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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **1. PERSONAL DETAILS:**

Name: Basilio Gichobi Mungania

Date of Birth: August 25, 1958

Place of Birth: Gikui Sub-location, Igoji location, Meru Central District

Marital Status: Married with three children: Carol Karimi (36), Anthony H. Kimathi (34), and Kevin Muriungi (32).

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Languages: Kimeru (native speaker)

English (Very good)

Kiswahili (Very Good)

Gikuyu (Good)

Arabic (Elementary)

**2. Career objective:** teaching and research consultant in Swahili linguistics.

**SUMMARY:** extensive teaching of Kiswahili, Linguistics, Language and Communication

**3. EDUCATION:**

**a. University Education:**

2014-2018: University of Nairobi, PhD (Linguistics, with a bias in Swahili studies)

1994-1995: Yale University, MA (Linguistics)

1993-1994: University of Massachusetts, Amherst (Exchange scholar)

1985-1986: Kenyatta University, Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE)

1983-1985: University of Nairobi, MA (Swahili studies)

1978-1981: University of Nairobi, BA (Hon., Upper second class Division, Swahili Major)

**b. Schools attended:**

1976-1977: Thika High School, EAACE (3 Principles, 1 Subsidiary, 15 points)

1972-1975: Kibirichia Secondary School, EACE, Division 2 (24 Points)

1965-1972: St. Joseph's Primary School, Igoji, CPE

**4. WORKING EXPERIENCE:**

**a. University Teaching**

July 1989- present: Lecturer, University of Nairobi

1988 -1989: Lecturer, Moi University, Eldoret

August 1987 – July 1988: Tutorial Fellow, Moi University, Eldoret

1994-1995: Teaching Assistant (Kiswahili), Yale University

**b. Secondary School Teaching:**

September 1985 – August 1987: Graduate Teacher, Starehe Boys' Centre and School

January 1982 – September 1983: Graduate Teacher, Kitui High School

January – September 1978: Assistant Teacher, Materi Girls' School, Meru

**c. Administrative Experience:**

2018 – Present Departmental Examinations and timetabling Officer, Department of  
Kiswahili

2002 - 2010: Departmental Exams Officer, Dept. of Linguistics and Languages

2002 - 2010: Departmental Timetabling Officer, Department of Linguistics and  
Languages, University of Nairobi

1987-1989: Faculty Representative, University Celebrations committee, SSCDS, Moi  
University

**d. Acting Responsibility**

January 18, 2019: Acting chairman, Department of Kiswahili, University of Nairobi. October  
25<sup>th</sup> to October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, acting chairman, Department of Kiswahili, University of  
Nairobi.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup> 2018, Acting Chairman, Department of Kiswahili, University of  
Nairobi.

April 28<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014: Acting Chairman, Department of Kiswahili, University  
Of Nairobi.

March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014: Acting Chairman, Department of Kiswahili, University  
Of Nairobi.

February 17<sup>th</sup> to March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014: Acting Chairman, Department of Kiswahili,

University of Nairobi.

November 20<sup>th</sup> to November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013: Acting Chairman, Department of Kiswahili,

University of Nairobi.

November 4<sup>th</sup> to November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013: Acting Chairman, Department of Kiswahili,

University of Nairobi.

September 18<sup>th</sup> to September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013: Acting Chairman, Department of Kiswahili,

University of Nairobi.

#### **e. Other Relevant Information**

1990 – 1992: External reader (Swahili Manuscripts), East African Educational Publishers (EAEP)

September 1994 - July 1995: Teaching Assistant (Taught Introductory and

Intermediate Swahili, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, USA).

September - December 2001: Taught Introductory Kiswahili to Study Abroad Students of Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania at the University of Nairobi.

2003 – 2012: Translator, Ace Communications Ltd.

2012 - 2015: Visiting lecturer, St Lawrence University (SLU), Nairobi campus where I taught a course on Kimeru culture.

June 2019 – present, Member, Faculty of Arts Alumni committee.

## **6. PUBLICATIONS:**

### **a. Journal Articles:**

Mungania, B. G. & Schröder, H. (2018). Clause chaining and word order in the

Kiswahili clause. In Kahigi, K. K. & Festo, J. (Eds.). *Kiswahili: Jarida la Taasisi ya taaluma za Kiswahili (Journal of the institute of Kiswahili Studies)*, Vol. 81(2018). TATAKI. Dar es Salaam. 120-146.

Mungania, B. G. & Shroeder, H. (2018). Topic, focus, and word order in the Kiswahili

clause. *The University of Nairobi Journal of Language and Linguistics*, Vol. 7 (2018).  
114-138.

Mungania, B. G. (2001). Language issues in a multi-lingual society: the Kenyan experience.  
*Occasional papers in language and linguistics*, Vol. 1 (2001). University of Nairobi.  
Department of Linguistics and African Languages. 30-40.

1995. Associate editor. (1995). *Kamusi, Living Swahili Dictionary on the internet*.  
Yale University. Council of African Studies.

#### **a. Book Chapters**

Mungania, B. G. (2018). Nadharia za kisasa na uamili wa mofimu za Kiswahili  
kimofosintaksia. In Mukuthuria, M. & Kandagor, M. (Wah.). *Lugha ya Kiswahili:  
utafiti na maendeleo yake*. Dar es Salaam. Chama cha Kiswahili cha Afrika Mashariki  
(CHAKAMA) CHAKAMA/TUKI. 90-108.

----- (2014). Kiswahili katika chuo kikuu cha Nairobi. In Michira, J. N,  
Iribemwangi, P. I. & Mbatiah, M. (Eds.). *Ukuzaji wa Kiswahili: dhima na majukumu  
ya asasi mbalimbali*, Nairobi, Focus Publishers Ltd. 127-133.

#### **c. Unpublished Works:**

(1981). *Nyimbo katika fasihi-simulizi ya Kimeru*. Unpublished BA Dissertation. University of  
Nairobi.

(1985). *Maudhui mbalimbali katika ushairi wa Mathias E. Mnyampala (Penda-  
Chako)*. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.

(1986). *Ufundishaji wa Kiswahili katika shule za upili chini ya mfumo wa 8-4-4  
(Kidato cha Kwanza)*. PGDE Research Project. Kenyatta University.

(2018). *Word order in the Kiswahili clause: A Minimalist Approach*. Unpublished PhD  
Thesis. University of Nairobi.

## 7. Papers presented at conferences

- i. “Language policy in Kenya: prospects and retrospects”. Paper presented at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), University of Nairobi, 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July 1991.
- ii. “Kiswahili katika chuo kikuu cha Nairobi”. Paper presented at the Annual Chama cha Kiswahili cha Taifa (CHAKITA) conference. Lenana House, Nairobi, 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
- iii. “Changamoto za usimamizi wa utafiti katika shahada za juu”, Paper presented at The first CHAKAMA international Kiswahili conference, Kenya Chapter, Rongo University College, 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014.
- iv. “Athari za sayansi na teknolojia katika Kiswahili”, Paper presented at the First Chama cha Kiswahili Afrika ya Mashariki (CHAKAMA) International Kiswahili conference, Kenya Chapter, Rongo University College, 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014.
- v. “Nadharia za kisasa na uamili wa mofimu za Kiswahili kimofosintaksia”, Paper presented at the Chama cha Kiswahili cha Afrika Mashariki (CHAKAMA) Conference held at Mount Kenya University, Thika, Kenya, 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.
- vi. “Vyombo vya habari kama wenzu wa kukiwezesha Kiswahili kuleta mabadiliko katika Afrika ya Mashariki”, Paper presented at the annual Chama cha Kiswahili cha Taifa (CHAKITA) conference, Kibabii University, Bungoma County, Kenya, 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017.
- vii. “Lugha, mawasiliano, vyombo vya habari na maendeleo: nafasi ya Kiswahili katika maendeleo ya Afrika ya Mashariki”, paper presented at the East African Kiswahili Commission (EAKC) First International conference,

Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania, 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

- viii. “Lugha za kiasili kama kizingiti cha Kiswahili katika kuleta umoja, uwiano, na mshikamano wa kitaifa na wa kikanda katika Afrika ya Mashariki”,  
Paper presented at the CHAKITA@20 Conference, August 9 – 10,  
2018, Moi University, Eldoret.

**Research in progress:**

- i. Reduplication in Kimeru
- ii. Kiswahili subject and object markers: Agreement or incorporated pronouns?
- iii. Kichocheo cha mofolojia (manuscript)
- iv. Kitangulizi cha Fonetiki (Manuscript)

**8. Conferences and workshops Attended**

- i. 22<sup>nd</sup> ACAL (Annual Conference on African Linguistics), University of Nairobi, July 15, – July 19, 1991
- ii. NELS 24, North Eastern Linguistic Society 24, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, November 19 – 21, 1993.
- iii. Democracy, Development, Destiny: Setting the agenda for Africa: An Intercollegiate Conference on Africa, Yale College African Students Association, Yale University, April 7 – 9, 1995.
- iv. Faculty of Arts Strategic Planning Workshop, Whispering Palms Hotel, Mombasa, July 9, - July 14, 2003.
- v. Symposium on African Languages, Department of Linguistics and Languages, University of Nairobi, August 2003.
- vi. Annual Chama cha Kiswahili cha Taifa (CHAKITA) Conference, 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009, Lenana House, Nairobi, Kenya
- vii. June 6, – June 7, 2014, First Chama cha Kiswahili Afrika ya Mashariki

- (CHAKAMA) conference, Rongo University College, Kenya.
- viii. October 15, – October 16, 2015, Annual Chama cha Kiswahili cha Afrika Mashariki (CHAKAMA) conference, Mount Kenya University (MKU), Thika, Kenya.
- ix. September 8, – September 9, 2016: Annual Chama cha Kiswahili cha Taifa (CHAKITA) conference in Honour of Prof. Mohamed Hassan Abdulaziz, Research Institute for Swahili Studies (RISSEA), Fort Jesus Museum, Mombasa, Kenya.
- x. July 20, – July 22, 2017: Annual Chama cha Kiswahili Cha Taifa (CHALITA) conference, Kibabii University, Bungoma County, Kenya.
- xi. September 6, – September 8, 2017: East African Kiswahili Commission (EAKC) First International conference, Zanzibar, United republic of Tanzania.
- xii. April 4 - April 6, 2018: Grant Proposal Writing Training Workshop, UNES Conference Centre, Chiromo campus, University of Nairobi
- xiii. August 9 – August 10, 2018 CHAKITA@20 Conference, Moi University, Eldoret.

## **10. Academic Supervision:**

- Mbatiah, A. M. (1990). Dhana ya kukua kwa mwandishi kama inavyodhihirika katika kazi za Shaaban Bin Robert na Said Ahmed Mohamed. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Likhako, Pamela Imbuhila. (1991). Ufaaji wa Kiswahili kama lugha ya kisomo. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Mbuthia, E. M. (1991). Uchunguzi wa maandishi ya Boukheit Amana (Mti Mle). Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Maina, Florence M. (1992). Kiswahili katika shule za upili chini ya mfumo wa 8-4-4: utafiti katika jimbo la Nairobi. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Musyoka, F. M. (1996). Uhakiki wa fani katika tamthilia za Jay Kitsao. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.



- Nyaga, Susan W. (1998). A syntactic analysis of the Ki-embu simple sentence: A Government and Binding (GB) approach. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Mukewa, Esther Ngina. (1999). Sintaksia ya vishazi rejeshi katika Kiswahili Sanifu na Kikamba: ulinganishi. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Mogere, Osoro G. (2003). Uhakiki wa riwaya za Ahmed Mohamed katika misingi ya kifeministi. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Maina, Veronica Wambui. (2005). Nafasi ya mwanamke katika tenzi mbili za Shaaban Bin Robert: Utenzi wa Hati na Utenzi wa Adili. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Kahiro, Duncan Mwangi. (2005). Uhakiki wa fani katika tamthilia za K. W. Wamitilla. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Malanda, Stephen Mukuna. (2005). A synchronic study of the major phonological processes of the Lunyore and Lutachoni dialects of Luyia consonantal systems. Unpublished MA Dissertation, University of Nairobi.
- Shikanga, Betty Felix. (2006). Uhakiki wa Tafsiiri ya Usaliti Mjini. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Gachugi, Florence Gathoni. (2007). A synchronic analysis of the phonological processes of the Gikuyu vowel system. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Ngugi, Gideon Kinuthia. (2008). Phonological and morphological adaptation of English loan words into the Kikabete dialect of Gikuyu language. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Chebii, Stella Jerop. (2008). A morphosyntactic study of the Error verb phrase: a Minimalist approach. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Ndung'u, Mary Njeri. (2009). Mada ya fokasi katika Kiswahili Sanifu: mtazamo wa muundo wa taarifa. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.

- Mukabane, Geoffrey Ochieng. (2009). Uchanganuzi wa vishazi vumishi kisintapragmatiki: ulinganishi na ulinganuzi na vishazi vingine vya Kiswahili Sanifu. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Sila, Stephen Kilyungi. (2011). Syntactic representation and interpretation of reflexivity in Kikamba: a Minimalist approach. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Achieng, Bernard Ogola. (2012). Sifa za mashujaa na umuhimu wao kwa jamii zao: ulinganifu wa Fumo Liyongo na Lwanda Magere. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Mohamed, Omar Said. (2012). Uchambuzi wa tamathali za usemi katika Utenzi wa Mikidadi na Mayasa na Said Abdalla Masudi. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Ontwere, Samson. (2012). Nafasi ya usonde katika tafsiri: tathmini ya *mafundisho ya Biblia katika shule ya Sabato kwa watu wazima*. Unpublished MA Dissertation, University of Nairobi.
- Kabiru, Diana Wangari. (2012). A Relevance theoretic approach to Gikuyu jokes. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Koech, Lily Chebet. (2013). Sintaksia ya kijalizo katika Kiswahili Sanifu: mtazamo wa X-baa, Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Njanga, Pauline Karimi. (2013). An Analysis of the comprehension of the Ki-Embu idioms: a Relevance Theoretic approach. Unpublished MA Dissertation, University of Nairobi.
- Mayom, John. (2014). A Study of Plural Noun Formation in Bor Dialect of Dinka. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Otunga, Catherine Sikuku. (2014). The Lunyala simple sentence: a Role and Reference Grammar analysis. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.
- Obara, Jane Moraa. (2014). Uchanganuzi wa makosa yanayofanywa na wanafunzi wazungumzaji wa lugha ya Ekegusii. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.

Zani, Edward Mwazani. (2015). Maudhui ya kiukombozi katika Diwani ya *Jicho la Ndani* iliyoandikwa na Said A. Mohamed. Unpublished MA Dissertation.

University of Nairobi.

Kanana, Reginah. (2016). Reduplication in Kimeru. Unpublished MA Dissertation.

University of Nairobi.

Anusu, Joshua. (2017). Usawazishaji wa leksimu katika Kiswahili: utafiti kifani wa Vihiga. Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.

Munah, Edwin Ochieng. (2017). Vitendo sogezi katika Kiswahili Sanifu.

Unpublished MA Dissertation. University of Nairobi.

Aloo, Ronald. 2018. Matumizi ya takriri, taswira, tashbihi, istiari, tashhisi, na balagha katika Utenzi wa Qiyama. Unpublished MA dissertation, University of Nairobi

Ngera, Silas Kathawe. 2018. Metarepresentation in Kimeru narratives. Unpublished MA dissertation. University of Nairobi.

## **11. University courses taught**

### **a. Undergraduate courses**

Nature and function of language

Introduction to language

Introduction to syntax

Modern English syntax

English phonetics and phonology

Aspects of Swahili structure

Historical and modern development of Swahili

Swahili syntax and semantics

Swahili morphology

Communication systems

Interpersonal communication and consultancy  
Communication and development  
A communicative grammar of Kiswahili  
Kiswahili and the media  
Public speaking and speech writing in Kiswahili

### **b. Postgraduate Courses**

Historical and modern development of Swahili  
Historical and comparative Bantu  
Advanced Swahili morphology  
Advanced Swahili phonology  
Swahili syntax and semantics  
Phonetics  
Advanced Swahili syntax

**Computer Skills:** Microsoft operating systems

### **12. Membership in Societies:**

January 2019 – date: member, Akuru Five Association  
2009 – Date, member, Akuru Neighbourhood Association  
2010 – Date, member, Akuru Neighbourhood Ltd.  
1997 – Date, member Volont Investments

### **13. Membership in professional organisations**

1993 -1995: member, Linguistic Society of America (LSA).  
2014 - present: member, Chama Cha Kiswahili Afrika Mashariki

(CHAKAMA)

2014 - present: member, Chama cha Kiswahili cha Taifa (CHAKITA)

2018 – Present: member, Chama cha ukuzaji Kiswahili ulimwenguni

(CHAUKIDU)

#### **14. Community Service:**

1997-2005, Secretary, Volont Entrepreneurs

2009 – Date: Treasurer, Akuru Neighbourhood Association

2012 – Date, Treasurer, Akuru Neighbourhood Ltd

2014 – Date, Secretary, Volont Investments

**15. Activities:** Hiking, church activities, travelling, and social organization.

#### **16. References:**

a) Prof. Patrick Iribe Mwangi

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