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EDUCATION

- Exp. 2021 **PhD in Anthropology**
Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA
- 2019 **MA in Anthropology**
Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA
- 2016 **MSt in Women’s Studies**
University of Oxford, Oxford, UK
Thesis with High Distinction: “What it is to be a [Kenyan] Woman’: Redefining the Female Body in the Legislative Process against Female Circumcision”
- 2014 **BA in Anthropology modified and Senior Fellow**
Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, USA
Salutatorian, Summa cum Laude, Senior Fellowship with High Honors: “Interethnic Friendship in Urban Kenya”

TEACHING & ADVISING EXPERIENCE

- 2018 **Teaching Associate**, “Africa: Anthropological Perspectives”
Department of Anthropology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA
- Lectured on gender in Africa, graded assignments and exams for 20+ students, advised students on writing and research projects
- 2018 **Teaching Assistant**, “Concepts and Methods in Cultural Anthropology.”
Department of Anthropology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA
- Lectured on money among Native American Seminoles, led weekly section discussions on lectures, graded assignments and exams for 20+ students, provided students feedback on essays
- 2017 **Teaching Assistant**, “Introduction to Anthropology.”
Department of Anthropology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA
- Led weekly section discussions on class lectures, graded assignments and exams for 80+ students, provided individual feedback and remedial teaching
- 2013-2014 **Dean’s Office Student Consultant**
Office of Undergraduate Deans, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, USA
- Provided one-on-one academic peer advising to second-year students on an informative, but informal level

- Initiated, coordinated, and implemented outreach programming and information sessions
- Directed students to the various offices that constitute the advising network at Dartmouth

2012 - 2014 **Writing Tutor and Writing Assistant**
 The Student Center for Research, Writing & Information Technology (RWIT),
 Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, USA

- Conducted peer-to-peer tutoring to assist students in generating ideas, developing research strategies, formulating a thesis, constructing and organizing arguments, outlining drafts, improving sentence structure, grammar, style, and clarity, refining drafts, writing in all disciplines, writing creatively and composing multimedia projects

2012-2013 **Academic Undergraduate Advisor**
 Office of Residential Life, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

- Assisted in the development of academic skills through individual mentoring and programming
- Connected first-year students to the advising network at Dartmouth
- Promoted and supported the health and safety of residents
- Organized events and weekly meetings to facilitate development of a sense of community and foster learning

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

May 2020 – present **Founder & Director**
 Higher Ed Prep, Nairobi, Kenya

- Organize and facilitate information seminars, writing workshops, and individual advising sessions for students interested in international Masters and PhD programs and scholarships
- Write weekly blogposts and design social media content about best practices in the scholarship application process
- Collaborate with Kenyan universities to establish graduate scholarship resources and workshops

Aug. 2017 - May 2019 **Library Service Desk Supervisor**
 Woodruff Libraries, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

- Supervised over 20 undergraduate students working at the service desks
- Created library accounts for patrons and processed payment of fines and fees
- Assisted patrons in navigating library collections and resolved complaints about library services
- Responded to online and telephone queries about physical and online collections

- Oct. 2018 **Consultant**
 Global Campaign to End FGM, “Cohort Study for Supported Media Campaign Against FGM in Hola, Tana River County, Kenya”
- Evaluated the inception report and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) terms of reference for the research project
- Sep. 2016 - May 2017 **Graduate Processing Assistant**
 Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
- Arranged and described committee papers of former US Senator Sam Nunn
 - Created cataloging system for 500+ audiovisual materials
 - Re-housed video collections in archival quality folders and boxes
 - Prepared descriptive tools to provide access to the collection
- Jul. – Aug. 2016 **Summer Consultant**
 Dalberg Global Development Advisors, Nairobi, Kenya
- Conducted research and analysis of the agricultural and digital financial landscape in Zambia
 - Synthesized research findings into deliverables and provided strategic recommendations for client engagement
- Apr. - Sep. 2015 **Assistant Coordinator**
 End FGM Guardian Global Media Campaign, London, UK | Nairobi, Kenya
- Monitored Kenyan media, as well as research, behavior change, regulatory, and enforcement initiatives on FGM
 - Developed and maintained logging system for sustained media monitoring
 - Produced draft monthly reports on progress for donors
- Aug. 2014 - Jul. 2015 **Public Service Fellow**
 Africa Coordinating Centre for the Abandonment of FGM/C, University of Nairobi, Kenya
- Engaged in grassroots training and advocacy against female genital cutting among health care providers
 - Prepared work plans for consultants working in the inception phase of 5-year DFID funded research project to reduce FGM/C
 - Collaborated in the creation of a database of FGM/C interventions worldwide
 - Organized a national stakeholders meeting on FGM/C research and compiled report of the proceedings
 - Budgeted funds for Masters students’ research proposals on FGM/C
- Sep. 2011 **Program Intern**
 Research Foundation of State University of New York, Nairobi, Kenya
- Compiled seminar reports and updated small grants records to NGOs
 - Set up and conducted interviews with Members of Parliament

- Researched on public participation in Kenya

Jun. - Aug.
2011

Project Intern

Marakwet Girls and Women Project, Marakwet East Constituency, Kenya

- Designed and implemented a mentorship program for 9-12-year-old girls
- Advocated against FGM/C practice

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH

2019 -
present

Dissertation Research, Department of Anthropology, Emory University

Project: Gender Quotas, Law, and Nationhood in Kenya

- Hold interviews with male and female politicians, staff of county assemblies, NGOs and government officials in Murang'a and Kwale county assemblies of Kenya
- Conduct participant observation in public events
- Analyze Hansard records and archival documents

2017-2018

Preliminary Dissertation Research, Department of Anthropology, Emory University

Project: The Impact of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 on Women

- Conducted interviews and participant observation of female politicians and organizations implementing Kenya's constitution

2014-2015

Research Fellowship, Africa Coordinating Centre for the Abandonment of FGM/C, University of Nairobi, Kenya

Projects: Baseline Survey on Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) in Kenya, Sexuality of Women who have undergone FGM/C, Young Men's Attitude and Perceptions of FGM in Pokot (with Options UK), Evidence to End FGM/C (with Population Council)

- Developed research proposal on sexuality of women who have undergone FGM/C
- Contributed to developing baseline survey on determinants of FGM/C practice in Elgeyo Marakwet, Samburu, Narok, Baringo and West Pokot counties in Kenya
- Coordinated 8-member research team and collected data on determinants of FGM/C practice in Elgeyo Marakwet County

2013-2014

Senior Research Project, Dean of Faculty Office, Dartmouth College

Project: Inter-ethnic Friendship in Urban Kenya

- Conducted semi-structured interviews with youth aged 18-25 from five different urban centers
- Completed reflexive ethnography on the impact of post-election violence on inter-ethnic friendships

2012-2013

Research Assistantship, German Department, Dartmouth College

Projects: Thomas Mann, Agnes Smedley, 19th Century Brazil

- Identified and organized relevant archival sources, primary and secondary literature

RESEARCH GRANTS

2019-2020	Social Science Research Council (SSRC) International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF), “Gender Quotas, Law, and Nationhood in Kenya,” \$16,700
2019-2020	National Science Foundation (NSF) Cultural Anthropology Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG), “Gender Quotas, Law, and Nationhood in Kenya,” \$3,150
2019-2020	Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, “Gender Quotas, Law, and Nationhood in Kenya,” \$7,140
2017-2018	Professional Development Funds, Emory University, “The Impact of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 on Women,” \$4,000
2013	Kaminsky Family Fund, Dartmouth College, “Inter-ethnic Friendship in Urban Kenya,” \$8,000
2012	Robert G. McGuire III Research Fund, Dartmouth College, “The Impact of High School Experiences on Perceptions of Ethnic and National Identities in Kenya,” \$4,000

HONORS & AWARDS

2020	The Kristin Mann Award in African Studies, Emory University
2019	Society of Humanistic Anthropology (SHA) Prize for 1 st Place in Ethnographic Fiction and Creative Nonfiction Writing
2018	Royal Air Maroc-African Studies Association Student Travel Award
2016	The George W. Woodruff Fellowship, Emory University
2015	Rhodes Scholarship, University of Oxford
2014-2015	Richard D. Lombard ’53 Public Service Fellowship, Dartmouth College
2014	The Phillip D. McInnis ’36 Award, Dartmouth College
2014	Phi Beta Kappa, Dartmouth College
2014	The Class of 1962 Award for Excellence in Peer Tutoring, Dartmouth College
2014	Aimé Césaire Award for Excellence in the Humanities, Dartmouth College
2011-2014	Dr. W.E.B DuBois Award for Academic Excellence, Dartmouth College
2011-2013	Rufus Choate Scholar, Dartmouth College
2012-2013	James O. Freedman Presidential Scholarship, Dartmouth College
2011	Tucker Fellowship, Dartmouth College

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- **Kilimo, Miriam Jerotich.** 2020. “Rebirth.” *Anthropology and Humanism* 45 (1): 88-91
- Brown, Eleanor, Faith Mwangi-Powell, **Miriam Jerotich** and Victoria Le May. 2016. “Female Genital Mutilation in Kenya: are young men allies in social change programmes?” *Reproductive Health Matters* 24 (47): 118 – 125

Book Chapter

- **Kilimo, Miriam.** 2016. "The Black Woman's Natural Hair." In *Mystiques: a feminist homage to Roland Barthes*, edited by Kerrie Thornhill, 12-19. Oxford: The Feminist E-Press, International Gender Studies

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED LECTURES

- 2020 "Understanding and Analyzing Qualitative Studies." Invited Lecture for Summer Opportunity for Academic Research (SOAR), Office of Emory Diversifying Graduate Education (EDGE)
- 2018 "Creating a New Political Habitus: The Impact of Kenya's Constitution on Female Politicians." The 117th American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, USA
- 2018 "Gynocentric (Il)egibility: Women and Development in Kenya." The 61st Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association (ASA), Atlanta, GA, USA
- 2018 "Creating a Political Habitus: The Impact of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 on Female Politicians." The Annual International Conference on the Status of African Women, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2018 "(Un)Relenting Borders: Conflicting Visions of the Constitution of Kenya 2010." The 5th Annual Critical Juncture Conference, Atlanta, GA, USA
- 2017 "A Misrecognition of Kenyan Women: The Consequences of Interpreting the Kenyan Constitution's "Two-Thirds Gender Principle." The 60th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association (ASA), Chicago, IL, USA
- 2013 "Western Discourse in Legal Approaches: A History of Female Circumcision in Kenya." The 36th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP), Perth, Australia

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

- 2020 Emory Foundations for Online Teaching, Center for Faculty Development and Excellence, Emory University
- 2019 Institute of Liberal Arts (ILA) Empowering Interdisciplinary Teaching and Scholarship Workshop, Emory University
- 2018 Proposal Writing Institute, Emory University
- 2018 Intensive Grant Writing Workshop, Emory University
- 2017 Beginning Grant Writing Workshop, Emory University
- 2017 Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity Program, Emory University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- African Studies Association (ASA)
- American Anthropological Association (AAA)

SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

- Rhodes Scholarship Reviewer, 2020 Rhodes Scholarships for Kenya and for East Africa (2019)

- Member, Colloquium Committee, Anthropology Graduate Students Association & Department of Anthropology, Emory University (2016-2018)
- Volunteers' Coordinator for the 61st annual ASA conference, African Studies Association (ASA) Local Arrangements Committee, Atlanta, GA (2018)
- Alumni Recruiter, Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers (IRT), Atlanta, GA (2017)
- Children's Fiction Writer, Storymoja 'Start a Library' Campaign, Nairobi, Kenya (2015)

SKILLS

- **Languages:** Fluent in Swahili & Conversant in German
- **Computer & Technical Skills:** Microsoft Office Suite, i-Movie '09 & '11, STATA, MAXQDA