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# Worku L. Mulat, PhD Associate Professor of Applied Ecology





## Education and training

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- Asmara University, B.Sc., Biology (1987), supervisor Prof. Endashaw Bekele
- Gent University, Belgium, M.Sc, Environmental Sanitation (1993), supervisor Prof W. Verstrate
- Cork University, Ireland, PhD in Applied Ecology (2001), supervisors Prof. Paul Giller and Prof. John O'Halloran

# Work Experience

- University of Connecticut, A/Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Storrs, CT (2012 on)
- Tree Foundation, Researcher(2009 on)
- Accdon Company, Science Editor(2009 on)
- Jimma University, Assoiciate Professor (1987-2006)
- Wollo University, A/President(2005-2006)
- Grarbet, Deputy Secretary (2006)

# Teaching philosophy

- At the beginning of my career, I considered teaching to be my duty; over the years it has come to be my passion. Teaching is a lofty profession, that has to be constantly nurtured with life long learning.
- Through teaching and research, I prepare students to be agents of social change. As educator of science, here is my mission: help students develop critical thinking and skills required to thrive in the 21 century.

## Major contributions

- Won 120 million grant for water & health research
- Published 2 books and more than 30 articles.
- Trained Environmental Science students that became agents of social and environmental change
- Established the first undergraduate Environmental Science School and applied research in Ethiopia
- Taught water quality, health and sanitation for 2 decades
- Established the first environmental quality laboratory
- Developed Environmental health curriculum for training 30,000 Extension Health Workers
- Implemented construction of springs and toilets for rural communities through outreach program
- Protected springs constructed in southwest Ethiopia.

# Major contributions cont..



- Establishment of Wollo University, Ethiopia
- Establishment of Ethiopian Institute of Water Resources, Ethiopia
- Founder of School of Environmental Health
- Undergraduate/graduate student supervision
- Published several public and environmental health lecture notes
- Edited and reviewed several articles for publication

# Initiatives at village level

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- Born in a remote village from peasants:
  - Became a role model in changing lives via education
    - http://treefoundation.org/2011/11/15/from-a-remote-village-tobill-gates-neighborhood/
  - Motivated parents to send children to school
- Mobilizing resources from his own family:
  - Constructed functional toilets for his village(2006)
  - o Built a church within walking distance(2006)
  - His tiny village got water within 5 minutes walk (2009)
  - The village is connected to electric grid, for the first time (2014)

# Initiatives at institutional level

- Developed biogas plant from toilet and connected the plant to student cafeteria at JU
- Developed constructed wetland to treat kitchen waste generated from JU
- Developed rainwater harvesting system to be used by the student cafeteria of JU
- Developed outreach program to:
  - Protect springs
  - Construct toilets
  - Spread health Education and information

# Publications-Books/Chapters

- Water Supply and Sanitation in Ethiopia (2006)
- Personal Hygiene (2004)
  - http://www.cartercenter.org/resources/pdfs/health/ephti/library/lecture notes/health extension trainees/LN HEW Personal Hygiene Final.pdf
- Water Resources Management in Ethiopia (2010):
  - http://www.cambriapress.com/cambriapress.cfm?template=6&bid=
     357
- Conservation story for children in Ethiopia (2014)
  - http://www.amazon.com/Beza-Saved-Forests-Ethiopia-Church/dp/1614932522
- Water Pollution chapter (2010)

## **Publications-Journals**



- Assessment on the approaches used for water and sanitation programs in Ethiopia:
  - http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11269-012-0145-7
- Factors Affecting Drinking water quality:
   <u>www.ju.edu.et/cphms/node/171?q=node/239</u>
- Sanitary chemical analysis of protected springs:
  - o http://ejhd.uib.no/index/ejhd-index-1984-1999.htm#1999
- Malaria and water resource development:
   <a href="http://www.malariajournal.com/content/8/1/21">http://www.malariajournal.com/content/8/1/21</a>

## Publication continued



- Water resource development in Ethiopia
   <a href="http://www.nrcresearchpress.com/doi/abs/10.1139/er-2013-0076">http://www.nrcresearchpress.com/doi/abs/10.1139/er-2013-0076</a>
- Ecological Assessment of Cheffa wetland in Ethiopia <u>http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1</u>

   470160X11002986
- Physicochemical and biological characterization of Anopheles mosquito

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC40 29358/

#### Publication continued



- Solar disinfection
   http://www.ijehse.com/mostviewed/alltime?page=3&itemsP
   erPage=25
- Assessment of water and sanitation program
   <a href="http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11269-012-0145-7">http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11269-012-0145-7</a>
- Human myiasis in southwestern Ethiopia <a href="http://www.ajol.info/index.php/ejhd/article/view/10045">http://www.ajol.info/index.php/ejhd/article/view/10045</a>
- The impact of traditional coffee processing on water <a href="http://connection.ebscohost.com/c/articles/82142196/impact-traditional-coffee-processing-river-water-quality-ethiopia-urgency-adopting-sound-environmental-practices">http://connection.ebscohost.com/c/articles/82142196/impact-traditional-coffee-processing-river-water-quality-ethiopia-urgency-adopting-sound-environmental-practices</a>

## Voluntary work

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- http://www.grarbetmahber.org/
- http://treefoundation.org
- http://www.eiwr.org/
- http://www.eircca.org/
- http://omicsonline.org/editorialboardenvironmental-analytical-toxicology-openaccess.php
- http://www.ccsenet.org/journal/index.php/enrr/a bout/editorialTeam
- http://www.accdon.com/

# On going research



- Suitability of Bamboo to treat wastewater
- Constructed wetlands to treat mixed wastewaters in Ethiopia
- Water quality and water resource management in Ethiopia
- Determinants of diarrheal disease in slums of Addis Ababa
- Treatment of leachate arising from landfill in Addis Ababa
- Conservation of natural resources

#### Journal of Environmental & Analytical Toxicology Related Journals

- Journal of Environmental Analytical Chemistry
- Journal of Pollution Effects & Control

# Journal of Environmental & Analytical Toxicology Related Conferences

- ➤ International Summit on Past and Present Research Systems of Green Chemistry
- ➤ International Summit on Toxicology & Applied Pharmacology





