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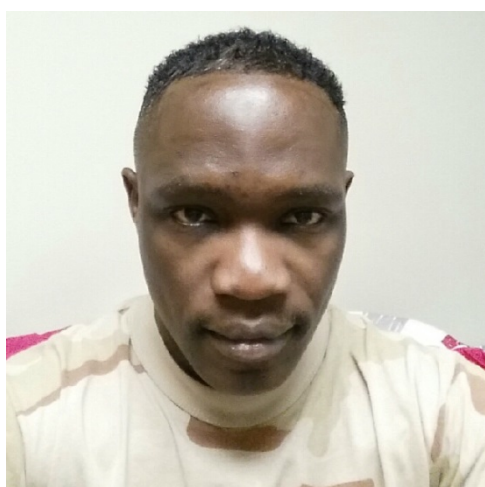
Aori Nyambati

Mr. Aori R. Nyambati recently graduated with a Master's degree from the University of Michigan's Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy (MPP) (USA) and is presently a graduate student at the Bartlett, Development Planning Unit (DPU), University College London (UCL) (United Kingdom). Mr. Nyambati's speciality is in International Development—Chronic poverty, Energy, Sustainability, and institutions.



Ben Ole Koissaba

Koissaba B.R. Ole is a Ph.D. candidate in International Family and Community Studies at the Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life, Clemson University, SC. His research area is in International Development, Human Rights and Advocacy. Koissaba holds a Master of Art in Social Entrepreneurship from Northwest University WA, and Post Graduate Studies in Theology and Development from Leeds University. He has extensive experience



Patrick Mose

Patrick Mose is a Doctoral Candidate in Instructional Technology, The Department of Educational Studies, The Patton College of Education at Ohio University. Mose has a background in Applied Linguistics and Language Education. His area of research is Internet self-efficacy and emerging mobile media learning. He is particularly interested in how the 21st Century learning skills can be integrated into formal and informal learning environments.



Michael Wairungu

Michael Wairungu is a Linguistic Anthropologist with teaching and research interests in the broader issues of language and culture, identity, multilingualism, language contact, ethnography of communication, and language policy in education. His Doctoral research focused on how Sheng, a mixed language popular among urban youth in Kenya, is used and perceived in high school settings. Michael earned his Bachelor's degree in Education from Moi University, Kenya, and a Master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. He is currently a Post-Doctoral Fellow at Sewanee: The University of The South, under the Mellon Globalization Forum. He teaches Swahili and various other courses in Linguistics and Anthropology. Michael is in the early stages of revising his dissertation project into a book manuscript. He plans to present his work in scholarly forums both within and outside the U.S.A.



James Ngundi

A recent graduate from the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education, James received a doctorate degree in Comparative and International Education last year. His dissertation was a qualitative exploration of teaching and learning in rural primary schools in Kenya and the effectiveness of extant professional development programs in improving classroom instruction in remote and challenging rural contexts. James is currently a contractor with the State Department, Washington, DC, working as a Language and Culture Instructor at the Foreign Service Institute, Arlington, Virginia.



Mary Gathogo

Mary Gathogo is a doctoral candidate in Higher Education and Student Affairs at Ohio University, Athens. She is in her fourth year of is currently writing her dissertation. Her research interest is generally international education. More specifically, she is interested in internationalization of higher education in Kenya particularly the dynamics of regional and international academic partnerships. She is also interested in study abroad with particular focus on the potentiality of Africa as an alternative study abroad destination for students from the

more developed countries.



Noelle Mware

Noelle Atieno Mware comes from Kimilili, Western-Kenya. She is currently a junior, enrolled at Benedict College where she is studying Environmental Engineering. Noelle chose this major because it entails every bit of concern on monitoring human and environmental health and instigating correction measures when needed. Over the past two years, she has had the opportunity to work with other researchers on wastewater remediation using low cost and readily available waste biomass, shrimp shells. Her research team aims at removing heavy metals

such as Lead, Chromium and Copper from wastewater by the use of shrimp shell derived particles; that is shrimp powder and shrimp chitin.
