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Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

I, Mike DeWine, 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 new term beginning January 14, 2020 and ending at the close of business October 7, 2022, replacing Kefa M. Otiso, whose term expired.



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 14th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

Mike DeWine

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Governor

KEFA M. OTISO, PhD

Short CV – November 1, 2019

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, Kiswahili & Education, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya

II. WORK EXPERIENCE

Academic Positions

2014 –Present: *Professor*, Department of Geography, Bowling Green State University
2010–Present: *Director*, Global Village Learning Community, Bowling Green State University.
2006–2014: *Associate Professor*, Department of Geography, Bowling Green State University
2000–2006: *Assistant Professor*, Department of Geography, Bowling Green State University.
1999–2000: *Instructor*, Department of Geography, Bowling Green State University.
1998 (Fall): *Instructor*, Department of Geography, University of Minnesota.
1993–1999: *Teaching/Research Assistant*, Department of Geography, University of Minnesota.
1991–1993: *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Geography, Ohio University.

Non-Academic Positions

2018–Present: Commissioner, New African Immigrants Commission, Ohio (unpaid)
1998: *Spatial Data Analyst* (using GIS), Institute on Race and Poverty, University of Minnesota.

III. TEACHING EXPERIENCES

1. **Undergraduate courses (Live and Online) at BGSU**
 - GEOG 1210: World Regional: Eurasia & Africa
 - GEOG 1220: World Regional: Americas-Pacific
 - GEOG 2250: The Global Economy
 - GEOG 2420: Geography of Terrorism
 - GEOG 3000: Topics in Geography
 - GEOG 3120: Spatial Business Analytics (includes GIS)
 - GEOG 3250: Population Geography
 - GEOG 3470: Africa
 - RESC 2000G: Global Village Field Experiences
2. **Undergraduate-Graduate courses at BGSU:**
 - GEOG 4260/5260: Urban Geography (with applied GIS aspects)
3. **Graduate Courses**
 - GIS 5573: Desktop Mapping with ArcView 3.0 (1 Semester at the *University of Minnesota*)
 - GEOG 6850: Population Geography – BGSU
4. **Thesis and Dissertation Students**

- **Dissertation Students:** Justus Musyoka, 2014, Winebrenner Theological Seminary, Findlay, Ohio. Dissertation Topic: *Kenyan Couples in the American Diaspora: Marital Problems Experienced by Kenyan Immigrant Couples in the United States*.
- **Thesis Students:** Olasunkanmi A. Busari, ongoing, BGSU. Topic: *The Spatial Distribution and Socioeconomic Impact of African Immigrants in the US: The Case of Nigerians in Toledo Metropolitan Region, Northwest Ohio*.
- **Membership on MA/MSc Thesis and PhD Dissertation Committees**
 - Michael Oshindoro, MA in English (Since Fall 2019), 2020, BGSU. Topic: *Changing The Narrative: African Feminism and The African Way of Knowing in Ayobami Adebayo's Stay With Me*
 - Marissa Landeis, PhD in Sociology, ongoing, BGSU. Topic: *The Intergenerational Transmission of Criminal Justice Contact by Parenthood Status and Gender*.
 - Jason Isoe Maageria, MA in Popular Culture (2018), BGSU. Topic: *Decolonizing the (Kenyan) mind through language*.
 - Christopher Amutabi Kefa, MSc in Geology/Geospatial Science (2016), BGSU. Topic: *Assessing the Impacts of Bioenergy Extraction and Human Land Use on the Biodiversity of Kakemega Forest, Kenya*.
 - Camillia Zanette Rodgers, PhD in History, 2011, BGSU. Topic: *Revelations from the Dead: Using Funeral Home Records to Help Reconstruct the History of Black Toledo*.
 - Michael Mwenda Kithinji, PhD in History, 2009, BGSU. Topic: *From Colonial Elitism to Moi's Populism: The Policies and Politics of University Education in Kenya, 1949-2002*.
 - Benard Mairura Manyibe, Doctor of Education, 2007, BGSU. Topic: *Building African College Student Leaders: The Role of Campus Community Service*.
 - Ogechi Emmanuel Anyanwu, PhD in History, 2006, BGSU. Topic: *The Policies And Politics of Massification of University Education in Nigeria, 1952-2000*
 - Robert O. Omedi, PhD in Communication, 2005, BGSU. Topic: *Rhetoric, philosophy, and the praxis of knowledge articulation: Ontology, epistemology, and teleology at the intersection of African and Western philosophy*.
 - Igor Ryabov, PhD in Sociology, 2005, BGSU. Topic: *School Racial and Ethnic Composition Effect on Academic Achievement of Latino Adolescents*.

IV. RESEARCH INTERESTS

- (1) African urban planning and management, cultural change, governance, economic development, globalization, and environmental management
- (2) African immigration to the US
- (3) Regional focus Africa and North America

Google Scholar Citations: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=rh24Y3EAAA&hl=en>

V. SELECT PUBLICATIONS

In total, I have authored/co-authored 2 Books, 1 Textbook, 15 Journal articles, 4 book chapters, 2 theses/dissertations, 3 Encyclopedia Entries, 3 journal editorials, 2 book reviews, 4 refereed conference proceedings, 2 published maps, 2 published reports, and 21 Press Articles/Editorials. My main publications are:

Books

- 2013 Kefa M. Otiso, *Culture and Customs of Tanzania*, Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, January 2013; 238 pages; map, photos, and tables. ISBN-10: 0313339783, ISBN-13: 978-0313339783, (Hardcover and Kindle Editions).
- 2006 Kefa M. Otiso, *Culture and Customs of Uganda*, Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2006, 224 pages, maps, photos, and table. ISBN-10: 0313331480, ISBN-13: 978-0313331480, (Hardcover and Kindle Editions).

Textbooks

- 2013 Gary L. Peters, Robert P. Larkin, Karen Johnson-Webb and Kefa M. Otiso. Population Geography (10th Edition). Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing.

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2015 Kimosop, P. K., **Otiso, K.M.**, & Ye, X., Spatial and gender inequality in the Kenya certificate of primary education examination results. *Applied Geography* 62 (August 2015): 44-61.
- 2013 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*, 82 (4): 422-432.
- 2012 Richard Mbatu and **Kefa M. Otiso**, Chinese Economic Expansionism in Africa: A Theoretical Analysis of the Environmental Kuznets Curve Hypothesis in the Forest Sector in Cameroon, *African Geographical Review* 31 (2): 141-162.
- 2012 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*, 94(2): 103-119.
- 2012 Joseph Taabazuing, Isaac Luginaah, Godwin Djietror & **Kefa M. Otiso**, Mining, conflicts and livelihood struggles in a dysfunctional policy environment: the case of Wassa West District, Ghana, *African Geographical Review* 31 (1): 33-49.
- 2011 Ian E. A. Yeboah, Bakama BakamaNume, and **Kefa M. Otiso**, Thirtieth Anniversary of African Geographical Review: History, Adoption, Institutionalization, and the Future of the Journal, *African Geographical Review* 30 (2): 5-17.
- 2011 **Kefa M. Otiso**, Ben Derudder, David Bassens, Lomme Devriendt & Frank Witlox, Airline Connectivity as a Measure of the Globalization of African Cities, *Applied Geography* 31 (2): 609-620.

- 2010 William G. Moseley and **Kefa M. Otiso**, Assessing Sub-Saharan Africa's University-Level Geography Resources: A Preliminary Investigation, *African Geographical Review*, 29 (1): 5-19.
- 2009 **Kefa M. Otiso**, Kenya in the Crosshairs of Global Terrorism: Fighting Terrorism at the Periphery, *Kenya Studies Review* 1, 1, 107-132.
- 2009 **Kefa M. Otiso** and **William G. Moseley**, Examining Claims for Information and Communication Technology-Led Development in Africa, *African Geographical Review* 28, 99-119.
- 2008 **Kefa M. Otiso** and **George Owusu**, Comparative Urbanization in Ghana and Kenya in Time and Space, *GeoJournal* (2008) 71:143-157
- 2005 **Kefa M. Otiso**, Kenya's Secondary Cities Growth Strategy at a Crossroads: Which Way Forward? *GeoJournal*, 62: 117-128.
- 2005 **Kefa M. Otiso** and Bruce W. Smith, Immigration and Economic Restructuring in Ohio's Cities, 1940-2000, *Ohio Journal of Science*, 105 (5): 133-137 December 2005.
- 2003 **Kefa M. Otiso**, State, Voluntary and Private Sector Partnerships for Slum Upgrading and Basic Service Delivery in Nairobi City, Kenya, *Cities*, 20 (4), 2003, 221-229
- 2002 **Kefa M. Otiso**, Forced Evictions in Kenyan Cities, *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*, 23(3), 2002, 252-267.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

- 2017 Kefa M. Otiso and Bisola Falola, "Introduction" in Toyin Falola and Bisola Falola (ed). *The African Metropolis: Struggles over Urban Space, Citizenship, and Rights to the Neoliberal City*. Routledge.
- 2017 Kefa M. Otiso, "Construction of the postcolonial Tanzanian National Identity", in Guntram H. Herb and David H. Kaplan (ed). *Scaling Identities: Nationalism and Territoriality* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2nd edition).
- 2006 Jacob Adetunji and Kefa M. Otiso, "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.
- 2005 Kefa M. Otiso, "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.
- 2004 Kefa M. Otiso, "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.

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

Dissertations and Theses

- 2000 Kefa M. Otiso, *The Voluntary Sector in Urban Service Provision and Planning in Nairobi City, Kenya*, PhD Dissertation, Department of Geography, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN 55455.
- 1993 Kefa M. Otiso, *Urban Environmental Problems: The Case of Solid Waste Pollution and Management in Kisii Town, Kenya*. M.A. Thesis, Department of Geography, Ohio University, Athens, OH 45701.

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2019 (April). "Nairobi", In Anthony M Orum (ed.), *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*, Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 4000 pages. ISBN: 978-1-118-56845-3.
2015. "Uganda", In Toyin Falola and Daniel Jean-Jacques (eds), *Africa: An Encyclopedia of Culture and Society*, Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2015, 1,194 pages, maps, photos, and table. ISBN-13: 978-1-59884-665-2, (Hardcover and eBook Editions). Pp. 1247-1278.
- 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 Conference Proceedings

- 2004 Bruce W. Smith, Kefa M. Otiso, and Melissa M. Spirek, "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)
- 2001 Kefa M. Otiso, "State-NGO/CBO-Private Sector Partnerships for Housing and Basic Service Delivery in Cities in Developing Countries: Case Studies from Slum Areas of Nairobi City, Kenya," *Forum on Urbanizing World and UN Human Habitat II*, 2002, June 4-6, 2001: 25-37.
- 1991 R. A. Obudho and K. M. Otiso, "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.

VI. PAPER/CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

67 professional conference presentations, 3 keynotes addresses, 32 Workshops & Symposia/Invited

Paper/ Panel Presentations, and 2 public lectures.

VII. GRANTS

9 Funded grants worth USD 455,430 from agencies like the Rockefeller Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, and the Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission.

VIII. FELLOWSHIPS

2016: Carnegie Alumni African Diaspora Fellowship Program, Kisii University, Kisii, Kenya

2015: Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program, Kisii University, Kisii, Kenya

IX. TRAVEL GRANTS

5 Travel grants from (1) Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference IV, V, VI, VIII, (2) African-European Research Project IMMIS

X. SERVICE

1. University

- Membership in 28 Bowling Green State University departmental, school, college, and university committees in the 2000-2015 period.
- Director, Global Village Learning Community

2. Professional

- Member, Nominating Committee, American Association of Geographers (2019 -)
- Founder and Former President, Kenya Scholars and Studies Association (2008-2018)
- Associate Editor/Editor: African Geographical Review (2008 – 2010; 2010 – 2012)
- Consultancies: (1) African Capacity Building Foundation, Mount Pleasant, Harare, Zimbabwe, (2) *Monitor 360*, (3) Margaret Wong & Associates, and (4) Welcome TLC (USA)
- Editorial Board Member for 6 Journals
- Reviewed papers for 16 scholarly journals in the 2000-2015 period
- Regular book and chapter reviewer
- Reviewed 5 tenure and promotion dossiers universities in the United States and Ghana
- Reviewed 7 research proposals agencies like the Austrian Science Fund, the U.S. National Science Foundation

3. Community: Extensive volunteer record within the Kenyan/African Diaspora in the United States

XI. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Association of Geographers,
- Kenya Scholars and Studies Association

XII. HONORS & AWARDS

- *Professor of Service Excellence*, Bowling Green State University, 2017–2020.
- *Elder of the Order of the Burning Spear* (EBS) national honors, Republic of Kenya, 2008
- Graduated *magna cum laude* from Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya
- Granted *Full Undergraduate Scholarship* by the Government of Kenya, 1987-1990

XIII. COMPUTER SKILLS

- **Geographic Information Systems** such as ArcView, ArcGIS, & MapInfo
- **Online Instructional Software** such as Blackboard, & TurningPoint
- **Ms Office suite**

- **Statistical analysis software** e.g., SPSS
- **Web browsers** like Microsoft Edge and Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, & Safari
- **Photo and Movie editing suites** such as Adobe Photoshop, Adobe ImageReady, & Adobe Premier

XIV. PRESS INTERVIEWS & COVERAGE

47 press interviews and/or coverages by *newspapers* (e.g., the Daily Nation, Columbus Dispatch, The Standard), *radio stations* (e.g., BBC, VOA, KPFK FM-90.7 - Los Angeles), *magazines* (e.g., Africa Report), and *TV stations* (e.g., NTV, 13ABC News Toledo).

XV. REFERENCES

Available on request

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Date: 1/14/2020

Name of Appointee: Dr. Kefa M. Otiso, PhD, EBS
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Bowling Green, OH 43402
Wood County
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(W) - 4193729352
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Name of Commission: New African Immigrants Commission
Contact: Ronald Todd II
Minority Affairs Liaison
Office of Governor Mike DeWine
77 S High St., 30th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 644-0988

Term Begins: 10/8/2019

Term Ends: 10/7/2022

Party Affiliation:

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

Financial Disclosure: Confidential disclosure required

Vice: Kefa M. Otiso