

CURRICULUM VITAE

1.0 PERSONAL PARTICULARS

Name: Dr. Oscar M. Maina
Nationality: Kenyan
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2.0 Key qualifications

- 2.1 Doctor of Philosophy
Kenyatta University
2016
- 2.2 Master of Arts in Literature
University of Nairobi
2006
- 2.3 Bachelor of Arts
University of Nairobi
2002

3.0 Professional experience

- 3.1 Lecturer
Kenyatta University
Department of Literature
2011 to date
- 3.2 Part-Time Lecturer
Africa Nazarene University
Department of Languages and Pre-University Program
Jan 2009-April 2011
- 3.4 Part-Time Lecturer
United States International University
School of Humanities and Social Sciences
2007

4.0 Teaching competences

- 4.1 Literature
Oral Literature
African Literature
Survey of African Literature
Literary Aesthetics

Literary Genres
Poetry Across Cultures

- 4.2 Academic and Composition Writing
Basic Reading and Writing
Exposition
Argumentation

5.0 **Research activities**

Research Interests:

African Literature
Literary Theory

Ongoing Research:

Writing a PhD thesis on “Tragedy in the Novels of Ngugi wa Thiong’o” at Kenyatta University, currently at an advanced stage.

6.0 **Publications**

Refereed Journal Articles:

6.1 Oscar M. Maina

Writing Freedom: The Art of Contesting Incarceration
Journal of Language, Technology & Entrepreneurship in Africa
Fourth Issue

6.2 Oscar M. Maina

Exploring the Motifs of Death and Immortality
Journal of Language, Technology & Entrepreneurship in Africa
Third Issue

6.3 Oscar M. Maina

Post-Modernism in Ngugi wa Thiong’o’s *Wizard of the Crow*
Journal of Language, Technology & Entrepreneurship in Africa
Inaugural Issue, p. 67 -74

Theses and Dissertations:

PhD thesis on “Tragedy in the Novels of Ngugi wa Thiong’o” at Kenyatta University

The State of Moranism in the Oral Narratives of the Samburu

Fieldwork research conducted in Maralal

The Treatment of the Theme of Identity in the Works of Muthoni Likimani
Research thesis submitted at the University of Nairobi as part of the requirements for the
award of a Master of Arts degree in Literature.

9.0 Other information

- 9.1 Awarded Dr. Marjorie Oludhe Prize for the best postgraduate student in the Department of Literature, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Nairobi in the academic year 2006/2007.
- 9.2 Awarded the Yusuf Dawood Award for the best final year undergraduate student in Literature, Department of Literature, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Nairobi in the academic year 2001/2002.

10. Referees

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