

**Name**: Joseph Ndung’u Gathu

**Graduation Year:** 2014

**Program/Major:** MA. International Relations

**Position vied for:** Chairperson – Academic Committee**Personal Statement/Profile**

I am a holder of Bachelor of Education (Special Education, History and Kiswahili) at Kenyatta University (2009), MA. International Relations at USIU (2014), and currently a Doctoral Fellow pursuing PhD in International Relations and Diplomacy and a Tutorial Fellow teaching international relations and diplomacy units at masters, undergraduate, and diploma level; in the department of International Relations, Conflict, and Strategic Studies; School of Security, Diplomacy and Peace Studies at Kenyatta University. As an USIU Alumni, upcoming scholar, and having taught at University level for three years and in high school for six years, given opportunity, I will be able to share the expertise, skills and knowledge alongside other members of university academic committee to further drive academic affairs of the University to greater heights of success in satisfying the demands of the clients and the corporate world. This will be attained through coordination and embracing emerging issues that require academic programs to adjust the curriculum to integrate changes in the ever evolving market needs. In doing so, the institution will have greater affinity in attracting more prospective students to enroll for academic programs in the university. Further, it will elevate the university to better position in the University World Rankings because of further improving its academic quality standards. Given a chance, I will cordially operate with the University academic programs, students, faculty and alumni towards value addition in building and maintaining a lifelong learning relationship between the University and its local, national, regional, and international communities. Am looking forward for appropriate consideration in determining the best candidate for this post in the forthcoming elections exercise.