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EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

Cambridge, MA
June 2002
Doctor of Juridical Sciences (S.J.D.)(Ph.D equivalent)
Honors: Co-winner, John Gallup Laylin Prize in International Law, 2002
Clark Byse Fellowship for Academic Distinction among Graduate Students
Winner, John T. McArthur/Weatherhead Center Summer Travel Grant Award
Thesis: *Searching for the Market Criterion: Market-Oriented Reforms in Legal and Economic Development Discourses*

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

Cambridge, MA
June 1999
Master of Laws (LL.M)
Honors: Admitted to the Doctoral Program
Concentration: Public International Law and Institutions, Law and Development, Constitutional Law
Thesis: *Indigenous Peoples Rights in the International Law Fabric: The Case of the Maasai People of Southern Kenya*

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

Nairobi, Kenya
Dec. 1996
Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) (J.D. equivalent) *with honors*
Honors: National President, Kenya Law Students Society (KLSS)
Thesis: *The Maasai Land Question: A Scheme of Systematic Deprivation?*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Washington School of Law

Seattle, WA
Sept. 2008 – present
July, 2008 – 2011
Jan. 2009 - present
June, 2004 – 2008
Associate Professor of Law
Chair, African Studies Program
Director, Kenya Study Abroad Program
Assistant Professor of Law
Courses: Human Rights; International Law; Contracts; International Organizations; Health and Human Rights
Honors: Philip A. Trautman 1L Professor of the Year, 2004-2005; Finalist: 2005/06; 2006/07; 2007/08; 2008/09
Foundation Scholar 2009-11
Activities: Chair, African Studies Program and Principal Investigator of Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) Grant from the Department of Education
Academic Director, African Studies' Study Abroad Program on Health & Human Rights, Nairobi, Kenya
Member, Steering Committee, UW Center for Human Rights
Founding Faculty Advisor, Society for Small Business Development (SSBD)
Faculty Advisor, Center for Human Rights and Justice (CHRJ)
Member, Board of Directors, Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal (2005- present)
Member, Chairman's Advisory Council, African Studies' Program (2006 – 2008)

Harvard Law School

Cambridge, MA
Fall 2001
Clark Byse Graduate Fellow

- Designed, convened and led a workshop entitled *Legal Aspects of International Development and Market-Oriented Reforms*.

Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2000

- Served as Teaching Assistant in the course, *United Nations and Human Rights*;
- Assisted with planning and preparation of course syllabi and reading lists;
- Taught portions of the course related to the United Nations System;
- Conducted class discussions, guided students writing the term paper for the course, and graded the term papers.

Harvard Law School

Cambridge, MA

Teaching Assistant

2000 – 2001

- Served as the Teaching Assistant in LL.M Paper Writers Workshop designed to teach international LL.M students about the legal system and research methods in the United States;
- Supervised 15 LL.M students, teaching them specific techniques in completing their LL.M thesis.

European Law Research Center, Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Workshop Convener

Spring 2000

- Appointed Convener of a Workshop entitled *Histories and Politics of International Law*;
- Designed workshop theme and curriculum;
- Assigned readings; advertised workshop; led discussions; and oversaw the logistics;
- Invited outside speakers and guided students writing papers for credit in conjunction with workshop.

Ilkisonko High School

Loitokitok, Kenya

High School Teacher

Mar. 1994 – Sept. 1994

- Taught English, Literature and Christian Religious Education;
- Co-patron of Drama and Music clubs; Directed two winning entries to Kenya Secondary Schools Music Festivals in category of dramatized poems choral and solo verses.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Foley Hoag, LLP

Boston, MA

Transactional and (International) Litigation Associate

Sept. 2002 – May, 2004

- Part of team that represented the Republic of Uganda before the International Court of Justice at The Hague in *Case Concerning Armed Activities on the Territory of Congo* (Democratic Republic of Congo v. Uganda);
- Represented various Governments in cases involving Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA);
- Represented a wide variety of clients in the field of corporate law, with an emphasis on financial institutions and emerging growth companies; focusing on private and public placements of both debt and equity; holding company and other corporate reorganizations, mergers and acquisitions, and general and corporate business planning;
- Served as counsel to private equity funds, including structuring and formation advice; assisting with the preparation of offering materials and securities law compliance in raising capital; and representing the funds in structuring and making investments in portfolio companies.

United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

Pristina, Kosovo

Legal Officer, Central Civil Registry

May - August, 2000

- Drafted regulations and laws setting up and governing Central Civil Registry;
- Drafted standards and regulations on registration of habitual residents of Kosovo granting them civic status;
- Defined standards and set up procedures for reconsideration cases;
- Performed legal analysis and made recommendations about eligibility of applicants to be included in Register of habitual residents of Kosovo in specific cases;
- Assisted Civil Registrar in carrying out functions and setting up Municipal Civil Registration Offices in various municipalities of Kosovo.

Kariuki Muigua & Co. Advocates

Nairobi, Kenya

Attorney

1996- 1998

- Practiced in all areas of firm's legal practice, including civil litigation, criminal defense, legal drafting, debt collection and bankruptcy briefs, investigation of titles, conveyances and re-conveyances and succession law;
- Drafted court pleadings and conveyance documents, attended to clients, gave legal advice and conducted legal research.

LEGAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Global Coalition for Africa/World Bank *Research Associate*

Washington, DC
Jan. 2003 - June 2003

- Reviewed the performance of The Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) Initiative;
- Co-authored a report to be used to arrange a “policy-level review” of TICAD;
- Identified the uniqueness of the TICAD initiative especially regarding “ownership” of reform programs and partnership in development cooperation;
- Reviewed the success of accomplished objectives; Analyzed modus operandi of TICAD and made suggestions for improving Development cooperation between Asia and Africa within the TICAD process.

Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research (HPCR) *Research Associate*

Harvard University
2001 - 02

- Researched agenda and coordinated a high-level workshop for international legal experts, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the United Nations in a program to elicit expert dialogue and research on international humanitarian law issues;
- Drafted themes aimed at promoting a better understanding of the legal challenges arising in contemporary conflicts as related to international humanitarian policies.

Foley Hoag, LLP *Summer Associate (Foreign Attorney)*

Boston, Massachusetts
June - Aug. 2001

- Performed legal analysis;
- Formed and maintained foreign corporations to channel private investment funds;
- Assisted in the set up of investment funds in the United states and off-shore.

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs *Research Associate*

Harvard University
Sept. 2000 - Apr. 2001

- Designed a survey for developing countries’ environmental officials on the conditions of implementation of the Montreal Protocol;
- Administered survey in Anglophone Africa;
- Co-authored final report on the phase out of ozone-depleting substances in developing countries to the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the implementation of the Montreal Protocol, including one country case study.

Public Citizens, Inc. *Everett Public Interest Fellow*

Washington, DC
Summer 1999

- Provided research assistance on, *Whose Trade Organization: Corporate Governance and the Erosion of Democracy*, a book that evaluates the impact of the World Trade Organization on democratic accountability in the first 5 years of its existence;
- Actively lobbied on behalf of Africa Trade Bill then on House floor, attending meetings with members of Congress articulating effects of Bill on Africa;
- Researched on various aspects of the Africa Trade bill.

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles/Book Chapters

- Joel Ngugi, “The Curse of Ecological Interdependence: Africa, Climate Change, and Social Justice,” in GLOBAL WARMING READER, (W.H. Rodgers, Jr. et al, eds. Forthcoming, Carolina Academic Press).
- Joel Ngugi, *Forgetting Lochner in the Journey From Plan to Market: The Framing Effect of the Market Rhetoric in Market-Oriented Reforms*, 56 BUFF. L. REV. 1 (2008).
- Joel Ngugi, Book Review: *Legitimizing Human Rights NGOs: Lessons From Nigeria*, 31 FORDHAM J. INT’L L. 596 (2008)
- Joel Ngugi, *Promissory Estoppel: The Life History of an Ideal Legal Transplant*, 41 UNIV. OF RICHMOND LAW REVIEW 425-497 (2007).

- Joel Ngugi, *The World Bank and the Ideology of Reform in International Development Discourse*, 14 *CARDOZO J. INT'L & COMP. L.* 313-345 (2006); 3 *INDONESIAN J. INT'L LAW* 316 (2006)
- Joel Ngugi, *Policing Neo-liberal Reforms: The Rule of Law as a Constraining and Enabling Discourse*, 26 *UNIV. OF PA. J. INT'L & ECON. L.* 513 (2005)
- Joel Ngugi, *Re-examining the Role of Private Property in Market Democracies: Problematic Ideological Issues Raised by Land Registration*, 25 *MICH. J. INT'L L.* 467 (2004)
- Joel Ngugi, *Making New Wine for Old Wineskins: Can the Reform of International Law Emancipate the Third World in the Age of Globalization?*, 8 *UNIV. OF CALIFORNIA J. INT'L L. & POL'Y* 73 (2002)
- Joel Ngugi, *The Decolonization - Modernization Interface and the Plight of Indigenous Peoples in Post-Colonial Development Discourse in Africa*, 20 *WIS. J. INT'L L.* 297 (2002)

Other Publications

- Joel Ngugi, *Making the Link Between Human Rights and Corruption: Promises and Perils*, (forthcoming, Proceedings of 2010 ASIL ANNUAL CONFERENCE)
- Joel Ngugi, *Introductory Remarks: New Voices on Africa*, PROCEEDINGS of 2007 ASIL ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 133 (2007)
- Joel Ngugi, et al, *Options for a Solution to the Post-election Crisis in Kenya*, *DAILY NATION*, January 4, 2008
- Joel Ngugi, *Kenya Needs an Inclusive Leadership*, *THE EAST AFRICAN STANDARD*, September 28, 2007
- Joel Ngugi, *Stalling Juristocracy While Deepening Judicial Independence in Kenya: Towards a Political Question Doctrine*, 5 *JUDICIAL WATCH SERIES*, March 2007
- Joel Ngugi, *The Search for a Perfect Constitution a Futile Effort*, *THE EAST AFRICAN STANDARD*, September 8, 2005
- Joel Ngugi, *Leave Political Decisions to Politicians*, *DAILY NATION*, August 16, 2005
- Joel Ngugi, *The Scope of Journalistic Profession After the Randal Decision in ICTY*, 2 *MEDIA WORLD* 14 (March, 2003)
- Joel Ngugi, *Banking Regulations May Be Key to Recovery in Kenya*, *THE EAST AFRICAN STANDARD*, January 6, 2003
- Joel Ngugi & Kristen Boon, *Post-Conflict Institutions That Fall Short: The UN Mission in Kosovo*, *HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE*, Winter 2001, Series 2, No. 5
- Joel Ngugi, Rasmus Rasmusson, et al, *A COUNTRY-DRIVEN APPROACH TO THE PHASE-OUT OF OZONE-DEPLETING SUBSTANCE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES*, Cambridge, MA, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Working Paper No. 01 – 04 (2001)

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- **Kituo Cha Sheria Public Interest Caucus Colloquium**, *The Role of Public Interest Litigation in the Access to Justice of Marginalized Communities Under Kenya's New Constitution*, (August 18, 2011, Nyali Beach Hotel, Mombasa, Kenya)
- **University of Washington School of Law Commencement**, Faculty commencement speech, *The Revolution of the Everyday* (June 10, 2011)
- **University of Washington School of Law & International Law Society**, Law Through Global Eyes Series, Human Rights, Corruption and Development (May 16, 2011)
- **University of Washington Business School & African Studies Program**, *The African Miracle: A discussion about the economic growth in Africa over the last decade* (April 20, 2011)
- **Pacific Northwest Global Donors Conference**, Seattle, *Key Opportunities for (Progressive) Funding in Africa*, (April 1, 2011, Lion Hotel, Seattle)
- **UISFL Directors' Meeting and Conference & University of Arizona**, Presentation, *A Human Rights Approach to Climate Change in Africa*, (Westward Look Resort, Tucson, Arizona, March 4, 2011)
- **University of Washington School of Law & Justice Advocacy Africa**, Director, African Faculty Trial Advocacy Training Institute, (March 22-26, 2011, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle)
- **University of Washington**, Chair, Convener and Moderator, Symposium on *Global Law and its Exceptions*, (February 24-25, 2011, University of Washington School of Law)
- **African Studies Program & International Law Society**, Host, Moderator and Discussant, *The Politics of Complementarity: The ICC and the Situation in Kenya* (January 27, 2011)

- **Seattle Office of Civil Rights**, Keynote address Human Rights Day Celebrations, *A Human Rights Approach to Immigration*, (December 9, 2010)
- **Washington State Bar Association, World Peace Through Law Section**, Presentation, *Economic Rights as the Cornerstone for Building World Peace Through Law: Reflections on Economic Recession, Corruption, Free Trade Regimes and Human Rights* (October 26, 2010)
- **Seattle Human Rights Commission**, *Human Rights 101: Why Social and Economic Rights are Human Rights* (October 7, 2010)
- **University of Washington**, Moderator and Discussant, “Lumo”, a documentary on violence against women as a war weapon in Eastern Congo (September, 2010)
- **Seattle University School of Law**, Moderator and Discussant, “Lumo”, a documentary on violence against women as a war weapon in Eastern Congo (May 2, 2010)
- **University of Washington**, Presentation, *Responsibility to Protect and the Right to Health*, in 8th Western Regional International Health Conference, (April 25, 2010)
- **Bainbridge Public Library**, Presentation, *Responsibility to Protect Doctrine and the Kenya Crisis* in Great Decisions Series (April 3, 2010)
- **American Society for International Law**, 104th Annual Conference, Panel Presentation, *Making the Link Between Corruption and Human Rights: Promises and Perils*, Washington, DC (April 26, 2010)
- **University of Oregon Law School**, Presentation, *Re-conceiving Global Economic Governance from the Ashes of Neoliberalism*, in Oregon International Law Review Annual Symposium, (March 12, 2010)
- **University of Washington School of Law**, Presentation, *Global Interdependence and Regional Curse*, in Three Degrees Conference (May 29, 2009)
- **University of Washington Foster Business School**, Global Business Center, Presentation, *Regulation of Business in Kenya: A Historical Perspective*, (February 27, 2010)
- **Jackson School of International Affairs**, Presentation, *Is there an Alternative to the Popular Accounts of Piracy in the Horn of Africa?* (May 27, 2009)
- **Pangea Organization**, Seattle, Pangea Education Program, Presentation, *Social and Economic Sustainability*, in Symposium on Economic, Environmental and Social Sustainability (May 11, 2009)
- **University of Washington**, Presentation, *The Corrosive Effects of Neoliberal Legal Thought on Human Rights*, in Conference on Global Justice (April 18, 2009)
- **University of Washington School of Law**, Chair and Discussant, Dongsheng Zang’s, *China’s Environmental Footprint in Africa: A Critical Outlook* (April 16, 2009)
- **University of Washington School of Law**, Presentation, *The Role of “Modern” Law in Manufacturing Environmental Degradation and Economic Deprivation: A Case Study of Environmental Degradation in Maasai Country* in symposium on Environmental Justice and Governance in Africa, (April 16, 2009)
- **University of Washington School of Law**, Presentation, *Disasters Brewed in American Law? The Prospects and Challenges of Using Anglo-American Law to Promote Economic Development Abroad*, in Town and Gown Alumni event (March 4, 2009)
- **Michigan State University School of Law**, Presentation, *Neo-Liberal’s Dilemma: Democracy, the (De)regulatory Logic and the Puzzle of Africa’s Gate-keeping State* (February 13, 2009)
- **Pacific Northwest Political Science Association Annual Conference**, Chair and Discussant, *International Relations: Africa and the Diaspora*, Pacific Northwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Portland, Oregon, (November 6, 2008)
- **University of Washington School of Law**, Chair and Discussant, Conference on *Framing Legal and Human Rights Strategies for Change: A Case Study of Disability Rights in Asia*, UWSL (April 25, 2008)
- **University of Washington School of Law**, Presentation CHRJ Panel discussion, *Human Rights and the Kenya Post-Election Crisis: Causes and Solution* (April 29, 2008)
- **St. Theresa Catholic Church**, Seattle, Presentation, *Kenya After the Post-Election Violence* (June 25, 2008)
- **World Affairs Council, Seattle**, Presentation, *Africa and the Challenges of Governance* (May 29, 2008)
- **University of Washington School of Law**, *The Rule of Law and Post-Election Violence in Kenya* (April, 2008)
- **Seattle University**, Global African Studies Workshop on Kenya, Presentation, *Immediate, Intermediate and Root Causes of the Political Crisis in Kenya* (January 14, 2008)
- **American Society for International Law**, 101ST Annual Conference, Introductory Remarks and Moderator, “New Voices on Africa”, Washington, DC (March 28, 2007)
- **Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs**, Commentator, *The Emergence and Structure of NGO Self-Regulation in Africa*, University of Washington (March 6, 2007)

- **University of California at Davis**, Presentation, *US International Law Discourse as a Hegemonic Strategy*, UC Davis School of Law (March 2, 2007)
- **Center for Human Rights and Justice**, University of Washington School of Law, Presentation, “Odious Debt: Sovereign Debt Relief as a Human Right”, CHRJ Human Rights Moment (February 21, 2007)
- **University of Washington School of Public Health**, Presentation, “Lochner’s Trap: A Cautionary Tale About the Right to Health Care,” Western Regional International Health Conference, University of Washington (February 16, 2007)
- **American Public Health Association** 134th Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, “It is Not About the Cut: The Balancing Act in Protecting the Human Rights of the Girl-Child in Communities That Practice Female Circumcision,” Presentation to the American Public Health Association 134th Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (November 6, 2006).
- **Washington Bar Association**, Seattle, WA, “International Law and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,” CLE Presentation to the World Peace Through Law Section of the Washington Bar Association, Seattle, WA (Oct. 31, 2006)
- **Seattle International Human Rights Coalition and American Friends Service Committee**, Seattle, WA, “Undoing Columbus: A Community Forum on International Law and Indigenous Peoples’ Rights,” Presentation to the Seattle International Human Rights Coalition and American Friends Service Committee, Seattle, WA (Oct. 12, 2006)
- **Amnesty International Conference**, Moderator, “Fair Trials Norms,” Panel at the Amnesty International Conference, Seattle, WA. (February 19, 2006)
- **University of Washington**, Speaker, “Between Modernization and a Hard Place: The Maasai People of Southern Kenya”, at *Third Annual Western Regional International Health Conference*, February 19, 2005
- **Cornell Law School**, Speaker, “The Unending Cycles of Rule of Law Revival”, at Conference on *Rethinking Law and Development: Socio-Legal Perspectives*, held at Cornell University April 18-20, 2004
- **Harvard Law School**, Speaker, “Lochner Flies to Nairobi on a World Bank Mission: The Framing Effect of Rule of Law Projects,” at Conference on *Role of Law in Economic Development: Critiques and Beyond*, April 12-13, 2003
- **James E. Rogers School of Law, University of Arizona**, Distinguished Lecturer, Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program at the University of Arizona Law School, “Some Pitfalls in Using International Human Rights Regime in the Indigenous Peoples Struggles,” April 4-5, 2002
- **European Law Research Center, Harvard University**, Speaker, “The Slogan ‘Security of Tenure’ in Land Reform and Registration or: Distributive Stakes in Supposedly Neutral and Technical Land Registration Regimes,” Presentation at the *Land & Domination Conference*, March 21, 2001
- **Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Canada**, Speaker, “Perverse Links in the Globalization Spectacle: The Rule of Law and Democracy Discourses as Constraining and Enabling Tools” in a conference entitled *The Third World and the International Order: Law, Politics and Globalization*, October 12 – 14, 2001

AWARDS

- **University of Washington School of Law**, Philip A. Trautman Professor of the Year, 2010-2011
- **University of Washington School of Law**, Foundation Scholar Award, 2009-2011
- **University of Washington School of Law**, Philip A. Trautman Professor of the Year, 2004-2005
- **Harvard Law School**, Cambridge MA, John Gallup Laylin Prize in International Law, 2002
- **Harvard Law School**, Cambridge MA, Clark Byse Dissertation Fellowship Award, 2001
- **Institute for the Study of World Politics**, Washington DC, Dissertation Fellowship Award, July 2000-April 2001
- **Weatherhead Center for International Affairs**, Harvard University, Graduate Associate, September 2000 – June 2001; renewed September 2001 – June 2002
- **Weatherhead-McArthur Foundation**, Summer Research Travel Grant Award, Summer 2000
- **Everett Foundation**, Everett Public Interest Fellowship Award, Summer 1999
- **Harvard Law School**, Cambridge MA, James N. Snitzler Scholarship, 1998-99
- **Harvard Law School**, Cambridge MA, Emma Gildersleeve Lane Scholarship, September 1997-June 1998

ADMISSIONS TO THE BAR

- Licensed in Massachusetts, United States
- Licensed in Kenya

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Director, Justice Advocacy Africa (JAA)
- Member, Massachusetts Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, American Society for International Law
- Member, Law and Society Association
- Member, Association of Third World Studies
- Member, Kenya Scholars and Studies Association (KESSA)