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EDUCATION

PhD in Agricultural Economics. February 2008 - November, 2011. University of Pretoria, Department of Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development. Pretoria, South Africa

MSc in Agricultural Economics. June 2000 - October 2002. University of Malawi, Bunda College of Agriculture, Malawi

BSc in Agriculture (with Distinction). November 1995 - February 2000, University of Malawi, Bunda College of Agriculture, Malawi

Maryland High School Diploma (with Merit). September 1993 - June 1995, Beall High School, East Main Street, Frostburg, Maryland, 21532, USA

Junior Certificate of Education, October 1991 - July 1993. Army Secondary School, Lunzu, Malawi

Elementary School Certificate, June 1988, Woodmoor Elementary School, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Associate Research Fellow. International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Lilongwe, Malawi. July 2012 to present. Working as a researcher focusing on analysing public policy impacts on rural livelihoods and commodity markets. Specifically my work involved three aspects 1) Policy analysis research to generate evidence for advising policy makers in the development of development strategies 2) Capacity building of civil servants within the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security at both district and headquarters in order to build their capacity for research and evidence generation, communication of policy analysis results and analytical skills 3) Providing technical support specifically under the project to improve agricultural statistics in Malawi with my key role being to organize and manage the entire project and for improving the Monitoring and evaluation system of the Ministry so that it becomes results oriented and takes into account the sectoral approach.

Key achievements:

1. Publication of several discussion papers, policy briefs and journal articles based on conducted research. Articles publications in both regional and internationally recognized peer review journals.

2. Resource mobilization- managed to win a grant to study the factors affecting the youth in agricultural policy processes from the Futures Agricultures Consortium of the Institute for Development Studies, Sussex, England.
3. Successfully managed a USD250K project to improve national agricultural statistics. Managed to put in place a functioning automated data transfer system for all national market price data for the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Graduate researcher. University of Pretoria. Department of Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development under the Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy (BFAP). March 2009-November 2011. Pretoria, South Africa. **Duties:** Working as a commodity market analyst for the Southern African region. This included the analysis of agricultural commodity markets in the Southern African region, writing of project reports and scientific papers.

Regional Research Fellow. International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT). April 2007 to March, 2008. Supporting the socio-economic work under the program Enabling Rural Innovation in Africa and the Tropical Soil Biofertility Institute in Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. Providing support for the social science research work for the Sub-Saharan African Challenge Program under the Zimbabwe-Malawi-Mozambique plot learning site. **Duties:** Designing and carrying out baseline assessments, impact assessment studies and Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation of changes arising from the organizations intervention in several Pilot Learning Sties. This involved designing research tools, leading teams in data collection, data analysis and processing. Other duties included training agricultural field extension officers in the conceptual understanding and application of agricultural innovation system concepts.

Capacity Building and Business Development Officer. Farmers Union of Malawi, Lilongwe, Malawi. April 2005 to March 2007. Involved working throughout the country with small scale farmer organizations to strengthen their capacity to enable them to become sustainable, to improve the governance of their organizations and to enable them to take meaningful participation in the agriculture sector and development of their communities. The post entailed training leaders from different farmer organizations in leadership skills, business plan development and management, and other business and marketing skills.

Acting Head of Extension Department (Agriculture Extension Methodologies Officer). Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Salima District Agriculture Development office, Salima District, Malawi. December 2004 to March 2005. **Duties:** Supervising four Subject Matter Specialists at the district level and all district Extension officers to ensure quality provision of extension services in the district. The job also involved building capacity of extension workers through trainings; establishing and monitoring of all extension activities.

Agribusiness Officer. Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. Salima District Agriculture Development Office. Salima District, Malawi. October 2004 to March 2005. **Duties:** Facilitating the formation and management of farmer organizations, village banks, revolving funds; promoting farmer income generating activities; planning, implementing and monitoring agribusiness activities and training farmer organizations in all aspects of cooperative and association management.

SHORT TERM EMPLOYMENT/CONSULTING WORK

- **Research Collaborator.** International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Lilongwe, Malawi. December 2011-July 2012. **Duties:** Providing technical support to strengthen the agricultural statistical system in Malawi and to establish appropriate mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of Malawi's CAADP compact. This work includes coordinating activities, liaising with government and non-state actors as well as writing policy briefs and project reports.
- **Researcher-Sub-Saharan Africa.** August 2011-April 2012. University of Pretoria-Department of Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development's Global Development Network (GDN)

funded project on *“Supporting Policy Research to Inform Agricultural Policy in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia*. Working as part of a small team of researchers in Sub-Saharan Africa to develop a resource book/technical paper for farmers, field workers and policy makers on ‘Managing Agricultural commercialization for Inclusive growth in Africa’.

- **Research Assistant.** Pigeonpea maize project for semi arid Eastern and Southern Africa. August 2003 to February 2004. **Duties:** Profiling the socio-economic status of pigeon pea farmers in the rural areas of Malawi. This involved collecting data from farmers using PRA tools; data entry and analysis using SPSS and Excel and report writing
- **Research team member.** Baseline survey for the pilot study on community vitalization and Afforestation in the Middle Shire in Malawi. May to June 2002. Wildlife and Environmental Society of Malawi. **Duties:** Supervising four research assistants in the collection of data using PRA tools; data entry and analysis using qualitative and quantitative methodologies and report writing
- **Rural livelihoods specialist** under the Wildlife and Environmental Society of Malawi. JICA/SANYU Detailed Socio-economic survey in the Watershed of the Middle Shire River. Village inventory Survey and Rapid Rural Appraisal. June –July 2000. **Duties:** Supervising one research assistant in the collection of data using structured questionnaires and PRA techniques, data analysis and report compilation and report writing

SECONDED POSITIONS

- **Board member.** Development Right. March 2010–December, 2011
- **Our Common Future fellow** of the *Urban and Economic Development* working group of the Global Young Faculty. 2010. Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Germany
- **Regional Board Member.** Women, Land and Water Rights in Southern Africa. April 2007 to April 2010
- **Assistant project coordinator.** Consortium for the Development of a Database for Farmer Organizations in Malawi. EU/JICA funded project. October 2005 to March 2007. **Duties:** Working with other stakeholders in the country to establish a database of all farmer organizations in Malawi.
- **Chapter chairperson and regional board member.** The Participatory Ecological Land Use Management Association (PELUM). September 2005 to March 2007
- **Management committee member.** Agriculture Research Development Program. November 2005–March 2007. **Duties:** Working as part of a team of experts from the agriculture sector to manage a Norwegian funded competitive grant scheme.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

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| June 2012 - | Member. International Association of Agricultural Economists |
| Dec 2007 - | Member. Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN) |
| Jan 2006- | Member. Third World Organization for Women in Science (TWOWS) |

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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| Oct 2001 | Regional course in Sustainable Agriculture for East and Southern Africa SACRED AFRICA Eldoret, Kenya |
| April 2001 | Natural Resources Management Learning Workshop. CIMMYT. South Africa |
| June 2000 | Rapid Rural Appraisal training. Wildlife & Environmental Society of Malawi |

MOST RECENT CONFERENCE(S)

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| 2012 - | 28 th International Conference of Agricultural Economists (IAAE). August 18 th to 24 th . Foz du Iguacu, Brazil. |
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AWARDS AND HONORS

Professional awards and honours

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| 2012 | -Recipient - Futures Agriculture Early Career Fellowship (Youth theme) |
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- 2010 -Finalist. Africa wide women and young professionals in science competition 2009/10. Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa
 -Finalist. 2009/2010 Concern Worldwide competition on Innovations for Maternal, New born and Child health, Malawi
- 2002 -Winner of the second prize for outstanding oral presentation by a graduate student. The 5th Regional Meeting of the Rockefeller Foundation Forum for Agriculture Resource Husbandry. August. Kampala, Uganda

Academic fellowships

- 2010 -Recipient of a 2010 University of Pretoria PhD research support bursary. Department of Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development
 -Recipient of the 2010 South African Association of Women Graduates International Fellowship Award
- 2000 -Post graduate studies fellowship leading to an MSc in Agricultural Economics. Rockefeller Foundation Forum for Agricultural Resource Husbandry. Tenable at the University of Malawi
- 1998 -Co-recipient of the best student scholarship award. Optichem Ltd and Bunda College of Agriculture Best Student Award
- 1996 -Member of the National Honour Society. Beall High School. 1994/95 and 1995/96 academic years
- 1991 -Best Spanish Student Award. Woodlawn Middle School. 1990/91 academic year
 -Member of the National Junior Honour Society. Woodlawn Middle School. 1990/91 year

PUBLICATIONS

Peer reviewed journal articles

- **Mapila MATJ**, Yauney J, Thangata P, Droppelmann K and Mazunda J. 2014. Who talks to whom in Malawi's agricultural research information network? *Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension*. 1-17.
- Sangole N, Kaaria S, Njuki J, Lewa, and **Mapila M**. (2014). Community Based Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation: Impacts on farmer organization functioning, social capital and accountability. *Journal of Rural and Community Development*. 9(2): 128 - 148.
- **Mapila MATJ**, Kirsten JF and Meyer FH. (2012) The impact of Agricultural Innovation Systems interventions on rural livelihood outcomes in Malawi. *Development Southern Africa*. 29(2):303-315
- **Mapila MATJ**, Njuki J, Delve RJ, Zingore S and Matibini J (2012) Determinants of fertilizer use by smallholder farmers in the Chinyanja Triangle in Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia. *Agrekon*. 51(1): 21-41
- **Mapila MATJ** and Makina A (2011) Engendering rural livelihoods in Malawi through agricultural innovation systems. *Journal of Sustainable Development in Africa*. 13(5):184-200
- **Mapila MATJ** (2010) Agricultural innovation and the empowerment of female headed households in Malawi. *The Annual Journal of the South African Association of Women Graduates*. 26-27
- **Mapila MATJ**, Makwenda B and Chitete D (2010) Elitism in the farmer organization movement in post-colonial Malawi. *The Journal of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development*. 2(8):144-53
- **Mapila MATJ**, Kirsten JF and Meyer FH (2010) Agricultural innovation systems interventions and technology use in Africa: The case of inorganic fertilizer in rural Malawi. *Journal of Sustainable Development in Africa*. 12(5):37-50
- Njuki J, **Mapila M**, Kaaria S and Magombo T (2008) Using community indicators for evaluating research and development programs: Experiences from Malawi. *Development in Practice*. 18(4,5):633-642

- Njuki J, **Mapila MT**, Zingore S and Delve R (2008) The dynamics of social capital in influencing use of soil management options in the Chinyanja Triangle of Southern Africa. *Ecology and Society* 13 (2):9-25

Journal articles in progress

- **Mapila, MATJ**. Impact of alternative input subsidy exit strategies on Malawi's maize commodity market. Under review *Journal of African Economies*.
- **Mapila MATJ and Kazembe, C**. Youth engagement in agricultural policy processes in Malawi. Under review *Development Southern Africa*.
- **Kadzamira MATJ**. Youth inclusion in rural community development forums in Malawi. Under Review *Malawi Journal of Economics*.
- Christopher Manyamba, **Mariam Kadzamira**, Sheryl Hendriks. Youth, Agriculture and Food Security in Malawi. Draft.

Book chapters

- **MATJ Mapila** (2011) Rural livelihoods and agricultural policy changes in Malawi. In CTA and FARA (eds.) *Agricultural innovations for sustainable development*. Contributions from the finalists of the 2009/2010 Africa-wide women and young professionals in science competition. 3(2): 190-195

Policy briefs

- Kirsten J, **Mapila M**, Okello J and De S (2012) Managing agricultural commercialization for inclusive growth in Sub-Saharan Africa. Briefing paper number 1. GDN agricultural policy series.
- **Mapila MATJ**, Yaune J, Droppelmann K and Thangata P (2012) Research capacity for operationalization of the Malawi Agricultural Sector Wide Approach (ASWAp). Policy note 12. IFPRI's Malawi Strategy Support Program (MaSSP): Lilongwe
- Yaune J, Thangata P, Droppelmann K and **Mapila MATJ** (2012) Who talks to whom? An analysis of information flows in Malawi's agricultural research network. Policy note 13. IFPRI's Malawi Strategy Support Program (MaSSP): Lilongwe

Discussion papers and other publications

- **Mapila, MATJ** (2014). Agricultural Policy Processes and the youth in Africa. Discussion paper 1335. Development Strategy and Governance Division. IFPRI:Washington D.C.
- **Mapila, MATJ** (2013) The Impact of Alternative Input Subsidy Exit Strategies on Malawi's Maize Commodity Market. Discussion paper 1278. Development Strategy and Governance Division. IFPRI:Washington D.C.
- Droppelmann K, **Mapila MATJ**, Yaune J, Thangata P and Mazunda, J (2013) Who Talks to Whom in African Agricultural Research Information Networks? Discussion paper 1264. Development Strategy and Governance Division. IFPRI:Washington D.C.
- **Mapila MATJ**, Kirsten JF, Meyer FH and Kankwamba H (2013) A partial equilibrium Model of the malawi maize commodity market. Discussion paper 1254. Development Strategy and Governance Division. IFPRI:Washington D.C.
- Kirsten J, **Mapila M**, Okello J and De S (2012) Managing agricultural commercialization for inclusive growth in Sub-Saharan Africa. Policy research paper 1. Global Development Network.

Magazine articles

- **Mapila M**, Kalawole OM, Prince S and Xenofonte GHS (2010) Locally rooted ideas and initiatives from the field. *Farming Matters*. 26(2):40-41

- **Mapila M** and Haankuku C (2009) 'To March or not to march? Understanding the potential role of lobbying in positively influencing agricultural policy outcomes for smallholder farmers in developing countries.' *African Growth Agenda*, January to March Issue, pp 10-12

MINISTRY/VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

- **Member** (June 2012 - Present)/ **Vice Secretary** (January 2013 - Present). Kaning'a CCAP Praise and Worship Team Band. Kaning'a CCAP of Nkhoma Synod. Lilongwe, Malawi
- **Member**. January to October, 2011. St. Columbus Presbyterian Church Choir. Pretoria, South Africa
- **Mentor**. January-July 2009. University of Pretoria student mentorship program. Working with first year students to enable their smooth adaptation to university life. This involved working with 10 first year students in the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences on issues pertaining to academic, social and personal growth, development and planning
- **Madventurer Volunteer**. June 2004-August 2004. Liati Wote Village, Lake Volta Region, Ghana. Working as part of a team of 13 volunteers from different countries to build a health centre for a marginalized local community on the border of Ghana and Togo; teaching elementary agriculture to primary school pupils
- **Oxfam Volunteer**. April 2003-December 2003. Oxfam Shop, Caversham, Reading, UK. This involved working as part of a team of volunteers to run an Oxfam Charity Shop. Duties included providing customer care, cash handling and till operating as well stock taking

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC REFEREES

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