**Short BIO Stephen Muoki Joshua (profile) 2025**

Stephen Muoki Joshua is a Full Professor of History of Christianity at the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies (PRS) of Pwani University in Kenya. He has served as an academic at Pwani University (PU) since 2010. He also served as the director, Board of Undergraduate Studies (2017-2023) and Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies between 2014 and 2017. Between 2023 and 2024, he served as a Deputy Vice Chancellor-Academic Affairs in Pan Africa Christian University (PAC).

Stephen holds a BA from PAC University, (PAC Theology-2000), a Master of Arts (MA) (Africa Nazarene University-ANU, 2001-2005) and Master of Theology (MTh) in (History of Christianity 2006-2007) and PhD in History of Christianity degrees (University of KwaZulu-Natal-UKZN, 2006-2011). He has successfully supervised 30 Masters Thesis and PhDs dissertations from various universities. He is well published in accredited Academic Journals with over 32 titles of articles, chapters and books.

Stephen is the a lead-coordinator for various research projects funded locally and internationally such as *The ENGINES – Staff and student exchange programme between University of Macerata, in Italy (2025-2026) and Pwani University in Kenya, the GURDIAN - Growing online- how to protect our children in the digital world* under the grant agreement number 211035282 with Horizon Europe framework for Research and Innovation (2021 and 2027), the *Endangered Archives: collecting, digitizing and preserving archival documents of the Church Missionary Society in Coast of Kenya,* funded by British Library, *KA171 Erasmus Mundus Mobility grant 2003-3006* supported by University of Macerata and Pwani University under the sponsorship of European Union. Stephen was the coordinator of two completed projects involving UNMC and other European paters. These were the *Technologies of Images, Cultures and Art in Social Sciences* (TICASS) between 2017 and 2021 and the *Transcultural Perspective in Art and Art Education* (TPAAE) between 2020 and 2024 funded by the European Union under the Marie-Curie Fellowship. He was the Lead Investigator of other completed projects such as the Free Pentecostal Fellowship Church’s (FPFC) Environmental Project for three years from February 2014, a project funded by Sweden and Norway governments, *The Role of Religion in Promoting Good Governance in Kilifi County*, Kenya, a project Sponsored by Pwani University Research Board (PURB), between May 2011 – May 2013.

Stephen is an ordained church minister with the Free Pentecostal Churches of Kenya (FPFK) where he also serves as a Chair, Board of Directors for the Keswick Books and Gifts Company.

Stephen’s research interests have always been in History of Religion and the Oral History Methodology focusing on history of epidemics, Religious Art, colonialism and missions. He has extensively studied early Christian missions in Africa and contemporary issues such as sexuality, sex identities and sex minorities. He is a member of various related professional bodies such as Oral History Association of South Africa (OHASA), International Oral History Association (IOHA), Church History Society of Southern Africa (CHSSA), Africa Society of Evangelical Theology (ASET), and Association for Scientific Study of Religion (ASSR).

He is married and a proud father of two boys. He is originally from Kitui County, resides in Mombasa county and works in Kilifi counties of Kenya.