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Institutional Affiliation: Senior Lecturer, Islamic Studies, School of Arts & Social Sciences, Bomet University College, (A Constituent College of Moi University), Bomet, Kenya

Educational Qualifications

ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System Implementation Course Certificate, 28 May 2025 – 30 May 2025, National Quality Institute, Kenya Bureau of Standards, Nairobi, Kenya.

Certificate in Performance Contracting in Public Service, 2025, Kenya School of Government.

Doctor of Philosophy, 2006, Islamic Studies (Islamwissenschaft), Albert-Ludwigs University, Freiburg, Germany, Magna cum Laude.

Master of Arts, 1997, Islamic Studies, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, Nigeria, Unclassified.

Bachelor of Education (Arts) 1993, Religious Studies and Geography, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya, Second Class Honours, (Upper Division).

Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education, 1988, Geography, Islamic Religious Education, Kiswahili, and History, Kwale High School, Four Principals (Passes).

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education, 1986, Msambweni Harambee Secondary School, Division 1 (11 Points).

Kenya Junior Certificate Examination, 1984, Msambweni Harambee Secondary School.

Certificate of Primary Education, 1982, Msambweni Primary School.

Academic Leadership Responsibilities

December 2021 – to date, **Dean**, School of Arts & Social Sciences, Bomet University College, (A Constituent College of Moi University), Bomet, Kenya.

October 2020 - to date, **Regularization as an Academic staff of Bomet University College on a horizontal scale from the service of Moi University**), School of Arts & Social Sciences, Department of Arts, Languages, & Communication Studies, Bomet University College (A Constituent College of Moi University), Bomet, Kenya.

August 2017- October 2020, **Ag. Dean (Secondment)**, School of Arts and Social Sciences, Bomet University College.

2014 –2017, **Head of Department**, Department of Gender and Social Economic Development, Moi University, Kenya.

2010 – To date, **Senior Lecturer**, (Islamic Studies), Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Moi University, Kenya.

1997-2010, **Lecturer**, (Islamic Studies), Department of Philosophy, Religion and Theology, Moi University, Kenya.

Administrative Leadership Responsibilities

11th -15th November 2024, **Acting Deputy Principal**, Administration and Finance, appointment by the Principal, Bomet University College.

June 2024: **Member**, BUC Second Strategic Plan 2023-2028 Launch Committee, Bomet University College.

June 2024- to date, **Member, Board of Governors**, Bomet Central Technical and Vocational College, appointed by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education.

2020 – to date, **Chairperson**, Performance Contracting and Strategic Plan (2018-2023) Review Steering Committee, appointed by the Principal, Bomet University College (A Constituent College of Moi University), Bomet, Kenya.

2016-to-date **Panel Member** (Islamic Religious Education), Kenya Institute for Curriculum Development (KICD), Nairobi, Kenya.

2015-2017 **Pre-Qualified Peer Reviewer**, Commission for University Education (CUE), Nairobi, Kenya

Research Focus

Geographic: East Africa (Kenya and Tanzania).

Thematic: Muslim Scholars, Muslim Texts, Muslim Marriage and Family; Islamic Law, Muslim Education; HIV/AIDS, Environment.

Fundable Projects

2024-2025 **Member of the Project Team** on “Building a Sustainable National Model for Kenyan Clinical Pastoral Education and Spiritual Care”, submitted by Jim Lemons, funded by the Daniel F. Evans Center for Spiritual and Religious Values in Health Care, Indiana University Health, amount to **USD 98,400**, conducted at MTRH, Moi University.

2023 **Assistant Consultant** on the Project, Interfaith Engagement on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (ASRHR), submitted by Susan Kilonzo (Lead Consultant), Maseno University, funded by the Faith to Action Network, Nairobi, amount to **USD 8,033**.

2019-2023 **Member of the Research Team** working on “Toward an Islamic Cultural Archive (ICA): Building a Collaborative Database of Islamic Learning in Africa,” project submitted by Sessemann R., Kogelmann Franz and Ulrich Rebstock, of the University of Bayreuth, Germany, funded by the EXC 2052 “Africa Multiple”, amount to **Euros 445,100**.

2020-2021 **Member of the Research Project** on “Mediated and Mediatization of Islamic Knowledge in Kenya: Educational Institutions, Media Technologies and Performative Aesthetics”, submitted by Hassan Ndzovu, funded by the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence, Bayreuth University, amount **Euros 16,000**, conducted at African Cluster Center, Moi University.

2020-2021 **Member of the Research Project** on Effects of COVID-19 on Socio-Cultural, Educational and Economic Wellbeing of the Residents of Bomet County, funded by the County Government of Bomet, amount of **KSH. 6 Million**, conducted by Bomet University College.

2017-2019 **Researcher**, on Radicalization and Violent Extremism in Coastal Kenya Project, funded by DAI through its Building Resilience in Civil Society (BRICS), conducted jointly by Taita Taveta University and other Kenyan Universities.

2018-2019 **Member of the Project Team** on “Sustainable Chaplaincy Training and Pastoral Care in Kenya”, funded by the Daniel F. Evans Center for Spiritual and Religious Values in Health Care, Indiana University Health, amount to **USD 98,400**, conducted at MTRH, Moi University.

2015-2017 **Member of the Project Team** on “Hospital-Based Spiritual care of Kenyan Mothers: The Role of Chaplaincy”, funded by the Values for the Integration of Spiritual and Religious Dimensions in Health Care, Indiana University Health, amount to **USD 99,846**, conducted at MTRH, Moi University.

Consultancy, Community Service and Innovations

1. 2017-todate: **Member** of the Islamic Religious Education Panel, Development of the Islamic Religious Education Designs for PP1-Grade 12 under the Competency Based Curriculum, Kenya Institute for Curriculum Development, Nairobi, Kenya
2. Kenya National Examinations Council, Test Development for Islamic Religious Education.
3. Susan Kilonzo and Mohamed Mraja (2023), developed the *Interfaith Dialogue Guide on Adolescence Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights*, Nairobi: Faith to Action Network
4. Susan Kilonzo and Mohamed Mraja (2023), developed the *Adolescence Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights An Interfaith Training Guide for Religious Leaders*, Nairobi: Faith to Action Network
5. Susan Kilonzo and Mohamed Mraja (2022), revised and reviewed *The SAVE Toolkit*, sponsored by International Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Personally Affected by HIV and AIDS (INERELA+), South Africa.

Awards, Functions, Service to the Academy

18th June 2024, Member, The BUC Second Strategic Plan 2023-2028 Launch Committee, **Letter of Appreciation for Serving on the BUC Second Strategic Plan 2023-2028 Launch Committee**, awarded by Acting Principal, Bomet University College.

14th June 2024, Chairperson, Strategic Plan 2023-2028 Steering Committee, **Letter of Appreciation for Delivery of Second Strategic Plan 2023-2028**, awarded by Acting Principal, Bomet University College.

June 2024, **Chair**, the Stock Taking Committee, Appointment by the Acting Principal, Bomet University College

3rd May, 2024, **Chairperson**, Opening Committee for Supply and Delivery of Industrial Attachment Materials, appointment by the Acting Principal, Bomet University College.

2023, **Member** of the CBE Implementation Committee, Appointment by the Principal, Bomet University College.

13th -25th February, 2020, **Participant in the Islamic Religious Education Panel**, Development of Scope and Sequence Charts for Senior Secondary (Grade 10 to Grade 12), Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development, Nairobi.

6th March, 2019, **Member**, The University Bus Procurement Committee, appointment by the Acting Principal, Bomet University College.

6th March, 2019, **Participant in the Islamic Religious Education Panel**, Editing of Curriculum Designs for Grade 4-6 (Competency Based Curriculum), appointment by the Director, Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development.

1st October -5th November 2018, **Member** KICD Islamic Religious Education Panel, appointment by the Director, Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development, Nairobi, Kenya.

2008-2009 **Post-doc Fellowship**, National Research Foundation, at the University of Cape Town, South Africa.

2002-2006 **DAAD PhD Scholarship Award**, Albert-Ludwigs University, Germany

Publications

1. **Mohamed Mraja**, (2025), “Religion, the Sanctity of Human Life, Bioethics and Development: Islamic Normative and Jurisprudential Views”, in Chitando E., and Kamaara E., (eds.), *African Values and Development*, Routledge, ISBN 9781003490852, pp. 140-156, DOI:10.4324/9781003490852-10 (Book Chapter).
2. Islam K. Islam, **Mohamed Mraja**, Dhulfa Gongo, Abdi Adan, Abubakar Gakungi, Rashid Chemonges and Nuru Mose (2024), *New Beginning Islamic Religious Education (IRE) Learner’s Book Grade 6 (CBC Approved by KICD)*, with QR code for Interactive Digital Activity, Nairobi: Oxford University Press East Africa Ltd, ISBN 978 9914444445 (Book).
3. **Mohamed Suleiman Mraja**, (2023), “Sheikh Mohamed Badamana and Radio-Based Fatwas (Legal Verdicts) as Learning Tradition in Kenya”, in *UNISA Journal for Islamic Studies*, Vol. 41, No. 1, pp. 1-18 (Journal Article).

4. **Mohamed Suleiman Mraja**, (2023), “Islam, Conflict, Peace and Security in Africa”, in Kilonzo S. M., Chitendo E., and Tarusarira J. (eds.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Religion, Peacebuilding, and Development in Africa*, Cham: Palgrave Macmillan , pp. 363-379 (Book Chapter).
5. **Mohamed Mraja**, Dhulfa Gongo and Abdi Adan (2022), *New Beginning Islamic Religious Education (IRE) Learner’s Book Grade 6 (Competency Based Curriculum)*, with QR code for digital content, Nairobi: Oxford University Press East Africa Ltd, ISBN 9780195749434 (Book).
6. **Mohamed Mraja**, Dhulfa Gongo and Abdi Adan (2022), *New Beginning Islamic Religious Education (IRE) Teacher’s Guide Grade 6*, Nairobi: Oxford University Press East Africa Ltd, ISBN 9780195749441 (Book).
7. Boga, Hamadi I., Shauri, Halim, S., Mwakimako, Hassan, A., **Mraja, Mohamed, S.**, and Ouma, Stephen A (2021), *Radicalization into Violent Extremism in Coastal Kenya: Genesis, Impact and Responses*, Nairobi: HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies, ISBN: 978-9966-1962-7-9 (Book).
8. Eunice Kamaara, Paul Nyongesa, Hazel O. Ayanga, Emily J. Choge-Kerama, Dinah Chelagat, Joseph K. Koech, **Mohamed Mraja**, Edith K. Chemorion, Joseph Mothaly, Lucy Kiyiapi, Joseph Katwa, Jack Odunga and James Lemons, (2020), “Hospital-based Spiritual Care for Mothers of Neonates at RMBH in Eldoret, Kenya: A Situational Analysis”, in *Health and Social Care Chaplaincy*, Vol. 7, No 2 (2019): Special Issue: Spirituality and Peri-Natal Care, DOI: [10.1558/hsc.37265](https://doi.org/10.1558/hsc.37265), pp. 145-167 (Journal Article).
9. Shurie B. Abdi, Hassan A. Absiye, **Mohamed Mraja**, Mohammed Rashid, Khadija Iman and Ahmed Ibrahim (2019), *Islamic Religious Education Grade 4 Teacher’s Handbook*, Nairobi: Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development, ISBN: 978-9966-31-905-0 (Book).
10. **Mraja Mohamed** (2013), “Meaningful Approach to Water Conservation and Use: A Reflection on the African, Christian and Islamic Heritages in Kenya”, in Kahiga K. Joseph and Wanyama N. Mellitus (eds.), *Contemporary Issues in Philosophy, Religion and Theology*, Department of Philosophy, Religion & Theology, Moi University, ISBN: 978-9966-26-022-2, pp. 110-121 (Journal Article).
11. **Mraja, Mohamed Suleiman** (2011), “Sheikh al-Amin Mazrui (1891-1947) and the Dilemma of Islamic Law in the Kenyan Legal System in the 21st Century”, in *Journal for Islamic Studies*, vol. 31, Centre for Contemporary Islam, University of Cape Town, ISSN:0257-7062, pp. 60-74 (Journal Article).
12. **Mraja, Mohamed** (2011), “Kadhi’s Courts in Kenya: Current Debates on the Harmonized Draft Constitution of Kenya”, in Tayob Abdulkader and Wandera Joseph (eds.), *Constitutional Review in Kenya and Kadhis Courts*, Centre for Contemporary Islam, University of Cape Town, ISBN: 0-620-22755-9, pp. 32-38 (Journal Article).
13. **Mraja, Mohamed S.**, (2010), “The Reform Ideas of Shaykh ‘Abdallāh Ṣāliḥ al-Farsī and the Transformation of Marital Practices among Digo Muslims of Kenya”, in *Islamic Law and Society*, vol. 17, No.2, Brill: Leiden, pp. 245-278.

14. **Mraja, Mohamed**, (2009-2010) "Role and Contribution of Shaykh 'Abdallāh Šāliḥ al-Farsī to Islamic Poetry", in *Annual Review of Islam in South Africa*, No. 10, Centre for Contemporary Islam, University of Cape Town, pp. 42-45.
15. **Mraja, Mohamed Suleiman**, (2007), *Islamic Impacts on Marriage and Divorce among the Digo of Southern Kenya*, in *Mitteilungen zur Sozial- und Kulturgeschichte der Islamischen Welt (MISK)*, vol. 23, Würzburg: Ergon Verlag, ISBN 978-3-89913-568-8/ ISSN 1436-8080.
16. **Mraja, Mohamed Suleiman.**, (2005) *An Examination of Haḡḡ in the light of Muslim Marital Regime and Social Realities*, Online Publication: University Freiburg, at: <http://www.freidok.uni-freiburg.de/volltexte/2026>
17. **Mraja, Mohamed S.**, (2003), "The Fight against the AIDs Pandemic: An Islamic Response", in Emilia V. Ilieva (ed.), *Egerton Journal: Humanities, Social Sciences and Education Series Science and Technology Series Joined Special Edition*, vol. IV, Nos. 2&3, Njoro: Egerton University Press, ISSN 1021-1128, pp. 86-98.

Conferences and Workshops Attended

23rd January 2025: **Mohamed Mraja** and Ouma Omito, "BUC Examinations: Processes and Setting Quality Assessment Items", a paper presentation made during the Part Time Staff Induction Seminar, held at Bomet University College.

March 2024: **Mohamed Mraja** and Suleiman Chembea, "Social Dimensions and Impacts on Transition from fossil fuels to Renewable/Clean Energy: Challenges and Possible Mitigations", paper presented during the DAAD Alumni Workshop on the theme: *Powering Africa Sustainably: The Potential for Renewable Energy/Clean Energy with Special Reference to Africa- Resources, Challenges, Opportunities and Viable Sustainable Solutions*, held at the Brevan Hotel, Bomet, Kenya.

25th -27th October 2023: **Mohamed Mraja**, participated in the DAAD Alumni Workshop on the theme: *Greening Africa into Prosperity*, held at Brevan Hotel, Bomet, Kenya.

4th May 2023: Mohamed Mraja, "BUC Industrial Attachment Student's Mentorship from a Social Science Perspective", a paper presented during the BUC Industrial Attachment Students Mentorship Workshop held on at MPH-A, Bomet University College.

9th March 2018: **Mohamed Mraja**, participated in organizing the BUC Workshop on the theme: *Exposing Students to the Prospects and Challenges of Communication in the 21st Century: "Writing for the African Audience"* held at Bomet University College, Bomet, Kenya.

Courses Taught at University Level

Ph.D. (at Moi University)

- ☐ REL 940 Advance Reading and Exegesis of the Quran.
- ☐ REL 945 Modern Trends in Islamic Theology.
- ☐ REL 952 Inter-religious Dialogue.

M. A. (both at Moi University and Bomet University College)

- ☐ REL 802 Comparative Religion
- ☐ REL 803 Theories of Religion

- ☐ REL 821 Studies in the Quran
- ☐ REL 822 Studies in Hadith
- ☐ REL 825 Islamic Ethics

Undergraduate (both at Moi University and Bomet University College)

- ☐ BCS 111 Introduction to the Study of Religion
- ☐ REL 121 Introduction to Quran and Hadith
- ☐ REL 223 Islamic Law and Jurisprudence
- ☐ REL 213/PRT 210 History of Religions I
- ☐ REL 221/224 History of Religions II
- ☐ REL 215 History of Islamic Civilization and Culture I
- ☐ REL 231 History of Islamic Civilization and Culture II
- ☐ REL 314 History of Islam in Africa
- ☐ REL 325 Islamic Ethics
- ☐ REL 326 Islamic Family Law
- ☐ REL 327 Religions in Kenya
- ☐ REL 413 Studies in the Quran and Hadith
- ☐ REL 414 Islamic Theology
- ☐ REL 416 Contemporary Religious Thought
- ☐ REL 422 Islamic Thought and Reform Movements
- ☐ REL 426 Islamic Law of Succession

Diploma

- ☐ DRS 037 Introduction to Sharia (Law)
- ☐ DRS 026 Women in Islam

Supervision of Postgraduate Research Projects

1. Borter Moses Kiplangat, SASS/PGR/02/13, “Gender-Based HIV Stigma in Elgeyo Marakwet County: Manifestation, Measures and Theological Reflections on the Roman Catholic Church”, M. Phil. Thesis (In Progress).
2. Mohamed M. Soud, SASS/DPHIL/REL/01/12, “UAMSHO Islamist Movement: The Politic of Islamism, Unification and Secession in Zanzibar”, Ph.D. Thesis (Graduated, 2020).
3. Mohamed Ndaro, SASS/PGR/03/2010, “Sheikh Abdulaziz Rimo and the Ansari Movement: A Study of Islamic Reform in South Coast of Kenya”, M.A. Thesis (Graduated, 2021).
4. Joseph M. Mulaa, SASS/PGR/10/2007, “Cock Rituals and Cultural Values among the Abamarachi of Busia County: A Case of Possible Inculturation within Christianity”, M.A. Thesis (Graduated, 2017).
5. Karen J. Kogo SASS/PGR/05/08, “African Religion and Environmental Management: A Study of the Ogiek’s Religious Beliefs and Practices in Cheboror Forest, Nandi County”, M. Phil. Thesis (Graduated, 2013).
6. Halkano Abdikadir A., SSC/PGR/01/04, “Debates on Kadhi’s Courts and Christian-Muslim Relations: A Case Study of Isiolo Town”, M. Phil Thesis (Graduated, 2008).
7. Gimway H. Ngeri, SASS/PGR/14/2012, “An Examination of the Application of Islamic Laws of Inheritance with Particular Reference to Women in Kakamega County”, M.A Thesis (In Progress).

8. Khamis Mohamed Omar, SSC/PGR/011/07, “The Influence of Tourism on the Morality of Muslim Youth: A Case study of Msambweni Location”, M. Phil Thesis (In Progress).

Examiner of Postgraduate Thesis

- **External Examiner** (November 2018) – Moi University, Kenya, M. A. Thesis, Kutto Emily Bitok, REG. No. SASS/PGR/04/09, “Role of Christian Organizations in Addressing Gender Disparity in Primary Schools in Sigor Sub-County West Pokot County, Kenya”.
- **External Examiner** (October 2018) – Kenyatta University, M. A. Thesis, Roble Oyow Kosar, Reg. No. C50/Ce/27767/2013, “The Influence of Four Selected Muslim Non-Governmental Organizations on Education and Humanitarian Work in Mandera County, Kenya”.
- **External Examiner** (May 2017) – Pwani University, M. A. Thesis, Abdi Adan Kea, REG. No. C50/Pu/2073/13, “The Role of Madrasa in Acquisition of Knowledge and Production of Elites (Ulama) in Mvita Sub-County”.
- **External Examiner** (February 2016) – Pwani University, Kenya, M.A. Thesis, Khamis Mohamed Khamis, REG. No. C50/PUC/2001/11, “Zakat: Its Prospects and Challenges for Poverty Alleviation in Mombasa”.
- **Internal Examiner** (July 2014) – Moi University, Kenya, Ph. D. Thesis, Ochieng, I. Ahaya, REG. No. SSC/DPHIL/09/04, “The Secular State Premise and Kadhi Court Debate during Kenya’s Constitutional Review Moment”.
- **External Examiner** (May 2012) – University of Cape Town, South Africa, Ph. D. Thesis, Joseph M. Wandera, (WNDJOS001), “Public Preaching by Muslims and Pentecostals in Mumias, Western Kenya and its Influence on Interfaith Relations”.
- **Internal Examiner** (2012): - Moi University, Kenya, M.A. Thesis, Ndege Alice Moraa REG. No. SASS/PGK/03/07, “Taswira ya Mtoto katika Riwaya za: *Yatima. Tumaini na Siku Njema*”.
- **Internal Examiner** (December 2011) - Moi University, Kenya, M.A. Thesis, Chembea, A. Suleiman, REG. No. SASS/PGR/11/07, “The Impact of Islam on the Belief in Spirits among the Adigo of Kenya.”

Membership

1. Kenya Teachers Service Commission (TSC), **Registered Graduate Teacher**. Reg. No. TSC/335097.
2. Kenya DAAD Scholars Association, **Member**.
3. Association of African Study of Religion (AASR), **Member**.
4. The Association of Third World Studies (Kenya Chapter), **Member**.

Research Themes of Interest

1. Muslim Scholars and Religious Authority
2. Religious Texts
3. Muslim Family Law
4. Religion and Environment
5. Islamic Religious Education and Educational Reforms
6. Radicalization and Violent Extremism
7. New Media and Religious Knowledge

Referees

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2. Prof Hassan Juma Ndzovu,
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Head of Department,
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