

Academic Staff Profile

Personal Profile

Personal Details

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Academic & Professional Qualifications

- ✓ PhD Environmental Planning and Management 2020-2024 : - Kenyatta University
 - Thesis: Environment and Human Behaviour in the Spaces and Processes of Architectural Design Studios in Kenya.
- ✓ Master of Environmental Planning and Management 2011-2013: - Kenyatta University
 - Project: - The Impacts of Urban Sprawl on Infrastructure and Services in Ongata Rongai town, Kajiado County –Kenya
- ✓ Kenya School of Government 2013: - Certificate in Project Development and Management
- ✓ Board of Registration of Architects and Quantity Surveyors Professional Qualification - 2011
- ✓ Bachelor of Architecture 2003-2009: - Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology

- Thesis: - New Urbanism- The Case of Mixed-Use Urban Development
- ✓ Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education. (K.C.S.E.) 1998-2001: - Moi Girls High School-Eldoret

Employment History

- ✓ February 2025 to Date: Lecturer, Kenyatta University - Kenya
- ✓ May 2015 to February 2025: Tutorial Fellow; Kenyatta University – Kenya
- ✓ May 2010 to May 2015: Architect; Directorate of Public Works – Kenya
- ✓ June 2nd to 2009 May 31st, 2010: Graduate Architect; Linarch Consultants

Achievements

- ✓ In 2025, I published my second book, *Naked and Unashamed*.
- ✓ In 2024, I graduated with a PhD in Environmental Planning and Management.
- ✓ In 2023, I attended and presented a paper at Peer Reviewed academic conference organised by the Society of Human Ecology in the University of Arizona. I was also a presenter at a public lecture at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.
- ✓ In 2021, I organised a Joint Studio with University of Notre Dame.
- ✓ In 2020, I published my first book, *Our life in Light of the Rosary Mysteries* with its Kiswahili Translation, *Maisha Yetu Katika Matendo ya Rosari*.
- ✓ In 2018, I participated in the Erasmus + Teaching Exchange at Szent Istvan University and YBL Miklos in Hungary.
- ✓ In 2018, I organized a public lecture at Kenyatta University entitled "*Landscape ecology, from foundations to the Anthropocene: Towards 10th IALE World congress*"; Presenter Emilio Padoa-Schioppa (PhD)., Associate Professor of Ecology at University of Milano-Bicocca in Italy.
- ✓ In 2017 I attended an academic conference and presented a paper in the Society of Human Ecology Conference at The University of Philippines Los Banos; Paper Title "*Impacts of Urban Sprawl on Urban Services and Infrastructure*".
- ✓ In 2012 and 2013, I was the project Architect for the completion of the new Malindi Law courts, which was successfully handed over in 2013

Publications

Referred Journals

- ✓ Kebenei J., Karanja D., Elnaggar R., Mireri C., (2023) Qualification of the Physical Environment of Architectural Learning as Design Studios, *The International Journal of Design Education*, 18 (1) : 83-108. <https://doi.org/10.18848/2325-128X/CGP/v18i01/83-108>
- ✓ Kebenei J., Karanja D., Elnaggar R., Mireri C., (2024) Valorising Behavioural Research in Improvement of the Built Environment, *The International Journal of Architectonic, Spatial, and Environmental Design*. 18 (1): 157-184. <https://doi.org/10.18848/2325-1662/CGP/v18i01/157-184>

Books and Books Chapters

- ✓ Kebenei, J. (2016), *Impacts of Urban Sprawl on Urban Services and Infrastructure*, Lambert Academic Publishing, Saarbrücken.

Conference/Workshops/Seminar Papers

Conference Papers

- ✓ Kebenei J. 2023; “Environmental Psychology and Sustainable Human Ecological Futures”, Paper presented in the XXVth Society of Human Ecology Conference at the University of Arizona-USA.
- ✓ Kebenei J. 2023; “Environmental Awareness and Competence in Amelioration of the Built Environment”, Paper presented in the 10th Annual Architecture Workshop and Exhibition at The University of Nairobi – Kenya.
- ✓ Kebenei J. 2017; “Impacts of Urban Sprawl on Urban Services and Infrastructure”; Paper presented in the Society of Human Ecology Conference at The University of Philippines Los Banos

Workshops Papers

None

Seminar Papers

None

Student Co-authored Publications

None

Other Publications

- ✓ Dr. Kebenei J. (2020), Naked and Unashamed, Judy Kebenei, Nairobi.
- ✓ Kebenei J. (2020), Our Life in Light of the Rosary Mysteries, *Meditation on the Biblical Context*, Kiswahili Translation; Maisha Yetu Katika Matendo ya Rosari; *Tafakari Kuhusu Yaliyomo Kwenye Biblia*; Judy Kebenei, Nairobi.

Research

- ✓ Environment and Human Behaviour in the Spaces and Processes of Architectural Design Studios in Kenya(2024)
- ✓ Impacts of Urban Sprawl on Urban Services and Infrastructure in Ongata Rongai – Kenya (2013).

Funded Projects

- None

Conferenced/Workshops/Seminars Attended

Conferences Attended

- ✓ Society of Human Ecology Conference, November 2024
- ✓ The 10th Annual Architecture Workshop and Exhibition July 2023
- ✓ BORAQS CPD conferences June 2021, January 2022, May/June 2023, May 2024
- ✓ AAK Annual conference July 2022
- ✓ Society of Human Ecology Conference, November 2017

Workshops Attended

None

Seminars Attended

-None

Supervision of Postgraduate Students

Masters

None

Ph. D

None

Professional/ Consultancy (Editor/ Peer review in journals, Networks/ Collaborations, External Examiner, Patents)

- Peer reviewer - Common Ground Research Networks - University of Illinois USA
- Feasibility Study of Development/Urban Renewal of Blue Valley Estate, Nyeri Town (Contract No. Cgn/Lhppu/Rfp/21/2017-18); June 2018

Community Service and Other Engagements

Alumni Associations (2009 to Date)

- Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology Catholic Community (JKUAT CATCOM) Alumni Association – Community Service, Mentorship.

Extra Curricula Activities (2009 to Date)

- Secretary (2012-2013), Current Member, Human Life International Professionals – Kenya: - Education, Guidance and Counselling
- Member, Catholic Community Alumni Association – Community Service

Jomo Kenyatta University (2003-2009)

- Member, JKUAT Pro-life Kenya: - Education, mentorship, Guidance and Counselling
- Member, Architectural Students Association: - Professional Practice
- Divisional Superintendent (2008-2009), St. John Ambulance-JKUAT Division: - Community Service
- Liturgical Dancers Coordinator (2005-2007), Catholic Community-JKUAT

Moi Girls (1998-2001)

- Member, The Red Cross team: Community service.
- Member, The St. John Ambulance: First aid practices
- Sales Lady (2000-2001), Young Farmers Club: Importance of agriculture for self-sustenance and economy building.
- Captain (1999-2001) Moi Girls Football Team

Affiliation of Professional Bodies

- ✓ Member; Society of Human Ecology
- ✓ Corporate Member; Architectural Association of Kenya
- ✓ Professional Licencing; Board of Registration of Architects and Quantity Surveyors.

National and International awards and Recognitions

-None

Administrative Positions Held

Recognized university administrative positions

- ✓ Member- Contracts Implementation Committee (2021 to 2023)
- ✓ Departmental Exams Coordinator (2015-2018), Department of Architecture and Interior Design
- ✓ Chairperson, Departmental International Collaborations and Linkages Committee (2019 to Date)
- ✓ Member: - Curriculum Development and Review committees – Department of Architecture and Interior Design (2022 to Date)

Other administrative positions Held

- ✓ Academic Advisor/ Course coordinator : Architectural Studios II (2021-2024); V (2025)