

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION BACKGROUND

UNIVERSITY: **Kenyatta University**
2005 to 2010
PhD in Applied Linguistics
Thesis Title: *The Pedagogic Process of Writing in English as a Second Language (ESL) in Kenyan Secondary Schools.*

2001 to Oct 2003
Degree: M.A (Applied linguistics)
(Key courses: Syllabus design and material evaluation (focus on the English Language), Language Teacher Development, Linguistic Theories and Language Learning, Language Testing, Research Methodology, Language as Communication, Sociolinguistics, Language and culture)

1992 to 1996
Degree: Bachelor of Education (Arts)
Subjects: English Language and Literature in English
Qualification: Second Class Honours (Upper Division)

SECONDARY
1987 TO 1990
Kaaga Girls' High School, Meru
Examination: K.C.S.E
Qualification: C+ (74 points)

PRIMARY
1979 TO 1986
Ndagani Primary School, Chuka
Examination: K.C.P.E
Qualification: 408 Marks

WORK EXPERIENCE

a) University

April 2004 to date

Lecturer
English & Linguistics Department
Kenyatta University

Responsibilities:

- Teaching, preparation and marking of exams
Areas: Introduction to the study of Language, Introduction to the grammar of English, Discourse analysis, Second Language Acquisition, Sociolinguistics Communication skills.
- Supervision of postgraduate (M.A and PhD) students.
- Attending university meetings
- Member Board for the Regional Centre for Capacity Development (KU-RCD)
- Member of the Departmental Board of Postgraduate Studies.

January 2012 to December 2015 Departmental Examinations Coordinator (English & Linguistics)

Responsibilities

- Coordinating the setting, moderation and administration of all departmental examinations in the main and satellite campuses.
- Coordinating the processing and moderation of all departmental examination results in the main and satellite campuses.
- Coordinating the external examination of all departmental examinations and M.A projects.
- Addressing all students' issues relating to examinations including timetabling and results.
- Entry of results into the university online system.
- Compiling departmental examination reports.
- Collecting and filing all departmental examination results.
- Chairing the departmental examination board.
- Heading the departmental examination data verification committee.
- Attending Schools' Examination Board Meetings.

Short Term Appointments

- i. Acting Chairman, Department of English and Linguistics (17th -24th October, 2015; 19th - 27th September, 2015; 27th November to 10th January 2015; 25th -29th April, 2016)
- ii. Acting Director, Kenyatta University Centre for Refugee Studies and Empowerment (23rd November to 3rd December , 2015)
- iii. Acting Director, International Centre for Capacity Development, Kenyatta University (July 2011, 17th -20th November, 2014.)

Other Administrative Positions

- i. Member of Departmental Board of Postgraduate Studies (2016).
- ii. Chairman, Departmental Seminars Committee (2016).
- iii. Member, Departmental Examination Data Verification Committee (2016)
- iv. Chairman, Departmental Registration Committee (2009-2012)

b) Secondary School

1997 to Aug 2001

Teacher

Ikuu Girls' High School, Meru-South.

Employer: Teachers' Service Commission (TSC)

Responsibilities:

- Class Teacher
- Teaching English and Literature in English
- Patron Drama and Music Club.
- Preparation, administration and marking of exams

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Language education; Discourse Analysis; Sociolinguistics; Communication; Community Development; Education in Emergencies and Post-conflict Situations; Gender, Education and Empowerment; Lifelong Learning and Adult Literacy.

RESEARCH

- Job Application Letters as Communication to Potential Employers: Selling or Soiling? (April, 2016)
- The Pedagogic Process of Writing in English as a Second Language in Kenyan Secondary Schools. (PhD Research, 2010).
- Patterns and Functions of Codeswitching in Pre-primary Classroom Discourse in Selected Schools of Kasarani Division Nairobi (M.A Project, 2003)

CONFERENCES.

- Conference on Exploring Communication Competence in the Industry and Academy. Presented a paper on: Job Application Letters as Communication to Potential Employers: Selling or Soiling? Venue: Strathmore University, Nairobi, Kenya(May 2016)
- Conference on English for effective communication: challenges and opportunities in East Africa Presented a paper on: Teaching the writing skill in English as a second Language (ESL): Insights from selected Kenyan Secondary schools. Venue: Strathmore University, Nairobi, Kenya (April 2015).
- 2nd Annual International Interdisciplinary Conference on Africa's Golden Jubilee. Presented paper on: Feedback Provision in English as a Second Language (ESL) Writing: The case of Secondary Schools in Kenya, Nairobi, June 22-29 2013.
- GANAA 2012 Summer School On Multilingualism And Language Policies In Africa: (presented a paper on: Rethinking the Role of Indigenous African Languages in African

Renaissance and Development in the 21st Century.”)

Venue: Bondo University College, Kenya. (September 2012).

- 1st Annual International Interdisciplinary Conference on Africa’s Golden Jubilee: Assessing 50 Years of Scholarship and Development in Africa (presented a paper on “Language; a double-edged sword: dissecting the role of language in creating conflict and peace in post-independent Africa.”)
Venue: Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi (June 2012).
- 2nd Linkage of Industry with Academia Conference.
Venue: KICC, Nairobi (July 2011)
- SUZA-SPINE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM on Teaching, Learning and Assessing in Second Language Contexts (presented paper on “second language writing pedagogy: teachers’ feedback practices in kenya secondary schools.”)
Venue: Zanzibar Beach Resort (December 2010)
- International Conference on Multilingualism and Education.
Venue: Kenyatta University (July 2010).

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

- Girl’s Education and Peace: The Long Road to Gender Equality: by Dr. Ruth Kagia Senior Advisor, Social Sector/International Relations to the The Presidency, Kenya. WERK National Seminar Series 2016 (Nairobi: April 2016)
- Linking research to action and advocacy: Induction seminar for new members of the Women Educational Researchers of Kenya (WERK) (Nairobi: February 2016)
- Tone marking in Luhya dialects: Combating language endangerment through linguistic documentation by Prof Michael Marlo, Fulbright Scholar, Missouri University (February, 2016).
- Training on Quality management system (ISO, 9001-2008) and root cause analysis (Kenyatta University: November 2015).
- Leadership development and mentorship by Dr. Peter Mulinge, CEO Transitional Leader Development Inc (Kenyatta University: September 2015)
- Capacity building seminar for supervisors in participatory and action research approaches by Dr. Mathabo Khau (Kenyatta University: September 2015).
- Online teaching on the Kenyatta university E-platforms (Kenyatta University: June 2015).
- Effective handling of complaints at the work place (Kenyatta University: June 2015).
- E-learning module writing training (Kenyatta University: July 2015).
- Use of plagiarism check and reference manager software; Turnitin and Mendeley (Kenyatta University: May 2015)
- Reforms in Education in Kenya: Public Lecture delivered by the Prof. Kaimenyi, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (Kenyatta University: February, 2015)
- Training on setting, moderation and marking of university exams (Kenyatta University: 2015).
- Introduction to the InZone programmes and virtual platform (Kenyatta University: October 2014).

- Entry of marks and trouble shooting in the CampusVue system(Kenyatta University: June 2015, May 2014)
- Workshop on monitoring and Evaluation for Quality Assurance.Venue: Utalii Hotel, Nairobi (January 2012).
- Reading to learn to write by Mike Hart of University of Kwa-Zulu Natal Pietmarisburg: South Africa
Venue: Kenyatta University (June 2008)
- Cleft and palate lip: reconstruction of speech by Mathew Karia of Kenyatta University
Venue: Kenyatta University (July 2008)

POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS' SUPERVISION

a) Ongoing

1. Mukuni Daniel : An expectancy Violations Analysis of perceptions of swearing in mother-tongue in the work place: insights from public primary schools in Kiritiri Zone, Embu County (PhD)
2. Muriithi Gemma Ntarara: Gendering language and construction of power identities at the work place in Nairobi's Eastlands Secondary school (PhD)
3. Christine Wahu Mburu: A Sociolinguistic study of the relationship between ethnic stereotyping and hate speech on social media in Kenya (PhD)
4. John Kintu: The Impact of the teaching of local languages on learning English in Ugandan secondary schools: a case study of the teaching of Runyankore-Rukiga in Western Uganda (PhD)
5. Mary Masika: An investigation of lexical variation in the spoken bukusu language in Bungoma North District, Western Kenya.(MA Thesis)
6. Esther W. Mbugua: Evaluation of Materials presented for teaching reading in Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development(KICED) approved Textbooks (MA Project)
7. Gisesa J. Michael: A comparison between boys' and girls' use of cohesive devices: English speeches of Ichuni Girls' and Gesusu boys' Students(MA)
8. Juliet Akinyi: The effectiveness of using language games in teaching languages skills to lower primary pupils in Mombasa County (MA).
9. Herman Kirea Muriira: A morpho-phonological study of English loan words in Ki-Tigania (MA Project)
10. Mary Kendi: A critical discourse analysis of the figurative language by politicians in their campaign speeches (MA project)
11. William Alunga Kivelenge: An analysis of semantic prosody in selected luloogoli lexical items (MA project)
12. Grace W. Mwangi: Evaluation of the general presentation of functional writing skills in form three and form four English course books (MA Project).
13. Mugendi Nixon Isaiah: Decoding the Gitamanya Argot of the matatu crew of Embu central division (MA Project)
14. Rose Wambuguu: Use of politeness strategies in the school staffroom: A case study of Thumaita West secondary school.
15. Elijah Ndumia: Relationship between language anxiety and linguistic errors: A case study of form three students in magumoni zone; Tharaka-nithi County, Kenya.

b) Graduated

1. Lydia.W.Wangungu: Listening Competences in English: A descriptive study of Teacher Trainees in Primary Teacher Colleges in Kenya(**PhD**)
2. Mukuni Daniel Muturi: A Psycho-social analysis of common Kimbeere swearwords in the language of traders at Kiritiiri Miraa(khat) market, Embu County.
3. Eunice Kamanthe Musyoka: Choice of prepositions by form three students in selected schools in Machakos County
4. Deborah Mutua: A comparative study of English vocabulary proficiency in public and private primary schools in rural areas: a case of kyuso division (MA Project)
5. Margaret W. Guchura: Teaching class four Writing in English: pedagogic challenges facing teachers in Murang'a County (MA)
6. Miriti Gervasio: Politeness in intercultural business negotiations: the case of Igembe and Somali Miraa traders.(MA)
7. Joseph Magena: The Print Media's use of language to cover post-election violence: a comparative study of two Kenyan Dailies.(M.A Project)

PUBLICATIONS

- Mukuni D.M, Ileri A.M, Nthiga P.M, Owili F.A (2016) Swearing in a Miraa Market Environment. Arts and Social Science Journal 7: 187 pp2-6.
- "African Languages in the classroom: blessing or curse?" In Mutasa. E.D & Ogutu E. A (2008) (eds) *Teaching and administering in African Languages: A road map to African Renaissance* Pretoria: Simba Guru Publisher.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

Women Educational Researchers of Kenya (WERK)

CONSULTANCY

- Development of project document for the Secondary Education Project (2016-2020) for Pym-Aid, Somaliland (August, 2015).
- Team leader and consultant in conducting baseline survey for secondary school education needs and impact assessment for FGM, Literacy and Skills training in Sahail Region, Somaliland for PYM-Aid Somaliland (April 2015).
- Development of community education committees (CECs) training manual for PYM-Aid Somaliland (December 2011)
- Consultant in conducting training needs assessments for Community Education Committees for PYM-Aid Somaliland (December, 2011).
- Training and developing training manual on Scientific writing and publishing for ReCCaDe (January, 2011)
- Team Leader and resource person for the Regional Center for Capacity Development (ReCCaDe) (Kenyatta University) facilitating the short courses: Basic English and Technical Writing in English. The courses entailed training speakers of English as a foreign language in Basic English and Technical Writing Skills in English (September to November ,2010)

- Designed and developed training manuals for the Basic English and Technical Writing in English Courses, for the Regional Center for Capacity Development (Kenyatta University).
- Prepared trainee marks and writing reports for IAS (PYM) Teacher Training Programme (Somaliland) (February, 2010).
- Successfully conducted SAT tuition for the American Education Advisory Center (AEAC, Nairobi -Kenya) (April to June 2009)
- Conducted in-servicing for teachers of English for International Aid Service (IAS) in Somaliland (November 2007)
- Successfully facilitated a regional workshop for teachers of English as a second Language, on The Theory and Practice of L2 writing in the classroom: Process and Product Approach in October 2006

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Member of board Kenyatta University International Centre for Capacity Development
- Patron, Kenyatta University Chuka Old Boys Association(KUCOBA)(March 2016)
- Member of Board of Management (BOM); and Chairperson Academic Sub-Committee of the board, Chuka High School, Meru South. 2013-2015; 2016-2018).
- Team leader International Centre for Capacity Development, courses marketing team to Homabay, November 2015.
- Coordinator, Missions to Institutions of Learning, P.C.E.A Sukari Parish, Kahawa Sukari Church.

REFEREES

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