenya".

12. October 2007 attended conference an integrated approach addressing Population, Health and Environment (PHE) held in Addis Abba.
13. December 2007 workshop on point of use water system in Nairobi, held in Nairobi.
14. September 2008 attended workshop presenting National Environmental Research Strategy for NEMA.

J) AWARDS:

1. September to December 1988: I participated McGill-Nairobi Exchange programme. During this term I was in McGill University where I taught Population Geography second year students.
2. I was awarded a Carnegie Scholarship as a visiting scholar at Harvard Medical School, Department of Social Medicine September 1994 to June 1995. While at Harvard I did a course in Medical Anthropology.
3. I won an IDRC research proposal competition in 1986 and was awarded \$10000 to do research on fertility in Kenya.
4. I won a CODESRIA small grants competition for African Universities, 1993. I was awarded \$ 3000 for research.

K) WORK IN PROGRESS:

1. I am writing a book on Human Geography.
2. Writing a book on Population Geography

L) OTHER WORK DONE:

1. I was the External Examiner for Geography Department of Makerere University between 2002 and 2006
2. I was External Examiner for Geography Department of Kyambogo University Kampala between 2001 and 2005.
3. "The impact of Rural-Urban Migration Farm production Capacity: The Case of Nyeri district", 1991.
4. "Migration Trends in Mombasa district", 1991.

5. "The Participation of Women in income generating activities: a Case of the Dandora, Kenya", 1991.
6. "The Effects of Economic Enterprises on Fertility Behaviour: A Case Study of the Gusii community of Western Kenya, 1993.
7. "Correlates of unmet need for contraception in Kenya" 2001.

M) M.A. STUDENTS SUPERVISED

1. Oluoch, C.A. 2000, "Environmental and Socio-economic Determinants of Adult female Morbidity and mortality in Homa Bay District: A case study of Asego Division.
2. Madara George Petit 2006, "Impact of Improved water and sanitation on under-five mortality in Urban Kenya: An investigation of slum and non- slum areas."
3. Miriti Janet (in progress) "Determinants of Single Motherhood in Kenya: A Case Study of Chuka division Meru South District.

N) PHD STUDENTS SUPERVISED:

1. Omoke K. "Determinants of Aging in Turkana, Lamu and Nairobi.
2. Njumbi J.S. (in progress) "Ethics and Values in Wildlife Management: A Case Study of Kenyans' attitudes towards Wildlife and Conservation."

O) AFFILIATION TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

1. Chairperson of Shalom (Peace) Women Group.