

Curriculum Vitae

Alex O. Otieno

Education

Doctoral candidate, Department of Sociology, University of South Africa (2011-to present)

Doctoral courses and research towards doctorate (ABD), Temple University (August 2010)

MPH, Temple University (December 2002).

Thesis titled “Women’s Human Rights in the Context of HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa”

BA in History and Archaeology, Nairobi University (1989-1992)

Thesis titled “Archaeological Resource Management in Kenya: Towards Policy Improvement”

Teaching Experience

Instructor in Sociology (2013 to present)

Full-Time Adjunct in Sociology (2012 Academic Year)

Visiting Assistant Professor in Sociology and International Peace and Conflict Resolution, (2011-2012 Academic Year)

Visiting Instructor in Sociology and International Peace and Conflict Resolution, (2010-2011 Academic Year)

Instructor, Department of Sociology and MA Program in International Peace and Conflict Resolution (2003-2009)

Adjunct Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Arcadia University (Fall 2001, Spring and Fall 2002 and Spring 2003)

Adjunct Professor, MA Program in Peace and Conflict Resolution, Arcadia University (Fall 2002 and Spring 2003)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Public Health, Temple University (Fall, 2002)

Teaching Assistant, Cultural Resource Management, Department of History and Archeology, University of Nairobi (1994)

Applied Sociology Positions (Non-Academic)

Director of Residential Services, Project HOME (January 2003- August 2003)

Community Liaison, Outreach Coordination Center, Project HOME (May 2000-January 2003)

Project Coordinator, HIV/AIDS Case Management Uniform Access Project, CHOICE, Inc (1998-2000)

Project Coordinator, Exchange Program, Positive Culture (1996-1998)

Research Assistant, National Museums of Kenya, Archaeology Division (1993-1995)

Coordinator, Education and Cultural Exchange, Positive Culture (1992-1993)

Published work in peer-reviewed journals

Otieno, A. (accepted March 2014 expected January 2015) "Unconditional Hospitality as Discursive Practice." *Peace Review*, 27(Winter Issue)

Otieno, A. (2008). Improving Kenya's Response to Internal Displacement. *Forced Migration Review*, 30, p. 55.

Otieno, A. (2008). Gender Mainstreaming under Women's Leadership: The Case of Liberia. *Critical Half*, 6 (1): 29–35.

Otieno, A. (2005). "Overcoming Exclusion: An Integrated Approach to Development," *Critical Half*, 3:2 pp. 8-13.

Otieno, A.O. (2005) "Advancing Global Ethics through Research and Education: Case of the United Nations" *Journal of International Communication* 11: 2, pp. 59-64.

Book chapters/commissioned reports

Otieno, A. (2012). "Health Security in Africa: Towards a Multidimensional Approach," in *African Security in the 21st Century: Current and Emerging Issues* edited by J. Piombo (Naval Postgraduate School). California: Report to the Naval Postgraduate School Center on Contemporary Conflict and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

Publications in practitioner journals

Otieno, A. (2007). Eliminating Racial Discrimination: The challenges of prevention and enforcement of prohibition. *UN Chronicle* XLIV (3) pp. 16-17, 40.

Otieno, A. (2004) "Integrating Global Health Education and Action" *UN Chronicle* (2005) XLII (2) *UN Chronicle* XLI (2)

Otieno, A. (2004) "The Role of Education in Promoting Health and Human Rights," *UN Chronicle* XLI (2)

Otieno, A. (2004) "The Millennium Development Goals as a Resource for Education," *UN Chronicle* XLI (4)

Editorial Board Service

Served on the Board of Editors of *Critical Half* Vol. 7 No. 1 Fall 2009 (Global Women's Movements in Changing Societies)- (a bi-annual journal of Women for Women International devoted to the exchange of ideas and insight encountered by practitioners in the fields of gender, development, conflict, and post-conflict reconstruction.

Conference and Workshop Presentations

Saturday, April 26, 2014. "Global Forces, Local Action, and the Inclusion of Human Rights into Kenya's Response to HIV/AIDS" paper presented in Breakout session 3 on HIV/AIDS during the First International Intersectionalities Conference, Institute for Intersectionality Research and Policy, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

March 15th and 16th, 2014. Gender Equality and Economic Development: Pathways and Strategies. World Affairs Council's Middle School Model UN Prep Conference held at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

Saturday, November 23. Health and Medicine New Research Directions workshop: An exploration of promising future directions, current boundaries to innovative research, and strategies for pursuing boundary crossing research in health and medicine (invited). 56th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Baltimore, MD.

Thursday, November 21. The Role of Legislation and Litigation in Promoting and Protecting Human Rights in the Context of HIV/AIDS in Kenya presented as part of the session on New Research on the Social Context of HIV/AIDS during the 56th Annual Meeting of African Studies Association, Baltimore, MD.

Wednesday, November 20, 2013. The Experience of Teaching Global Health in a Small Private University: Facilitating Transformation? Diverse Engagement: Anthropology and Global Education. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL.

Thursday, March 21, 2013 and Friday, March 22, 2013. Human Rights-Based Approach to Universal Access to Primary. Presentation to Students Preparing for Participation in Model United Nations. Temple, University, Philadelphia, PA.

Wednesday, February 27, 2013. "Health and Human Rights: Challenges and Opportunities for Action in the Context of HIV/AIDS" Lecture at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

(Friday November 30 2012) "Human Rights Based Approach to AIDS in Kenya: The Challenge of Implementation." Paper presented at the Roundtable on Rights Based Approaches and Progressive Realization: Definitions, Methods and Practices during the 55th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Philadelphia, PA.

(Thursday, August 16, 2012) "Case for Using Human Rights Laws and Policies to Explain Kenya's Transition from HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Disaster to Success," Paper presented at Session on Legal Issues: International and Domestic Contexts during The Society for the Study of Social Problems 62nd Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

(Saturday, February 25, 2012) (With Ashley Gripper and Leah Hansel) "Our Different Stories: Harnessing Authenticity and Narrative Self in Advocacy for AIDS Orphans in Kenya" Paper presented at the Narratives of Equity, Social Justice and Global Health session during the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Millennium Broadway Hotel, New York, NY.

(Tuesday, November 1, 2011) "Teaching global health challenges: An opportunity for fostering scholarship of application and integration?" Paper presented at the Innovations in Global Health Education session during the 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, DC.

(August 20, 2011) with Anabel L. Genevitz, Arcadia University "Authenticity and Reification: Case for a Structural Intersectionalities Approach to Homelessness," paper presented in Session 68: Deconstructing Homelessness: Contested Territories, Social Services, and Public Policy, during the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problem Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

(April 11 & April 12, 2011). Lecture on Child Labor at the World Affairs Council's Middle School Model United Nations Prep Conference held at Temple University's Fox School of Business, Philadelphia, PA.

(March 25, 2011). Chair and Discussant, "Islamism and Muslim Society in East Africa: Cases" Session of the Symposium on "Islamism in Africa, South of the Sahara" held at Haverford College, Haverford, PA.

(February 2011) with Christa Lane Hooper, Arcadia University, “Native Americans and Health Disparities: Case for Intersectional Approach. . Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

(February 2011) With Erica Rohloff, Arcadia University, “AIDS Discourses, Marginality and the Human Rights-based Approach: Cases from the UK and the US., Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

(April 2010) “Northern Kenya: Human Development and Security Concerns” Presentation to The African Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania and the 304 Civil Affairs Brigade 304th Civil Affairs Brigade of US Army, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

(March 2010) World Affairs Council “Towards Respecting, Protecting and Fulfilling the Rights of the Girl Child,” Presentation to World Affairs Council’s Model UN Middle School Program, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

(November 2009). “AIDS Policy Development in Kenya: A Historical Institutional Analysis,” presented at Innovative Responses to HIV and Africa session during the 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA.

(August 7 2009). “Using the Right to Health as a Framework for Fostering Integrative Learning: Lessons from Teaching Issues in Health and Illness,” paper presented at the Teaching About Human Rights Session of the 59th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Stanford Court Hotel, San Francisco, California, USA

(August 9 2009). With Selina Coleman “The Manifestation and Consequences of Identity Issues for Children of ‘The Enemy’: A Continuum Approach,” paper presented at the Juveniles and Education: Symbolic Frameworks and Institutional Issues of the 59th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, , Stanford Court Hotel, San Francisco, California, USA.

(August 9 2009). With Michelle Thompson, “Right to water as a right to health issue: world polity, contention and prospects,” paper presented at the Environmental Racism and Community session of the of the 59th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Stanford Court Hotel, San Francisco, California, USA.

(March 3 2009). The situation and need for enhanced protecting of women and children refugees. Presentation to Model United Nations Preparation Session Organized by World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

(February, 2009). Children and violent conflict. Presentation given to middle school students as part of their preparation for participation in model UN organized by the World Affairs Council.

(February, 2008). Prospects for peace and challenges to stability in Kenya. Presentation given to members of the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade of Philadelphia. Event organized by the African Studies Center of the University of Pennsylvania.

(April 2008). Towards Optimizing Human Rights Advocacy as a Tool for Health Promotion in the US. Paper presented at the Symposium on Health and Human Rights, organized by the Greater Philadelphia Schweitzer Program. Tuesday, April 8th 6-8 p.m., Drexel University - Hahnemann Campus New College Building, Geary Auditorium A, Philadelphia, PA.

(February 2008). "Elections and Violence: Lessons from Kenya" Paper presented at University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, February 14, 12:00 - 2:00 PM, Houston Hall, Griski Room.

(January 2008). "Challenges of institutionalizing gender equity in corporate settings." La Salle University Association of Women MBAs January 25, 7PM, College Hall 206, La Salle University, Philadelphia PA.

(April, 2007). *Strategies for advancing the rights of unaccompanied refugee youth in Kenya*. Presented to the board of directors of Heshima (a Nairobi-based non-governmental organization working on protecting unaccompanied refugee youth), Nairobi, Kenya.

(Monday, December 12, 2005) Engendering "the Paul Farmer dictum" in global health ethics: Teaching advocacy and action frameworks for health equity, development, and human rights. Poster presented in the Ethics and Public Health Posters during the 133rd Annual Conference and Exhibition of the American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA.

(Monday, December, 12, 2005) Evidence for policy change: The tragic but not hopeless situation of the African child. Paper presented as part of the "Avoidable Differences in Health Outcomes in African and African American Children" session of the 133rd Annual Conference and Exhibition of the American Public Health Association, in Philadelphia, PA.

(Friday, April 1, 2005) "Reporting on Human Rights Violations and Genocide" presented at the Reporting on Human Rights Violations and Genocide Panel of the 12th Annual African Studies Consortium Workshop- "Internal Conflicts and External Responses in the Horn of Africa," University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

(March 20, 2005) "Policy, Faculty, and the Elimination of Health Disparities, presented at the Health Care and Health Policy: Diversity in a Changing World Session of the 75th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Washington, DC.

(March 17, 2005) "Social capital as health policy: is it a panacea? Presented at the Historical Sociology: Memory, Consciousness, and the State session of the 2005 Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Washington, D.C.

(October 21, 2004). "Can Oralsure Contribute to Improved Estimates of the Scope HIV/AIDS Pandemic in Kenya?" Paper presented at the 8th Annual United States Conference on AIDS (USCA), National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA.

(October 14, 2004) "Resisting Criminalization of Homelessness through Public-Private Partnership in Philadelphia" presented at the Pennsylvania Public Health Association Annual Conference, Workshop 12, Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, PA.

(November 21, 2004) "Media presentations of homelessness: Implications for public health theory, practice, and policy" Oral Session # 1, Pennsylvania Public Health Association, Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, PA. October 13, 2004.

(November 13, 2002) with Maguire, MA, Scullion, M., Hess, R. and O'Donnell, G. Coordinating Effective Behavioral Health Services for a Chronic Homeless Population. Presented at the Mental Health Services for Persons who are Homeless session during the 2002 annual meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA), Philadelphia, PA.

(2002). "Women's Issues in the Twenty First Century: Exploring the Role of Faith Communities in Promoting Gender Equity" presented at the 3rd Workshop on Developing a Culture of Peace Series, Soka Gakkai International's Academic Division on Saturday, May 25, 2002, SGI Community Center, Philadelphia, PA.

(March 2, 2002). "Communication and Community Building as Vehicles for Fostering Peace Activism" presented at the 2nd Workshop on Developing a Culture of Peace Series, Soka Gakkai International, Academic Division, Saturday, SGI Community Center, Philadelphia, PA.

(January 25, 2002). African-American Grassroots Movements and HIV/AIDS in Africa: Issues and Challenges in Building Solidarity with Africans. Fourth Annual Conference on Health and Human Rights, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

(October 2, 2001). Stigma, Social Control and Health: Using Human Rights Strategy to Improve Health. Paper presented at the Health, Law and Human Rights: Exploring Connections Conference. American Society of Medicine, Law, and Ethics (ASLME), September 29 - October 2, 2001, Philadelphia, PA.

(June 21, 2001). Health and human rights in the age of globalization: the case of Africa. Paper presented at the 6th Annual African and African American Association for Research, Development, Education and Training Institute Conference, Springfield, MA.

(January 26, 2001). *Between Hope and Despair: HIV/AIDS and Human Rights in Africa*. Paper presented at the 3rd Annual Conference on Health and Human Rights, Philadelphia, PA.

(March 24, 2000). *The prospects and challenges of linking public health and human rights in Africa*. Paper presented at the 5th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Consortium, University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania.

Lectures/Testimonies by Invitation

(October 5, 2004) “Peace through Health: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities” presented at the University Colloquium, Arcadia University, Glenside, PA.

(July 29, 2004) “Social inequality and health outcomes: emerging debates” guest lecture to Cultures of the World Course- Temple University, Department of Anthropology

(July 19, 2004) “Social capital, community governance and health” Guest Lecture to Graduate Theories and Models of Health Behavior Course, Temple University Department of Public Health

(April 8, 2004), Panelist at the HIV/AIDS and human rights session of Temple University Human Rights Film Festival, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

(October 30, 2003), “Social capital and health: constructs and measures,” Guest lecture in graduate Theories and Models of Health Behavior, Temple University Department of Public health

(June 19, 2002), “Viewing Homelessness from the Vista of “Infections and Inequalities”, lecture to Inequalities class in the Department of Anthropology, Temple University

(April 11, 2002), “The Role of Health Professionals in Alleviating Homelessness in Philadelphia” Presbyterian School of Practical Nursing

(November 15, 2001), “Women’s Human Rights in the Context of HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa,” Public presentation based on MPH fieldwork project given to Temple University MPH Seminar Class and the public.

(November 15, 2001), “Ending Homelessness by Building Bridges,” talk given at Villanova University during the Annual Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

(November 2, 2001), *Homelessness and Health in Philadelphia*. MCP Hahnemann Graduate Premed Class

(March 14, 2001), “Homelessness, Mental Health and Substance Abuse in Philadelphia,” Criminal Justice Seminar, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

(November 20, 2000), "The Impact of the Sidewalk Ordinance on Homelessness in Philadelphia," Presentation to Criminal Justice Class, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

(November 14, 2000), Invited presenter, La Salle University, Roundtable on Homelessness, Philadelphia, PA.

(April 22, 1999), HIV/AIDS services in Philadelphia metropolitan area. Positive Living, WYBE Television.

(April 14, 1999), US Policy towards Africa in the 21st Century. Students Union, Middle Georgia College, Cochran, GA

(April 14, 1999), "The Image of Africa as a Continent in Perpetual Crisis," Minorities in America Seminar, Division of Social Science & Education, Middle Georgia College, Cochran, GA.

(April 12, 1999), "US and Africa: the challenge of the HIV/AIDS pandemic," Third World Perspectives Seminar, Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, GA.

(August 7, 1998), "The Problems with Mandatory HIV Names Reporting," AIDS Activities Coordinating Office, Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Forum on proposed HIV reporting policy in Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA.

(May 13, 1998), "HIV/AIDS in Africa," Black Educating Blacks about Sexual Health Issues (BEBASHI), Staff and Public, Philadelphia, PA.

(March 28, 1997), "Women's Issues in Africa: Towards Collaborative Strategies," Africana Students Association, Livingston College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

(February 18, 1997), "African-American History Month: An African's Perspective," New Jersey Freedom Organization, Community Education Forum, New Brunswick, NJ.

(April 30, 1996), "The Ongoing Transformations in Africa: Emerging Trends and Patterns" Presented at Livingston College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

(April 22, 1996), "Why African States Falter on Human Rights," Middlesex County Community College, History Department, Students and Faculty. New Brunswick, NJ.

Advocacy Related Articles, Responses and Letters

(13 February 2005) "Capacity Building as Important as Development in Disaster Management" Rapid Responses to: Peter Walker, Ben Wisner, Jennifer Leaning, and

Larry Minear “Smoke and mirrors: deficiencies in disaster funding”
BMJ 2005; 330: 247-250. <http://bmj.bmjournals.com/cgi/eletters/330/7485/247>

(September 23, 2004) “Fired up against racial incident” letter to the editor, *South Philadelphia Review*

(September 16, 2004). “Sleeping babies: don’t jump to conclusions” letter to the editor, *Philadelphia Daily News*

(September 10, 2004) Needle exchanges are in public's best interest. Letter to the Editor, *Philadelphia Inquirer*

(September 9, 2004) “Reflexivity, alienation, and liminality” a response to homo academicus, a letter from the center of nowhere. Indy Media Romania available at <http://romania.rogueimc.org/en/2004/04/95.shtml>

(June 21, 2004). “Access to health care must be linked to improved health promotion and disease prevention” Aid Workers Forum. available at <http://forum.aidworkers.net/messages/141/10848.html?1087778402>

(June 14, 2002) “Criminalization of Panhandling: Just Say No” Letter to the Editor, *Philadelphia Daily News*

(July 20, 2000). “City’s homeless policy will be put to test” (Op-ed column) *Metro*
(January 24, 2000). “Allocate more funds to improve health services” Letter to the editor, *The East African*

(July 26, 2000) “Protesters not always violent” Letter to the Editor, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*

(May, 1999): “South Africa’s AIDS policy flawed” Letter to the Editor, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*

(June 12, 1999) “Improve Health Services”, Letter to the Editor, *The Daily Nation*
(November 27, 2000) Age is not the crucial factor – Letter to the Editor, *The East African Standard*

(2000) “HIV/AIDS and God,” AIDS Information Exchange Newsletter
Issue number 2/00 September 2000 Available online at <http://www.cafod.org.uk/archive/hiv aids/aidsnews20000901.shtml>

(2000) “South Africa's HIV/AIDS Policy Ineffective” British Medical Journal, Rapid Responses 4 February 2000. Available online at: <http://bmj.bmjournals.com/cgi/eletters/320/7230/271/a#6510>

(2000) "Advocating for Health as a Human Right" British Medical Journal, Rapid Responses 4 February 2000. Available online at <http://bmj.bmjournals.com/cgi/eletters/320/7230/271/a#6510>

Grants and Supported Research

(\$1200) Faculty Development Grant to support curriculum development for Introductory Sociology offered as part of the summer Gateway Program (2010).

(\$1800) Faculty Development Grant to support curriculum development for Introduction to Global Health course to be offered as part of the Global Health minor (2006)

(US \$ 3000) Exploring Strategies for Integrating Collaboration and Study Abroad in Health and Human Rights Curriculum (Arcadia University Internationalization Grant, 2002)

Women's Human Rights in the Context of HIV/AIDS in Africa: Assessing Research and Advocacy Needs for Transformation (MPH research supported by Physicians for Human Rights)

Archeological Resource Management in Kenya: Towards Policy Improvement (funded by a grant from the University of Nairobi)

Community Service

Arcadia University Elected Committees, Appointed Committees and Task Forces

Redefining Scholarship Task Force, 2009; 2010 and 2011 academic years

International Affairs Task Force (2008-2009)

Graduate Academic Programs Committee (2007-2008)

Member, Advising Task Force (2005)

Library Committee (2005)

Health Insurance Committee of Faculty Compensation Committee (2004)

Faculty Search Committees

Outside member, Assistant Professor of International Studies Search Committee, History Department (spring 2011)

Outside member, Assistant Professor of International Studies Search Committee (spring 2010)

Leadership of Department Initiatives

Race Matters Organizer (fall 2011)

Service to wider academic and non-academic communities in Philadelphia area

Member, local arrangements committee for the African Studies Association,

(2005, March 9) Community, Responsibility and Freedom- Talk given to Boys Club, Upper Derby Middle School, Upper Derby, PA.

2002 -Member and Secretary, Select Committee on Panhandling in Center City Philadelphia

2001- Steering Committee Member, Faith Communities Response to Hunger and Homelessness in Philadelphia: Past, Present and Future Conference, held on November 16, 2001 at the Nutritional Development Services Conference Hall, Philadelphia, PA to commemorate National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

2000 – 2003: Co-Coordinator, Project for East African Communications and Education (PEACE), Nairobi, Kenya

2000 – 2003: Member, 9th Police District Advisory Council, Department of Police, City of Philadelphia

2000 – 2003: Member, 6th Police District Advisory Council, Department of Police, City of Philadelphia

2000 – 2003: Member, Mayor's Task Force on Homeless Services, City of Philadelphia

2000 Convener, Public Education Committee, Task Force for the Sidewalk Ordinance, City of Philadelphia

1999 – 2004: Program Committee, Third World Coalition, American Friends Service Committee

1999 – 2000: Steering Committee, Alliance of African Health Professionals

1998 – 2008: Co-Director, Positive Culture

1993 – 1995: Coordinator, Cultural Resource Management Committee, University of Nairobi

Membership in Professional Associations

Eastern Sociological Society
International AIDS Society
Society for the Study of Social Problems
American Public Health Association