

CURRICULUM VITAE

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TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Social support and exchanges
Aging and health disparities
Minority aging
Social welfare and aging
Health behaviors

EDUCATIONAL RECORD

- 2019 Post-Doctoral training completed at Virginia Tech, VA in May 2019. Major area of study: Human Development and Family Studies – Minority aging focus, Supervisors: J. Tina Savla & Megan Doblin-Macnab.
- 2017 Doctor of Philosophy completed at the University of Georgia in May, 2017. Major area of study: Human Development and Family Science, Dissertation title: *The effects of immigration-related factors on older Latino and Asian immigrants' physical and mental health: Measurement and role of social capital*, Dissertation Chair: Dr. Denise Lewis.
- 2012 Masters of Arts completed at Miami University, OH in May, 2012. Major area of study: Gerontology: *Perceptions of old age economic security: Views of Kenyan rural-dwelling older adults*, Thesis chair: Dr. Kathryn McGrew.
- 2010 Bachelors of Arts completed at Miami University in May, 2010. Majors: Gerontology and Interdisciplinary Studies, Thesis advisor: Dr. Muriel Blaisdell.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2019 - present College of Education, University of Oregon.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

A. Refereed journal Articles:

Muruthi, J. R., Spafford S. G., Osa, M. L., DeLouize, A., Kowal, P., Biritwum. R., & Snodgrass, J. J. (2021, OnlineFirst). Suicidal ideation in older Ghanaian women: The roles of bodily pain, functional limitation, and chronic health conditions. Manuscript submitted to the *International Journal of Social Psychiatry* 00, 1 – 9. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0020764021991179>

Muruthi, J.R., Dolbin-MacNab, M. L., & Jarrott, S. E. (2020, OnlineFirst). Social capital among Black South African grandmothers raising grandchildren: A qualitative study of bridging, bonding, and linking capitals. Manuscript submitted to the *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 00, 1 – 8. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0733464820966474>

Muruthi, J. R., Zalla, L. C., & Lewis, D. C., (2019). Depressive symptoms among aging Hispanic Americans: Longitudinal effects of positive spousal support and previous depressive symptoms. *Journal of Aging and Health*, 32(5–6) ,481-490. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0898264319825755>

Armes, S. R., **Muruthi, J. R.,** Milroy, W. H., & Mancini, J. A. (2019). Getting sorted out in East London: Vulnerability and resilience of homeless Ex-Servicemen. *European Journal on Homelessness*, 13, 15-38.

Muruthi, J. R., & Lewis, D. C., (2017). Cambodian refugee families: Impacts of immigration-related stressors on intergenerational relationships. *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships*, 15, 125-142.

Muruthi, B.A., Watkins, K., McCoy, M., **Muruthi, J. R.,** & Kiprono, F, J. (2017). “I feel happy that I can be useful to others”: Preliminary study of East African women and their remittance behavior. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*. 38, 315-326.

Muruthi, J. R., & Lewis, D. C., (2016). Old age economic security: Views of Kenyan rural dwelling older individuals. *Journal of Ethnographic & Qualitative Research*, 11, 72-86.

B. Manuscripts submitted for Publication:

Muruthi, B. A., Chuo, J. A., **Muruthi, J. R.,** Cockrill, J. (2019). Transnational intersectionality: Understanding Afro-Caribbean women’s perspective of race and ethnicity in the United States. *Journal of Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

C. Presentations

International

Muruthi, J. R., & Lewis, D. C. (2017, July). *Mental health service utilization among aging Latino and Asian Americans: The role of social capital*. Poster presented at the 21st IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA.

Farnham, A., & **Muruthi, J. R.** (2017, July). *Adapting sexual scripts for older adult intimacy and relationship initiation: A feminist framework*. Poster presented at the 21st IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA.

National

Muruthi, J. R., & Savla, J. T., (2019, November). *Social engagement and depressive symptoms in older African Americans: A 6-Year cross-lagged panel analysis*. Oral presentation at the Gerontological Society of America Congress, Austin, TX.

Muruthi, J. R. DeLouize, A., Spafford, S., Biritwum, R., Naidoo, N., Kowal, P., & Snodgrass., J. J., (2019, November). *Predictors of Suicide Ideation among Older Ghanaian Women: Results from the Study on Global AGEing and Adult Health*. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America Congress, Austin, TX.

Muruthi, J. R. DeLouize, A., Naidoo, N., Kowal, P., Fan, W., Salinas, A., Manrique-Espinoza, B., Robledo, R., Villalpando, S., & Snodgrass., J. J., Oral presentation under review for the Annual Human Biology Association Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Muruthi, J. R. & (2018, November). *Relationship status moderates the association between social support and positive affects in minority family caregivers: Results from the NSOC*. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America Congress, Boston, MA.

Munoz, E. & **Muruthi, J. R.** (2018, November). *Contextual effects on health and well-being*. Symposium organized at the Gerontological Society of America Congress, Boston, MA.

Muruthi, J. R., Zalla, L. C., & Lewis, D. C. (2018, November). Depressive symptoms among aging Hispanic Americans: Longitudinal effects of positive spousal support and previous depressive symptoms. In E., Munoz (Chair) & J. R., Muruthi (Co-chair), *Contextual effects on health and well-being*. Symposium organized at the Gerontological Society of America Congress, Boston, MA.

Muruthi, J.R., Dolbin-MacNab, M. L., & Jarrott, S. E. (2018, November). *Social capital among Black South African grandmothers raising grandchildren: A qualitative study of bridging, bonding, and linking capitals*. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America Congress, Boston, MA.

Muruthi, J. R., & Bower. K. (2016, November). *Mental health services usage among Asian and Latino Elders: Results from the NLAAS study*. Poster presented at Gerontological Society of America Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Muruthi, B.A., Watkins, K., McCoy, M., **Muruthi, J.R.** (2016, November). *Transnationalism and family resource allocation for East African immigrant women*. 2016 Annual Research & Training Symposium, Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education, Louisville, KY.

Farnham, A., **Muruthi, J. R.**, & Lewis, D.C. (2014, November). *Best practices in cross-cultural research: Intergenerational Transmission of Trauma*. Workshop presented at National Council on Family Relations Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Muruthi, J. R., & Lewis, D. C. (2013, November). *Aging in a refugee context: Views and perspectives of Alabama-dwelling Cambodian elders*. Paper presented at National Council on Family Relations Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Muruthi, J. R., & Lewis, D. C. (2013, February). *Coping with intergenerational ambivalence mapping the voices of older Cambodian elders in Alabama*. Paper presented at Society for Cross Cultural Research's annual meeting, Mobile, AL.

Muruthi, J. R., & McGrew, G. B. (2010, November). *Perceptions of economic security for rural-dwelling older Kenyans*. Poster presented at Gerontological Society of America Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Regional

Muruthi, J. R. (2012, April). *Perceptions of economic security in old age: the case of rural elders of Maraigushu*. Poster presented at the Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education Annual Conference, Youngstown, OH.

Muruthi, J. R. (2011, September). *Aging women and economic participation in rural Kenya*. Poster presented at Graduate Students' Conference, Oxford, OH.

Muruthi, J. R., & Reynolds, C. (2011, April). *Old Horizons, New Frontiers: How Narrative Gerontology Can Improve the Life Course Theory*. Paper presented at Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education Annual Conference, Columbus, OH.

D. External Funding

Solving Transportation Challenges for Older Adults and Children of Booker T. Washington Center, Hamilton, OH. United Way of Greater Cincinnati OH (Project grant). James Muruthi, Principal Investigator, 5/2010 (\$ 13,000: funded).

Perceptions of healthcare access among African American elders in gentrified neighborhoods of Portland, OR. Russel Sage Foundation. Dr. James Muruthi, Principal Investigator; Dr. Raina Croff, Co-investigator, 12/2019 (\$ 30,000; unfunded).

E. Internal Funding

Health and economic contributions of older Kenyan women to their families. Miami University, OH (Undergraduate research grant). James Muruthi, Principal Investigator, 5/2009 – 5/2010 (\$4,500; funded).

Secondary data analysis of health-related quality of life (HRQOL) in older Oregonian Caregivers: Gender differences and the impact of social support. The University of Oregon, OR (Faculty Research Award). Dr. James Muruthi, Principal Investigator, 1/2020 (\$ 7,000; funded).

Developing a user-centered method for collecting routine caregiving and health behavior data from caregivers of older adults. The University of Oregon, OR (CPHS Faculty Research Grant). Dr. James Muruthi Principal Investigator, 6/2020 - 6/2021 (\$ 5,000; funded).

Disaster communication and preparedness among middle age and older Latino migrants and seasonal farmworkers in Western Oregon. The University of Oregon, OR (SJC Science Communication Research Small Grant). Dr. James Muruthi, Principal Investigator, 2/2021 - 2/2022 (\$ 3,000; funded).

Exploring associations between social support and health for low-income aging individuals in rural Kenya. Virginia Tech's College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences (Research grant). James Muruthi, Principal Investigator, 6/2018 – 6/2019 (\$ 5,000; unfunded).

INSTRUCTIONAL AND ADVISING ACTIVITIES

A. List of courses taught

HD 2004: Human Development II (Online; Fall 2017; Fall 2018)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

HD 6514: Advanced Research Methods (Qualitative; Spring, 2018)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

HDFS 5100/6800: Research Methods in HDFS (Co-teacher, Spring 2016)
University of Georgia, Supervisor: Dr. Geoffrey Brown

HDFS 4500: Aging and the Family (Summer, 2015)
University of Georgia

HDFS 3710: Mid-life and Later Years, Fall 2014
University of Georgia

Courses Taught at UO

FHS 216: Diversity in Human Services (Fall, 2019; Winter, 2020)

CPSY 645: Health Equity and Promotion (Winter, 2020)

B. List of Service on Graduate Student Committees

Robert Ortega, Counseling Psychology, Member

Masumeh Farchtchi, Marriage and Family Studies (Virginia Tech), Member

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

2019 – Present Member, Undergraduate Council, COE, UO

2020 – Present Member, Diversity and Inclusion Workgroup, COE (CPHS), UO

AWARDS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Awards and Honors

2016 Costa Research Fund Award. Awarded by the Family and Consumer Science College, University of Georgia.

2011 Ohio Association of Gerontology in Education's (OAGE) Jerome Kaplan Student Paper Award for paper entitled: *Old Horizons, New Frontiers: How Narrative Gerontology Can Improve the Life Course Theory*.

2009 Provost Student Academic Achievement Award. Awarded by the provost, Miami University.

2009 Outstanding Junior Gerontologist, Sociology and Gerontology Department Miami University.

Professional Organizations and Activities

2008-Present Gerontological Society of America, Member

2019-Present Association for Human Biology, Member

