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## **EDUCATION**

2018 Ph.D. in Applied Statistics, Maseno University

2012 M.Sc. in Applied Statistics, Maseno University

2007 B.Sc. in Applied Statistics (First Class Honors), Maseno University

2003 Certificate in Information Technology, JKUAT

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 1. Principal Investigator, International Mathematical Union project Exploring Electronic Assessment for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Year Mathematics and Statistics Courses (Dec 2018 – Sep 2019)
- 2. Research Fellow, ILRI Project Enhancing Access to Climate Information Services for Smallholder Farmers in Nyando (Jan 2014 – Dec 2017)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

## Lecturer – Maseno University Kenya (2018 – Present)

- Created lecture materials for teaching a variety of both statistics and service courses
- Co-developed a computer-assisted statistics textbook for introductory statistics
- Designed and facilitated online learning materials for various statistics courses
- Implemented computerized assessment activities for statistics courses that provide instant feedback to a statistics undergraduate class of 1000 students
- Published 10 peer-reviewed scientific papers that describe innovative teaching approaches that I have initiated to balance theory and practice in teaching of statistics

## **Guest Lecturer – African Institute of Mathematical Science(AIMS)**,

- Courses taught: Handling Data, Statistical Problem-Solving, Statistical Climatology
- Created innovative and engaging postgraduate statistics teaching and learning materials
- Developed tutorial and practical exercises using real datasets to facilitate understanding
- Integrated statistical software i.e. R in the teaching and delivery of statistical concepts
- Developed assessment activities to facilitate mastery of statistical concepts

## Tutorial Fellow – Maseno University, 2012 - 2018

- Developed learning content for undergraduate courses
- Delivered content using lectures, lab and tutorial sessions
- Set, moderate and provide student feedback to assessment activities
- Studied and attained the qualification of PhD

#### **Graduate Assistant – Maseno University**, 2008 - 2012

- Attained the qualification of MSc in Applied Statistics
- Assist senior members of staff to assess students
- Assist lectures with large classes with running tutorial sessions

Assist to provide personal feedback to students for the different assessment activities

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Grantee - International Mathematical Union, Amount € 4000

Project: - Electronic Assessment of Maths and Statistics Courses at Undergraduate Level

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

International Association of Statistics Education (IASE) Young African Statistician

## SKILLS AND TRAINING

- Mathematical ability and computer literacy
- A strong understanding of statistical concepts and methods
- Good analytical skills
- Written and oral communication skills
- Problem-solving skills
- Ability to communicate results and findings to non-statisticians
- Ability to lead and influence others
- High level of attention to detail
- Ability to plan your work and meet deadlines
- Ability to work alone and within teams.

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Departmental Examinations Officer, 2014 - 2020

## **CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

2017 World Statistics Congress, Marrakesh, Morocco

2017 IASE Satellite Conference, Rabat, Morocco

2017 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Climate Services, Cape Town, South Africa

2013 2<sup>nd</sup> Strathmore International Mathematics Conference, Nairobi, Kenya

2012 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Mathematics Education, Seoul, Korea

2012 IASE Roundtable Conference, Manilla, Philippines

2010 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Teaching Statistics,

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- 1. Stern, D., Stern, R., Parsons, D., Musyoka, J., Torgbor, F., Mbasu, Z. (2019) Envisioning Change In The Statistics-Education Climate, Statistics Education Research Journal, 19(1), 206–225, <a href="http://iase-web.org/Publications.php?p=SERJ">http://iase-web.org/Publications.php?p=SERJ</a>
- Musyoka, J., Stern, R., Stern, D. (2017) Open Educational Resources for Statistics Teaching. <a href="https://iase-web.org/documents/papers/sat2017/IASE2017%20Satellite%20N44\_MUSYOKA.pdf">https://iase-web.org/documents/papers/sat2017/IASE2017%20Satellite%20N44\_MUSYOKA.pdf</a>
- Lunalo, J., Musyoka, J., Nd'ungu, S., Stern, D. (2017) Embedding Data Manipulation in R-Instat. <a href="http://iase-web.org/documents/papers/sat2017/IASE2017%20Satellite%20R45\_LUNALO.pdf">http://iase-web.org/documents/papers/sat2017/IASE2017%20Satellite%20R45\_LUNALO.pdf</a>

- 4. Fleming, E., Mbasu, Z., Stern, D., Parsons, D., Ayere, M., Hoffmann, F., Musyoka, J., Mawora, T., Clarke, C., Borio, S., Obiero, M. (2015) Exploring The Role of Extra Curricula Maths Camps and Clubs in Kenya and Beyond <a href="https://library.iated.org/view/FLEMING2015EXP">https://library.iated.org/view/FLEMING2015EXP</a>
- 5. Musyoka, J., Coe, R. (2015) Climate Variability Challenges and Solutions. Technical Guide <a href="https://www.researchgate.net/publication/308793435">https://www.researchgate.net/publication/308793435</a> Climate Variability Challenges and Solutions
- 6. Musyoka, J., Stern, D., Stern, R. (2014) Building Strength from Compromise; A Case Study of Five Year Collaboration between the Statistical Services Centre of the University of Reading, UK and Maseno University, Kenya. 9th International Conference On Teaching Statistics (ICOTS), Flagstaff, USA, <a href="http://icots.info/9/proceedings/pdfs/ICOTS9">http://icots.info/9/proceedings/pdfs/ICOTS9</a> 10C4 STERN.pdf
- 7. Musyoka, J., Otieno, J., Stern, D. (2012) Using elearning to Engage Mathematics and Statistics Students in a Kenyan University; <a href="https://www.researchgate.net/publication/265161683">https://www.researchgate.net/publication/265161683</a> Using elearning to Engage Mathematics and Statistics Students in a Kenyan University
- 8. Musyoka, J., Otieno, J., Stern, D. (2010) Training of Statistics Lecturers at Maseno University, Kenya; <a href="http://icots.info/icots/8/cd/pdfs/contributed/ICOTS8\_C191\_MUSYOKA.pdf">http://icots.info/icots/8/cd/pdfs/contributed/ICOTS8\_C191\_MUSYOKA.pdf</a>