

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Academic/Professional Training

June 2009- April 2013

PhD in Media Ethics and the Political Economy of the Media, Rhodes University, South Africa.
Supervised by Prof. Herman Wasserman

Sept. 2002- December 2005

Master of Arts in Philosophy (University of Nairobi)

Research Interests

- Media Ethics
- Philosophy of Education
- Philosophy of Human Rights
- Ethics, Leadership and Governance
- Social and political Philosophy
- Creative and Critical Thinking
- Intercultural Philosophy
- Philosophy of Law
- Environmental Ethics

Title of Research project: *The Ethics of Punishment: A Paradox of Imprisonment for Reform*

Sept.2004- December 2006

Master of Arts in Communication studies (University of Nairobi).

Research Interests

- Media Law and Ethics
- Media and Human rights
- Peace Journalism
- Political Economy of the Media
- Media and Society
- Critical thinking in Communication

1997-2001

BACHELOR OF ARTS in Philosophy and Literature (*FIRST CLASS HONORS*)

University of Nairobi

Professional Working Experience

- Aug.2018- to date:** Senior Lecturer, Department of Philosophy and Center for Human Rights and Peace, University of Nairobi. Responsibilities: Teach, Research and Consultancy in Philosophy, Peace, Human Rights and Media Studies
- Jan 2014- to Aug. 2018:** Lecturer, Department of Philosophy and Center for Human Rights and Peace, University of Nairobi. Responsibilities: Teach, Research and Consultancy in Philosophy, Media, Peace, Conflict and Human Rights
- October 2015- to date:** Associate Faculty, Institute for Climate Change and Adaptation (ICCA)
Responsibilities: Teaching, consultancy, research proposal writing and supervision of graduate students in Communication and Policy in climate change
- 2007- to date:** Adjunct Lecturer, School of Journalism and Media studies, University of Nairobi. Responsibilities: Teach, consultancy, research, supervision of post graduate students in Media studies
- Sept 2007- to Jan 2014:** Tutorial Fellow, Department of Philosophy, University of Nairobi.
Responsibilities: Research, teach and Consultancy in Philosophy, Peace, conflict and Human Rights

Administrative positions

- Jan 2016- Date:** Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programmes Coordinator, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Nairobi. Responsibilities: Overall coordination of the teaching and examinations timetables for smooth running of the department
- Feb. 2015- to date:** Co-ordinator, HIV/AIDS Faculty common Course, Faculty of Arts, University of Nairobi, Kenya
Responsibilities: Coordinate the teaching, examinations and any other related issues of this faculty common course.
- June 2013- to June 2016:** Departmental Committee member, Research, Seminars and Publications Committee, Faculty of Arts, University of Nairobi
Responsibilities: Participate in the seminars and publications committee activities such as helping in the Call for papers, editing and organizing faculty seminars and conferences.
- January 2010-to date:** Vice Chair, Resource Center Committee, Center for Human Rights and

Peace at the Department of Philosophy, University of Nairobi. The Mission of the Center is to collaborate with NGOs and other academic institutions to research, highlight and influence policy on Human rights issues.

November 2012- Dec 2016: Council Member representing African region in the International Peace Research Association (**IPRA**). IPRA is the largest Peace Research Organization globally whose mission is to pursue interdisciplinary research into the most pressing issues related to sustainable peace around the world today.

November 2012- Dec.2016: Executive Secretary and member of the editorial board, Africa Peace Research and Education Association (**AFPREA**), which is the Africa regional organization of IPRA. Responsibilities: coordinate the official activities of the organization, peer review papers for conferences, prepare annual reports.

Nov. 2012- to date: Co- Convener of the Media, Conflicts and Human Rights Commission in IPRA. Responsibilities: Convene the commission panels in IPRA conferences, review papers to be accepted for the IPRA conferences, write conference reports

Relevant Research and publications

Maweu J. M.2018.'The Relevance of Odera Oruka's Parental Earth Ethics as an Eco-Philosophy' in Oduor M.J. Nyarwath O.,Owakah F. eds, *Odera Oruka in the Twenty-first Century Kenyan Philosophical Studies, II*. The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy: Washington, D.C.pp.303-315

Maweu, J.M. 2018.'Equality, Difference and the Complementarity of African and Western Philosophy' in *Thinking Polyloguous: Considerations Concerning An Intercultural-Philosophical Minimal Rule* by Franz Gmainer-Pranzl and Britta Saal (eds), pp. 273-285

Maweu, J.M and Ndohvu, J.B. 2017. 'A case of Voice Poverty? Towards a new Paradigm in the fight against Poverty in Kenya' in *Poverty and Human Rights: East African Experiences*. Baard, Andreassen, JB, Ndhovu and Tiberius Barasa (Eds) Nairobi: Focus Publishers Ltd. pp. 175-187

Maweu, J.M. 2015. 'The Relevance of Philosophy in Human Development' in *Polylog. Zeitschrift für interkulturelles Philosophieren*, No. 33 (August 2015), pp. 9-20.

Maweu, J.M. 2013. 'A Critical Assessment of Odera Oruka's Theory of Punishment' in *Thought and Practice: A Journal of the Philosophical Association of Kenya (PAK) New Series, Vol.4 No.2, April 2013, pp.97-109* (<http://ajol.info/index.php/tp/index>)

Maweu, J.M. 2012. 'The Morality of Profit In Business: Transforming Waste Into Wealth Through The *Iko Toilet* Business Venture In Nairobi, Kenya' in *Thought and Practice*, New Series, Vol.4 No.1, pp. 75-89 (<http://ajol.info/index.php/tp/index>)

Maweu, J.M. 2012. 'Indigenous Ecological Knowledge and Modern Western Ecological Knowledge: Complimentary not Contradictory' in *Thought and Practice*, Vol.3 No.2, December, 2011, pp.35-47 (<http://ajol.info/index.php/tp/index>)

Maweu, J. M. 2010. *Ethics of Punishment: The Paradox of Imprisonment for Reform*. Germany: LAP Publishing AG &CO. KG

Refereed papers presented in International Workshops and Conferences

Maweu J.M. 2017. 'Equality, 'Difference and the Complementarity of African and Western Philosophy'. Paper presented at the 23rd Institute of African philosophy and Studies (ISAPS) at the University of Vienna, Austria (10-11th July, 2017).

Maweu J.M. 2017. 'From Liberal to Consociational democracy: Which way for Africa?' Paper presented at the "Beyond Liberal Democracy: The Quest for Indigenous African Models of Democracy for the Twenty-First Century", held at the Main Campus of the University of Nairobi, Kenya, from 22nd to 23rd May, 2017

Maweu, J.M. 2015. 'Radicalized Religious Beliefs? Ethical Reasoning as a Tool to Reconcile Conflicting Religious Values' paper presented at the Ethics and Religion conference to mark World Philosophy Day at the Consolata Institute of Philosophy on 14th October 2015

Maweu, J.M. 2014. *I am Because We Are? The Irony of Ubuntuism, Ethnic Conflicts and the Crisis of Identity in Africa*, paper presented at the 9th Annual International Conference on Philosophy, 26-29 May 2014, Athens, Greece

Maweu, J.M. 2015. 'Mediated Dialogue as a Conflict management Strategy for Lasting Peace in Africa'. Paper presented at the AFPREA conference, April 13-15 2015, Abuja, Nigeria

Maweu, J.M. 2015. 'Messengers of Peace or Propagators of Hate Speech? Media Framing of the Interfaith conflicts between Christians and Muslims in Kenya.' Paper presented at the AFPREA conference, April 13-15 2015, Abuja, Nigeria

Maweu, J.M. 2014. 'Is Looking East a Lesser Evil? The Politics of China's Soft Power in Kenya and its implications for media Freedom and cultural Values', paper presented at the International Symposium on China's Soft Power in Africa: Emerging media and cultural relations between China and Africa at the University of Nottingham, Ningbo, China on 3-5th Sept. 2014

Maweu J.M. 2013. *The Relevance of Odera Orika's Eco-philosophy and Parental Earth Ethics Two decades on* paper presented at the Odera Orika Symposium organized by the Philosophical Association of Kenya on 19- 21 November, 2013 at the Goethe Institute Nairobi

Maweu J.M. 2013. *Higher Education at Cross roads: The Dangers of Commercializing University Education in Kenya* (paper presented at the Riara University First Annual International Conference on Education in Africa on July 18-20, 2013, Nairobi, Kenya)

Maweu, J.M. 2011. *A Case of Voice Poverty? Towards A New Paradigm in The Fight Against Poverty In Kenya* (Paper presented in an international symposia organized by the Center for Human Rights and Peace, University of Nairobi on 28-30th Sept. 2011 at The Lake Naivasha Country Club in Naivasha, Kenya).

Maweu, J.M. 2010. *A Clash of World Views? The Viability of Indigenous Ecological Knowledge in the Era of Globalization* (Paper presented in an International Conference on Globalization and Oral Literatures of Africa organized by ISOLA on 7-9th July, 2010 in Mombasa, Kenya).

Professional Affiliations:

Member, International Peace Research Association (IPRA)

Member, Africa Peace Research and Education Association (AFPREA)

Member, International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR)

Member, International Association of Women Philosophers (Hosted by UNESCO)

Member of Globethics.net

Awards Received

- African Peace building Network (APN) Individual Research grant 2015, under the Social Science Research Council (SSRC)
- The Sasakawa Doctorate Research Abroad Fellowship, to pursue one month non degree research at Jadavpur University, India in October 2012
- The Sasakawa Fellowship Mobility Fund to pursue a one month non degree research at the University of Oregon, USA in October 2006.
- The Sasakawa Scholarship (2004- 2006) to pursue an MA in Communication Studies
- The University of Nairobi Post graduate Scholarship (2002- 2004) to pursue an MA in Philosophy
- The IPRA Doctoral Candidates' travel grant, to attend the 2012 IPRA conference at Mie University, Japan (24-28 Nov. 2012).

Research Consultancies

June 2015- January 2017: Research Consultancy with EU project (MECODEM- Baseline survey on Media and Democratization Conflicts in transitional democracies focusing on Kenya, South Africa, Egypt and Serbia in collaboration with the University of Oxford, UK.

December 2015- March 2016: Research Consultancy with Seeds Of Peace Africa in Collaboration with the Center for Human Rights and Peace, University of Nairobi on a Baseline Survey & Situational Analysis Of The Food Security & Peace In The Cross Border Region of Turkana Project

July 2015- December 2015: Research Consultancy with Kenya National Commission on Human Rights in collaboration with the Center for Human Rights, University of Nairobi in a Baseline Survey on 'Audit on Police Reforms' in Kenya

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Referees

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