This work is dedicated to Consolata Moraa, my grandmother, and Kate Oser, a dear family friend, two great women who lived their lives in full, going to the Lord in their 90s, the former a peasant farmer in rural Kenya, the later a social worker in Central New York, USA. The two women came from two totally different cultural and national backgrounds, but both women had a similar and radiant spirit of a scholar that enthusiastically inspired all that were lucky and fortunate enough to meet them. I was fortunate enough, not only to know them both well, but grew up with one—my grandmother, Moraa—and she phenomenally shaped my life. The two women immensely inspired my intellectual curiosity and gave me a strong sense of adventure to passionately, enthusiastically, and rigorously pursue scholarly work with penchant curiosity, vigor, and rigor.