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I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint, Kefa M. Otiso, PhD, EBS, from Bowling Green, Wood County, Ohio, as a Member of the New African Immigrants Commission for a term beginning September 7, 2018 and ending at the close of business October 7, 2019.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto subscribed my name
and caused the Great Seal of the State
of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this
7th day of September in the year of our
Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

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I. EDUCATION

- 2000 Ph.D., Geography, University of Minnesota. Dissertation Title: *The Voluntary Sector in Urban Service Provision and Planning in Nairobi City, Kenya.*
Advisor: Roger Miller
- 1993 M.A., Geography, Ohio University. Thesis Title: *Urban Environmental Problems: The Case of Solid Waste Pollution and Management in Kisii Town, Kenya.* Advisor: Nancy Bain
- 1990 Bachelor of Education (B.Ed), Geography & Education, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya

II. WORK EXPERIENCE

Administrative Positions

2010–2013: *Director*, Global Village, Bowling Green State University.

Academic Positions

2006–Present: *Associate Professor*, Department of Geography, Bowling Green State University.

1999-2006: *Assistant Professor*, Department of Geography, Bowling Green State University.

1998: *Instructor*, Department of Geography, University of Minnesota.

1998: *Spatial Data Analyst*, Institute on Race and Poverty, University of Minnesota.

1997-1999: *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Geography, University of Minnesota.

1993-1996: *Research Assistant*, MLK Program & Department of Geography, University of Minnesota.

1991-1993: *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Geography, Ohio University.

Industry Positions

1995-1996: *Computer Support Engineer*, DecisionOne Corporation, Bloomington, MN.

III. RESEARCH

Research Interests

Urbanization, Economic Development, International Migration, and Globalization with a regional focus on

Publications

Books

Culture and Customs of Tanzania, Westport, CT: Greenwood Press (forthcoming 2013)

Culture and Customs of Uganda, Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2006. ISBN: 0313331480, 224 pages, maps; photos, table

Refereed Journal Articles

Bassens, D., Derudder, B., **Otiso, K.**, Storme, T., Witlox, F., Gateways to Africa: Mapping airline connectivity change for Africa's global urban networks in the 2003-2009 period, *South African Geographical Journal* (forthcoming)

Manyibe M.B., Manyibe, E.O. & **Otiso, K.M.** College Student Leadership Development: an Examination of Precollege Leadership Development of African Students in United States. *The Journal of Negro Education* (forthcoming)

Richard Mbatu and **Kefa M. Otiso** (2012), Chinese Economic Expansionism in Africa: A Theoretical Analysis of the Environmental Kuznets Curve Hypothesis in the Forest Sector in Cameroon, *African Geographical Review*, DOI:10.1080/19376812.2012.719145

Joseph Taabazuing, Isaac Luginaah, Godwin Djietror & **Kefa M. Otiso** (2012), Mining, conflicts and livelihood struggles in a dysfunctional policy environment: the case of Wassa West District, Ghana, *African Geographical Review* 31 (1): 33-49.

Ian E. A. Yeboah, Bakama BakamaNume, and **Kefa M. Otiso** (2011), Thirtieth Anniversary of African Geographical Review: History, Adoption, Institutionalization, and the Future of the Journal, *African Geographical Review* 30 (2): 5-17.

Kefa M. Otiso, Ben Derudder, David Bassens, Lomme Devriendt & Frank Witlox (2011), Airline Connectivity as a Measure of the Globalization of African Cities, *Applied Geography* 31 (2): 609-620.

William G. Moseley and **Kefa M. Otiso** (2010), Assessing Sub-Saharan Africa's University-Level Geography Resources: A Preliminary Investigation, *African Geographical Review*, 29 (1): 5-19.

Kefa M. Otiso (2009), Kenya in the Crosshairs of Global Terrorism: Fighting Terrorism at the Periphery, *Kenya Studies Review* 1, 1, 107-132.

Kefa M. Otiso and **William G. Moseley** (2009), Examining Claims for Information and Communication Technology-Led Development in Africa, *African Geographical Review* 28, 99–119.

Kefa M. Otiso and **George Owusu** (2008), Comparative Urbanization in Ghana and Kenya in Time and Space, *GeoJournal* (2008) 71:143–157

Kefa M. Otiso (2005), Kenya's Secondary Cities Growth Strategy at a Crossroads: Which Way Forward? *GeoJournal*, 62: 117–128.

Kefa M. Otiso and Bruce W. Smith (2005), Immigration and Economic Restructuring in Ohio's Cities, 1940-2000, *Ohio Journal of Science*, 105 (5): 133-137 December 2005.

Kefa M. Otiso (2003), State, Voluntary and Private Sector Partnerships for Slum Upgrading and Basic Service Delivery in Nairobi City, Kenya, *Cities*, 20 (4), 2003, 221-229

Kefa M. Otiso (2002), Forced Evictions in Kenyan Cities, *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*, 23(3), 2002, 252-267.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Kefa M. Otiso, "The Kenyan Diaspora in the United States of America and Kenya's Development," In Maurice Amutabi and Kefa Otiso (ed), *Perspectives in Kenya's Development in the 21st Century*, (forthcoming)

Kefa M. Otiso, "Kenya's Tourism Industry in the Era of Global Terrorism," In Maurice Amutabi and Kefa Otiso (ed), *Perspectives in Kenya's Development in the 21st Century*, (forthcoming)

Jacob Adetunji and **Kefa M. Otiso**, 2006. "Dual Residence Patterns in a Yoruba Community," In Toyin Falola and Ann Genova (ed), *The Yoruba in Transition: History, Values, and Modernity*, Durham: Carolina Academic Press.

Kefa M. Otiso, 2005. "Colonial Urbanization and Urban Management in Kenya," In Steven Salm and Toyin Falola (eds), *African Urban Spaces in Historical Perspective*, Rochester: University of Rochester Press.

Kefa M. Otiso, 2004. "The U.S. African Growth and Opportunities Act (AGOA): Bane or Boon for the African Textile and Footwear Industry," in Chris Rogerson and Dorothy McCormick (eds), *Clothing and Footwear in African Industrialization*, Pretoria: Africa Institute of South Africa.

Kefa M. Otiso, 2003. "Local Governments [in Africa]," in Toyin Falola (ed) (2003), *Contemporary Africa* (Africa Volume 5): Durham: Carolina Academic Press

Encyclopedia Entries

2012. "Nairobi, Kenya", In Ray Anderson (eds), *Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability Vol. 9: Afro-Eurasia: Assessing Sustainability*, Gt Barrington, MA: Berkshire Publishing.

2011. "Religion in Uganda", In Mark Juergensmeyer and Wade Clark Roof (eds), *Encyclopedia of Global Religion*, Thousand Oaks CA: Sage Publishers.

Refereed Journal Editorials

2010. "Football in Africa: The Impact of the FIFA 2010 World Cup in South Africa", *African Geographical Review*, 29 (2): 5-11 (with Isaac Luginaah).

2009. "Kenya in the Global Knowledge Economy", *Kenya Studies Review* 1, 1, 7-9, 2009.

2008. "The State of African Geography in the North American Academy", *African Geographical Review*, 27: 5-15 (with William G. Moseley).

Refereed Book Reviews

2009 **Globalizing City: The Urban and Economic Transformation of Accra, Ghana**. By Richard Grant. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2009. xviii +187 pp. ISBN 0-8156-3172-3 (Hard Cover), *Economic Geography*, 86 (1): 111-112

2009 **The African Diaspora in the United States and Canada at the Dawn of the 21st Century**. Edited by John W. Frazier, Joe T. Darden, and Norah F. Henry. Binghamton, NY: Binghamton University Press, 2009. viii +373 pp. \$49.00. Paper. (ISBN: 978-1-58684-271-0). *African Geographical Review*, 28, 117-20, 2009.

Refereed Conference Proceedings

Bruce W. Smith, **Kefa M. Otiso**, and Melissa M. Spirek, 2004, "Communicating Geography Through Newspaper Maps", *Papers of the Applied Geography Conferences*, October 20-24, 2004, St. Louis, MO (Bruce Smith, Kefa Otiso, and Melissa Spirek)

R. A. Obudho and **K. M. Otiso**, 1991, "Urban Environmental Problems in Kenya", in John Pickford (ed), *Infrastructure, Environment, Water and People: Conference Proceedings of the 17th WEDC Conference on Infrastructure, Environment, Water and People, Environment and Development Session, KICC, Nairobi, Kenya, July 21-25*. Leicestershire: Loughborough University of Technology, The Water, Engineering and Development Center.

Published Maps

2011 Figure 1: Uganda's Administrative Districts, in Deborah Mulumba, "The Gendered

- Politics of Firewood in Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement in Uganda," *African Geographical Review*, 30(1): 35
- 2000 Map 1: Colonial Ghana (pg. xix) and Map 2: Asante (pg xx), in Jean Allman and Victoria Tashjian (2000), *I Will Not Eat Stone: A Women's History of Colonial Asante*, Portsmouth, NH: Heineman, Oxford: James Currey, Cape Town: David Philip

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Press Articles/Editorials

"Education is Key to Black Success in this US Knowledge Economy," *African American Lifestyle Magazine (AALM)*, Feb/Mar 2012: 12-13, www.aa-lifestyle.com.

"The Recent African Immigrant Family in the United States," *Diaspora Business Review*, November 2011: 29-30.

"Entrepreneurship is the Next Frontier for the African Diaspora," *African American Lifestyle Magazine (AALM)*, Mar/Apr 2011, www.aa-lifestyle.com

"From Brain Drain to Brain Gain and Brain Circulation: The Growing Role of the Diaspora in Africa's Development," *African American Lifestyle Magazine (AALM)*, Nov/Dec 2010: 58-59, www.aa-lifestyle.com

"Is Healthcare Reform Dead?," *African American Lifestyle Magazine (AALM)*, Feb-Mar 2010: 4, www.aa-lifestyle.com

"Changes in Kenya positive, but...," *Daily Nation (Nairobi, Kenya)*, January 28, 2010: 13, <http://www.nation.co.ke/>

"The Bitter Pill of Healthcare Reform", *African American Lifestyle Magazine (AALM)*, Dec-Jan 2010: 38, www.aa-lifestyle.com

"Profile of Kenyans in the U.S.," *The Kenya Monitor*, November 2009: 7 & 9, <http://www.thekenyamonitor.com/>

"Black in America 2: A Story of Exceptionalism or A Window into a Brighter Future for Black America?," *African American Lifestyle Magazine (AALM)*, Aug-Sept 2009: 7, www.aa-lifestyle.com

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"Profile of Kenyans in the US in 2000 and What it Means for Kenya", *Mshale Special Edition* (August 20-23, 2009; www.mshale.com)

"Here's how to make Nairobi a hospitable city", *Sunday Standard*, Sunday January 11, 2009, <http://www.eastandard.net/>

"The Kenyans riding on the wave of success", *Sunday Standard*, Sunday August 5, 2008, <http://www.eastandard.net/>

"Address role of the colonial boundaries", *Standard*, March 14, 2008, <http://www.eastandard.net/>

"Great Potential in Diaspora for Kenya's Economic Growth", *Daily Nation (Nairobi, Kenya)*, May 7, 2007

"Diaspora holds the treasures of Kenya", *The East African Standard (Nairobi, Kenya)*, Sunday May 6, 2007

"Development lessons for Kenyans in the diaspora", *The Kenya Times (Nairobi, Kenya)*, April 30, 2007, <http://www.timesnews.co.ke/30april07/nwsstory/opinion2.html>

Published Reports

Spirek, M. M., **Otiso, K.M.**, and Fitzpatrick, C. (June 2002). *Ohiotrek Assessment Report*, a State Report for the Ohio Education Telecommunications Commission, Published by Bowling Green State University.

Earl P. Scott and **Kefa M. Otiso**, 1997. "*African-American Businesses in Minnesota.*" Report prepared for the Minneapolis Urban League. Published by the Center for Urban Regional Affairs (CURA), University of Minnesota, July 1997.

Paper Presentations

Professional Meetings

2012 Kefa M. Otiso, "Using U.S. Census Data to Plan for the Kenyan Diaspora Vote" **Kenya Diaspora Conference**, October 5-7 2012, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Washington Dc-Crystal City, Arlington, VA 22202, USA.

Kefa M. Otiso, "Time to Vote: Using Census Data to Plan for the US Kenyan Diaspora Vote - How many will actually do?" **5th Kenya Scholars' and Studies Association Conference**, Bowling Green State University, September 7-8, 2012, Bowling Green, OH 43403.

Kefa M. Otiso, "Kenya's African Silicon Savanna and Other New Towns: A Panacea for Kenya's Urban and Economic Challenges?" **Association of American Geographers' Conference**, February 24-28, 2012, New York, NY.

2011 Kefa M. Otiso, "Profile of the Kenyan Diaspora in the USA," **Kenya Diaspora Conference**, October 8-9 2011, Marriot Wardman Park 2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington D.C. 20008, USA.

Kefa M. Otiso, "Kenyan Cities in the Global Airline Industry: Implications for Development," **4th Kenya Scholars' and Studies Association Conference**, Bowling Green State University, September 16-17, 2011, Bowling Green, OH 43403.

Kefa M. Otiso, "Kenya's New County-based Devolution: Inequality Reduction or Redux," **Association of American Geographers' Conference**, April 12-16, 2011, Seattle, Washington.

2010 Kefa M. Otiso, "Public-Private Partnerships – Engaging the Global Kenyan Diaspora," **Kenya Diaspora Investment Conference (KDIC)**, Radisson Hotel, 10 Independence Drive, Chelmsford, MA, USA. October 15, 2010.

Kefa M. Otiso and Evans Nyangeri, "Kenya's Motorbike Invasion: Globalization and Motorbike Transport in Nyansiongo Town, Kenya," **3rd Kenya Scholars' and Studies Association Conference**, Bowling Green State University, Friday, September 17 - Saturday, 18, 2010, Bowling Green, OH 43403.

Linah Mairura and Kefa M. Otiso, "Health Challenges in the Gusii region of Kenya," **3rd Kenya Scholars' and Studies Association Conference**, Bowling Green State University, Friday, September 17 - Saturday, 18, 2010, Bowling Green, OH 43403.

2009 "Comparative Analysis of East African Immigrants in the United States", **African Migration and Gender: Focus on Eastern Africa, An International Conference by Invitation at the Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany**, (hosted by the EDULINK Project IMMIS (African Migration and Gender in Global Context –Implementing Migration Studies) – a joint project by Ahfad University for Women (Sudan), Humboldt University Berlin (Germany), Makerere University (Uganda), Mbarara University of Science and Technology (Uganda), Oldenburg University (Germany) and Stavanger University (Norway)), 25 – 26 September 2009. <http://www.immis.org/>

Kefa M. Otiso "The Globalization of Nairobi: Implications for Kenya's Development", **Kenya Scholars' and Studies Association Conference**, Bowling Green State University, July 31-August 1, 2009, Bowling Green, OH 43403.

Kefa M. Otiso "Bungalows, Mansions, and Palaces: The Next Frontier of Private Accumulation and Consumption in Global Nairobi", **Association of American Geographers' Conference**, March 22-27, 2009, Las Vegas, Nevada.

2008 **Kefa M. Otiso** "*A Geographic Analysis of Socioeconomic Inequality in Kenya: Implications for the Country's Future*", **Inaugural Kenya Scholars' and Studies Association Conference**, Bowling Green State University, August 1-2, 2008, Bowling Green, OH 43403.

Kefa M. Otiso, "*The Role of Decentralization in Kenya's Economic Growth in the post-2003 Period*", **Association of American Geographers' Conference**, April 15-19, 2008, Boston, Massachusetts.

2007 **Kefa M. Otiso**, "The New African Diaspora in the U.S.– Implications for the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora", Keynote Address, **African Community Association, 13th Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, Saturday, October 27, 2007**

Kefa M. Otiso, "A Geodemographic Analysis of Kenyan Immigration to the United States", **Kenya Community Abroad Annual Conference and 10th Anniversary**, The Marriott at the University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19711, July 6-8, 2007

Kefa M. Otiso, "A Geodemographic Analysis of Kenyan Immigration to the United States", **2nd Gusii Education Conference & MKIDA Annual Graduation Gala**, June 29 – 30, 2007, Minneapolis, MN, USA.

Kefa M. Otiso, "A Geodemographic Analysis of Kenyan Immigration to the United States", **International Conference on "The Role of the Kenyan Diaspora in Kenya's Development"**, Kennesaw State University, March 22-24, 2007

2006 Arthur N. Samel, Bruce W. Smith, and **Kefa M. Otiso**, "*The Integration of Geography into the 7-12 Curriculum Using GIS in the Toledo Public Schools*", **Annual East Lakes Association of American Geographers' Conference**, University of Toledo, OH, October 20-21, 2006

Kefa M. Otiso, "Comparative Geodemographic Analysis of Select African Immigrant Streams to the US", **Annual Association of American Geographers' Conference**, Chicago, IL March 7-11, 2006

2005 **Kefa M. Otiso**, "Geodemographic Analysis of Kenyan Immigration to the United States", **East Lakes Association of American Geographers' Conference**, Bowling Green, OH, October 21-22, 2005

Kefa M. Otiso, "A Geographic Analysis of Kenya's Housing Situation: Assessing Current Opportunities and Constraints", **Association of American Geographers' Conference**, April 5-9, 2005, Denver, Colorado

Bruce W. Smith and **Kefa M. Otiso**, "Immigration and Economic Restructuring in Two Ohio Cities, 1940-2000", **114th Annual Meeting of The Ohio Academy of Science**, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, April 1-2, 2005

2004 **Kefa M. Otiso**, "Divided Loyalty: Urban House vs. Rural Home and the Challenge of Urban Development in Kenya", **Conference on Race, Ethnicity & Place**, September 16-18, 2004, Howard University Campus, Washington, DC.

Bruce Smith, **Kefa M. Otiso**, and Melissa Spirek, "Communicating Geography Through Newspaper Maps", **Applied Geography Annual Conference**, October 20-24, 2004, St. Louis, MO.

Jacob Adetunji and **Kefa M. Otiso**, "Dual Residence Patterns in a Yoruba Community", **Perspectives on Yoruba History and Culture Conference**, University of Texas at Austin, March 26 – 28, 2004.

Kefa M. Otiso, "Kenya in the Crosshairs of Global Terrorism: Fighting Terrorism at the Periphery", **Centennial (100th) Association of American Geographers' Conference**, Philadelphia, PA, March 14-19, 2004.

Kefa M. Otiso, "Africa's Brain Drain: A Historio-Geographic Synopsis", **International Africa's Brain Gain Conference**, December 19-22, 2004, Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.

2003 **Kefa M. Otiso**, "Colonial Hangovers and the Challenge of Urban Management in Kenya", **African Urban Spaces: History and Culture Conference**, University of Texas at Austin, March 28 – 30, 2003.

Kefa M. Otiso, "Kenya's secondary city growth strategy at a crossroads", **99th Annual Association of American Geographers' Conference**, New Orleans, LA, March 5-8, 2003

2002 **Kefa M. Otiso**, "Political Economy of African Immigration to the U.S.", **Georgia Mini-Conference on Immigration and America's Changing Ethnic Landscapes**, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, April 12-14, 2002.

Kefa M. Otiso, "New Frontiers in African Urban Governance: Popular Attempts to Reform Municipal Government in Kenya", **98th Annual Association of American Geographers' Conference**, Los Angeles, CA, March 19-23, 2002.

Kefa M. Otiso, "The U.S. African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA): Bane or Boon for the African Textile and Footwear Industry?", **International Conference on Clothing and Footwear in African Industrialization, Building an African Research Network**, (Sponsored by the University of Nairobi, Institute of Development Studies), July 5 - 6, 2002, Serena Beach Hotel, Mombasa, Kenya.

2001 **Kefa M. Otiso**, "Information Technology and Development in Africa: Reality or Mirage?", **Annual African Studies Association Conference**, Houston, TX, November 15 -18, 2001.

Kefa M. Otiso, "Collaborative Efforts to Enrich Junior High Social Studies Instruction: A Case Study of East Toledo, Ohio," (Co-Authors: Karen Johnson-Webb, Bruce Smith, & Stephen Chang, Department of Geography, BGSU), **Annual Meeting of the East Lakes Division of Association of American Geographers**, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, October 27, 2001.

Kefa M. Otiso, "State, Voluntary & Private Sector Partnerships for Housing and Service Delivery in Cities in Developing Countries: Case Studies from Slum Areas of Nairobi City, Kenya", **International Conference on Urbanizing World and UN Human Habitat II** (Parallel Event of the UN Special Session on Istanbul +5), Organized by IRFD, Columbia University, New York, June 4-6, 2001.

Kefa M. Otiso, "The Internet and Socioeconomic Development in Africa", **Annual Association of American Geographers' Conference**, New York, NY, February 27- March 3, 2001.

2000 **Kefa M. Otiso**, "Toledo's Black Businesses and Local Economic Development", **Annual Meeting of the East Lakes Division of Association of American Geographers**, Miami University, Oxford OH, October 20-21.

Kefa M. Otiso, "Voluntary Organizations and the Redefinition of Urban Planning Standards in Nairobi City, Kenya", **Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers**, Pittsburgh, PA, April 4 - 8, 2000.

1999 **Kefa M. Otiso**, "The Role of the Voluntary Sector in Urban Service Provision and Planning in Nairobi City, Kenya", **Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers**, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 23-27, 1999

Kefa M. Otiso, "Are Urban Voluntary Sector Services Sustainable?", **MacArthur Symposium on the Challenge of Urban Sustainability**, Stanford University, February 20-21, 1999.

1998 **Kefa M. Otiso**, "NGOs and COs: Agents of Makeshift or Sustainable Urban Services?", **MacArthur Conference on Sustainability**, University of Minnesota.

1995 **Kefa M. Otiso**, "The Christian Church and Development in Africa", **Sixth Annual Conference, Connecting with Africa**, Metropolitan State University, St. Paul-Minneapolis, MN, September 22, 1995.

Keynote Addresses

2009 "Kenyan Youth: Past, Present, & Future Prospects", Presented at the **Umoja Conference, Macalester College**, 1600 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105, April 25, 2009

"The Globalization of African Cities: The Case of Nairobi, Kenya", Presented at **Macalester College**, Department of Geography, 1600 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105, April 24, 2009

"President Barack Obama's Heritage", **St. John's Jesuit High School & Academy**, 5901 Airport Highway, Toledo, OH 43615-7399, March 19, 2009

2007 "The New African Diaspora in the U.S.- Implications for the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora", **African Community Association, 13th Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, Saturday, October 27, 2007**

Invited Paper/ Panel Presentations

2011 Panelist, "Geography in the Changing World of Higher Education: Opportunities and Challenges," with Dr. M. Duane Nellis, President of the University of Idaho, President Mary Ellen Mazey's Inauguration Week, BGSU Student Union Theater, Bowling Green, OH, (Monday, November 28, 2011).

2010 Kefa M. Otiso, "International African Student Flows to the USA over the last Sixty Years: Trends and Implications for Africa and the USA", **Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference V**, Binghamton, NY, October 6-8, 2010.

Kefa M. Otiso, "The Darker Side of Globalization," Great Decisions Lecture Series, Presented at Senior Citizen Center of Wood County, Bowling Green, OH, (February 27, 2010).

2008 **Kefa M. Otiso** "A Geo-Demographic Analysis of Kenyan Immigration in the United States", **Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference IV**, Miami, Florida, November 5-8, 2008

Kefa M. Otiso, "US - Africa Relations in the 21st Century," Bowling Green State University, AERO 411, Tuesday, October 18, 2008.

- 2007 Kefa M. Otiso, "US - Africa Relations in the 21st Century," Bowling Green State University, AERO 411, Tuesday, October 16, 2007.
- 2006 Kefa M. Otiso, "Sudanese Immigrants in the US", Bowling Green State University Libraries and Human Values for Transformative Action Human Rights Film Screening of the "Lost Boys of the Sudan", Bowling Green, OH, Wednesday, October 25, 2006
- Kefa M. Otiso, Panelist, "Integration of GIS into the K-12 Curriculum", Annual Association of American Geographers' Conference, Chicago, IL March 7-11, 2006
- 2004 **Kefa M. Otiso**, "Nongovernmental Organizations and HIV/AIDS control in Kenya", Sagamore Institute for Policy Research, Indianapolis IN, (November 5)
- Kefa M. Otiso**, "Divided Loyalty: Urban House vs. Rural Home and the Challenge of Urban Development in Kenya", University of Toledo, Department of Geography Colloquium, Toledo OH. (October 8)
- 2003 **Kefa M. Otiso**, "*Confronting the Challenges of Africa's Brain Drain in a Globalizing World: The Perils and the Promise*", BGSU's Africa's Brain Gain BGSU Colloquium, BGSU (Friday, December 5)
- Kefa M. Otiso**, Panelist, E-Conference on Improving the Access of The Urban Poor to Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene, 15 September – 15 November 2003. Section on "Urban Poor as Actors". Sponsored by CERFE and WHO, with the financial contributions from Italian Cooperation, WSSCC (Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council Network on Services for the Urban Poor). Conference proceedings published in **Urban Actors N.10** (Newsletter of the Water and Sanitation Collaborative Council Network on "Services for the Urban Poor") December 2003, Online: http://www.gruppo-cerfe.org/sup/urban_n10/section2.htm, accessed March 23, 2004.
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- Kefa M. Otiso, "*GIS in Business Location Analysis*," Northwest Ohio ESRI User Group Meeting, Wednesday, Bowling Green State University
- 2002 "*Africa's Brain Drain*," African Peoples' Association Colloquium, Bowling Green State University, (February 15)
- Kefa M. Otiso** and Bruce W. Smith, "*GIS in Supply Chain Management*", Supply Chain Management Institute, Bowling Green State University, (February 14, 2002).
- 2001 **Kefa M. Otiso**, "*Africa in the information age*", Miami University, Department of Geography Friday Seminar, Oxford, OH (April 20)
 Kefa M. Otiso, "*Fair Trade Coffee*," Honors Center Teach-in, Bowling Green State University, (April 25)

2000 **Kefa M. Otiso**, "*Regional Geographic Information Service –ReGIS*", BGSU's Center for Policy Analysis and Public Service Faculty/Regional Advisory Committee, Bowling Green State University (October 6)

Kefa M. Otiso, "*Geographers at Work*", Wayne State University, Department of Geography, Detroit, MI (March 8)

Research Grants

Funded

2004 Bowling Green State University, Center for Family and Demographic Research – CFDR, **\$5,105**, *Becoming American? Second Generation African Immigrants in the United States*, Co-Investigator: Franklin Goza.

2001 Bowling Green State University, Center for Innovative and Transformative Education – CITE, **\$5,380**, *Integration of Geography and Geographical Concepts into the Secondary Public School Curriculum*. Co-Investigator: Karen Johnson-Webb.

2001-2003 Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission, **\$247, 412.43**, *OhioTek: A Focus on Learning*. Grant was used to develop an instructional multimedia literacy program for low-wealth Northwest Ohio schools. PI-Melissa Spirek, Co-PI: Anthony Short, Kefa Otiso, John Fischer, Cynthia Bertelsen, Roger Minier.

2001-2002 Bowling Green State University - Faculty Mentoring & Enrichment Program, **\$3,000**, *Home Away From Home: U.S.-Based Kenyans and Socioeconomic Development in Kenya*.

1996-97 Rockefeller Foundation, African Dissertation Internship Award, **\$23,945**, In support of dissertation fieldwork on "*The Voluntary Sector in Urban Service Provision and Planning in Nairobi City, Kenya*," while based at the University of Nairobi, Kenya.

1994 Department of Geography, University of Minnesota, **\$2,000**, Summer Research Fellowship. Conducted preliminary dissertation fieldwork on the role of the Urban Management in Kenya.

1994 MacArthur Program, University of Minnesota, **\$2,000**, Pre-Dissertation Fieldwork Grant. Conducted preliminary dissertation fieldwork on the role of the Urban Management in Kenya.

Pending

2010 Ministry of Higher Education, Science & Technology, Kenya Government, **\$200,000**, *"Mobile Learning for Capacity Building in Higher Education: A Collaborative Kenya-U.S. Partnership for Women in Development,"* PI- Patricia K. Kubow, Co-PI-Kefa Otiso & Bruce Edward.

Unfunded

2012 United States Agency for International Development (USAID RFA-0AA-12-000004), **\$19,496,674**, *Using Regional, Socio-cultural, and Economic Contexts to Create Innovative Entrepreneurship Training for Women in Kenya*, PI- Michael Y. Ogawa, Co-PI Kefa M. Otiso, Margaret Zoller Booth, Michael C. Carroll.

2009 The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, **\$1,234,606**, *Diaspora and Socioeconomic Development in Kenya*, PI-Kefa Otiso.

2006 National Institutes of Health NICHD: Small Research Grant Program - R03, **\$139,000**, *The Incorporation of Somali Newcomers*, PI - Franklin Goza, Co-PI-Kefa Otiso.

2005 National Institutes of Health NICHD: Small Research Grant Program - R03, **\$130,189**, *The Incorporation of Somali Newcomers*, PI - Franklin Goza, Co-PI-Kefa Otiso.

2003 Russell Sage Foundation (2003), **\$98,830**, *Becoming American? Second Generation African Immigrants in the United States*, PI: Kefa Otiso Co-PI: Franklin Goza.

2003 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – HUD, **\$38,381**, *Immigrants, Minorities, and Elderly in Changing Urban Demographics: A Geographic Analysis*, PI: Kefa Otiso, Co-PI: Karen Johnson-Webb and Bruce Smith.

2001 Russell Sage Foundation, **\$225,574**, *Becoming American? Second Generation African Immigrants in the United States*, PI: Kefa Otiso, Co-PI: Jacob Adetunji.

2001 U.S. Economic Development Agency, **\$74,952**, *An Assessment of the Economic Development Needs of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders*, PI: Kefa Otiso, Co-PI: Bruce Smith, Stephen Chang and Holly Meyers-Jones.

2001 Smith Richardson Foundation, **\$59,261**, *Immigration to Midwest Rural Areas: Opportunities and Challenges in Michigan and Ohio*, PI: Karen D. Johnson-Webb, Co-PI: Kefa Otiso, Jenny Van Hook, and Kelly Balistreri.

Travel Grants

2012 **\$500.00** from REP Sponsors (Association of American Geographers, Binghamton
Kefa M. Otiso, Curriculum Vitae, 10/10/2012 14

University & others) to present a paper at the **Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference V**, San Juan, Puerto Rico, NY, October 24-26, 2012.

2010 **\$500.00** from REP Sponsors (Association of American Geographers, Binghamton University & others) to present a paper at the **Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference V**, Binghamton, NY, October 6-8, 2010.

2009 **\$469.00** from African-European Research Project IMMIS (Migration and Gender in Global Context - Implementing Migration Studies) to present a paper at the **African Migration and Gender: Focus in Eastern Africa International Conference** at the Humboldt University Berlin, Germany, 25 - 26 September 2009.

2008 **\$500.00** from REP Sponsors (Association of American Geographers, Binghamton University & others) to present a paper at the **Race, Ethnicity, and Place (REP) Conference IV**, Miami, Florida, November 5-8, 2008.

IV. TEACHING

Teaching Interests

Urban, Economic, Population, Marketing, Cultural, World Regional Geography, Environment, Development, Globalization, GIS, Africa

1. Teaching Innovations & Honors

- One of the pioneers of web-based teaching at Bowling Green State University (BGSU) -
I currently teach three online courses: Population Geography, World Regional: Eurasia-Africa, World Regional: Americas-Pacific
- Selected by the Sloan Foundation, the Southern Regional Education Board, the Ohio Board of Regents and the BGSU Board of Trustees to offer an online Population Geography course to students displaced by Hurricane Katrina - Mine was one of few courses from Northwest Ohio selected by for this purpose.
- Integration of GIS into my Population and Marketing Geography courses

2. Teaching Experiences

a. Undergraduate courses: Bowling Green State University (BGSU)

- GEOG 1220: World Regional: Americas-Pacific (regular and web-based)
- GEOG 1210: World Regional: Eurasia & Africa (regular, honors & values; web-based)
- GEOG 2250: Geography of the World Economy
- GEOG 3120: Marketing Geography
- GEOG 3250: Population Geography
- GEOG 3470: Africa
- RESC 2000G: Global Village Learning Community Field Experiences

b. Undergraduate-Graduate courses: BGSU

- GEOG 4260/5260: The American City
- GEOG 4900: Various Independent Studies
- GEOG 6850: Population Geography

c. Graduate courses: University of Minnesota

- GIS 5573: Desktop Mapping with ArcView 3.0

d. Undergraduate Honors Theses Supervised: BGSU

- Sheila Campbell, (2010)
- David Kuebeck, B.A (2006)
- Kyle Thieman, B.A (2002)
- I have also supervised many other undergraduate student research projects whose findings have been presented at professional conferences such as the 2003 joint East-West Lakes Association of American Geographers' conference and the annual Bowling Green State University Africana Studies Colloquium.

e. Thesis & Dissertation Committee Member & Graduate Representative

- Camillia Zanette Rodgers, History, Bowling Green State University (2011)
- Michael Kithinji, Ph.D., History, Bowling Green State University (2009)
- Benard Manyibe, Ed.D., Education, Bowling Green State University (2007)
- Ogechi E. Anyanwu, Ph.D., History, Bowling Green State University (2006)
- Robert O. Omedi, Ph.D., Communication, Bowling Green State University (2005)
- Igor Ryabov, Ph.D., Sociology, Bowling Green State University (2005)

V. SERVICE

Bowling Green State University (BGSU)

Department of Geography

- Graduate Coordinator
- Conducted Annual Chair Review, 2009-2012
- Member, Chair Selection Committee - Spring 2001 & 2005
- Member, Grade Review Committee - 2000
- Member, East Lakes AAG, BGSU Planning Committee - 2005
- Member, Salary Committee - since 2005-06
- Geography Department Representative, *Mapping the News Conference*, The National Press Club and National Geographic Society, Washington, DC, May 14-15, 2004.

School of Earth, Environment and Society (SEES)

- Member, School Curriculum Committee
- Member, Director Selection Committee, Spring 2012

College of Arts & Sciences

- Member, Collegiate Committees for the Operating Budgets (CCOB) – Spring 2012-Present
- Member, Arts & Sciences Council (Divisional Rep for Social Sciences Division, Fall 2009-Spring 2012)
- Conducted Africana Studies Annual Director Evaluation, 2009-2012
- Member, Study the World Committee - Fall 2003
- Member, International Studies Major Review Committee
- Co-Chair, Regional Geographic Information Service (Regis), Center for Policy Analysis and Public Service, 2000-2002
- Faculty Research Associate, Center for Policy Analysis & Public Service, 2001-2002

University

- Panelist, President Mary Ellen Mazey's inaugural activities, November 28, 2011
- Director, Global Village (January 2010-2013)
- Member, International Studies Program Faculty Advisory Committee
- Member, Africana Studies Advisory Committee
- Member, Technology Committee 2004 - 2007
- Chair, BGeX Orientation Review Subcommittee (January – February 2007)
- Faculty Participant, BGSU Summer Orientation & Registration Program, 2005, 2006, 2009
- Faculty Advisor, Africa's Brain Gain BGSU – 2003 & 2004
- Faculty Advisor, African Peoples Association – 2005 – Fall 2011.

Professional

Founder and President

- Kenya Scholars and Studies Association
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Co-Editor

- Kenya Studies Review, 2009 -

Editor

- African Geographical Review –July 2010 – June 2012

Associate Editor

- African Geographical Review –June 2008 – June 2010

Editorial Board Memberships

- African Geographical Review (July 2012-)
- The Open Urban Studies Journal
- E-Journal of International Studies
- OFO - Journal of Transatlantic Studies (2011-);
<http://www.bgsu.edu/departments/africana/page96462.html>
- JORA - Journal of Retracing Africa (2012-): <http://encompass.eku.edu/jora/editorialboard.html>

Paper Reviewer for these Journals

- *Journal of Urban Affairs, African Geographical Review, Journal of Field Methods (formerly Cultural Anthropology Methods), Cities: The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning, Space & Polity, Applied Geography, Economic Geography, Geojournal, Western Journal of Black Studies, OFO - Journal of Transatlantic Studies, Regional Development Studies, African Review of Economics and Finance*

Conference Organizer

- Annual Kenya Scholars and Studies Association Conference (since the inaugural one in 2008-), Summer/Fall, Bowen-Thompson Student Union, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH 43403
- International Africa's Brain Gain Conference, Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya, 2004

Conference Session Organizer

- Association of American Geographers' Conference, 2011 (*The 30th Anniversary of the African Geographical Review*)
- Association of American Geographers' Conference, 2006 (*Globalization, Postcolonialism and Africa's Second Diaspora*)
- Association of American Geographers' Conference, 2005 (*Geographies of Kenya in the early 21st Century*)
- Association of American Geographers' Conference, 2004 (*Africa in the Post-911 World*)
- East Lakes & West Lakes Divisions of the Association of American Geographers, 2003 (*Business Locational Analysis*)

Conference Session Chair

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- Association of American Geographers' Conference, 2011 (*The 30th Anniversary of the African Geographical Review*)
 - Annual Association of American Geographers Conference, 2001 (*Development in Africa: A New Era in Sight*)
 - East Lakes Association of American Geographers, 2001
 - Third National Policy History Conference, 2001 (Borders and Inequality in Policy History)

Professional Memberships:

- Association of American Geographers
- Kenya Scholars and Studies Association

Community outreach

- Helped introduce GIS to Toledo Area High Schools as part of a Bowling Green State University U.S. Department of Education Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR-UP) grant. GEAR-UP seeks to increase the high school graduation rates and the number of high school students who go on to college.

Book Proposal Review

- 2012. *Women, Economic Informality and the Making of an African City: The Case of Nairobi, Kenya*, by Mary Njeri Kinyanjui. The Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden: Zed Books.
- 2009. *Global Urban Analysis: A Survey of Cities in Globalization* (forthcoming 2010). Peter J. Taylor, Pengfei Ni, Ben Derudder, Michael Hoyler, and Jin Huang (eds). London: Earthscan

Textbook Reviewer

- Les Rowntree, Martin Lewis, Marie Price, and Bill Wyckoff (2011). *Globalization and Diversity: Geography of a Changing World 3e*, Upper Saddle, NJ: Prentice Hall.
- Lydia Pulsipher / Alex Pulsipher (____). *World Regional Geography Concepts*, 2nd Edition, New York: W.H. Freeman & Company.
- Rita Kiki Edozie and Keith Gottschalk (2010), *The African Union: African Initiatives in Global Governance*. Washington: CQ Press, College Publishing Group.
- Joseph J. Hobbs and Andrew Dolan (2008), *World Regional Geography*, Belmont, CA: Brooks/Cole.
- Randy Gabrys-Alexson's *Global Excursion*, Dubuque, IA: McGraw-Hill Hoger Education (2004)
- Bradshaw et al, 2008, *Essentials of World Regional Geography*, Boston: McGraw-Hill (2007)

Book Chapter Reviewer

- "Cities of Sub-Saharan Africa", in Stanley D. Brunn and Jack F. Williams (Eds), 2003, *Cities of the World*, Third edition, Boulder, CO: Rowman and Littlefield Publishing
 - Maurice Amutabi (ed) (forthcoming 2008), *Economic History of Kenya*
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Proposal reviewer:

- April 2012 - NSF proposal " Globalization, Neoliberalism, and Urban Governance Restructuring in Kenya: The Reordering of Nairobi Space and Its Implication for Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation"
- April 2011 - NSF proposal "Slumulation: An Integrated Simulation Framework to Explore Spatio-temporal Dynamics of Slum Formation in Mumbai, India"
- November 2010 - NSF proposal "Catalyzing Research in Geographies of Broadening Participation"
- 2009 - Political-Economic Reform, Globalization and Spatial Development Change in Nairobi, Kenya", West Virginia University Senate Grant
- Immigration Research Proposal, William Patterson University, Jersey City, NJ

Advanced Placement (AP) Human Geography Syllabi Reviewer

- 2012

Advanced Placement (AP) Human Geography Reader

- 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Community Service

- Co-Chair, BGSU Generation Next Scholarship Award committee – this committee provides financial support to BGSU freshmen with leadership potential.
- Past Fundraising Chairman, BGSU Generation Next Scholarship Award committee.
- Secretary, Gusii Education and Advancement Resources (GEAR) – GEAR is a community organization of Abagusii diaspora that seeks to improve educational attainment in the Gusii districts of western Kenya.
- Board Member, The Youth Visional International – an NGO that is involved in youth HIV/AIDS awareness and leadership campaigns in Kenya.
- Advisory Board Member (2004-2005), Africa's Brain Gain, Inc – a nonprofit organization that seeks to reverse Africa's brain drain by facilitating return of talent to Africa through cooperative partnerships between continental Africans and the African diaspora.

VI. HONORS & AWARDS

- *Elder of the Order of the Burning Spear* - EBS (EBS, Second Class - one of the Kenya's highest civilian honors), Republic of Kenya, December 2008
- Graduated Magna cum laude, B. Ed in Geography & Kiswahili, Kenyatta University, 1990
- Full Undergraduate Scholarship, Government of Kenya/Kenyatta University, 1987-1990

VII. PRESS INTERVIEWS

1. "Kenya Diaspora Organizing: Experiences, Pitfalls, and Way Forward", Kenya Progressive Voice (KPV) Radio, Saturday, March 31, 2012. Online at www.KenyaprogressiveVoice.org
 2. "African vs. US Educational Systems; African Diaspora & Brain Drain", by Johnson Aranda, *Voice of America News*, Friday, October 29, 2010.
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3. "Diaspora Linking the US to Africa", by Isabel Nanton, *The Africa Report*, N° 8 (Oct-Dec 2007), pp. 110.
 4. "Putting a price on Immigration: Foreign-born workers play growing role in central Ohio economy", by Tracy Turner, Monique Curet and Adam Sichko, *The Columbus Dispatch*, Sunday, July 09, 2006
 5. "Columbus becoming a mini melting pot: Region's new residents come from far and wide", by Encarnacion Pyle, *The Columbus Dispatch*, Tuesday, March 14, 2006.

VIII. PRESS COVERAGE

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2. "Using U.S. Census Data to Plan for the Kenyan Diaspora Vote," *Kenya Television Network* (KTN), Saturday October 6, 2012.
3. "Kenyan don wins award for Moi thesis," by Kevin Kelley, *Sunday Nation*, Sunday, February 13 2011, <http://www.nation.co.ke/>
4. "Kenyan President Confers Highest Civilian Award on Bowling Green Professor," by Gillian Onyango, *Mshale – The African Community Newspaper*, August 5, 2009, <http://www.mshale.com/>
5. "Medal puts geography professor on the map," by Steve Kunkler, *BGVIEWS*, Tuesday, May 26, 2009, <http://www.bgviews.com/our-views/campus/medal-puts-geography-professor-on-the-map-1.1754676>
6. "Kefa Otiso honored by president of Kenya," *BGSU Monitor*, May 4, 2009, <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/mc/monitor/05-04-09/page65979.html>
7. "Kenya native in BG honored for efforts," by Jenise Fouts, *Sentinel – Tribune* (Bowling Green, Ohio), Monday, June 1, 2009, <http://www.sent-trib.com/>
8. "Hate cohabiting? Just style up," by Mubatsi Asinja Habati, *The Independent*, Wednesday, 29 October 2008, <http://www.independent.co.ug/index.php/society/society-/332-hate-cohabiting-just-style-up>
9. "US urge Kenya to pursue reforms," by Kevin J Kelley, *Daily Nation*, Tuesday, August 5, 2008, <http://www.nation.co.ke/News/-/1056/452498/-/tjlpn1/-/index.html>
10. "Future of Kenya is focus of two-day BGSU event," by Sentinel Staff, *Sentinel Tribune*, Friday, 01 August 2008, http://www.sent-trib.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=4672&Itemid=209
11. "US-based Kenyans ponder country's future," by Kevin J Kelley, *Daily Nation*, Thursday, July 31, 2008, <http://www.nation.co.ke/News/-/1056/445312/-/tj28pi/-/index.html>
12. "Diaspora Linking the US to Africa," by Isabel Nanton, *The Africa Report*, N° 8, Oct-Dec 2007, pp. 110, <http://www.theafricareport.com/default.htm>
13. "Realising the American dream," by Dennis Onyango, *Sunday Standard*, Sunday, August 5, 2007, http://www.eastandard.net/hm_news/news.php?articleid=1143972395

14. "African Immigrants a Successful Bunch, But Not Overall," by Edwin Okong'o , *Mshale: The African Community Newspaper*, Published 06/11/2007 - 5:57 p.m. GMT, <http://www.mshale.com/article.cfm?articleID=1464>
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17. Radio Interview on my Culture and Customs of Uganda book, WBGU 88.1 FM, Bowling Green, Ohio, July 16, 2006

IX. COMPUTER SKILLS

- Geographic Information Systems software: ArcView, ArcGIS, MapInfo
- Online Instructional Software: Blackboard, TurningPoint
- Ms Office suite; SPSS; Web browsers: Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari
- Adobe Photoshop, Adobe ImageReady, Adobe Premier

X. REFERENCES

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GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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Name of Appointee: Dr. Kefa M. Otiso, PhD, EBS
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Term Ends: 10/7/2019

Party Affiliation:

Senate Confirmation: Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate

Financial Disclosure: No disclosure required

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