Eider Port Folio

This portfolio encapsulates Eider Africa’s track record in offering research mentorship opportunities for emerging scholars. It provides an overview of our overarching goal.

Broadly our interventions are framed to respond to these two questions:

- How can institutions of higher learning develop research mentorship environments that enable enabling scholars produce and use knowledge imaginatively?
- How can research mentorship initiatives for emerging African scholars open up new thought spaces that go beyond the dominant ways of knowing and embrace multiplicities of theories and methodologies?

Projects, Research and Consultancies

- Field research with World University Services Canada-Research on Displaced Youth Initiative a consultancy of Master Card Foundation exploring the initiatives and programs that support displaced youth in accessing higher education and employment following post-secondary studies; July 2019
- Gender analysis of the Skills for Life project in Kakuma with SwissContact; June 2019
- End of Project Evaluation of Phase Two of the Project Promoting Life Skills and Livelihoods in Kakuma, Kenya Gender consultant for the Swiss Cooperation on International Development. November 2018
- Feasibility Study on Internationalization of Masters Program on International Development in Kenya, for Radboud University, Netherlands; 2018. Study focused on analysis the “gap” between industry needs and what is taught by the universities.
- Trainer on Engaging Men and Boys in SGBV for service providers from Uganda on sexual & gender based violence to be held on organised by Lunds University Switzerland held in Nairobi - July 2019
- Speaker on Academic publishing at United States International University- Africa - December 2018.
- Panelist on Suicide and Gender Based Violence at the SEIMA-Mapenzi Bila Chuki program- Strategic Applications International for 100 young people 19th-27 years olds- April 2018
- Speaker on Mental Health and Gender Based Violence at the National Gender Equality Commission Technical working group meeting; January – March 2018
- Symposium at Makerere University- Uganda on ‘Publishing Social Science in East Africa’ and a two-day Authors’ Workshop on proposed book ‘Winners and Losers in Gendered Development’. November 2018
• Speaker at the PhD conference themed “Reframing Africa Narratives”. Presented paper on “Repositioning peripheral voices of children aged 0-3 years and caregivers in urban poor locales of Nairobi”-November 2017

Mentorship sessions for post graduate students (PhD and Masters)

Face to face and online between August 2017- September 2019

• Research Planning with Aurelia Munene 19th January 2019
• Theory selection and integration with Dr. Henry Rono Kenyatta University 2nd February 2019
• Nvivo training- 16th, 23rd Feb & 2nd 2019
• Literature Review with Monica Kimeu 28th April 2019
• Shut up an write session -18th May 2019
• Shut up and write session – 25th May 2019
• Shut up and write session – 1st June 2019
• Journal club members self assessment survey – June 2019
• Synthesizing literature skills with Joyce Wangari- 8th June 2019
• Shut up and write session- 15th June 2019
• Journal club members meet and greet session at Arboretum 22nd June 2019
• Setting up a consultancy practice: NGO experiences (zoom) with Aurelia Munene 19th June 2019
• Problem Statement and Research Questions with Elizabeth Ngutuku PhD from the Erasmus University Netherlands 6th July 2019
• Research philosophies and paradigms with Aurelia Munene - 20th July 2019
• Outcome Harvesting with Eddah Kanini 27th July 2019
• Conceptualizing your research (zoom) with Aurelia Munene 3rd August 2019
• Developing your proposal with Aurelia Munene 17th August 2019
• Responding to a consultancy Terms of Reference (zoom) Racheal Kamau and Aurelia Munene 31st August 2019
• Shut up and Write session 31st August 2019.

Mental Health and Wellness for Researchers ,Study Smart Program founded by Joyce Wangari.

• Study Smart Series Overview (zoom) with the Study Smart coordinator Joyce Wangari 5th July 2019
• Group therapy session for journal club members with Joyce Wangari 29th
• Self Awareness for Post Graduate Students (zoom) with Dr. Caroline Chakua 13th July 2019
• Group Therapy Session for journal club members 17th August 2019 with Isabella Osiemo
• Pilot research mentorship sessions for 10 graduate students at Day Star University by Aurelia Munene. 2018-2019
• How to develop an abstract and presentation for a conference. Ulo Benson - AMREF – Global Fund 2018
• Developing an argument and using theory in research - Dr. Geoffrey (Oxford University alumni) 2018
• Qualitative research methods_ Beatrice Ngatia 2018
• Qualitative data analysis and Nvivo basics – Dr. Geoffrey 2018
• 3 SPSS sessions with Carol Yogo- Research Officer USIU 2018
• 3 Journal clubs meetings facilitated by Aurelia Munene 2018
• Weekly online support with reference materials to over 400 early career researchers 2017-2019
• 3 students participating in the Multi Media University conference 2018
• Journal club 5 sessions: peer review sessions with participants from over 6 universities to discuss topics like integrating theory in your research, methodology, developing an argument, reading and writing skills 2018
• A research open day free for all students we had 61 students from 8 universities attended. Key Speakers Professor Richard - Public Health Northwestern University -USA, Dr Ochieng, Masheti-Social Sciences and Dr. Martha- Industrial Chemistry August 2017
• Developing your research. Key facilitator Dr. E.G. from UN 2017
• Proposal writing mentorship: Dr. Ochieng - East Africa Research Fund. 2017
• Learning how to publish and write for publication Dr. Auma and Elizabeth Ngutuku (PhD)-Erasmus University- Netherlands 2017