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### **EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. Communication and Media Studies University of Oregon, Eugene, OR USA Interests: Journalism, digital media, indigenous language media, African storytelling	2020-2025
Knight Wallace Journalism Research Fellowship University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA Area of Research: Inclusive Online Strategies for Emerging News Markets	2018-2019
M.A. with Distinction, International Journalism University of Leeds, United Kingdom Thesis: How Journalists in Societies Undergoing Democratic Transition Negotiate their Roles, a Case of Uganda. Supervisor: Dr. Giles Moss	2009-2010
B.A. Second Class- Upper Division, Political Science & Sociology Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda.	2003-2006
Diploma with Distinction, Journalism Uganda Management Institute, Kampala, Uganda	2000-2001

### **INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE**

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Team Leader & Initiator, New Vision Podcast The New Vision Printing and Publishing Company Limited, Uganda <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planned and scripted content for the podcast</li><li>• Guided and assigned reporters</li></ul>	2019-2020
Contributing society editor & online writer The New Vision Printing and Publishing Company Limited, Uganda <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assigned and trained young journalists</li><li>• Wrote feature stories for the New Vision newspaper and multimedia content for the New Vision website- <a href="http://www.newvision.co.ug">www.newvision.co.ug</a></li></ul>	2016-2018
<b>Feature story writer</b> The New Vision Printing and Publishing Company Limited, Uganda <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pitched and wrote feature stories for The New Vision newspaper</li></ul>	2011-2015
<b>Freelance feature story writer</b> The New Vision Printing and Publishing Company Limited	2003-2008

- Pitched story ideas and wrote feature stories for The New Vision newspaper

### **HONORS, AWARDS AND GRANTS**

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- Graduate Teaching Fellowship: School of Journalism and Communication, University of Oregon 2000-2025
- Knight Wallace Journalism Research Fellowship, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI: 2018-2019
- Uganda National Journalism Award for multimedia reporting 2017
- Uganda National Journalism Award for Arts and Culture reporting 2017
- Uganda National Journalism Award for Justice, Law and Order reporting 2016
- African Media Initiative ZIMEO Excellence Media award for education reporting 2015
- CNN Multichoice African Journalist awards: Commendation 2015
- The Uganda National Journalism Award for Exceptional Journalism 2014
- The United Nations Development Journalism award (1<sup>st</sup> runner's up print category) 2013
- CNN Multichoice African Journalist Highly Commended Award (Arts and Culture reporting) 2012
- The Commonwealth Chevenig/Kulika/Leeds University scholarship to the University of Leeds 2009

### **SELECTED POPULAR WRITING**

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Stephen, S.,(2021). Uganda's media: Threats and Opportunities. the Aga Khan University Media Innovation Centre (MiC). <https://mediainnovationnetwork.org/2021/03/27/a-critical-look-at-ugandas-media-threats-and-opportunities/>

Stephen. S., (2018). Uganda: Violence against women unabated despite laws and policies. United Nations Africa Renewal Magazine. <https://www.un.org/africarenewal/news/uganda-violence-against-women-unabated-despite-laws-and-policies>

### **CONFERENCES AND TALKS**

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Negotiating the disruptive effects of new media technologies in digitally emerging newsrooms; a case of Uganda's New Vision media organization": East Africa Communication Association (EACA) annual conference, Nairobi, Kenya, August 28, 2019

The impact of new media technologies on African newsrooms (a case study of Uganda): University of Michigan communication studies annual symposium on digital transformations in Journalism, Ann Arbor MI, USA March 2019

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **J397: Media Ethics**

Winter 2021

School of Journalism and Communication, University of Oregon

Graduate Teaching Fellow for Professor Debra Merskin

Seminar: University of Oregon undergraduate students

### **J212: Writing for Communicators**

Spring, Summer 2021

School of Journalism and Communication, University of Oregon

Graduate Teaching Fellow for Professor Mark Blaine

Seminar: University of Oregon undergraduate students

### **Contemporary Issues in Media & Society:**

Faculty of Journalism Media and Communication, Uganda Christian University

2019

Undergraduate students

### **Media Ethics:**

Faculty of Journalism Media and Communication, Uganda Christian University

2017-2019

Undergraduate students

### **Narratology:**

Faculty of Journalism Media and Communication, Uganda Christian University

2018-2019

Undergraduate students

### **Feature Writing:**

Faculty of Journalism Media and Communication, Uganda Christian University

2016-2018

Undergraduate students

### **Media Management:**

Faculty of Journalism Media and Communication, Uganda Christian University

2016-2017

Undergraduate students

### **Public Relations Writing:**

Faculty of Journalism Media and Communication, Uganda Christian University

2016

Undergraduate students

### **Online Media & Communication:**

Faculty of Journalism Media and Communication, Uganda Christian University

2015-2017

Undergraduate students

**Fundamentals of Editing:**

2015-2017

Faculty of Journalism Media and Communication, Uganda Christian University

Undergraduate students.

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**MEDIA CONSULTANCY WORK**

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**Ultimate Media Consult Limited, Uganda**

2020

- Helped to facilitate a media dialogue on reporting Water and Sanitation (WASH) and Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) issues in the Rwenzori Western region.
- Trained journalists from the Rwenzori region on reporting Water and Sanitation (WASH) and Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) issues.
- Produced a report on the events to be published on the International Water and Sanitation Centre (IRC WASH) online platforms.

**Africa Renewal Magazine, United Nations**

2017

- Produced content on the state of Gender Based Violence in Uganda to commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- Interviewed women, civil society organization experts, government and UN agencies
- Wrote an article on the state of domestic violence in Uganda for the UN Africa Renewal Magazine

**The Young Men Muslim Association of Uganda**

2015

- Produced editorial content for a 75th Anniversary commemorative Magazine
- Interviewed key sources, wrote articles and coordinated the design, layout and production of the Magazine.

**United Nations Development Program Millennium Development Goals Editorial project**

2012

- Conducted interviews and wrote articles for publication for the UNDP Uganda website

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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East Africa Communication Association (EACA)

