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Family: Married with three Children

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. 1986 Economics, Center for the Study of Public Choice, George Mason University
M.A. 1982 Economics, Ohio University
M.A. 1982 International Affairs, Ohio University
B.Sc. 1980 University of Nairobi (Hons)

WORK EXPERIENCE

2009 - **Resident Senior Fellow**, Brookings Institution, Washington, DC
2007 - **Research Associate**, University of Oxford, Center for the Study of African Economies
1999 - 2005 Founding **Executive Director**, Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA).
1991 - 1999; 2005 - **Associate Professor**, Department of Economics University of Connecticut
1986 - 1991 **Assistant Professor**, University of Mississippi

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS/RECOGNITION

2009: Recorded statements presented at the G20 meetings petitioning against the adoption of protectionist policies by developed countries.

2008: **Keynote Speaker**, World Bank, Bank Economists Meeting-Africa Division

2005-2007 **Who is Who Amongst American Teachers**, Nominated by Students in the National Dean's List

2001: Co-Winner- **Outstanding Research Award-Global Development Network**

2000-2005: Member, **Board of Directors, Equity Building Society/Equity Bank-Kenya.**

During my tenure as a Director, Equity experienced outstanding performance and expansion to become a leading financial institution. I was also involved in strategizing for the conversion from a Building Society to a Bank.

1999- Associate Editor, Ashgate Book Series on Contemporary Perspectives and Public Choice and Developing Societies.

1999- 2005 Primarily responsible for establishing the **Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis** as its Founding Executive Director. KIPPRA became the top ranked Think-Tank in Africa by 2004 and was also recognized as an international center of excellence and a reference case study for excellence in public policy research and for effectiveness in influencing policy in developing countries.

1994: Named among the top Ten young Market Economists in the United States by the **Policy Review**, Washington D.C.

1991: Winner- **Georgescu-Roegen prize in Economics, USA.**

1991: Honored by the **Senate of the House of the State of Mississippi** for outstanding research on Public Transit (With William Shughart)

1989: **Outstanding Faculty Award (for teaching and research) - School of Business Administration, University of Mississippi.**

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Economics Association
Public Choice Society
Southern Economic Association
African Economic and Finance Association
Resource Person-African Economic Research Consortium

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Director-and Co-Founder: Hekima Community Library-Ndaka-ini Kenya

Founded the Hekima Community Library (with Irene W. Kimenyi) in 2004.

Donated the library for community use. This library is one of the best equipped rural community libraries in Africa and serves thousands of rural people in Kenya.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Institutions and growth in Africa, Income distribution and poverty, Africa's Political Economy, and Private Sector development.

SUPERVISION/External Examiner

Has been involved in supervision of doctoral and Masters Students. Also one of the Resource Persons for AERC's doctoral program. Have also been an external examiner various African institutions including Department of Economics, University of Nairobi,

Department of Economics, University of Botswana and Department of Economics,
University of Zimbabwe.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

1. **Mwangi S. Kimenyi, *Economics of Poverty, Discrimination, and Public Policy***, (South-Western Publishers (US), (1995).
2. **Mwangi S. Kimenyi, *Ethnic Diversity and Liberty: The African Dilemma***, (Aldershot UK): Edward Elgar, (1997).
3. **Mwangi S. Kimenyi and John Mbaku (eds), *Institutions and Collective Choice in Developing Countries***, Ashgate (UK) Publishers.
4. **Mwangi S. Kimenyi, Robert Wieland and J.D. Von Pischke, (eds) *Strategic Issues in Microfinance***, Ashgate (UK) Publishers
5. **Mwangi S. Kimenyi, John Mukum Mbaku and Pita Ogaba Agbese (eds) *Ethnicity and Governance in the Third World***, Ashgate, UK, (2001).
6. **Mwangi S. Kimenyi, John Mbaku and Ngure Mwaniki, (eds) *Restarting and Sustaining Economic Growth in Africa: The Case of Kenya***, Ashgate (UK) (2003).
7. **Mwangi S. Kimenyi, and Patrick Meagher (eds) *Governance Prospects for Devolving Societies***, Manuscript accepted by Ashgate, 2004.

Guest Editor

Economic and Political Reforms in Kenya, Special Issue of *The Independent Review (Kenya)*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (1996).

Regulation and financial reforms, AERC Supplement, *Journal of African Economies (Oxford)* Vol. 12. Supp 2 (edited with A. Fosu and Njuguna Ndungu), 2003.

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