

TOM J. OBENGO: CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL:

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Date of Birth: 23rd January 1968.
Nationality: Kenyan.

EDUCATION:

2016 – 2018: On-going Doctor of Philosophy (D.Phil.) in Applied Ethics, specialising in Bioethics, at the Department of Philosophy, University of Stellenbosch.

2010 -- 2013: Master of Theology (M.Th.) degree in Systematic Theology (Specialised in Medical Ethics), University of Stellenbosch.

Title of Thesis: The Quest for Human Dignity in the Ethics of Pregnancy Termination: A Theological-Ethical Evaluation of the Church's Approach in Kenya.

1997 -- 1999: Honours Bachelor of Theology (Hons.B.Th.) degree in Theological Ethics, University of South Africa.

1990 -- 1994: Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) degree, Ontario Bible College (now Tyndale University); courses taken at Scott Theological College.

1985 – 1986: "A" Level, Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education (KACE), Taranganya High School, Kehancha, Kenya.

1981 – 1984: "O" Level, Kenya Certificate of Education (KCE), Thuridibuoro Secondary School, Kisumu, Kenya.

SHORT COURSES:

November 2016 & June 2017: Value-Driven Leadership Train-the-Trainer Programme, University of Stellenbosch Business School and University of Nottingham.

23rd – 25th February 2017: Academic Leadership Training, International Partnership for Academic Leadership, ACTEA, Nairobi, Kenya

10th – 14th August 2015: UNESCO Bioethics Teacher Training, Egerton University.

August 2007: Certificate, Advanced Leadership Skills, Haggai Institute, Kenya Chapter, 2007.

- 2010 to 2014:** **Great Lakes University of Kisumu** **Kisumu, Kenya**
Lecturer. Teaching Responsibilities included:
- Christianity and Ethics in Society, B.Ed. (Arts) degree programme;
 - Ethics and Social Responsibility, B.Sc. (Nutrition) degree programme;
 - Ethics and Social Responsibility, B.Sc. (Nursing) degree programme;
 - Ethics and Social Responsibility, B.Sc. (Community Health) degree programme;
 - Christian Doctrines, B.Ed. (Arts) degree programme;
 - Comparative Religions, B.Ed. (Arts) degree programme;
 - Christian Ethics, B.Th. degree programme;
 - Apologetics, B.Th. degree programme.
- 2008 to 2010:** **International Leadership University – Kenya (formerly Nairobi International School of Theology)** **Nairobi, Kenya**
Registrar. Responsibilities included:
- Evaluating and processing applications of all potential students;
 - Conducting registration for all new students;
 - Co-ordinating new students’ orientation programme;
 - Dissemination of information on admissions and academic programmes;
 - Co-ordinating of the publication of the prospectus and the academic calendar;
 - Maintaining and update of students’ academic records;
 - Monitoring students’ academic progress towards successful completion and graduation;
 - Scheduling of classes and co-ordinating the use of classroom facilities for tuition, special events and workshops;
 - Scheduling of final examinations;
 - Establishing and maintaining students’ identification systems;
 - Providing transcript services to all students and alumni;
 - Generating and disseminating statistical information on student enrolment and academic programmes;
 - Mentorship to final-year pastoral students;
 - Draftsman of accreditation documents;
 - Secretary to the Academic Committee and the Senate.
- 2004 – 2008** **Ahero Bible Training College** **Ahero, Kenya**
Academic Dean and Acting Principal. Responsibilities included:
- General leadership of the academic life of the college;
 - Initiation and supervision of physical development projects;
 - Teaching Ethics, Theology and Apologetics;
 - General administrative duties;
 - Restructuring the Board of Governors;
 - Secretary to the Board of Governors.
- 2002 - 2004** **Wend Zoodo of Germany** **Nairobi, Kenya**
Educational Advisor for Wend Zoodo, a German government-funded agency for educational development projects in Southern Sudan. Responsibilities included:
- Carrying out feasibility studies on the viability of the project by travelling to Rumbek County in Southern Sudan;

- Holding formal workshops and informal talk sessions with the leaders of the Pancuai Community on girl-child educational issues;
- Recommending the way forward for the establishment and management of a model girls' school;
- Writing a constitution and policy handbook for the Pancuai Education Centre for Girls;
- Organising with educational experts for workshops with community leaders;
- Arranging for exposure excursion journeys for Pancuai community leaders to visit selected Kenyan schools;
- Recommending an appropriate curriculum and examination system;
- Setting up a school administration structure;
- Giving direction on the recruitment of teachers;
- Writing detailed reports for planning and funding.

1998 – 2002 **Scott Theological College** **Machakos, Kenya**

Registrar. Responsibilities included:

- Scheduling courses at the College each term;
- Registering students;
- Maintaining student records;
- Corresponding with prospective students;
- Processing admission of students into the College;
- Preparing and issuing student academic transcripts;
- Organising examinations;
- Official communication on students on academic matters;
- Caring for the College's graduation regalia;
- Secretary to the Admissions Committee;
- Secretary to external examinations committee;
- Member of the Academic Council;
- Member of the Management Board;

1997 – 2002 **Scott Theological College** **Machakos, Kenya**

Assistant Lecturer, Christian Ethics and Apologetics, Fourth Year Classes, Bachelor of Theology degree programme.

1994 – 1997 **Scott Theological College** **Machakos, Kenya**

Promotions Officer. Responsibilities included:

- Recruitment of students for the college;
- Establishing and co-ordinating a church relations programme;
- Organising publicity campaigns and meetings;
- Publishing brochures, posters and other materials for promoting the college;
- Receiving college guests and giving them a guided tour whenever appropriate and necessary.

1987 – 1990 **Teachers Service Commission** **Kisumu, Kenya**

Subject Teacher, Teaching History, Literature in English and Geography, Mbugra Secondary School, Kisumu

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOK:

Obengo, Tom J. *The Quest for Human Dignity in the Ethics of Pregnancy Termination*. Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2016.

<http://wipfandstock.com/the-quest-for-human-dignity-in-the-ethics-of-pregnancy-termination.html>

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

Obengo, Tom J. "The Role of Ancestors as Guardians of Morality in African Traditional Religions." *Journal of Black Theology in South Africa*, volume 11, number 2, November 1997, pages 44-63.

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MAGAZINE AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:

Obengo, Tom J. "Luo Culture." *The Weekly Review*, Number 1235, 26th March 1999, page 2.

Obengo, Tom J. "Maharishi Technology is a Bluff." *The Daily Nation*, Wednesday, 21st July 1993.

Obengo, Tom J. "Born-again Christians Strange." *The Daily Nation*, 24th February 1990.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

2015 – Present: Member, Board of Management, Ng'iya Girls' High School

2014 – Present: Member, Board of Governors, Ahero Bible Training College

2013 – Present: PTA Committee Member, Ng'iya Girls' High School

2009 – Present: Member, Council for Literacy Development

2008 – Present: *Network Leader*, Kenyans United for Peace, <http://kenyans-for-peace.net>.

1999 – 2002: *Committee Member*, Tariffs Committee, Kenya Education Network (KENET), sponsored by USAID.

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT:

October 2011: *Celebrations Guest*, Golden Jubilee of the Faculty of Law, University of Dar-es-Salaam.

September 2011: *Communion Pastor/Celebrant*, Sunday Service at Stellenbosch Baptist Church.

April 2003: *ACROSS, Management Workshop Facilitator*, Community Based Primary Health Care Programmes, Dhiakuei Field Station, Rumbek, South Sudan.

- 2001 – 2003: *Committee Member, Operation Sunrise Africa, co-ordinated by Life Ministry, reaching out to Executives in Africa with the Gospel.*
- July 2001: *Participant, HIV-AIDS Curriculum Development and Training of Trainers conference for universities and colleges in Eastern and Southern Africa, with MAP International.*
- 1997 – Present: *Member, Centre for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education.*
- 1995 – Present: *Member, Christian Friends of Israel.*
- 1994: *Study Tour of Israel, Shoresh International, Jerusalem Pilgrim.*

NON-ACADEMIC SKILLS:

- Minute drafting skills: competency training by Prof. PLO Lumumba.
- Valid motor car Class E driving licence, since 1995.
- Certificate-level computer training and user competence, 1998 and revised 2005.
- Languages: English (Academic), Dholuo (Vernacular), Kiswahili (Common), Kikamba and Le Francaise (Beginning).

REFEREES:

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