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## EXPERIENCE

### **Critical Investigations into Humanitarianism in Africa (CIHA) Blog**, Irvine, California, USA

*Luce Graduate Fellow | Editorial Assistant*, April 2017 – present

- Maintain online website ([www.cihablog.org](http://www.cihablog.org)) with up-to-date content including editing of blog posts
- Promote content via social media channels including use of tools such as Hootsuite
- Manage content produced by editorial teams across five university campuses in Senegal, South Africa, Ghana, and the United States
- Maintain regular contact with primary research lead, Professor Cecelia Lynch (UCI Political Science)
- Manage and mentor intern team of four UCI undergraduate students
- Work with developer to maintain and update website including design and functionality improvements

### **University of California - Irvine**, Irvine, California, USA

*Academic Student Employee*, September 2015 – March 2017

- Courses taught include: *Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology; Medical Anthropology; and Race, Gender, & Science*
- Prepare lesson plans for weekly discussion sections & conduct weekly discussion sections
- Proctor examinations & maintain regular contact with course instructor
- Complete assigned readings & attend lecture classes
- Set and hold regular office hours
- Grade homework, quizzes, papers, and midterm and final exams & record grades in campus EEE software

### **Open and Collaborative Science in Development Network**, [www.ocsdnet.org](http://www.ocsdnet.org)

*Network Coordinator*, May 2014 – present

- Provide financial and technical oversight on 12 sub-projects around the global south
- Organize and participate in bi-weekly coordinator calls with team in Toronto, South Africa, & Kenya
- Organize annual network meeting (previous workshops organized include Nairobi 2014, Singapore 2015, and Bangkok 2016; upcoming workshop to be held in Cyprus 2017)
- Maintain online website ([www.ocsdnet.org](http://www.ocsdnet.org)) with up-to-date content including editing of blog posts
- Promote content via social media channels including use of tools such as Hootsuite
- Maintain regular contact with advisory board based in UK, Canada, Thailand, and Argentina
- Provide funders (IDRC and DFID) with technical and financial progress reports

### **Waza Experience**, Kawangware, Nairobi, Kenya

*Co-Founder and Director*, March 2011 – April 2015

- Co-founded the youth outreach program in an urban slum of Nairobi, Kenya
- Lead a team of volunteers to run the initiative aimed at prompting under-privileged children to explore innovation and entrepreneurship concepts grounded in real-world experience
- Developed curriculum to build creativity, problem solving, and communication skills in Nairobi youth

### **iHub**, Nairobi, Kenya

*Research Lead*, October 2013 – April 2015

- Strategic planning for the organization and research department
- Review and approve research activity plans, budgets, outputs
- Hire, coach, mentor, and supervise project team members and contractors
- Develop client and funder relationships
- Present at research conferences, workshops, and speaking events
- Represent the organization at conferences and meetings
- Human resource management for the research team (20+ staff and consultants)
- Grant, proposal, and report writing. \$1.6M+ USD successfully brought in

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## **iHub**, Nairobi, Kenya

*Research Manager*, September 2011 – September 2013

- Define project scope, objectives, and deliverables in conjunction with the Research Director
- Develop project activity plans and budgets
- Hire, coach, mentor, and supervise project team members and contractors
- Manage research projects on governance & technology
- Deliver research progress reports and presentations
- Organize research forums and workshops
- Represent the organization at conferences and meetings
- Grant, proposal, and report writing. \$450,000+ USD successfully brought in

## **The Fulbright Program**, Nairobi, Kenya

*Primary Research Investigator*, October 2010 – August 2011

- Designed and implemented 10-month self-designed research project
- Conducted focus groups, a nation-wide survey, and in-depth interviews with farmers to document mobile phone use
- Synthesized research and findings to produce published paper (*Kenyan Farmers' Use of Cell Phones: Calling preferred over SMS*)

## **The World Bank Group, infoDev** Washington, DC

*Short Term Temporary*, June 2010 – August 2011

- Interviewed field experts and conducted web research for World Bank blog posts
- Developed material to showcase successful African business entrepreneurs (travel to Rwanda, Nigeria, Ghana to interview stakeholders and entrepreneurs)

## **World Wildlife Fund**, Washington, DC

*Market Sector Researcher*, January 2010 – August 2010

- Developed water risk analysis methodology tool to analyze and reduce a company's water footprint
- Manipulated data for GIS world maps of agricultural commodity locations overlap with eco-regions

## EDUCATION

**University of California - Irvine**, Department of Anthropology Sep. 2015 – present  
Ph.D. Graduate Student; Science & Technology Studies certificate; Graduate Feminist emphasis

**University of Cape Town**, Department of Information Systems Nov. 2011 – Feb. 2012  
Certificate in Project Administration (Online Short Course)

**Georgetown University**, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Washington, DC Sep. 2006 – May 2010  
Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service *cum laude with honors*  
Major: Science, Technology, and International Affairs (STIA); Certificate: International Development

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Director of SkyeHI Limited company registered in Kenya (January 2015 – ongoing)
- Partner of Music Formats independent music label (Fall 2008 – ongoing)
- Co-president of Georgetown Hawai'i Club (Fall 2008 – Spring 2010)
- President and Co-Founder of GU Art Aficionados Club (Fall 2008 – Spring 2009)

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## PUBLICATIONS

- L. Chan; A. Okune; B. Hillyer; D. Albornoz; A. Posada (Eds.). *Situating Openness*. Ottawa: University of Ottawa Press, 2018. *Forthcoming*.
- Chau, Marlen de la, and Angela Okune. 2017. "The Challenges of Technology Entrepreneurship in Emerging Markets: A Case Study in Nairobi." In *Digital Kenya*, edited by Bitange Ndemo and Tim Weiss, 265–301. London: Palgrave Macmillan UK. doi:10.1057/978-1-137-57878-5\_9.
- Okune, Angela, et al. "Tackling Inequities in Global Scientific Power Structures." (2016), Vol 4 issue 1. <http://hdl.handle.net/1807/71107>.
- Leslie Chan, Angela Okune, Nanjira Sambuli. "What is open and collaborative science and what roles could it play in development?" In S. Albagli; M. Maciel; A. Abdo (Eds.), *Open Science, open issues* (pp. 87 – 112). Brasília: Ibict; Rio de Janeiro: Unirio, 2015. [doi.org/10.18225/978-85-7013-111-9](https://doi.org/10.18225/978-85-7013-111-9)
- Nanjira Sambuli, Angela Crandall, Patrick Costello, Chris Orwa. "Crowdsourcing Citizen-Generated Data for Open Science." *2014 Tech4Dev International Conference Proceedings*. Lausanne. June 2014.
- Tonny Omwansa, Angela Crandall, and Timothy Waema Mwololo. "The Gap Between Mobile Application Developers and Poor Consumers: Lessons from Kenya." *CPRsouth8/CPRafrica 2013 Conference*. September 7, 2013. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2364263>.
- Kagonya Awori, Susan Benesch, and Angela Crandall. "Umati: Kenyan Online Discourse to Catalyze and Counter Violence." *Proceedings of the 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Social Implications of Computers in Developing Countries*. Montego Bay. May 2013.
- Angela Crandall and John Kieti. "Startup Business Models and Challenges for East African mAgriculture Innovations." *IST-Africa 2013 Conference Proceedings, Paul Cunningham and Miriam Cunningham (Eds), IIMC International Information Management Corporation*. Nairobi. May 2013.
- Angela Crandall, et al. "Mobile Phone Usage at the Base of the Pyramid in Kenya." infoDev World Bank, December 2012. <http://www.infodev.org/articles/mobile-usage-base-pyramid-kenya>.
- Mark Kamau, Angela Crandall, and Kagonya Awori. "User Experience in Nairobi's iHub Community." *ACM Crossroads* 19(2): 56-60 (2012).
- Angela Crandall and Rhoda Omenya. "Research at Nairobi's iHub: discovery and sharing." *ACM Crossroads* 19(2): 58 (2012).
- Angela Crandall and Leonida Mutuku. "M-governance: Exploratory Survey on Kenyan Service Delivery and Government Interaction." *IST-Africa 2012 Conference Proceedings, Paul Cunningham and Miriam Cunningham (Eds), IIMC International Information Management Corporation, ISBN: 978-1-905824-34-2*. Dar es Salaam. May 2012.
- Angela Crandall and Leonida Mutuku. "Mesh-casting News in the Port Harcourt Waterfronts." *Internews Center for Innovation & Learning*. Washington, DC. May 2012.
- "Kenyan Farmers' Use of Cell Phones: Calling preferred over SMS." *Karlstad University Studies series*. March 2012. <http://kau.diva-portal.org/smash/get/diva2:472880/FULLTEXT01#page=136>
- "Climate Change Effects on Lake Victoria's Wetlands and Water Levels." Georgetown University *Mentis Vita*. Washington, DC. 2010.
- Vocal jazz single, *Malaika* (Music Formats HS-0521-3; released 11/2010; Hawaii People's Choice Best World Album of the Year: 04/2011)
- Vocal jazz album, *Shine* (Music Formats HS-0815-2; released 12/2007; Hawaii People's Choice Best Jazz Album of the Year: 03/2008)

## CONSULTANCIES

- 2012** Advised MFarm Ltd., (a tech agri-business in Nairobi, Kenya) on Human-Centered Design Research
- 2011** Wrote final report on "Voice of the Farmer" pilot project funded by The Gates Foundation (USA) for Synovate Research (Kenya)
- 2008** Webmaster for Georgetown University EcoAction environmental club

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## PRESENTATIONS

- Open Session at Information and Communication Technologies and Development conference (May 2015) – Singapore, Singapore
- Dangerous Speech Workshop (June 2014) – Yangon, Myanmar
- RightsCon (March 2014) – San Francisco, USA
- Harvard University’s Berkman Center for Internet & Society (February 2014) – Boston, USA
- Sudikoff Seminar at The Holocaust Museum (February 2014) – Washington DC, USA
- Urgency of Reading Symposium (November 2013) – Paris, France
- UNDP Social Good Summit (September 2013) – Nairobi, Kenya
- Marketing and Social Research Association Conference (June 2013) – Nairobi, Kenya
- Mobile Money Summit East Africa (November 2012) – Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- Africa – EU Cooperation Forum on ICT (November 2012) – Lisbon, Portugal
- Africa Conference EXPO 2015 – Afronline.org (October 2012) – Milan, Italy
- ICT Indaba (June 2012) – Cape Town, South Africa

## GRANTS / AWARDS / MEMBERSHIPS

- 2016 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) Award Recipient, \$138,000
- Dr. Dard Magnus Rossell Memorial Award for Merit for Graduate Research in Anthropology (2016), \$1,000
- Best Paper Award for Oral Presentation (Research Track), 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Mobile Communication for Development (2012), New Delhi, India
- Self-designed honors research on “Neighborly Considerations: Climate Change Issues of Lake Victoria.” (2009)
  - Raines Fellowship, \$5,000;
  - Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, \$1,000;
  - Georgetown University African Studies Department, \$500;
  - Center for the Environment Research Grant, \$500;
  - Georgetown University Science, Technology & International Affairs Dept. Honors Research Grant, \$500.
- Sustainable Energy Fellow, University of Michigan (2009)
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars (2006 – present)
- Dean’s List, Georgetown University (2006 – 2010)
- Carroll Fellows Initiative, Georgetown University (2006 – 2010)

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Japanese (Fluent speaking & comprehension; Beginner reading and writing)
- Swahili (Intermediate speaking & comprehension; Beginner reading & writing)
- Spanish (Intermediate reading & comprehension; Beginner speaking & writing)