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Employment

2001- Current UCLA- Graduate School of Education and
Information Studies, Department of Education

Assistant Professor

- Comparative Education.
- African Education Area Study.
- Education Profession Studies.

2001- Current UCLA- Globalization Research Center Africa

Faculty Associate and Coordinator

- UCLA- GRCA HIV/AIDS Initiative.

2001- Current UCLA- African Studies Center

Faculty Associate

- African Education Area Study.

2001- 2003 UCLA- Center for International Development
Education (CIDE)

Faculty Associate

- Comparative Education.
- African Education Area Study.

9/1998- 10/2000 USAID GL- CRSP/ UCLA- School of Public
Health, Department of Community Health Services

Post Doctoral Fellow/ Coordinator, Child Nutrition Project

- Nutrition Status Assessment.
- Cognitive Development Assessment.
- Education Participation Monitoring.

9/1998- 9/2000 Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya

Lecturer, Faculty of Education

- Comparative and International Studies in Education.
- Contemporary Issues and Sociology of Education.
- History of Education.

5/1990- 1/1995 Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya

Lecturer, Faculty of Education

- Comparative and International Studies in Education.
- Contemporary Issues and Sociology of Education.

- History of Education.

Education

- 1998- 2000: UCLA Post-Doctoral Program (Community Health Sciences)
- GL-CRSP Child Nutrition and Cognitive Development Project.
 - Research Project Field Coordinator- Embu, Kenya.
- 1995- 1998: State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo, New York
- Ph.D. Social Foundations.
 - Major in Comparative and Global Studies in Education /Minor in Nutrition.
- 1987- 1989: Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya
- M A (Education).
- 1984- 1987: Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya
- B. Ed (Home Economics).

Awards and Mentions

- 2010 Comparative and International Education Society Joyce Cain Award for Distinguished Research on African Descendants.
- 1995- 1998: The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholar Award.
- 2001: Education for Action: Undergraduate and Graduate Programs that Focus on Social Change (Education: University of California, Los Angeles- 2001: 46-47).
- 2003- 2009: Who's Who in Education, Academic Keys.

Publications

PUBLISHED:

ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS:

1. Edith Mukudi Omwami, Charlotte Neumann, and Nimrod Bwibo. 2010. "Effects of a School Feeding Intervention on School Attendance Rates among elementary schoolchildren in rural Kenya." *Nutrition: International Journal of Applied and Basic Nutritional Sciences*, doi: 10.1016 (2010.01.009).
2. R. K. Omwami and E. M. Omwami. 2010. "Public investment and the goal of providing access to primary education in Kenya." *International Journal of Educational Development*, 30 (3): 243-253.
3. Mukudi, E. 2010. "Relative-change theory: examining the impact of patriarchy, paternalism, and poverty on the education of women in Kenya." *Gender and Education*. (in Press)
4. Omwami, E. M. and E. J. Keller. (2010). "Public Funding and Budgetary Challenges to providing Universal Primary Education in Sub-Saharan Africa." *International Review of Education*, 56 (1): 5-31.
5. Edmond J. Keller and Edith M. Omwami (2007). "Federalism, Citizenship and National Identity in Ethiopia," *International Journal of African Studies*, 6(1): 37- 69
6. Mukudi, E. (2004). The effects of user-fee policy on attendance rate among Kenyan Elementary schoolchildren," *International Review of Education*, 50 (5-6): 447-461.
7. Mukudi, E. (2004). "Education for All: a Framework for

addressing the persisting illusion for the Kenyan context," *International Journal of Educational Development* 24 (3): 231-240.

8. Mukudi, E. (2003). "Nutrition Status, Education Participation, and School Achievement among Kenyan Middle- School Children," *Nutrition: International Journal of Applied and Basic Nutritional Sciences* 19 (7/8): 612- 616.
9. Mukudi, E. (2003). "Education and Nutrition Linkages in Africa: Evidence from National Level Analysis," *International Journal for Educational Development* 23 (3): 245- 256.
10. Mukudi, E. (2002). "Gender and Education in Africa," *Comparative Education Review* 46 (2): 234-241.
11. Mukudi, E. (1999). "Public Funding of Primary Education in Kenya: Recent Trends, Challenges, and Implications for the Future," *International Journal of Educational Reform* 8 (4): 383-387.
12. Mukudi, E. (1992). "Food and Nutrition Policies, Research and Intervention," *Medicus* 11 (11): 6-13.

EDITED BOOKS & CHAPTERS IN BOOKS:

13. Stephen Commins, Edmond Keller and Edith Mukudi Omwami (Editors) (2008). HIV/AIDS in Africa: Challenges and Impact. (*Africa World Press/The Red Sea Press*)
14. Stephen Commins, Edmond Keller and Edith Mukudi Omwami (Editors) (2008). HIV/AIDS in Africa: Challenges and Impact. *Preface* (*Africa World Press/The Red Sea Press*): 1-6.
15. Paula Tavrow and Edith Mukudi Omwami (2008). "The impact of HIV/AIDS on Tertiary Education and Health Sectors in Africa" in Stephen Commins, Edmond Keller and Edith Mukudi Omwami (Editors) (2008). HIV/AIDS in Africa: Challenges and Impact. (*Africa World Press/The Red Sea Press*): 75- 95.
16. Mukudi, E. (2007). "Educational Reforms in Africa," in Don T. Nakanishi and Toyotomi Morimoto (Eds.). *Ekkyo suru to Kyoiko (Border Crossing People and Education) (Kyoto: Akademia Shuppan- Kai)*, pp. 213- 229.
17. Oniang'o, R. and Mukudi, E. (2002). "Nutrition and Gender," in United Nations ACC/ SCN. *Nutrition: A Foundation for Development*. (International Food Policy Institute; Geneva: ACC/SCN), pp 27- 30
18. Mukudi, Edith. (2002). "Education and Development (*Education et Developpement*)" in Dominique Groux, Soledad Perez, Louis Porcher, Val Rust, and Noritomo Tasaki (Eds.). *Dictionnaire D'Éducatiopn Comparée*. (Paris: L'Hamattan). Pp. 234- 239.
19. Mukudi, E. (1993). "Women and Education," In Kabira, M. Wanjiku; Jacqueline A. Oduol; and Maria Nzomo (Eds.). *Democratic Change in Africa: Women's Perspective*. AAWORD, Nairobi, Kenya: 83-92.

PUBLISHED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS:

20. Siekmann J.H.; Neumann C. G; Bwibo N. O; Murphy S. P.; Mukudi E., and Allen L. H. (2000- March 15th). "Malaria and micronutrient status of Kenyan schoolers," *FASEB Journal* 14 (4): A535-A535.

OTHER PUBLISHED WORKS:

21. Mukudi, E. (2003). (Book Review). "Globalisation, Enterprise and

Knowledge: Education, Training and Development in Africa by Kenneth King and Simon McGrath United Kingdom: Symposium Books, 2002. 230 pp. \$ 46.00 ISBN 1 873927 49 5. Comparative Education Review. 47 (2): 263- 264.

22. Mukudi, E. (1997). (Technical Report). "In-School factors Affecting Educational participation of Former St. Kizito Girls in Eastern Province-Kenya," In Akim Okuni and Juliet H. Tembe (Eds.). *Capacity Building in Educational Research in East Africa: Empirical Insights into Qualitative Research Methodology*. DSE, Bonn Germany: 111-27.
23. Oniang'o, R. and E. Mukudi (1993). (Technical Report). "Environment, Technology and Poverty Linkages in Kenya," International Labor Organization, Geneva.

SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION:

ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS:

24. Omwami, E. M. "Relative- Change Theory and its Application to Humanitarianism in Comparative Education Review" *British Journal of Sociology*. (27 Pages).
25. Omwami, E. M. "Deconstructing theoretical perspectives and practice in education sector intervention in Africa" *International Journal of African Historical Studies*. (24 pages)
26. Omwami, E. M. 2009. "Intergenerational Comparison of Education Attainment and Implications for Empowerment of Rural Women in Kenya" *Comparative Education Review*. (41 pages).
27. Omwami, E. Maternal Education Attainment and Implications for Maternal and Infant Health Outcomes" *International Journal of Educational Development*. (29 pages).

OTHER UNPUBLISHED WORK:

28. Mukudi, E. (1998). Nutrition, gender and education: nutritional status and differential education participation and achievement among Kenyan adolescents. Thesis (Ph. D.)-State University of New York at Buffalo.
29. Mukudi, E. (1989). African contribution to the growth of secular education in North Nyanza, 1920- 1945. Thesis (Master of Arts, Education)- Kenyatta University, Kenya.

University Service

2008- Current

2003- 2010

2002- 2004:

2002- 2008:

2003- 2006:

2003- 2006:

GSEIS- CDAS Committee

Faculty in Resident, UCLA Office of Residential Life

Academic Personnel Committee, UCLA, Department of Education.

Fulbright Fellowship Selection Committee, UCLA.

Undergraduate Council- Honors, Awards and Prizes, UCLA.

UCLA Spencer Fellowship Committee.

Professional

Activities

2010

Reviewer: History of Education Quarterly

2009

Reviewer: World Development.

2009

Reviewer: International Journal of Educational Development.

2009

Reviewer: Population Studies Journal.

2008

Reviewer: London Review of Education.

2002- Current: Project Coordinator: UCLA Globalization Research Center- HIV/AIDS Initiative. UCLA, California.

2001- 2003: Reviewer/ Editorial Assistant: Comparative Education Review Journal.

2000- Current: Editorial Assistant/ Reviewer: African Journal of Food Science and Nutrition.

2003- 2006: Member: Joyce Cain Award Subcommittee, Comparative and International Education Society (CIES).

2004- 2006: Committee Chair: Joyce Cain Award Subcommittee, Comparative and International Education Society (CIES).

2003- 2004 Reviewer: Development and Change Journal (Institute of Social Studies, The Hague).

2003- 2005 Reviewer: Nutrition: The International Journal of Applied and Basic Nutritional Sciences.

2004- 2005 Grant Reviewer: The Research Council of Norway.

2004 Reviewer: Equal Opportunity International Journal

Conferences and Presentations

2001: "Public University Sector Response to Globalization in Kenya: The Case of The University of Nairobi." UCLA James Coleman African Studies Center Spring 2001 Lecture Series, Friday, November 2, 2001: (UCLA Bunche Hall).

2001: "The Challenges of Funding Primary Education: The Elusive Goal of Universal Primary Education (UPE) for African Countries." UCLA James Coleman African Studies Center Spring 2001 Lecture Series, Friday, April 27, 2001: (UCLA Public Policy Building).

2001: "The Impact of HIV/ AIDS on Education in Africa." UCLA James Coleman African Studies Center Spring 2001 Public Education Forum, The United States and Africa's Enduring Socio- Political Crises: The HIV/ AIDS Pandemic in Africa and World Response, 02/06/2001: (UCLA Public Policy Building).

2002: "What Role Should Education Play in the Aftermath of September 11, 2001: Perspectives from Kenya, South Korea, Taiwan, and the United States." CIES 2002 Annual Meeting on "the Social Construction of Marginality: Globalizations Impact on the Disenfranchised." Orlando, Florida March 6- 9, 2002.

2002: Convener: Conference on "Globalization and African Education," UCLA, May 30th, 2002.

2002: Global Livestock Collaborative Research Support Program (GL- CRSP), Animal Source Foods and Nutrition in Developing Countries. "The Kenyan GL- CRSP: Effect of ASF on Children's Diet and Nutritional Status." Washington, DC. June 24- 27, 2002.

2003: "Global Village Dialogue: Globalization in Education- Perspective on African Education." CIES 2003 Annual Meeting on "A conversation on Educational Achievements Globally." New Orleans, Louisiana March 12- 16, 2003.

2003 (May 29th and 30th): Coordinator: "AIDS, Development and the Next Generation in Africa," (Co-Conveners-Prof. Ed Keller and Prof. S. Commins, the UCLA Globalization Research Center Africa. UCLA Faculty Center.

2004: Convener: "Women and HIV/AIDS in Kenya," Presenter- Prof. C. Covington, Prof. UCLA School of Nursing. UCLA Globalization Research Center Africa, 11377 Bunche Hall. January 29th.

2004 (March 12th): Convener: "Best Practices in HIV Prevention and Control: Lessons Learned from Kenya and India," Presenter- Prof. Alfred Neumann. UCLA

- 2004 (October 28th): Globalization Research Center Africa, 10367 UCLA Bunche Hall.
Convener: "The use of Peer Education and its Impact on HIV/AIDS Awareness among Visually Impaired Adolescents at Copota School for the Blind, Masvingo, Zimbabwe," Presenter- Mr. Kudzai Shava, Claude Ake Scholar. UCLA Globalization Research Center Africa, 10367 UCLA Bunche Hall.
- 2004 (Sept. 29th): Convener: "To Treat HIV, Treat TB: Strategies for Saving Lives in Africa," Presenter: Dr. Marcos Espinal, World Health Organization. UCLA Globalization Research Center Africa, 6275 Bunche Hall.
- 2005 (February 22) Convener and Co- Investigator: "The Youth for Youth (Y4Y) Program in Western Kenya: One Year Later- A Lecture and Video Show," (Presenter and Co- Investigator- Paula Tavrow, UCLA Globalization Research Center Africa. 10367 Bunche Hall.
- 2005: Presenter: Patriarchy, paternalism and Poverty: Implications for the educational experience of women in Kenya. CIES 2005 Annual Meeting: "Beyond Dichotomies." Stanford University, CA March 22- 26, 2005.
- 2007 (February 28th): Co- Convener: "Make Arts/ Stop AIDS Open House," (With Prof. D. Gere, Co- Chair, World Arts and Cultures). UCLA, 208 Glorya Kaufman Hall.
- 2007 (March 2nd) Convener and Facilitator: "Coerced Sex and AIDS in Africa," Presenter- Prof. Paula Tavrow, Director of the Bixby Program & Adjunct Professor of Community Health Sciences. UCLA, 4357 Bunche Hall.
- 2007 (March 7th) Convener and Facilitator: "National Security Perceptions and Africa's HIV/AIDS Pandemic," Presenter- Prof. R. Ostergard, Assistant Professor, University of Nevada- Reno. UCLA, 4320B Public Policy Building.
- 2007 (March 14th) Convener and Facilitator: "Intervention for Families Living with HIV in Africa," Presenter- Prof. Mary Jane Rothrum- Borus, Professor of Psychiatry and Director for the UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services (CHIPTS). UCLA, 10383 Bunche Hall.
- 2009 (January 14th) Presenter: "Deconstructing theoretical perspectives and practice in education sector intervention in Africa," UC Irvine Conference on Critical Investigations into Humanitarianism in Africa. The UC Irvine Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (CGPACS) with the UCLA James S. Coleman African Studies Center.
- 2009 (February 6th) Moderator: Nineteenth Annual "Thinking Gender" graduate student conference. UCLA Center for the Study of Women.
- 2009 (March 22- 26th) Presenter: Deconstructing theoretical perspectives and practice in education sector intervention in Africa," Teachers College, Columbia University, South Carolina.
- 2009 (November 12- 14) Presenter/ Session Chair: Maternal Education and Implications for Maternal and Infant Health Outcomes in Rural Kenya Community.
- 2010 (March 1st.) Presenter: "Intergenerational comparison of education and empowerment of women in rural Kenya," Comparative and International Education Society, Chicago, Illinois.

Consultancy Service

- 2009 *PI/ Team Member:* Grant Proposal Writer: Capacity Building and Technical Assistance for Kenya Education sector Support- 2010- 2012. Ministry of Education, Kenya/ USAID.
- 2008- Current *Team Member:* Kenya Emergency Medical Services System Development (Capacity Building in Education and Training Programming for Emergency Services). UCLA/ Government of Kenya.

2001- 2002: *Evaluation Team, Program Evaluation:* Los Angeles Unified School District Nutrition Network: Monlux MST Center, LAUSD

1998- 2000: UCLA- School of Public health, Community Health Sciences.
Project Coordinator: USAID/ Global Livestock- CRSP-UCLA, Child Nutrition Project, Embu District, Kenya.

2-3/2000: Institution: USAID/ UCLA (School of Public Health).
Reviewer: Assisted in Review of SCN/ FAO Program/Project Design, Analysis, Monitoring and Evaluation Reference document for Good Practices in Food and Nutrition Programs and Projects.

9/99- 11/99: Institution: FAO/ Rural Outreach Program, Kenya.
Reviewer: Assisted in review of evaluation and monitoring procedures for evaluation of USAID supported Programs and Project in East Africa Region.

8-12/11/1993: Institution: USAID/ Rural Outreach Program, Kenya.
Trainer/Facilitator: FKE/Center of Excellency for Entrepreneurship Skills Development Training Workshop- Women's and Youth Groups Development Seminars.

8/97- 8/98: Location: Kenya. FKE/ ILO.
Graduate Assistant: Ronald McNair Scholars Program, Office of Students Multicultural Affairs.

7-8/1997: Institution: State University of New York at Buffalo, NY.
Researcher and Grant writer: Office of Students Multicultural Affairs

2/1997- 8/97: Institution: State University of New York at Buffalo, NY.
Graduate Assistant: Study Abroad Programs, Office of International Education.

7/1993- 4/94: Institution: State University of New York at Buffalo, New York.
Researcher: "Impact of HIV/AIDS on Education in Kenya"

1/1993- 8/94: Location: Busia District, Kenya.
Institution: UNESCO/ IDRC.
Co-Investigator: "Environment and Technology Linkages in Kenya."

1992- 1993: Location: Nairobi- Kibera Slums/ Embu District, Kenya.
Institution: International Labor Organization (ILO).
Research Assistant: Kenya Country Research Project on "Women, Environment and Population."

8-12/11/1993: Location: Embu District, Kenya.
Institution: UNRISD.
Trainer/Facilitator: FKE/Center of Excellency for Entrepreneurship Skills Development Training Workshop- Women's and Youth Groups Development Seminars.

8- 9/1992: Location: Kakamega, Kenya
Institution: Federation of Kenya Employers (FKE)/ ILO.
Research Consultant: "Impact Evaluation of the Kenya Freedom From Hunger Council (KFFHC)- Embu District Applied Nutrition Program"

9/1992: Location: Embu District, Kenya.
Institution: USAID/ KFFHC.
Consulting Assistant: Preparation of the "Kenya Country Position Paper on Disaster Management" (Food Security Issues in Natural and Man-made Disaster Situations).
Location: Nairobi, Kenya.

6- 7/1992: Institution: GOK- Ministry of Planning and National Development (MPND).
Consulting Assistant: Preparation of Kenya Country Position Paper to the "International Congress on Nutrition (ICN)"
Location: Nairobi, Kenya.

9-10/1991: Institution: GOK- Ministry of Planning and National Development (MPND).

Researcher: "Impact Evaluation of the Family Life Training Program."
Location: Mbooni- Machakos District, Kenya.
Institution: DANIDA/ Ministry of Culture and Social Services (MCSS).

**Professional
Membership**

2001- Current:

2001- 2006:

2008- 2009.

Comparative and International Education Society (CIES).
American Education Research Association (AERA).
American Sociological Association (ASA)