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Preface

The Department of History is one of the oldest academic departments in the University, having been established in 1957 when the University was still the Royal Technical College. Its syllabus was geared to inculcate a deep interest, among its students, of the origins, growth and development of human societies and cultures. Our coverage has always been world wide for we believe that there is no human culture whose history cannot contribute to a deeper understanding of human development.

Our programmes are available at undergraduate and postgraduate diploma, bachelors, masters and Ph.D. levels. The department opens its doors to all prospective students with the relevant university entry qualifications and a good history background. This is because we believe in the efficacy of the study of history in the broadening of the mind both for those who wish to pursue the study of history to the highest levels and those who merely wish to be informed citizens. The Department has diversified its curriculum to include a number of interrelated fields. They include:

- Diploma in Cultural Tourism
- Diploma in Armed Conflict in Eastern Africa
- BA History
- BA Archaeology
- BA Conflict and Peace Studies
- BA Tourism
- MA History
- MA/PGD Women in History
- MA/PGD Islamic Civilizations
- MA/PGD Conflict and Peace Studies
- MA Archaeology
- Ph.D

In 2013, the Department recorded the highest number of appointments of its members to senior academic positions. They included:

- Chancellor- Kisii University – **Prof. Godfrey Muriuki**
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) – University of Nairobi – **Professor Henry Mutoro**
- Chairman, Multi-Media University Council – **Dr. Herbert Misigo**
- Principal- Kenya Utalii College (re-appointment) – **Dr. Kenneth Ombongi**

CONFERENCES ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF STAFF IN 2013

Prof. Godfrey Muriuki

- 11th to 12th July, 2013. University of Cambridge Conference Citizenship, belonging and political community in Africa, Centre of African Studies, UK
- 23rd to 24th September, 2013. IFRA/ BIEA conference on The 50th Anniversary of Kenya's Independence
Paper Presented: Keynote Address on 'Marginalized, forgotten and Revived Political Actors'
- 5th-6th December, 2013. Build-up of liberation movement in Kenya. International conference on Liberation movements Conference. Karatina University
Paper Presented: 'Build-up to liberation in Kenya'

Prof. V.G. Simiyu

- 3-6 September, 2013- The Fourth Africa Governance, Leadership and Management Convention: Patron H.E. Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR. Theme: Opening up Africa to Africa, organized by The Kenya Institute of Management, (KIM). Venue: Ukunda, Mombasa Kenya:
Paper Presented 'Building Safe Environments: Overcoming Violent Conflict and Insecurity in Africa'.
- 5th -6th December, 2013 " Liberation Movements in Kenya Theme: Mau Mau and Other Liberation Movements', Conference jointly organized by Karatina University and The National Museums of Kenya. Venue: Karatina University
Paper presented: 'Dini ya Msambwa and its legacy in Kenya'.

Prof. Milcah Amolo Achola

- Participated in colloquium on Women's Right and the Kenya Constitution (2010) and
Paper presented: "Women, Marriage, Family and the Constitution of Kenya 2010: Outlook for the Future".

Dr. Ephraim W. Wahome

- Sensitization Workshop on Post-graduate Matters – UON (CCU) -10th Dec. 2013
- International Conference on liberation Movements- **Karatina University**, 5th to 7th December, 2013
Paper Presented:
Ephraim W. Wahome, Felix Kiruthu and Susan Owino -The Forgotten heritage: The place of Mau Mau material and immaterial culture in Kenya
- Odera Orika Symposium. 19th to 21st Nov. 2013. Nairobi, **Goethe-Institut** Auditorium
- Sensitization workshop for senior management 20th November, 2013, **University of Nairobi**, CCU Hall
- UNESCO Conference on Conceptualization of historical concepts - 21st October 2013Coconut Grove Regency Hotel, **Accra - Ghana**
- UNESCO Conference on Pedagogy, 22-25th October 2013, Coconut Beach Resort, **Elmina -Ghana**
- School of Architecture SABS Conference at **JOMO Kenyatta University** (JKUAT) – 10th-13th Oct 2013 at JKUAT:
Papers to be presented:
 - **B.N. Mugwima and E.W. Wahome**–'Perceptions in a Commons: A case of Old Town Mombasa'
 - **Wahome, E.W., Mugwima, B.N. and Nyanchwaya W.N.**–'Reflections on *Conservation of Urban Heritage Attractions; The case of Nairobi 1898 to 1948*'.
- French Institute for Research in Africa Seminar Theme 50Years of Kenya's Independence – 23rd to 24th September2013:
Paper presented: '*The Abandoned Heritage: the Case of the Mau Mau Legacy around Mount Kenya*'.
IFRA /British Institute in Eastern Africa
- East African Association for Paleoanthropology and Paleontology (EAAPP) Conference July 28th-August 1, 2013, **Leisure Lodge, Mombasa, Kenya**.
-Discussant:'The challenges of Teaching Archaeology in a Department of History'
- Adopting a Human Rights-based Approach to Kenya's Development Plan Seminar held at **Centre for Human Rights, University of Nairobi**, on 28/06/2013

Dr. George Gona

- 14th – 18th July 2013 –The Church and Mosque in the 4th March Elections.
- 17th July 2013 – Academic Writing Workshop, Mombasa. Guided MA History
- 23rd – 24th September 2013 – IFRA Friends Institute for Research in Africa Conference.

Dr. Mary Mwiandi

- May 24-31 2013: Presentation of paper “Mediation and Peace Processes Support Perspective for East Africa” in a conference entitled “Building the Capacity of East African Governments to Support Peace Processes” held at Enashipai Result, Naivasha, 24th -31 May, 2013.
- February 15-17 2013: Participated in International Project Proposal preparatory Workshop on Water and Society, held at Esella Hotel, Kampala.
- February 10 -15, 2013: Participated in Utezezi Exchange Visit Programme on “Reconciliation, Justice and Peace: Lessons and challenges from the Governments of National Unity in Kenya and Zimbabwe” held in Harare and Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.
- January 27-30 2013 attended Goodwill Ambassadors workshop held at Great Rift Valley Lodge, Naivasha.
- Been involved in many workshops as a member of the task force with the Ministry of Housing’s project on: National Slum Upgrading and Prevention Policy Formulation Process” especially on issues of security and safety since 2012 to date.

Dr. Herbert Misigo

- 24 -29 September - 2013 Corporate governance Training in Mombasa,

Dr. Ben Nyanhoga

- December 2013 –e-learning workshop held at Multimedia University in December 2013

Margaret Gachihi

- 3rd-7th June, 2013. Attended 3rd ESARBICA General Conference in Nairobi

David Mwanzia Kyule

- Conference organized by American visiting sponsors of the Children of Kibera Foundation at Ngong Hills Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya. 29 May 2013.
Paper presented: ‘Archaeology and Anthropology of Human Origins in East Africa’
- East African Association for Paleoanthropology and Paleontology (EAAPP) conference 28 July to 1 August 2013. Leisure Lodge, Mombasa, Kenya.
- History and Government (Primary) Panel Meeting. Kenya Institute of Education. 6 November 2013. Theme: Adopting History and Government curriculum to the dictates of Vision 2030.
- Effective Customer Relationship Management (CRM) in Kenyan Small and Micro Enterprises (SME’s) Conference, Gibbon Woori World graduates, at the GWW center, Ongata Rongai, Kenya 19 November 2013
Paper presented: Developing capacity for GWW graduates to venture into profitable SME business.”

Gilbert Wafula:

- July 28 – August 1, 2013- East African Association for Paleo-anthropology and Paleontology (EAAPP): 4th Conference Mombasa Kenya, at Leisure Lodge Resort
- September 22-30, 2013 -Workshop held at KWS in Naivasha to write a module.
- December 2013 – e-learning workshop at Multi-Media University

George Odeny

- 22-27th Sept. 2013 Workshops: Attended Faculty of Arts Writers Workshop of Wildlife Training Institute Naivasha.

Pamela Ngesa

- February 14th-16th, 2013, Participation in Collaborative Conference between the University of Nairobi and Linkoping University, Sweden. Theme: Uplifting the poor to improved livelihoods
- Sept- 23rd to 24th. Attended IFRA conference on the anniversary of African Independence: Marginalized, Forgotten and revived political actors

Paper presented: The responses of African women traders to the vulnerabilities of the 1960s

PUBLICATIONS (2013)

Prof. Henry Mutoro

- The development of Archaeology in Kenya since the Early 1960s. In *MIZIZI: A collection of essays on Kenya's history* with Gilbert Wafula. pp.49-62

Prof. Milcah Amolo Achola

- Book Chapter: 'Poverty Conflict and destitution: Nairobi Street Children 1946 -62. For "Essays in honour of the First Anniversary of the Death of Prof. E.S. Atieno Odhiambo
- Book Chapter: 'Maternal and Child Health in Colonial Nairobi'. in *MIZIZI: A collection of essays on Kenya's history*. pp.125-156

Prof. V.G. Simiyu

- NEWSPAPER ARTICLE. "Nelson Mandela: A Legacy", *The Daily Nation*, 9th December, 2013.
- Book Chapter: 'Social differentiation in Kenya from 1963 to 2009'. *MIZIZI: A collection of essays on Kenya's history*, pp. 229-241. Nairobi: UONP

Dr. Ephraim W. Wahome

- **Wahome, E.W. (2013)** 'Ceramic Style and History: An Inter-regional Assessment'. In *Mizizi: A Collection of Essays on Kenya's History*. University of Nairobi Press, pp.81-96 (Book Chapter)
- **Wahome, E.W. (2013)**. 'Loss of Material Heritage' in Kenya'. *International Journal of Arts and Commerce* 2(9):77-92
- **Wahome E.W. Mugwima, B.N. and Nyachwaya W.N.(2013)** 'Reflections on Conservation of Urban Heritage Attractions; The case of Nairobi 1898 to 1948'. *Global Built Environment Review*, 8(3) 1-34.
- **Wahome, E.W. and Gathungu, J.(2013)** 'Brand Personality and the evolution of evolution of destination Kenya during the colonial period' – *Thought and Practice: Journal of Philosophical Association of Kenya: Journal of the Philosophical Association of Kenya*, Vol. 5 (1):91-119
- **Wahome E.W. and Mugwima, B.N. 2013** 'Perceptions in a commons: A case of historic old town, Mombasa'. *Journal of Inquiry in Design Pedagogy (JIDEP)*, Vol. 1 pp. 44-69

Dr. George Gona

- 'He talked for us: Moi and structural adjustment programmes in Kenya'. In *MIZIZI: A collection of essays on Kenya's history*. Nairobi: UONPS, pp. 297-316
- George Gona and Mbugua wa-Mungai, *(Re) Membering Kenya Vol 2: Interrogating Marginalization and Governance*, Nairobi, Twaweza Communications, 2013
- George Gona and Mbugua wa-Mungai "Introduction", in George Gona and Mbugua wa-Mungai, *(Re) Membering Kenya Vol 2: Interrogating Marginalization and Governance*, Nairobi, Twaweza Communications, 2013
- George Gona, "Dealing with the Aftermath of the Election Violence of 2007/2008: Kenya's Dilemmas" in George Gona and Mbugua wa-Mungai, *(Re) Membering Kenya Vol 2: Interrogating Marginalization and Governance*, Nairobi, Twaweza Communications, 2013

Dr. Mary Mwiandi

- Mary Mwiandi, "The history of Jeanes School, Kabete, 1925-1939". In *MIZIZI: A collection of essays on Kenya's history*. Nairobi: UONPS, pp. 157-188.

Dr. Ken Ombongi

- The politics of Urban Malaria control in Kenya: A management challenge. In *MIZIZI: A collection of essays on Kenya's history*. Nairobi: UONPS pp.103-124.

Dr. Herbert Misigo

- 'Hiv/ Aids and the disintegration of an African Tradition: THE CASE OF tiriki circumcision ceremonies' (**Idumi**). In *MIZIZI: A collection of essays on Kenya's history*'. pp. 345-352.
- Article: 'Christian Mission, Government and Local Council Partnership in Educational Development'. The Case of Western Kenya, 1911-1938'. *International Journal of Arts and Commerce*
- Article: 'The Friends Church and Development of a Christian Commercial Agricultural Elite in Western Kenya, 1902 – 1963'. *International Journal of Arts and Commerce*

Dr. Ben Nyanchoga

- 'Protecting archaeological heritage in Kenya: A management challenge'. In *MIZIZI: A collection of essays on Kenya's history*'. pp.97-102

Margaret Gachihi

- Book Chapter: 'The changing faces of loyalism in Central Kenya'. In *MIZIZI: A collection of essays on Kenya's history*'. pp.189-2004

David Mwanzia Kyule

- Editor (with George M Gona) *MIZIZI: a collection of essays on Kenya's History*. Nairobi University Press 2013.
- 'History of Prehistory in the Lake Victoria Basin, Kenya. With John C. Onyango-Abuje'. In *MIZIZI: a collection of essays on Kenya's History*. Nairobi University pp.17-34.
- Archaeology of Pli-Pleistocene Hominids in Eastern Africa. In *MIZIZI: a collection of essays on Kenya's History*. Nairobi University Press. pp 35-48.

Gilbert Wafula

- 'The local ceramic industry and socio-economic developments on the Kenya coast between 100AD and 1600 AD: An ethno-archaeological approach'. In *MIZIZI: A collection of essays on Kenya's history*, pp. 63-80. Nairobi: UONP
- The development of Archaeology in Kenya since the Early 1960s. In *MIZIZI: A collection of essays on Kenya's history*' with Prof. Henry Mutoro. pp.49-62

George Odeny

- The colonial roots of post-colonial Kenya's foreign policy behavior. In *MIZIZI: A collection of essays on Kenya's history*, pp. 215-228. Nairobi: UONP

ONGOING RESEARCH

Prof. Milcah Amolo Achola

- Carried out a baseline survey of the food security situation in Migori County and presented a report to the Governor

Dr. Ephraim W. Wahome

- History of natural heritage conservation in Kenya
- Conservation and Mau Mau cultural heritage tourism in Kenya

Dr. Mary Mwiandi

- “ African nurses in Colonial Kenya: Case study of the Church of Scotland Mission, Chogoria Mission, 1922-1963”
- “Jeanes School, Kabete since World War II, 1945-1961”
- Began working on my thesis “*The Jeanes School in Kenya: the Role of Kenya Jeanes School Teachers and Their Wives in the ‘Social Transformation’ of Rural Colonial Kenya, 1925-1961*” in view of transforming it into a book.

Esther Omondi

- Preparing Ph.D Proposal

Margaret Gachihi

- Completion of Final PhD draft
- Compilation of E. Gachukia’s Biography

Pamela Ngesa

- Submitted Ph.D proposal on : ‘A history of African women traders in Nairobi, 1945-2005’
- PhD fieldwork on: ‘A history of African women traders in Nairobi, 1945-2005’
- Research on African women traders in the first decade after WW I, 1919-1929

George Odeny

- Produced a third draft of my Ph.D thesis titled “Production and Kenya’s Export of Coffee, Tea and Maize to Japan, 1963 -2008”.

Gilbert Wafula

- Archaeology and Socio-economic Development of Local Communities in the Coast Region (Heritage Conservation and Human Rights multi-disciplinary Project)

Mary W. Wanyoike

- Completing Chapter 3 of PhD. Thesis on ‘A history of non-normal education in Nairobi County, 1963-2005’

CONSULTANCIES

Dr. Mary Mwiandi

- (a) National Slum upgrading and prevention policy consultative Workshop – by Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban. Development held at Utalii Collage on 4th -5th December 2013.
- (b) Water and Society Consultative workshop held at UON - Chiromo Campus -October 2013.

Ms. Esther Omodi

- Consultancies – Leadership Training of church workers – Nairobi Diocese.

Margaret Gachihi

- Ford Foundation: Compilation of Eddah Gachukia’s Biography
- Rehabilitation of historical monuments sponsored by *House of History (Private Consortium of scholars)*

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Prof. G. Muriuki

- Radio Interview: at Kameme FM on Kikuyu History
- Chancellor Kisii University – Presided over Graduation ceremony on 18/12/2013
- Special Student Advisor - UON
- Patron- Magina Secondary School

Prof. Henry Mutoro

- DVC (Academic) – University of Nairobi
- Presidential Advisory Committee on Archives
- Member and Liaison Officer, OSSREA
- Member, BOG National Museums of Kenya

Prof. V.G. Simiyu

- Chairman, Chuna Housing Co-operative Society Limited.
- Chairman, Board of Governors, (BOG), Nairobi School.
- Member, BOG, Luyia Girls' Secondary School, Bungoma.
- Chairman, PTA, Teremi Boys' Secondary School, Bungoma.
- RADIO COMMENTARY. “Kenya’s Fifty Years of Independence: an assessment of the performance in the economic, political and social development on the Occasion of The Fiftieth Jubilee Anniversary”. Aired on the BBC Focus on Africa Programme on 12th December, 2013 at 6p.m.
- Chairman Nairobi County Board of Examination
- External Examination – Moi University
- External Examination – Karatina University

Prof. Milcah Amolo Achola

- Management Committee Member - African Women Studies Centre (UON) – Involved in Sensitization & Advocacy
- External examiner – University of Dar-es-Salaam – Mkwawa University College of Education

Dr. Mary Mwiandi

- Board Member- Board of Management of Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute.
- Community Service
 - Served as Treasurer of Meru Professional Association.
 - Gave Civic Education – on Devolution and Constitution matters to Larger Meru Community
 - Guest speaker – to several High schools before the National Examination.
 - Treasurer- Meru Professionals Association

Dr. Herbert Misigo

- Chairman – Multi-Media University Council
- Board Member- Kenya National Library Council

Dr. Ephraim W. Wahome

- External Examiner- Kenyatta University

Dr Kenneth Ombongi

- Principal – Kenya Utalii College
- Principal, Kenya Utalii College
- School Boards- Nyamagwa and Boitang'are Sec. Schools
- Secretary, CDF committee- Mvita Constituency
- Chair, Kenya-India Friendship Association.

Dr. Ben Nyanchoga

- Member – KEBS Technical Committee on tourism

David M. Kyule

- Chairman BOG- Tutini sec. sch.
- Member- BOG- Mulala Girls sec Sch.
- Patron- Makueni Consortium for Development and Resource Centre

Margaret Gachihi

- Media Appearance in 12th Dec, 2013: Deutsche Wella and NTV: Topic: ‘Reparations for the Mau Mau Freedom Fighters’

Esther Omondi

- Board Chair- St. Martin’s Sec. School –Teso
- Board Member- Bishop Sulemeti School
- Patron – Bakoromo Pry. School
- Member- Scream Street Children Rehab

Mary Wanyoike

- Helping the Poor as a Church Member
- Initiating Process for Helping the Disadvantaged to be Economically Independent.

Pamela Ngesa

- PTA member- Maranda Boys School
- PTA member- Nyamira Girls School
- Participant- Church development projects
- Advisor- Women Group Projects in Bondo

AFFILIATE RESEARCHERS

- Dr Anne-Marie Deisser- University College London
- Dr. Geoffrey Belknap, Harvard University
- Ramadhani Magoti- University of Dar-es-Salaam
- Caleb Edwin Owen - Michigan State University
- Feisel Farah – University of Hull, UK
- Moritz Schuberth – University of Bradford, UK
- Luca Peloso – Insubria University, Corno-Varese, Italy

Other Activities

1) DEPARTMENTAL BOOK PROJECT -2013

The Department published a 20 chapter book entitled: *MIZIZI: A collection of essays on Kenya’s History*. Nairobi: UONPS.

2) NEW JOURNAL

2013 The Department started a new Journal entitled: *Nairobi Journal of Historical Studies*.

3) MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH GROUP

A multidisciplinary research group was formed in 2013. The group incorporates the fields of conservation. It is known as Heritage Conservation and Human Rights (CHCR). It works in close collaboration with the Centre of Human Rights. It also collaborates with JKUAT and a number of disciplines in the Faculty of Arts. The Group will hold an authors workshop on 31st January, 2014.

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