

Brief CV

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SUMMARY

Eunice Kamaara, has over thirty years of experience in holistic/trans disciplinary development research on character development around African Christianity, culture and health. She has distinguished strengths in ethnography, action research, community engagement, project design, data collection, analysis and reporting. She has consulted for national and international organizations including for the World Bank, UNFPA, USAID, Church World Service, IDS- UK, and Templeton World Charity Foundation, among others. Eunice is recognised by the World Health Organization as a Top 30 Social Health Innovator in Africa.

EDUCATION

- Master of Science in International Health Research Ethics, Dec 2013
- Postdoc in Gender Mainstreaming, 2004.
- Moi University, Kenya, Doctor of Philosophy in Religion, May 2003

CURRENT POSITION

- Professor of African Christian Ethics, Moi University, Department of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies, Moi University
- International Affiliate, Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), Indiana, US
- Trainer of trainers in Research Methodology, Gender, Spirituality/Religion & Holistic Health,

SELECT CONTRIBUTION IN COMMUNITY

- **Member**, Ethics Review Board of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF ERB)
- **Member, The Anglican Communion Science Commission (ACSC)**, a global network of bishops and scientists promoting understanding of the world around us not only for intellectual gain but also for spiritual development. Since October 2020.
- **Member**, Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Board, since 2019.
- **Member, Africa Region representative**, WCC Working Group on Biotechnology - Africa.
- **Member**, International Board, Church World Service New York City, NY.
- **Member**, National Gender Advisory Board for HIV Vaccine Research, Ministry of Health, Office of the Director of Medical Services, Afya House, Cathedral Road, P.O. Box 30016, NAIROBI.
- **Member**: Board of Advisors, National Youth Guidance and Counseling Centre for Information Dissemination on Education, Health & Career. Email. nygca@yahoo.co.uk

SELECT RESEARCH GRANTS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- **Co-Principal Investigator**, Integration of Spiritual and Religious Dimensions in Healthcare, Funded by Evans Center, IU Health and Values Fund. July 2024-June 2026.
- **Africa Collaborative Partner, Humboldt Research Hub in Africa** on Women, Religion/Spiritualities and Pandemics., Funded by Humboldt Foundation. Jan 2022-Dec 2026.
- **Project Ethics Advisor**, (Principal Investigator, Prof. Yonathan Gez), After Development Lives (AfDEVLives) – Collaborative project across Kenya, Tanzania & Mozambique. Horizon Grant of the European Research Council, June 2023-2028
- **Director, An Assessment of African Christian Youth Character Values Program (ACIP)** (Funded by The Templeton World Charity Foundation Inc: Jan 2016-)
- **Co-Principal Investigator**, with Jim Lemons, Spiritual health of mothers and children at the Riley Mother and Baby Hospital at the Moi Teaching and referral Hospital in Eldoret, Kenya. Funded by the IU health and Values Program, September 1 2015 – to December 31, 2017.
- **Co-Investigator**, Kenya Christian Scientists Association, funded by TWCF Inc. (Completed in 2022)
- **Principal Investigator**, Exploring the role of faith leaders in promoting home-based HIV testing and treatment program in Nyanza, Kenya, (Nov. 1, 2014 – Oct. 31, 2017), Lifespan/Tufts/Brown Center for AIDS Research ("CFAR").
- **Team Leader and Holistic Health Expert**, Western Region (North Rift, Western and Nyanza Provinces) "Multi-Sectoral Assessment of Youth at Risk in Kenya" by Education Development Centre for United States Agency for International Development (USAID), July – August 2009.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. Chitando, E., Kamaara, E. (eds) 2022. *Values, Identity, and Sustainable Development in Africa*. Palgrave Macmillan, https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-12938-4_6
2. Shitemi, Naomi Luchera and Eunice Kamaara (Eds.). 2014. *Wanjiku: A Kenyan Socio-political Discourse*, Nairobi: Goethe Publishers, Nairobi. <https://www.amazon.in/Wanjiku-Socialpolitical-Discourse-Contact-Nairobi-ebook/dp/B00PGV93Y2>
3. Mwase Isaac M.T. & Eunice K. Kamaara, *Theologies of Liberation and Reconstruction*, Nairobi: Acton Publishers, 2012.
4. Kamaara, Eunice Karanja, (2005) *Gender Relations, Youth Sexual Activity and HIV/AIDS: A Kenyan Experience* Eldoret: AMECEA Gaba publication, 2005.

Chapters in Edited Works

1. Omare, S., Kamaara, E. (2023). Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions: The Role of Church Leaders During Political Electioneering Periods in Kenya. In: Kilonzo, S.M., Chitando, E., Tarusarira, J. (eds) *The Palgrave Handbook of Religion, Peacebuilding, and Development in Africa*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-36829-5_27
2. Kamaara, Eunice. 2022. "She Was Living in a Forest: Lessons on Christian Mission for Environmental Care from African Rural Women" in *International Handbook on Creation Care and Eco-Diakonia* Werner Dietrich et al. Oxford: Regnum Books,(pp. 273-279)
3. Hellen Sitawa Wanyonyi and Eunice K. Kamaara. 2022. Catholic Sexual Morality and Social Ethics in Africa. Contested Questions. *Handbook of African Catholicism*. Ilo, Stan Chu (Ed.) pp 449- 465
4. Kamaara, E. (2022). Identity, Religion/Spirituality, Character Values, and Development in Youthful Africa. In: Chitando, E., Kamaara, E. (eds) *Values, Identity, and Sustainable Development in Africa*. Palgrave Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-12938-4_6

Refereed Journal Articles

1. Kosgey, Isaac Sanga, Eric R. Masese, and Eunice Kamaara. Love-Centered Integrated Teaching/Learning, Research, and Service for Quality and Relevant Higher Education, *IAU Horizons*. (28). 2:33-34.
2. Kamaara, E., D'Souza, J., Nderitu, D. 2021. "All in this together": the global duty to contribute towards combating the Covid-19 pandemic. *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, 0 (0). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.20529/IJME.2021.078>
3. Kamaara, Eunice et al. 2019. Hospital-based Spiritual Care for Mothers of Neonates at RMBH in Eldoret, Kenya: A Situational Analysis. *Health and Social Care Chaplaincy*. 7(2) 145-167.
4. Nyongesa, Paul, Eunice Kamaara, et al. 2019. Integrating Spiritual Care into Maternity Care at a University Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret, Kenya: Challenges, Lessons and Way Forward. *Health and Social Care Chaplaincy*. 7(2) 168-215.

REFEREES

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