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A Ph.D. candidate in public administration with research and teaching interests in public budgeting, public management, performance measurements, public engagement, inter-governmental relations, fiscal decentralization, and local governance. Experienced in conducting field and lab experiments for public administration studies.

## **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

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### **Northern Illinois University**

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2017 – to date (Degree expected in May 2022).  
Fields: Public Administration (major); Comparative Politics (minor)

Dissertation: Impact of Budget Information Framing on Citizens' Budgetary Choices: An Experiment.  
Committee: Kurt Thurmaier (chair), Carol Ebdon, Aimee Franklin, Christopher Goodman

### **University of Nairobi**

Master of Public Administration, 2012 – 2014

Thesis: Employee Counseling Programs and Job Performance in the Kenya Police Service.  
The Case of Nairobi County.

### **University of Nairobi**

Bachelor of Psychology, 2008 – 2011

## **RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES**

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### **Publications**

#### ***Journal Articles***

Muthomi, Frankline, and Kurt Thurmaier. "Participatory Transparency in Kenya: Toward an Engaged Budgeting Model of Local Governance." *Public Administration Review* 81.3 (2021): 519-531.

#### ***Book Chapter***

Muthomi, Frankline, and Kurt Thurmaier. "15 Performance Budgeting in Kenya." In *Performance Budgeting Reform: Theories and International Practices*, edited by Alfred Tat-Kei Ho, Maarten de Jong, and Zaozao Zhao, 225–41. (2019). Routledge.

#### ***Book Review***

Muthomi, Frankline. "City on the line: How Baltimore transformed its budget to beat the great recession and deliver outcomes, Kleine, Andrew, Rowman & Littlefield, 2019, 279 pp., ISBN: 9781538121887," <https://doi.org/10.1111/padm.12761>. (Invited).

#### ***Works in Progress***

Muthomi, Frankline, Casey LaFrance, and Kurt Thurmaier. An Experimental Approach to Preference Revelations Regarding Defunding the Police Initiatives. Under development.

*Teaching Case*

Thurmaier, Kurt, Erica Ceka, and Frankline Muthomi. "River City Cuts Back: A Balancing Act Simulation, Case Study." (2022), Unpublished Report.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATION**

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"Rethinking Public Safety Priorities: Residents' Budgetary Choices for Police or Non-Police Responders," presented with Kurt Thurmaier and Casey LaFrance to the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Annual Conference, Jacksonville, FL. March 17 – 23, 2022.

"Impact of Budget Information Framing on Citizens' Budgetary Choices: An Experiment," presented to the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. September 30 – October 02, 2021.

"An Experimental Approach to Preference Revelations Regarding Defunding the Police Initiatives," presented with Kurt Thurmaier and Casey LaFrance to the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. September 30 – October 02, 2021.

"Participatory Transparency in Kenya: Toward an Engaged Budgeting Model of Local Governance," presented with Kurt Thurmaier to the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA), Standing Panel of International Affairs Meeting (virtual), October 16, 2020.

"Participatory Transparency in Kenya: Beanstalks or Rickety Ladders?" presented with Kurt Thurmaier to the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. September 25 – 28, 2019.

"Citizen Participation and Performance Budgeting: Case Studies in Kenya," Presented with Alfred Tat-Kei Ho to the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. September 25 – 28, 2019.

"Are Citizens' Inputs Impactful in Planning and Budgeting Decisions? Evidence from Kenya Local Governments," presented with Kurt Thurmaier to the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM) Annual Conference, Denver, CO – October 4 – 6, 2018.

"Performance Budgeting in Kenya: Challenges of Institutional Change & Communication Processes," presented with Kurt Thurmaier to the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. September 28 – 30, 2017.

"Performance Budgeting in Kenya: Challenges of Institutional Change & Communication Processes," presented to the 2017 International Conference on Comparative Performance Budgeting Research, Beijing, China, June 12 – 14, 2017.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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*Graduate Teaching/Instructor*

Undergraduate classes taught at Northern Illinois University

Spring 2022 – PSPA 412: Public Sector Budgeting (online)

Spring 2021 – PSPA 331X: Introduction to Public Administration (online)

Fall 2020 – PSPA 331X: Introduction to Public Administration (face-to-face and synchronous)

**Research and Consultancy**

Graduate Research Assistant, August 2017-present. Supervisor, Dr. Kurt Thurmaier

Associate Consultant for the National Aids Control Council (N.A.C.C.), August 2015 – January 2016.

Data Analyst for the Public Service Commission (P.S.C.) of Kenya, June – October 2015.

Research Assistant for the Civil Society Urban Development Program (C.S.U.D.P.), May – September 2013.

**Service**

Frequent reviewer for Public Administration, Public Budgeting and Finance, and Public Performance and Management journal.

**Professional Organizations**

American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), Student Member

Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), Student Member

Phi Beta Delta Honor society for International Scholars, Member

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

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**Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant****August 2017 – To date**

Department of Public Administration

Northern Illinois University

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**Human Resource Management****June 2016 – July 2017**

State Department of Gender Affairs

Ministry of Public Service, Youth, and Gender Affairs

P.O. Box P.O Box 30050 – 00100

Nairobi, Kenya.

**Research Assistant****January 2014 – May 2016**

Burgo Limited

P.O. Box 51095 – 00100

Nairobi, Kenya.

**Administrative Intern****November 2012 – December 2013**

Department of Labor

Ministry of Labour, Social Security, and Services

P.O. Box 40326 – 00100

Nairobi, Kenya.

**Counselor Intern****August 2011 – March 2012**

Brightside D.A.R.T Rehabilitation Center

Kirawa road (Musuva Close), Kitisuru

Nairobi, Kenya.