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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

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Professor Henry Mutoro



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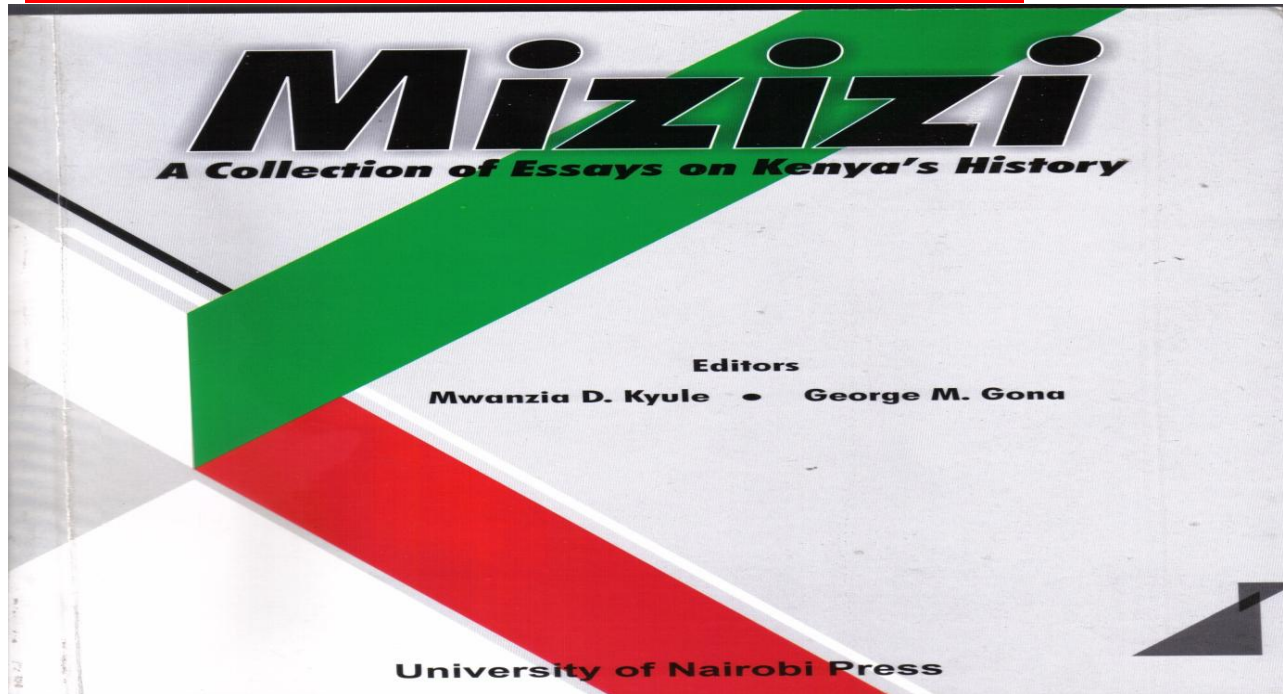


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CONFERENCES ATTENDED/ PAPERS PRESENTED BY STAFF (JANUARY TO JUNE 2014)

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.
- Chaired a session on Living Together, IFRA Workshop on ‘**Fifty Years After Independence: The Nation in East Africa, Revisiting Nation – Building Between Particularism and Universalism?**’ 12 June, 2014.

Prof. Milcah Amolo Achola

- May 2nd– 3rd 2014, Conference on Women and Food Security in Kenya. “**Women, Culture and Food Security in Kenya**”, by AWSC, UoN.
- 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

- **National Museums of Kenya** Conference and Workshop on ‘African Large Carnivores: impacts on the ecosystems and human interactions’. 24th-27th June, 2014. **Louis Leakey Auditorium**
- **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*
- **Department of History and Archaeology Seminar:** ‘*Ethnic Identity and State: The dynacs of ethnic identities in the Mara River Basin 1900-2010*’ by IddyRamadhaniMagoti. **Departmental Library**, 18th June, 2014
- **IFRA Conference** on Nation Building 12th-13th June, 2014. **BIEA-IFRA**, Nairobi, Kenya.
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
- **National Scientific Conference on Tana River County:** The impact of climate change on natural resources and human activities in Tana River County, Kenya February 25-27th, 2014, **Northcoast Beach Hotel**, Mombasa, Kenya.
Paper Presented: *Cultural adaptability and change in Tana River County*
- **IFRA Workshop:** The Conservation of Cultural and Natural Heritage in Kenya: Cross-Disciplinary Approaches in Theory and Practices. Author’s Seminar, 31st January 2014, **BIEA-IFRA**, Nairobi, Kenya.

Paper Presented: *Tracing the Forgotten Heritage: The Place of Mau Mau Memory and Culture in the History of Kenya*

Dr. Herbert Misigo

- Kenya National Library Services Retreat on Transformation Strategy for Kenya National Library Services (KNLS), 19th – 20th February 2013.
- **“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 Iddy Ramadhani Magoti from University of Dar es Salaam on 18th June 2014 in the Department of History & Archaeology Library, UoN.

Esther Omondi

- 21st March 2014: Education Day for Gwasi County of Homa Bay Presented a paper entitled **“The 21st Century Teacher”**.
- 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

- Presented paper at the History Workshop Seminar, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, 3rd June 2014. Title of Paper **“On Writing Zarina Patel: the Indomitable Spirit”**
- Work and Research in progress:

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.

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.
- Harmonising and proofreading chapters 3 and 4 of my thesis entitled: *“A History of Non-Formal Training for Out of School Youth in Nairobi County, Kenya, 1963-2005”*.

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 “.
- Presented a paper titled: “The Politics of Exclusion and Ethnic Conflicts in Post-Colonial Kenya, 1963-2014 at Kenyatta University on 19th June 2014 - 21st 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.
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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

- Submitted Ph.D. Thesis entitled: “Faith and Nationalism: **“Mau Mau and Christianity in Kikuyuland”**”
- **“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

- International Union of Quaternary Research - African Large Carnivores: Impacts on Ecosystems and Humans Interactions Conference & Workshop at National Museums of Kenya Louis Leakey Auditorium 24TH - 27TH JUNE 2014

PUBLICATIONS**Dr. George Gona**

- Gona, George and MbuguawaMungai, eds. *(Re)membering Kenya Vol.2*, Nairobi, Twaweza Communication, 2014.
- Gona, George, “ Dealing with the Effects of the 2007/2008 post-elction violence: Kenya’s Dilemmas” in Gona, George and MbuguawaMungai, eds.*(Re)membering Kenya Vol.2*, Nairobi, Twaweza Communication, 2014.
- Gona, George and MbuguawaMungai, “Introduction” in Gona, George and MbuguawaMungai, eds.*(Re)membering Kenya Vol.2*, Nairobi, Twaweza Communication, 2014.

ACADEMIC PAPERS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION

David Kyule

- M. D. Kyule, The Bao: a board game in Africa's antiquity (Journal of Heritage Conservation and Human Rights)
- M.D. Kyule, Status assessment of legislation on cultural heritage resources in Kenya (Journal of Heritage Conservation and Human Rights)

Ephraim W. Wahome

- **Wahome, E.W., Kiruthu F. and Owino, S.** (2014) 'Tracing the Forgotten Heritage: The Place of Mau Mau Memory and Culture in the History of Kenya'. Book Chapter-. In *Cultural and Natural Heritage Conservation in Kenya*
- **Gathungu, J.J. and Wahome, E.W.** (2014) 'Managing the aftermath of big game hunting in Kenya 1977-2013: Opportunities and threats'. In *Cultural and Natural Heritage Conservation in Kenya*.
- **Wahome, E. W.** Human Rights and Heritage Conservation. Submitted to Centre for Human Rights and Peace (CHRP)

IN PREPARATION

Dr. Mary Mwiandi

- "African nurses in Colonial Kenya: Case study of the Church of Scotland Mission, Chogoria Mission, 1922-1963"
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Time: 2.30-4.00PM

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