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Preface

The Department of History and Archaeology is one of the oldest academic departments in the University, having been established in 1957 when the University was still a Royal Technical College. Its syllabus was geared to inculcate a deep interest 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 diploma, undergraduate, postgraduate diploma, masters and Ph.D. levels. The department opens its doors to all prospective students with the relevant university entry qualifications. The Department has diversified its curriculum to include a number of interrelated fields. They include:

- Diploma in Cultural Tourism
- Diploma in Armed Conflict
- BA History
- BA Archaeology
- BA Conflict and Peace Studies
- BA Tourism
- MA/PGD/Ph.D.
SENIOR ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD BY MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT

Prof. Godfrey Muriuki

Chancellor, Kisii University

Professor Henry Mutoro

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
University of Nairobi

Dr. Kenneth Ombongi

Principal- Kenya Utalii College

Dr. Herbert Misigo

Chairman, Multi-Media
University Council
COMPLETED BOOK PROJECT (AVAILABLE IN THE MARKET)
CONFERENCES ATTENDED/PAPERS PRESENTED BY STAFF (JANUARY TO JUNE 2014)

Prof. Godfrey Muriuki
- Gave keynote address on ‘Quality Education for Sustainable Development’ to Nyeri County Secondary School Heads Conference, Perch Hotel, Kisumu, 24 March, 2014
- Interview on 50 Years of Independence, NTV, 1st June, 2014.

Prof. Milcah AmoloAchola
- March 6th -7th 2014, Conference on The History of Poverty in Africa: A Central Question? Submitted to Colombia University, U.S.A.

Prof. Vincent G. Simiyu
- “Kenyas Fifty Years After Independence” organized by IFRA (Franch Institute in African Research, June, 2014.
- Induction Seminar for Chair Persons of County Education Boards in Mombasa, 15th to 18th June 2014.
- “Leisure, Recreation, Politics and the Struggle for Urban Nairobi, 1900-2008” by Caleb Owen from Michigan State University on 16th April 2014 in the Department of History & Archaeology Library, UoN.
- “Ethnic Identity and the State: The Dynamics of Ethnic Identities in the Mara River Basin, 1900-2010” by IddyRamadhaniMagoti from University of Dar es Salaam on 18th June 2014 in the Department of History & Archaeology Library, UoN.

Dr. Ephraim W. Wahome
- Kenyatta University Conference on ‘Refugees and IDPs in a historical Perspective’. June 19th-21st, 2014- KU conference Centre
- Paper presented: Cultural adaptation and change as a traditional mechanism for conflict resolution: A case of internal displacement and assimilation in the Tana River County
- Paper presented: Kenya to 1920: A contested landscape and lessons for Nationalism
- University College London Conference, on The impact of cross-disciplinary conservation on Social Development– 17th-19th May 2014, UCL, London, UK
- Paper presented:Conserving for Whom? Sociological impediments in heritage conservation in Kenya
- Department of History and Archaeology Seminar. ‘Leisure, Recreation, Politics and the Struggle for Urban Nairobi, 1900-2008’by Caleb Owen. Departmental Library, 16th April, 2014
- Paper Presented: ‘Cultural adaptability and change in Tana River County’
**Paper Presented:** 'Tracing the Forgotten Heritage: The Place of Mau Mau Memory and Culture in the History of Kenya'

**Dr. Herbert Misigo**
- “Leisure, Recreation, Politics and the Struggle for Urban Nairobi, 1900-2008” by Caleb Owen from Michigan State University on 16th April 2014 in the Department of History & Archaeology Library, UoN.
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**Esther Omondi**
- From 12th -16th May 2014 Involved in Training for Teachers at Chulaimbo in Kisumu County. Presented a paper on How to Develop Creative Thinking in a learner.
- “Leisure, Recreation, Politics and the Struggle for Urban Nairobi, 1900-2008” by Caleb Owen from Michigan State University on 16th April 2014 in the Department of History & Archaeology Library, UoN.
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**Dr. George Gona**
- Work and Research in progress:

**Dr. Mary Mwiandi**
- “Jeannes School, Kabete since World War II, 1945-1961”

**Gilbert K. Wafula**
- Attended the Authors’ Meeting on January 31, 2014 organized by the Heritage Conservation and Human Rights (HCHR) program, the BIEA and IFRA held at the British Institute in East Africa (BIEA), Kileleshwa, about the book being written: “The Conservation of Cultural and Natural Heritage in Kenya: Cross-Disciplinary Approaches in Theory and Practices.”
- Presented paper on January 31, 2014 at the HCHR, BIEA and IFRA Authors’ Meeting at Kileleshwa entitled: “Archaeology, Heritage and the Public in Kenya: Literature Review on the Question of Relevance”.
- Authored paper presented by Dr. Ephraim W. Wahome on May 16, 2014 entitled: “Archaeological Heritage and Public Benefits: Effectiveness of Kenya’s legal, administrative and policy framework” at the Institute of Archaeology (University College London) Conference on 'The impact of cross-disciplinary conservation on social development'.

**Mary W. Wanyoike**
- Paper written for Pan-African Conference on Teacher Education in Feb/March 2014.
George O. Odeny

- Attended a conference at Kenyatta University between 19th June 2014 and 21st June 2014, Theme of the Conference is “Refugees and IDPs in a Historical Perspective: The East African Experience”.
- “Leisure, Recreation, Politics and the Struggle for Urban Nairobi, 1900-2008” by Caleb Owen from Michigan State University on 16th April 2014 in the Department of History & Archaeology Library, UoN.
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Dr. Ben Nyanchoga

- Training for examination setters in Mount Kenya University, June 2014
- “Leisure, Recreation, Politics and the Struggle for Urban Nairobi, 1900-2008” by Caleb Owen from Michigan State University on 16th April 2014 in the Department of History & Archaeology Library, UoN. Departmental Seminar
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Margaret Gachihi

- “Fifty Years of Independence; the Nations in East Africa. Revisiting Nation-Building between Particularism and Universalism? June 12 and 13, 2014 IFRA Seminar
- “Leisure, Recreation, Politics and the Struggle for Urban Nairobi, 1900-2008” by Caleb Owen from Michigan State University on 16th April 2014 in the Department of History & Archaeology Library, UoN. Departmental Seminar
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David Mwanzia Kyule


PUBLICATIONS

Dr. George Gona

ACADEMIC PAPERS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION

David Kyule
- M.D. Kyule, Status assessment of legislation on cultural heritage resources in Kenya (Journal of Heritage Conservation and Human Rights)

Ephraim W. Wahome

IN PREPARATION
Dr. Mary Mwiandi
- “Jeanes School, Kabete since World War II, 1945-1961”

DEPARTMENTAL SEMINARS

Department of History and Archaeology

DEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR
TOPIC:
'Leisure, Recreation, Politics and the Struggle for Urban Nairobi, 1900-2008'
BY
Caleb Owen
(Michigan State University)
(Research Affiliate, Department of History and Archaeology)

Date: 16th April, 2013
Venue: GW 413 E (Dept. Library)
Time: 2.30-4.00PM
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Prof. G. Muriuki
- Chancellor Kisii University
- 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.
- 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
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• 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 Mwanzia Kyule
• Appointed Editor: Nairobi Journal of Historical Studies (since March 2014)
• Peer Reviewer:
• Online Journal of African Affairs (www.onlinereseachjournals.org/OJAA )
• Journal of Heritage Conservation and Human Rights (Editor: Anne-marieDelvenneDeisser)
• Web Administrator: Archaeology in Eastern Africa
• Affiliate Faculty: Sustainable African Dryland Ecosystems and Societies Program. A collaboration program of the Colorado State University and LARMAT - CAVS, University of Nairobi
• Chairman BOG- Tutini sec. sch.
• Member- BOG- Mulala Girls sec Sch.
• Patron- Makueni Consortium for Development and Resource Centre

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
• Emma Park –University of Michigan
• Elizabeth Williams – University of Minesota, Twin cities
• Prof. Justin Willis – Durham University
• Luca Peloso – Insubria University, Cormo-Varese, Italy
• Dr Anne-Marie Deisser- University College London
• Ramadhani Magoti- University of Dar-es-Salaam
• Feisel Farah – University of Hull, UK
MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN CRDN CONFERENCE IN LONDON, UK