

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DETAILS.

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CAREER PROFILE

I am seasoned scholar in the area of diaspora and displacement having written my M. A research in the topic, mentored students writing their researches in the same area as part of my duties as a university lecturer. I have also helped in editing papers dealing with the same in my capacity as a member of the editorial board with the PostAmble online journal. I'm also a teacher, trainer, lecturer having a vast teaching experience spanning different levels of the education system. I continued to sharpen my skills as a lecturer and researcher as I pursued my doctoral studies as well as teaching undergraduate students in various topics in African literature.

CAREER OBJECTIVE

- To promote and advocate for the rights and equality of vulnerable individuals in the society by empowering and sensitizing them on their rights and responsibilities in whatever working atmosphere as the chance may present itself whether in East Africa, Africa or the rest of the world.
- To work in a world class university, research institution or relevant organization as a lecturer, researcher and writer, promoting contemporary approaches to the study of African literature.

SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

2015 February to July: Sessional lecturer, New Literacies in Education, Wits School of Education, University of the Witwatersrand.

2013 February to October: Tutor, academic Literacy in education, University of Johannesburg

- 2012 July to date: Sessional Lecturer in African Literature, School of Language and Literature Studies, The Department of African Literature, University of the Witwatersrand
- 2012 April to 2013: Member, Editorial board, Post Amble, Journal of School of Humanities, University of Cape Town
- 2011-Date Lecturer, School of Literature and Languages, Kenyatta University, Nairobi Kenya
- 2011 - 2012: Part time Lecturer, Kabarak University, Nakuru, Kenya
- 2006 - 2011 Teachers' Service Commission, Kenya based in Nairobi
Position: Teacher
- 2005 - 2006: Sessional Lecturer for first year class, on East African Short Stories, The Department of African Literature, University of the Witwatersrand.
- 1991 - 2005: Teaching, Various Primary and High schools in Nyanza Province and Nairobi City, Kenya

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING PARTICIPATED AND ATTENDED.

- June 2015:** The Annual Conference of African Literature Association, University Of Bayreuth, Germany, Presented a paper, "Abjection, Silence and Familial Relations in Abdulrazak Gurnah's *The Last Gift* and *Admiring Silence*"
- July 2015:** Attended a Summer School, at Universität Tübingen, Germany based on "Literatures of the Global South" and participated in the panel, "Gender and Genre" dealing with the place of the female artist in the global south academy.
- October 2014:** Presented a poster entitled "Power and Sociality of Food and Drink in Abdulrazak Gurnah's *Dottie* and *Pilgrims Way*" 6th Wits Cross Faculty Symposium of University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
- March 2013:** Research and writing workshop, migration studies, a social science perspective. The writing centre, Wartenweiller Library, East Campus, University of the Witwatersrand

2005-2006: Research enrichment workshops for postgraduate research students. Graduate School of Humanities, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

PUBLICATIONS

Power and Sociality of Food and Drink in the fiction of Abdulrazak Gurnah, *East African Literary and Cultural Studies*, July 2015.

SOCIAL SERVICE

2011 to date: Student mentor in the student mentorship programme of the Kenyatta University. The programme is aimed at helping students settle in the university system and equipping them to cope with the challenges of the transition from sheltered school life to the harsh university life.

2006 - 2012: Educational Advisor, Outreach Community Centre (Community Based Organization), Mathare Valley Slum, Kenya

2002 - 2004: Pastoral Counselor to teenage single mothers, Africa Inland Church, Milimani, Nairobi Kenya. The duties involved guiding the young ladies to regain their self-esteem and equip them with the relevant life skills to cope with the challenges of single parenting.

EDUCATION

Postgraduate Studies.

2012 to 2016: University of the Witwatersrand, **PhD** African Literature, Research topic: Reading Abdulrazak Gurnah: Narrating Power and Human Relationships

2005 - 2006: University of Witwatersrand Johannesburg. **Master of Arts**, June 2006, African Literature, East African Prose, Research Topic, "Diaspora and Displacement in the Fiction of Abdulrazak Gurnah"

Undergraduate Studies

1999-2004 University of Nairobi.
Bachelor of Education, Linguistics and Literature, 2nd Class Honours, Upper Division

CERTIFICATES

1989 – 1991: Kilimambogo Teachers Training College Primary Teacher’s Certificate

School Certificates

1983 – 1984: Nyakach Girls High School
Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education

1979 – 1982: Nyabururu Girls High School
Kenya Certificate of Education

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2015: The completion grant, Humanities Postgraduate Division, University of the Witwatersrand.

2012 – 2014: Post Graduate Merit Award
Harold and Doris Tohill Prestige Scholarship

2006: Post Graduate Merit Award, University of Witwatersrand.

2005 -2006: Harold and Doris Tohill Prestige Scholarship

OTHER SKILLS

Computer Literate

Holding a valid Kenyan Driving License

LANGUAGES: English, Kiswahili, Dholuo

REFEREES

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