

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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**B.ed (Economics & Geography), M.A (Economics), D. Phil (Economics-Ongoing)**

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## CAREER OBJECTIVE

To excel in the field of teaching and training by providing consistently improved skills and updated knowledge and performing research activities in economic development, education and gender disciplines.

## EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Feb 2014- To Present **Doctor of Philosophy in Economics- Monarch University/AZTECA University**

**Dissertation- "Private Capital Inflow, Financial Development and Economic Growth in Kenya: A Panel Data Analysis (1970-2014)".(Submitted for examination)**

2010-2013: **Masters of Arts (Economics) - Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology**

**M.A thesis- The Women Enterprise Fund (WEF) Programme and Women's Economic Empowerment in Kakamega County, Kenya.**

2005-2009: **Bachelor of Education Arts (Economics & Geography)**  
First Class Honours - Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology

2004-2005: **Certificate in Computer Technology. Distinction.**  
C-Tech Computer Training Center

2000-2003: **Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (K.C.S.E): B+**  
Mama Ngina Girls Secondary School

1992 –1999: **Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (K.C.P.E): A-**  
Bondeni Girls Primary School

### **SELECTED SHORT TRAINING COURSES ATTENDED**

April 2015	<b>10 soft skills you need</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Communication</li> <li>▪ Teamwork</li> <li>▪ Time Management</li> <li>▪ Attitude and Work ethic</li> <li>▪ Adaptability and flexibility</li> <li>▪ Self confidence(Owning it)</li> <li>▪ Ability to learn from others</li> <li>▪ Networking</li> </ul>	Chicago Institute of Business
April 2014	<b>Municipal Finances: A Learning Program for Local Governments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Intergovernmental Finances in a Decentralized World</li> <li>▪ Municipal Financial Management</li> <li>▪ Managing Local revenues &amp; Expenditures</li> <li>▪ Managing Local Assets&amp; External Resources</li> <li>▪ Achieving Greater Transparency and Accountability</li> </ul>	World Bank Institute
March 2014	<b>Designing and Implementing Successful Water Utility Reform</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Politics of water sanitation</li> <li>▪ Successful water management</li> <li>▪ Sustainable asset management</li> <li>▪ Planning for Reform</li> </ul>	World Bank Institute
March 2014	<b>Introduction to Disaster Risk Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Basic concepts of disaster risk management</li> <li>▪ Prevention ,Relief and Reconstruction</li> <li>▪ Introduction to Safer Cities, Community Based DRM and Tools to enhance Resilience</li> </ul>	World Bank Institute
Feb 2014	<b>Standards and Agricultural Trade: Principles and Practice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Current Global Standard Environment</li> <li>▪ A Competitiveness Approach to Evaluating Trade impacts of Standards</li> <li>▪ A Strategic Approach to Standards implementation and capacity building</li> <li>▪ A Collaborative Approach to Addressing Challenges and New Opportunities</li> </ul>	World Bank Institute

Feb 2014	<b>Competitiveness and Corporate Social Responsibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New Normal and Multi-Polar World</li> <li>▪ The Microeconomic and Macroeconomic Aspects of Competitiveness</li> <li>▪ Corporate Social Responsibility</li> <li>▪ Competiveness and CSR: An Integrated Approach</li> </ul>	World Bank Institute
Jan 2014	<b>Policies for Growth</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Poverty, National Income &amp; Economic Management</li> <li>▪ Structural &amp; Sectoral Policy</li> <li>▪ Capital &amp; Productivity</li> <li>▪ Growth &amp; Uncertainty</li> </ul>	World Bank Institute
Jan 2014	<b>Basic of Health Economics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Equity and Equality in Health</li> <li>▪ Health Care Market</li> <li>▪ Health Financing</li> <li>▪ Health Sector Reform</li> </ul>	World Bank Institute
Dec 2013	<b>IZA/DFID Conference on Training Programs and Labor Markets in Africa: Evidence and Policy Lessons</b>	IZA/DFID Program
Dec 2013	<b>IZA/DFID Short Course on Evaluation of Training Programs</b>	IZA/DFID Program
Nov 2013	<b>Emerging Practices in Development Evaluation</b>	UNICEF/IDEAS
Nov 2013	<b>National Evaluation Capacity Development for Country- Led Monitoring &amp; Evaluation System</b>	UNICEF/ IOCE
June 2013	<b>Equity Focused and Gender Responsiveness Evaluation</b>	UNICEF/IDEAS

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

August 2014-To Date: **Assistant Lecturer**, Department of Economics- Masinde Muliro University.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Expected to make contributions to the teaching effort of the University
- To carry out activities that develop and maintain scholarly research and/or professional activities relevant to the profession or discipline of economics.
- Contribute to Curriculum Review and Development.
- Demonstrating efficient performance in allocated roles

March 2010- August 2014: **Graduate Assistant**, Department of Economics, - Masinde Muliro University.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assisting faculty in research and instructional activities
- Providing tutorial support for the department.
- Assisting to grade assignments
- Conducting student help sessions
- Exercising initiative and independent judgment in the performance of assigned tasks

May 2013- Dec 2015: **Part-time Lecturer**, Mount Kenya University- Kakamega Campus

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Teaching Development Economics, Public Finance and Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Grading students final examination and assignments

Aug 2012- Aug 2014: **Part-time Lecturer**, School of Business, -JKUAT Kakamega Campus

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Teaching international economics, Introduction to Microeconomics and General Economics
- Grading students final examination and assignments

Sept 2009 – Feb 2010: **Human Resource Assistant**, Kenya United Steel Company

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Performs payroll/benefit-related reconciliations to General Ledger and other accounts
- Compiling and processing employee records
- Answering questions about employment files, time-off, benefit plans
- Compiling reports on weekly and monthly basis
- Assisting with the preparation of the performance review forms
- Preparing correspondence.

12<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2009: **Research Assistant**, Tourism Satellite Account Project (Ministry of Tourism)

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Data Collection and Entry
- Maintaining accurate records of interviews
- Preparing a report after field work

May – Aug 2008: **Intern teacher**, Bungoma Muslim Secondary School

### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Teaching assigned classes
- Assessment of students and grading
- Giving remedial classes
- Working with the collaborating teacher in setting up a schedule of activities for the entire term

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Over four (5) years of teaching experience at both undergraduate and diploma levels. I teach the following courses:-

- Mathematics for Economics
- Introduction to Macroeconomics
- International Economics
- Monetary Theory and Practice
- General Economics
- Introduction to Microeconomics
- Development Concepts & Application
- Public finance
- Development Economics
- Research Methods
- Intermediate Macro-economics

### **NON-TEACHING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

12/10/2015- 16/10/2015- Acting chair of Department of Economics

### **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS**

#### **Presentation of Papers at Academic and Professional Conferences**

##### **Paper Accepted for Presentation**

- Munir, M, and **Abdillahi, U.**(2016): ‘ *Sharia Compliant Student Loan-Backed Securitization for Higher Education Loans in Kenya*’ paper to be presented at the **1<sup>ST</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE ON THE STATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN KENYA** by the Society for the Advancement of Science Africa(SASA) and Commission for University Education(CUE),4<sup>th</sup> International Scientific conference to be held from 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> August,2016 at Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Kenya.
- *Munir, M, and **Abdillahi, U.**(2016): ‘Determinants of Commercial Banks liquidity in Kenya.’ Paper presented at the Kabarak University Sixth Annual International Research Conference held on 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>,July 2016 at Kabarak University, Nakuru Kenya*

- Munir, M, and **Abdillahi, U.** *Kennedy Otiso, and David Asena Muganda*(2016): ‘*Environmental Accounting Disclosure and Financial Performance of Listed Construction and Allied Firms in Kenya*’ Paper presented at the Kabarak University Sixth Annual International Research Conference 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> ,July 2016 at Kabarak University, Nakuru Kenya
- **Abdillahi, U** and Dr. Muganda Munir Manini(2016) *Public debt and Economic Growth in Kenya, an auto-regressive distributed lag specification approach*’, paper presented at the Kibabii University Conference on Transformative Leadership for Societal Empowerment in the 21st Century held on 22<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at Kibabii University, Bungoma, Kenya
- Dr.Muganda, M, and **Abdillahi, U.**(2016): ‘*Influence of Automated System on Performance of the Nairobi Securities Exchange*’ Paper presented at the Kibabii University Conference on Transformative Leadership for Societal Empowerment in the 21st Century held on 22<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at Kibabii University, Bungoma, Kenya
- **Abdillahi, U.** and Munir, M, (2016): ‘*Government health care expenditure and economic growth in kenya: an auto-regressive distributed lag specification approach*’, paper presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Health held on 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Kakamega, Kenya
- **Abdillahi, U.**, and Munir, M, (2013): ‘*Trade Liberalization and Economic Growth in Kenya*’ paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Interdisciplinary Annual Conference held on 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya [http://www.cented.org.ar/noticias/2013\\_06\\_UCEA\\_Kenia/Final%20Conference202013.pdf](http://www.cented.org.ar/noticias/2013_06_UCEA_Kenia/Final%20Conference202013.pdf)
- Munir, M, and **Abdillahi, U.** (2013): ‘*Determinants of Urban Poverty in Kenya: A Case study of Nairobi County*’, paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Interdisciplinary Annual Conference held on 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya
- Munir, M, and **Abdillahi, U.** (2013): ‘*Fiscal Policy and Unemployment in Kenya: An Empirical Investigation*’ paper presented at the Mount Kenya University Annual Conference held on 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya
- **Abdillahi, U.**, and Munir, M, (2013): ‘*The Impact of Networking on Access to Finance and Performance of SMEs in Kakamega County, Kenya*’ paper presented at the Mount Kenya University Annual Conference held on 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

- Munir, M, and Abdillahi, U. (2012): '*An Exploratory Investigation on the Internet Based Corporate Reporting in Kenya*', paper presented at the 7th JKUAT Scientific Conference held on 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2012, at JKUAT, Nairobi, Kenya
- Munir, M, and Abdillahi, U. (2012): '*Reaching the unbanked: Financial Inclusion and Mobile Banking in Kenya: A Case of Kakamega Central District*', presented at the KDSA Egerton Conference held on 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2012, at Egerton University, Njoro, Kenya.
- Abdillahi, U. and Munir, M, (2012): '*An Evaluation of Kenya's Water Policy and its Implementation in Sustainable Water Management*', paper presented at 1<sup>st</sup> UNESCO/DAAD Conference held on 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012, at Maseno University, Kisumu, Kenya.

### **Participation in Workshop/Seminars**

- Workshop on "*Access, Equity and Quality to University Education: Critical Assessment of Current Strategies in Kenya*" held at Mnarani Club, Kilifi, by Kenya DAAD Scholars Association, on 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016.
- Training on module writing for university-wide courses held on 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at Farm View Hotel Busia
- Workshop on "Kenya's Constitutional Provisions and the Citizen's Rights: Are we on track?" Held at Kenyatta University Conference Centre, Nairobi by Kenya DAAD Scholars Association and DAAD Regional Office for Africa in Nairobi on 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May ,2015
- Workshop on "*Management of Post Graduate Studies*": held at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Kakamega, by the School of Graduate Studies on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015.
- Workshop on "*The French-German Locomotive Promoting Regional Integration: A Model for East Africa?*" held at The Heron Portico, Nairobi, by DAAD/ Institute of Economic Affairs, on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013.
- Workshop on "*African Cities of the Future: Smart, Sustainable, Participatory*" held at the Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi by DAAD/UN-Habitat/Found Foundation/Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, held on 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013.
- Workshop on '*Entrepreneurship Skills Development Course*' held at Inoorero University, Nairobi by Chase Bank Enablis Business Launchpad, on 15<sup>th</sup> to 18 November 2010.
- Workshop on "*Education for Sustainable Development: Opportunities and Challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*" held at Masinde Muliro University of Science & Technology, on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

- Workshop on “Peer Educators Training on HIV, TB and Malaria prevention” held at Masinde Muliro University of Science & Technology, by USAID APHIA (II) Western Kenya, on 31<sup>ST</sup> Jan 2009
- Workshop on ‘Peace and Character Development’ held at MMUST, Kakamega by Youth Federation for World Peace, on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

### Articles in Refereed Journals

- Munir, M., and **Abdillahi, U.**, Wanyama K., and Simiyu ,J., (2016): ‘Effect of business financing on the performance of Small and Medium Enterprises in Lurambi Sub-County ,Kenya’, *European Journal of Business Management*, Vol.8, No.2, , pp:1-21,(ISSN Print: 2222-1905)
- Munir, M.,and **Abdillahi, U.** (2015): ‘Corporate Governance Mechanisms and Financial Performance of Commercial Banks In Kenya’, *International Journal of Business and Management*, Vol.17, No.3, March 2015, pp:25-40,(ISSN Print: 2319-7668, ISSN Online:2278-487X)
- Munir, M., **Abdillahi, U.**, and Hardy, L., (2014): ‘Corporate Governance Mechanisms and Internet Financial Reporting In Kenya’, *International Journal of Research in Management Sciences*, Vol.2, No.4, Oct-Dec 2014, pp:35-51,(ISSN Print: 2347-8780, ISSN Online:2347-5943)
- Munir, M, and **Abdillahi, U.** (2013):‘Bank -Specific Determinants of Profitability of Quoted Commercial Banks in Kenya’, *International Journal of Research in Commerce, Economics & Management* , Vol. 3, No. 5, May-2013 pp:122-129 , <http://ijrcm.org.in/cem/index.php>
- Munir, M, and **Abdillahi, U.** (2013 ):‘Board Mechanisms and Profitability of Commercial Banks in Kenya’, *International Journal of Research in Commerce, IT, & Management* Vol. 3, No. 5, May-2013 pp:162-169 <http://ijrcm.org.in/download.php?name=ijrcm 4...4...3>
- **Abdillahi, U.**, and Munir, M, (2013): ‘Board Gender Diversity and Performance of Listed Commercial Banks in Kenya’, *International Journal of Research in Commerce, Economics & Management*, Volume. 3, No. 3, March 2013, pp.159-165, <http://ijrcm.org.in/download.php?name=ijrcm-3-Evol-3 issue-3...>
- Ahmed, H. **Abdillahi, U.** and Munir, M (2012), “Determinants of Dividend Policy in Kenya”, *International Research Journal of Finance and Economics*, Vol. 16, Issue 35, pp. 110- 125.



## Thesis

- The Women Enterprise Fund (WEF) Programme and Women's Economic Empowerment in Kakamega County, Kenya. ( M.A thesis)

## Books

- Munir, M, and Abdillahi, U. (2013). *Trust and Executorships Accounting*. Lambert Academic Publishing. Saarbrücken, Germany. ISBN 978-3659380426

## RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY

- 11th -14 September 2015: Capacity Building and Training (Consultant)  
**The Second Capacity Development Workshop for Bungoma County Budget and Economic Forum Members Held at Hotel Itoya, Busia**  
Funding: County Government of Bungoma
- Feb -March 2014: Research Assistant  
**Project Title: Optimal Operation of Functional Units of Masinde Muliro University of Science &Technology.**  
Funding: Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology
- Aug 2012- Sept 2013 : Research Assistant  
**Project Title: Review of the Retirement Benefits and Income Regulations**  
Funding: Retirement Benefit Authority/ Masinde Muliro University of Science & Technology
- Oct-Nov 2010: Research Assistant  
**Project Title: Inbound and Outbound Tourism Business Survey.**  
Funding: Ministry of Tourism and United Nations.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2016:UNESCO/POLAND co-sponsored fellowship programme at AGH University of Science and Technology, in Krakow Poland from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> March,2017
- 2013:Small Grants for Thesis Writing- Council for the Development of Social Research in Africa (CODESRIA)
- Dec 2013:IZA/DFID Conference on Training Programs and Labor Markets in Africa: Evidence and Policy Lessons IZA/DFID Program held at the Hilton Hotel, Nairobi Kenya.
- Dec 2013:IZA/DFID Short Course on Evaluation of Training Programs IZA/DFID Program. held at the Hilton Hotel, Nairobi Kenya.

- Aug 2012- Sept 2013 : Research Assistant  
**Project Title: Review of the Retirement Benefits and Income Regulations**  
 Funding: Retirement Benefit Authority/ Masinde Muliro University of Science & Technology
- 2010-2012: Graduate School Scholarship -Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD).
- 2010-2012: Higher Education Loan Board (HELB) Postgraduate Scholarship.
- 2009:Best undergraduate student in the Faculty of Education and Social Sciences- Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology.

### **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

- Nov 2013 To Present: Association for the Advancement of African Women Economists (AAWE)
- Aug 2013 To Present :International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE)
- Dec 2012 To Present: Association for Women’s Rights in Development (AWID)
- Nov 2012 To Present: Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) Research Network.
- Aug 2012 To Present: Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA)
- July 2010 To Present: Kenya DAAD Scholars Association (KDSA)

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