

CURRICULUM VITAE



Mwambi

1.0 Personal Details

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2.0 Educational Background

2023-2024 **Post-doctoral certificates:**
Grant writing workshop, date due 1st-3rd April 2025, by CBEC
KEMRI Bioethics Training Initiative

Bioethics Pedagogy Workshop, 3rd-6th September 2024 by CBEC KEMRI Bioethics Training Initiative

Practicum Training Course, 28th-30th May 2024 by CBEC KEMRI Bioethics Training Initiative

Lay Members Course (ethics review committee), 12th-13th March 2024 by CBEC KEMRI Bioethics Training Initiative

Just in time training in Disaster medicine for healthcare professionals, August-September 2023 by MEDICI CON L'AFRICA CUAMM.

Research Methods, 31st July-4th August 2023 by CBEC KEMRI Bioethics Training Initiative

These courses have built my capacity as a bioethicist in areas of public health, bioethics education, research and ethics review committees.

2011-2014 **Doctorate Degree in Bioethics** at Regina Apostolorum University Rome.

Dissertation: *'The Right to life in the Kenyan Constitution art. 26'*

I was inspired to do these studies by the new faculty of bioethics which started in the year 2000, the same university I was studying. The emerging issues in healthcare and research as a result of technology needed experts in these ethical issues.

2009-2011 **Master's Degree in Bioethics** at Regina Apostolorum University, Rome

Thesis: *'Rape HIV in Marriage and Catholic Sexual Morality'*

2000-2003 **Bachelor's Degree in Theology**
Theological studies at Regina Apostolorum, University Rome

1997-1999 **Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy**
Philosophical studies at St Augustine's Major Seminary, Bungoma. Kenya.

1996 Spiritual formation at St Mary's Major Seminary Molo, Kenya

1992-1995 Secondary Education at St Mary's Minor Seminary Kwale, Kenya

1983-1991 Primary education completed at Iyale Primary School, Kenya

3.0 Languages

Spoken: English, Italian, Swahili, Taita.

Read: Spanish, Portuguese, Latin

4.0 Pastoral Work Experience

2018-2024	Member of Kilifi County Education Board
2015-2022	Parish Priest Kilifi Catholic Church Director St. Patrick's Academy Assistant Dean Kilifi Deanery
2014-2015	Worked in various parishes within the Archdiocese (Mgange Nyika, Changamwe, Chaani).
2010-2013	Marriage Encounter Team Priest in Rome Zone/Region
2012	Occasional Presenter of Bioethics topic at English/Swahili Vatican Radio
2009-2013	Stella Maris Parish Riccione, Rimini Diocese-Italy
2005-2009	Holy Ghost Cathedral Mombasa, Family life department/ Marriage Encounter Movement
2004-2005	Kichaka Simba, Mgange Dawida Parish Chaplain Bura Teachers Training College, Taita

These opportunities to serve the community helped me to be in touch and to exercise servant leadership. The opportunity also gave me first hand information of the needs and challenges of the communities regardless of their faith affiliation. This helped in filling the gaps and seeking solutions. Aspects which came out include how religion and culture influences bioethics decision making.

5.0 Other Leadership/career roles

2024	Chair of Pan African Catholic Theology and Pastoral Network (PACTPAN'S) Youth Advisory Council
2023-To date	Coordinator of Pan African Catholic Theology and Pastoral Network (PACTPAN'S) unit of African Digital Youth Faith Influencers and assistant coordinator of Health and Healing Unit.
2020-To date	Nominated and Appointed to the Kenya National Commission for UNESCO Social and Human Sciences Programme and Expert Committee
2021	Appointed vice chair of Synod in Mombasa Archdiocese
2019	Dean Kilifi Deanery Co-Chair BOM St Michael's Girls Secondary Giriama. Member of Bioethics Society of Kenya

Serving in this capacity opened my eyes and mind, giving me confidence. Many other opportunities come along with these roles such as research and linkages.

6.0 Publications

Mwakio, M. Pascal 2014, The Right to Life and African Concepts about Life: A Bioethical Approach for Kenya, Limuru, Franciscan Kolbe Press.

This was my first ever book publication which dealt with the many bioethical issues arising from the then new Kenyan Constitution. Many other policies, regulations and laws were not in place by then.

6.1 Articles

Simon K. Langat, Pascal M. Mwakio, David Ayuku, "How Africa Should Engage Ubuntu Ethics and Artificial Intelligence." Journal of Public Health International ISSN NO:2641-4538, opinion article DOI:10.14302/issn.2641-4538.jphi-20-3427, December 26, 2020.

Reimagining Ethical Leverage in Technology for Peaceful Synodality: A Bioethics of Synodality with Technology. Religions 2024, 15(6), 642; <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel15060642>

I intend to continue publishing more articles in the various journals which give me the opportunity.

6.2 Research

Needs Assessment on The Application of Artificial Intelligence and its Ethical Implication in the Coast Region of Kenya, carried out by KNATCOM in October 2021-May 2022.

Healthcare and communicable diseases manual, on progress and being carried out by PACTPAN (Pan African Catholic Theology and Pastoral Network).

6.4 External Examiner at Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA):

- **2014:** Fr Wezi Mfunu, Reg. No. 1021404 “Ethical Challenges Of Polygamy Among the Tumbuka In The Catholic Diocese Of Mzuzu in Malawi.”
- **2014:** Fr Free Chifamba Reg. No. 1021406 “Formation of Christian Conscience in Responding To The Challenge Of HIV And Aids in Masvingo Diocese, Zimbabwe.
- **2014:** Doctoral Dissertation for Anene Ambrose Onyeka, Reg. No 1018046: Promotion of The Culture of Life in The Light of Evangelium Vitae: A Focus On the Igbo of Nigeria. 27/8/2014
- **2015:** M.A THESIS FOR FR JOHANNES PAULUS NGHIKEVALI REG. NO: 1023685, “An Ethical Reflection on the Challenge of Cohabitation and its Moral Impacts on Christian Marriage among the Ovawambo in the North deanery of the Catholic Archdiocese of Windhoek, Namibia.
- **2015:** M.A Thesis For Ewald Elisei Kilasara (Fr) Reg. No; 1023487, “A Moral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women; A Case Study of the Catholic Diocese of Same.
- **2015:** Doctoral Assessment Report for Sr Veronicah Jemanyur Rop No. 1015434. Human Dignity: A study on the Participation of Women in Integral Human Development among the Kalenjin in the Catholic Diocese of Eldoret-Kenya. 9/12/2015
- **2016:** Doctorate Dissertation for Sr Tunu Wilhelmina Uhai
- **2016:** M.A Thesis For Sr Gracia Wilhem Mligo
- **2016:** Doctoral dissertation for Sr Christine Wairimu Mwangi REG. NO 1022050 Integral Reconciliation in Christian Families: A Moral Challenge in the Catholic Diocese of Murang’a. 13/10/2016
- **2021:** Doctoral Dissertation of Sr. Teresia Kiragu Reg. No. 1032904 on Holistic Healthcare Ethics and Culture of Life: Towards a New Approach to Healing in the Catholic Archdiocese of Nyeri, Kenya.

Reviewing theses and dissertations was fulfilling to me given that these fell under my area of ethics and bioethics. However this research work was more descriptive.

7.0 Conferences/Workshops Attended

- Nairobi Convening on Cervical Cancer & HPV Vaccination. Uniting Faith and Science to Eliminate Cervical Cancer in Africa, 11-12 June 2024, Nairobi Kenya.
- Bioethics Society of Kenya annual Conferences latest in 2024
- Workshop on Sensitization of Public Hospital Senior Management Staff on the Establishment of Hospital Ethics Committees (HECs) Venue: Mombasa Continental Resort, Mombasa on 19th– 21st April, 2022.
- 6th KNATCOM Stakeholders conference on 17-20th May 2022 at Mombasa Continental Resort, Mombasa. Theme: “Promoting Kenya’s Sustainable Development and Building Resilience through KNATCOM and UNESCO Programmes.”
- KNATCOM Research on “Needs Assessment on the Application of Artificial Intelligence and its Ethical Implication at the Coastal Region of Kenya.” May, 2021. Rev. Dr. Fr. Pascal Mwakio, Dr. Stephen Muoki Joshua, Dr. Justin Maghanga, Dr. Wanyenda Leonard, Dr. Stephen Asol, Dr. Bernards Okeyo, and Ms. Orpha Nyakundi.
- 4th and 5th February 2021 at Juja, Nairobi- KNATCOM Social and Human Sciences Program Experts Induction Workshop
- 12th and 13th March 2020 in Lenana Hotel, Nairobi- Bioethics Society of Kenya Annual Conference. Contemporary Issues in Bioethics. Paper presented – Ethics of Artificial Intelligence.
- 12th – 14th February 2020 in Mombasa, Kenya- First African Regional Bioethics Conference.
- 4th and 5th December 2019 at Diani, Kenya- Adolescent and Youth Health and Wellbeing Symposium.

The conferences have been quite enriching to me. With experts and professionals from across the world, the sharing touches global issues on ethics and bioethics.

8.0 Public Lectures

Kisii University – Research in Bioethics On 25th March 2021.

This was as a result of networking by colleagues we met during conferences. It was my first public lecture in an institute of higher learning.

9.0. Trainer/Lecturer

Faculty member at CBEC-KEMRI Bioethics Training Initiative (CK-BTI) from May 2023 to date.

Adjunct Bioethics Lecturer: Mount Kenya University (MKU) from 2024

Adjunct lecturer: AMIU (AMREF International University) from 2023 Lecturer Our Lady of Assumption Medical Training College, Lang'ata Nairobi

Visiting Lecturer at Our Lady of Assumption Medical Training College, Lang'ata Nairobi 2024

These teaching openings have given me satisfaction in what I specialized in. I have been longing to get a space where I can offer my expertise and help grow the bioethics field in Kenya and Africa. They have really been occasions of learning and improvement in my career.

10. Referees

Prof. Elizabeth Anne Bukusi

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