

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

Doctor of Laws (LLD), University of Pretoria South Africa, 2013

- Research Area: Child Rights, Restorative justice, Transitional justice, International law, and human rights. This research focused on children involved and affected by armed conflicts in Africa especially Uganda. The research explored the various transitional justice mechanisms especially the prosecution of crimes committed by children during the LRA conflict. It was concluded that the criminal justice system is not appropriate to establish accountability. As such the research explored and recommended restorative justice as a diversion for children including former child soldiers

Master of Laws (LLM), University of Stellenbosch South Africa, 2009

- Focus Areas: Child rights and Conflicts in Africa, Human rights, International law, Employment rights, and Legal medicine.

Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Makerere University Uganda, August 2004 to 2008

- Courses attended: International and regional human rights, Family law, Social research methods, Health and the law, Criminology and penology, criminal law, Jurisprudence, Constitutional law, Civil procedure, and intellectual property.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Lecturer, Gulu University, Faculty of Law, January 2018 to present

Key responsibilities among others

- Deputy Dean (March 2019 – September 2020)
- Teaching and learning
- Course development
- Assessment, and undergraduate research supervision
- Implementation of eLearning
- Career guidance

Part time Lecturer, Uganda Christian University, Mukono, October 2016 to December 2017

Key responsibilities among others

- Lecture planning, preparation and research
- Contact and teaching of students

- Checking and assessing students' work
- Supporting students personal development through pastoral work
- Supervise undergraduate research
- Invigilating examinations

Acting Academic Registrar, Cavendish University Uganda, September 2015 to April 2016

Key outputs among others:

- Supervised all administrative and operational functions of the Office of the Registrar.
- Carried out research that enhanced the effective management of academic activities.
- Ensured the integrity, accuracy, and security of all academic records.
- Supervised and facilitated student enrolment and registration.
- Supervised academic activities such as examinations, timetable, teaching, invigilation and marking of examinations.
- Organized graduation ceremony and the production of official transcripts.
- Enforced university policies and regulations.
- Regularly offered constructive academic and non-academic counseling to staff members and students.
- Contributed to the development of the postgraduate programme within the Faculty of Law.
- Supervised research by post graduate students.
- Participated as an internal examiner during viva presentations

Dean Faculty of Law and Senior Lecturer, Cavendish University Uganda, June 2015 to September 2015

Key outputs among others:

- Coordinated the assessment and development of academic programs within the Faculty of Law.
- Oversaw all matters involving academic and non-academic employees.
- Maintained a good working relationships with faculty and administration in all academic and non-academic areas.
- Regularly offered constructive academic and non-academic counseling to staff members and students.
- Participated in the teaching of undergraduate students.
- Supervised of post graduate undertaking research.
- Participated as an internal examiner during viva presentations

Academic Assistant, Private Law Department, University of Pretoria, 2010 to 2012

Key outputs among others:

- Conducted research on all aspects of child rights and human rights in general.
- Reviewed and edited research articles.
- Participated in monthly research meetings at departmental level.
- Obtained information for various research projects.

- Provided technical guidance to students.
- Invigilated post graduate students.

CONSULTANCIES UNDERTAKEN:

1. Consultancy to write a paper for seminar series on freedom of expression, 2020/2021.

This was under the supervision of EANULAC with support from the East Africa, Rule of Law Initiative American Bar Association. This consultancy resulted in the publication of an article titled Freedom of Expression by the Deafblind Persons in Uganda , East African Journal of Peace and Human Rights (EAJPHR) Vol. 27, No. 2 (July 2021) 104-141. This article largely explored disability rights especially for persons with Deafblindness in relation to freedom of expression. One of the key challenges identified was in relation to limited access to justice by such persons which was a result of the inadequate platforms and skill that foster their interaction with society.

Key output:

- Among H & Okurut E, 'Freedom of Expression by Deafblind Persons in Uganda' (July 2021) Vol 27(2) East African Journal of Peace and Human Rights (EAJPHR) pp 104.

2. Review of the OVC National Policy and Development of the National Child Policy, March 2017 to date, Maestral International Minnesota

Key responsibilities

- Render consulting and advisory services relating to development of the Assignment
- Participate in Regional and national consultations to inform the National Child Policy
- Contribute to the drafting of the policy
- Engage in various meetings as may be required to accomplish the assignment

3. Consultancy on the Study on Adoption and Legal Guardianship Practices in Uganda UNICEF, Kampala, November 2013 to January 2015

Key outputs among others

- Conducted countrywide desk review of court case files in order to establish the extent of compliance with the law and develop a profile of persons and institutions involved in these processes.
- Conducted primary research in order to back trace persons/institutions identified, and ascertain the rationale/nature/extent of their involvement.
- Developed a comprehensive report on the key findings and proposed a way forward for tackling issues identified.

4. External Examiner in Kampala International University College of Higher Degrees and Research 2014/2015

Key outputs among others

- Reviewed and examined the academic standards of post graduate dissertations.

5. Consultancy on the Definition of Child in Africa. African Child Policy Forum (ACPF) Ethiopia Addis Ababa, September 2013 to October 2014

Key outputs among others

- Conducted a technical review of legal, psychological, scientific and anthropological research on the definition of a child.
- Reviewed the reporting obligations of member states under the various human rights instruments with specific emphasis on the definition of a child.
- Documented states compliance with internationally accepted standards, and emerging trends and challenges regarding the definition of the child.
- Made recommendations to ACPF on potential areas for revision and intervention regarding the gaps noted in the review on the way forward.
- Developed a synthesized position paper on the definition of a child.

6. Consultancy on Violence against Children within the Family, Community and Institution Settings in Ethiopia, Malawi and Uganda. African Child Policy Forum (ACPF) Ethiopia Addis Ababa, November 2012 to early January 2013

Key outputs among others:

- Synthesized the findings of the country studies documented in the country reports on Violence against Children within the Family, Community and Institution Settings in Ethiopia, Malawi and Uganda.
- Analyzed the drivers, and extent of the various forms of violence against children within these countries.
- Produced a comprehensive report on Violence against Children.

7. Research Fellow, The African Child Policy Forum (ACPF) Ethiopia Addis Ababa, 1st August to Mid-September 2012.

Key outputs among others:

- Contributed to the zero draft of the Bujumbura Declaration on Child Rights and Well-being in the East African Community (EAC), adopted in Bujumbura on 3rd September 2012, during, The First EAC Child Rights Conference under the theme, "Addressing the issues that negatively impact on the realization of child rights in the EAC."
- Submitted a position paper on the element of intention in physical violence against children in homes.
- Wrote a position paper on the definition of psychological violence.
- Contributed to the research on social protection mechanisms on children in Africa.
- Reviewed and edited country reports on the Harmonization of Laws of Children in Africa.
- Participated in key research discussions pertaining to Violence against Children especially in Africa.
- Participated in research meetings with key ACPF staff.

RESEARCH ARTICLES/PAPERS:

1. Among H & Okurut E, 'Freedom of Expression by Deafblind Persons in Uganda' (July 2021) Vol 27(2) *East African Journal of Peace and Human Rights (EAJPHR)* pp 104.
2. Okurut E & Among H 'Stigmatization, discrimination and the right to health of autistic children in Uganda' (2019) Vol 6(1) *IUIU Journal of Comparative Law*. pp 279.
3. Okurut E & Among H 'The contentious relationship between the African Union and the ICC' (June 2018) Vol 10(3) *Journal of Law and Conflict Resolution*.
4. Among H, Restorative justice and the reintegration of former child soldiers into communities: A case study of Uganda (Doctoral thesis research 2010-2012). The Application of Traditional Justice Mechanisms to the Atrocities Committed by Child Soldiers in Uganda: A Practical Restorative Justice Approach *African Human Rights Law Journal* Vol 13 No.2 (2013) pg 441-464.
5. Among H, Challenges in Prosecuting Former Child Soldiers within Uganda's International Crimes Division of the High Court: *East African Journal of Human Rights* 18(2) December 2012, pg 336-356.
6. Among H, An Assessment of the Traditional Gacaca Courts in Rwanda: Lessons for Communities in Uganda. *East African Journal of Peace and Human Rights*, Vol.18, No.1 (2013) pg 118-140.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS:

1. Global South Workshop 26 November to 3 December 2011, held at the Graduate School of GadjahMada University (UGM) in Jogjakarta (Indonesia), organized by the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies Geneva Institute

Participation:

- Presented Doctoral research paper.
- Contributed to discussions pertaining to legal, social, political, and scientific research papers.
- Attended public lecture "The International Context of the Arab Spring" by Prof. Biersteker T, and Prof. Bocco R.

2. A Global Conference on Child Justice in Africa, "Deprivation of Children's Liberty as the Last Resort" organised by ACPF and Defence for Children International (DCI), held in Kampala, Uganda on November 7 and 8, 2011.

Participation:

- Made contributions to group discussions on the various aspects of traditional justice system in Uganda.

3. Workshop on Criminal Capacity of Children, organised by the Child Justice Alliance, held on the 4th May 2011, held at the University of Pretoria.

Participation:

- Group discussions on criminal capacity of children in South Africa.

4. 2nd and 3rd Annual Child Law Moot Court Competition 2010 and 2011, organised by the Centre for Child Law, University of Pretoria

Participation:

- Moot Judge.
- Contributed to legal arguments.

5. Doctoral Winter School in Law, 14th to 26th August 2011, University of Pretoria Courses attended:

Modules undertaken

- Research methodology
- Theory in research
- Comparative research
- Sociology

SKILLS:

- Advanced research and writing skills
- Computer knowledge
- Fluency in spoken and written English
- Interpersonal and relational skills
- Excellent ability to obtain information

AWARDS:

- Structured Doctoral Research Scholarship – University of Pretoria, 2010-2013

REFERENCES:

Sudha Murali

Senior Specialist Child Protection UNICEF Kampala Uganda

Team leader Justice for Children programme Uganda (Overseeing the capacity building and strengthening of key institutions in Government to integrate child related issues into good governance mechanisms and oversight)

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