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I received a diploma in occupational therapy from Kenya Medical Training College, Nairobi; diploma in counseling psychology from the Amani Counseling Center and Training Institute, Nairobi, Kenya; Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and Master's degree in counseling psychology from the United States International University, San Diego; and a PhD degree in occupational therapy from Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas.

I have been an occupational therapist for 37 years, with clinical experience in mental health, long-term care, and sub-acute rehabilitation. I practiced for five years as a psychological counselor working with individuals and families. My research interests include investigation of the philosophical foundations of occupational therapy, occupational therapy theory development and application, use of knowledge derived from occupational science to help address environmental sustainability problems and other pertinent social issues, understanding the construct of meaningfulness as used in occupational therapy and occupational science, and investigating the status of evidence for evidence-based practice using meta-analysis. I am currently conducting a research study within an interdisciplinary team involving computer and materials scientists at SDSU and South Dakota School of Mines to investigate ways of using occupation-based interventions to prepare astronauts so that they are able to stay healthy during lengthy deep space exploration. I have published articles on the above topics in refereed journals such as the Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy, Occupational Therapy in Health Care, Occupational Therapy International, and the Journal of Occupational Science, among others. My other publications include an occupational therapy textbook (*Psychosocial Conceptual Practice Models in Occupational Therapy*), an occupational science book (*Occupational Science in the Service of Gaia*), and an occupational therapy/occupational science text book (*Meaningful Living through Occupations: A Guide for Every-Day Life*) co-authored with Nick Pollard of Sheffield Hallam University in England. Number of colleagues and I are currently editing a new occupational therapy theory book with contributing authors from around the world that will be published by Slack in 2024.

I have taught a variety of courses in occupational therapy including psychosocial rehabilitation, pathological conditions, research, therapeutic use of self and groups, and occupational therapy theory. I am a member of the South Dakota Occupational Therapy Association (SDOTA), American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), and the Society for the Study of Occupation (SSO:USA). I was the South Dakota Representative in the AOTA Representative Assembly (2009-2012), AOTA Representative Assembly Credential Review and Accountability Committee Chair (2012-2015), SSO:USA Legal Committee Chair (2009-2013), and AOTA delegate to the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) (2015-2021). I am the immediate past leader of the WFOT international project team that published the document, *Sustainability Matters: Guiding Principles for Sustainability in Occupational Therapy Practice, Education and Scholarship* (WFOT, Shann, Ikiugu, Whittaker, Pollard et al., 2018), articulating the five principles to guide incorporation of the sustainability topic in occupational therapy education, scholarship, and practice. Prior to joining the occupational therapy faculty at The

University of South Dakota in 2005, I was an assistant professor in the occupational therapy program at the University of Scranton in North East Pennsylvania.