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STAFF PROFILE TEMPLATE



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4. **Describe your professional self**

Dr. Ezekiel Mbitha Mwenzwa is a Lecturer and Head of Department, Department of Social Sciences at Karatina University, Kenya, where he teaches Sociology and Community Development. He holds BA (Social Work) and MA (Sociology), 1999 and

2005 respectively from the University of Nairobi and Doctor of Philosophy (Human Ecology), 2019 from the University of Eldoret, Kenya. He has particular research interests in human ecology of dryland development, gender studies and policy development around the same areas in which he has published widely. His most recent publication is *The Potential for Gender-Based Violence among the Eastern Bantu Ethnic Groups of Kenya: Evidence from Oral Literature* co-authored with Dr. Pauline Thuku and published by the *Journal of Adult Education in Tanzania* (JAET) in June 2023.

5. **Area/ Field of specialization:** Human Ecology (Gender and Development)

6. **Research interests:** Gender Studies, Dryland Development and Social Science Research

7. List some of your key published works.

Published Chapters in Edited Books (2018 to date)

1. **Mwenzwa, E. M. (2024b). Gender and Restorative (In) Justice in the Context of Crime and Punishment among the Akamba Ethnic Group of Kenya.** In: Gudhlanga, E. S; C. Chirimuuta & G. Makaudze. (eds). *Re-Thinking Indigenous Knowledge Systems in the Contemporary Global Knowledge Discourse: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach*. Harare: Zimbabwe Open University. Pp. 61-72.
2. **Mwenzwa, E. M. (2024a). Oral Literature of the Akamba Ethnic Group of Kenya: Instructional Utility by Gender and Age.** In: Gudhlanga, E. S; C. Chirimuuta & G. Makaudze. (eds). *Re-Thinking Indigenous Knowledge Systems in the Contemporary Global Knowledge Discourse: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach*. Harare: Zimbabwe Open University. Pp. 73-82.
3. **Mwenzwa, E. M. (2021). Culture, Physical/Social Distancing and Social Work Interventions in COVID-19 Afflicted Kenya.** In: Nhemachena, A; R. Makamani & M. Mukesi (eds). *Patrolling Epistemic Borders in a World of Borderless Pandemic: Epistemological Policemen in a COVID-19 Afflicted 21st Century Africa*. Bamenda: Langa Research and Publishing CIG. Pp. 253-274
4. **Mwenzwa, E. M & A. M. Rutere. (2021). University Education in Kenya: Gender and Social Protection Challenges and the Way Forward.** In: Motsaathebe, G (ed). *Education in Africa: Perspectives, Opportunities and Challenges*. New York: NOVA Science Publishers, Inc. Pp. 179-191.
5. **Rutere, A. M., E. M. Mwenzwa & M. G. Githigia. (2021). Spotlighting Postgraduate Studies in Kenyan Universities: Strengths, Weaknesses and the Way Forward.** In: Motsaathebe, G (ed). *Education in Africa: Perspectives, Opportunities and Challenges*. New York: NOVA Science Publishers, Inc. Pp. 47-62.

Published Journal Articles/Papers (2018 to date)

1. **Mwenzwa, E. M & P. W. Thuku. (2023). The Potential for Gender-Based Violence Among the Eastern Bantu Ethnic Groups of Kenya: Evidence from Oral Literature.** In: *Journal of Adult Education in Tanzania*, Vol. 25 (1): 1-16. <https://jaet.iae.ac.tz/index.php/adulteducation/article/view/61>
2. **Mwenzwa, E. M; G. Cheserek & M. Kiptui. (2018). Gender, Land Ownership and Food Production Nexus in Mbeere Drylands, Kenya: Implications on Household Food**

Security. In: *European Journal of Social Sciences Studies*, 3(3), 183-199. ISSN. 2501-8590.
<https://oapub.org/soc/index.php/EJSSS/article/view/451>

Presented Conference Papers (2018 to date)

1. **Mwenzwa, E. M.** (2023). "Marginalization, Social Protection and the Challenge of Environmental Protection in the Drylands of Kenya" Paper presented at the 5th Laikipia University Biennial Conference, held between 24-26, May 2023, Laikipia University Main Campus, Nyahururu, Kenya.
2. Gichohi, C. W & **E. M. Mwenzwa.** (2023). 'Institutional Framework for Devolution in Kenya: Identifying the Gaps in Environmental Governance'. Paper presented at the 5th Laikipia University Biennial Conference, held between 24-26, May 2023, Laikipia University Main Campus, Nyahururu, Kenya.
3. **Mwenzwa, E. M.** (2021). 'The Gender Agenda for National Cohesion and Integration in Kenya'. A Paper presented at the National Cohesion and Integration Week and International Conference held on May 26th - 28th 2021 at Karatina University Main Campus, Karatina, Kenya.