

CURRICULUM VITAE

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Current Position: Senior Lecturer (Senior Research Fellow)
Institute of Anthropology, Gender and
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University of Nairobi
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Marital Status: Married with two grown-up children (one
girl and one boy)

B. EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1. Department of African Languages Pretoria, University of Pretoria, PhD. Thesis "A Linguistic Study of the Luo Ethnobotanical Terminology in a Culture Specific Configuration with Implications for Lexicographic Practice" (Doctoral Research Work in progress)
2. University of Aston in Birmingham, England: Master of Science Degree in Applied Linguistics and English Language Teaching (with a specialization in English for Specific Purposes) in 1985. Dissertation title: "Some Discoursal Features of Personnel Recruitment Advertising: A Study of the Kenyan Press".

3. The Nairobi International School of Theology: Post-Graduate Certificate in Cultural Apologetics (1991)
4. The Kenya Institute of Management: Diploma in Management Studies. (1982-1983)
5. University of Nairobi (Kenyatta University College), Bachelor of Education (Arts) Honours Degree in Linguistics, English Language and Literature. (1978-1981)
6. Maseno National School, East African Advanced Certificate of Education: English-Principal; History-Principal; Economics-Principal; and General Paper-Subsidiary (3p+1S) (1976-1977)
7. Mbita High School: East African Certificate of Education Division 1 (overall 14 points with 3 distinctions + 5 credits) (1972-1975)
8. Kamagambo Primary School: Certificate of Primary Education. (1964-1971)

C. WORK/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

1. Senior Lecturer/Senior Research Fellow in Linguistics and Anthropology, University of Nairobi, Republic of Kenya (December 1999 to date.
2. Lecturer in Linguistics, College of Education and External Studies, University of Nairobi, Republic of Kenya (September 1988 to November 1999)
3. Assistant Lecturer in Editorial Services, College of Education and External Studies University of Nairobi, Republic of Kenya (November 1987 to August 1988)

TEACHERS SERVICE COMMISSION

1. Lecturer in Language and Communication, The Kenya Polytechnic, Nairobi (September 1984 to October 1987)
2. Assistant Lecturer in English, Migori Teachers' College, Migori (January 1984 to August 1984)
3. Assistant Lecturer in General Studies, The Mombasa Polytechnic, Mombasa (March 1983 to December 1983)
4. Graduate Teacher of English and Drama Kisumu Boys' High School, Kisumu (January 1982 to February 1983)
5. Graduate Teacher of English and Physical Education, Maseno National School (August 1981 to December 1981)
6. Graduate Teacher of English Kisumu Girls High School (July 1981)

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT: (PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND INTERNAL SECURITY)

1. Registration Officer (Elections), District Commissioner's Office, Kisumu (July to September 1979)
2. Revenue Collector, District Commissioner's Office, Kisumu (December 1977 to August 1978)

D. RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACADEMIC AWARDS

1. German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Regional Guest Professor, Department of African Languages, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, Republic of South Africa. (August to November 2003) Subject areas:

Lexicography and Terminology, Language Planning and Language Policy, Translation, Metalanguage and Oral Tradition.

The International Technical Communication Council's: Genuine Activator at Forum 90, Stockholm, August 1990.

Canadian International Development and Research Center (IDRC) as Co-Investigator on project: "The Discourse, Traditional Knowledge and Sustainable Development: The case of Women. Farmers in the Lake District in Kenya and Tanzania" (1994 to 1995)

British Government/Technical Co-operation Programme/British Council Post-Graduate Scholarship (1985 – 1986)

CABIN/CRWRC sponsored HIV/AIDS Educational Tour in Uganda (April to May 2001)

SAGE PHILOSOPHY RESEARCH PROJECT: Co-Investigator with Professor Gail Presby of the Department of Philosophy, University of Detroit – Mercy, U.S.A. who was also a Fullbright Professor in the Department of Philosophy, University of Nairobi, Republic of Kenya (Fieldwork – 1999)

Grant from the All-African of Churches to attend the Association of Third World Studies Conference (1994 and 1995).

E. SCHOLARLY WORKS: Papers/Articles/Books

1. "Toward a Social Philosophy of the African Leviratic Custom: How Luo Marriages Survive Death" in **AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY AT THE THRESHOLD OF THE NEW MILLENIUM** pp 58 – 77.

Edited by Bekele Gutema and Daniel Smith.
(Published 2005, Addis Ababa University Printing
Press, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia).

2. “Ethnicity and Constitution Making in Modern Kenya: Challenges and Opportunities” in **ETHNICITY IN AN AGE OF GLOBALIZATION**: UMU Studies in Contemporary Africa pp 184-190. Edited by Deirdre Carabine and Lawrence L. Ssemusu Published 2002, Nkozi: Uganda Martyrs University Press, Uganda.
3. “The Philosophical Anthropology of Constitution Making in Modern Kenya: Challenges and Perspectives” Paper presented at Conference organized by the Collaborative Center for Gender and Development/Kenya Oral Literature Association on the theme: **GENDER AND CONSTITUTION MAKING** (10th -11th March 2000 at Silver Springs Hotel, Nairobi Kenya)
4. “Human Rights in a Multi-Cultural Context: Implications for Kenya’s Struggle for Democratic Change”. Paper presented at conference between Human Rights NGOs and Donor Agencies: 11th – 12th April 1996 at Safari Park Hotel, (Center for Governance and Development/International Commission for Jurists, Kenya Section).
5. “Christianity and the African Renaissance: A Study of Bishop Henry Okullu’s Theology of Development” in **THE AFRICAN AND EUROPEAN ORIGINS OF THE RENAISSANCE AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT** pp 148 – 164. Published October 1999 Goethe Institute - Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa.
6. “Oral Narrative as Discourse” in **UNDERSTANDING ORAL LITERATURE** pp 65 – 69. Edited by Austin Bukonya, Wanjiku M. Kabira and Okoth Okombo Published 1994, Nairobi University Press, Nairobi Kenya.

7. **OKOT P'BITEK ON TRIAL** and **THE SUBSTANCE**.
(Two plays). Published by Lifelong Educational Materials Publishers, Nairobi, Kenya.
8. "Ethnicity and Civil Society in Kenya: Problems and Perspectives" Papers Presented at the 12th Annual Meeting of the Association of Third World Studies, Inc. at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, (1994).
9. "Role of English for Specific Purposes in the 8:4:4 system of Education" Proceedings of Workshop organized by Kenya Technical Teachers College, Nyeri Town, Kenya. (August 1987)
10. "Grammar, Error Analysis and Remedial Language Teaching" Proceedings of International Conference Organized by the British Council, Nairobi, Kenya in the theme: **THE PLACE OF GRAMMAR IN LANGUAGE TEACHING** (April, 1988)
11. "Interactive Aspects of Functional Literacy and the Social-Cultural Environment" in **POST-HARVEST**. International Council for Technical Communication (FORUM 90) Stockholm, Sweden (August, 1990)
12. "Literacy Instruction and the Social-Cultural Environment". Processing of Conference Organized by British Council, Nairobi on the theme: **THE ROLE OF LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM**. (February, 1991)
13. "Communications Skills in University Education" Proceedings of Staff Development Workshop organized by University of Nairobi, College of Education and External Studies, and German Foundation for International Development in Mombasa, Kenya (August 1991).
14. **WRITING SKILLS FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION**
with Reuben M. Mwachiramba
INADES INFORMATION – KENYA (1991)

15. "Life and Message of a Biography" **INTERLIT: The International Journal of Christian Publishing**
Cook Communications
Illinois, USA (March 1995)
16. "Functional Adult Literacy and Community Development: A Kenyan Experience"
Pan-African Colloquium on Educational Innovation in Post-Colonial Africa, University of Cape Town, Republic of South Africa (1994)
17. "Language Use and Population Education" at the First Population Association of Kenya Conference organized in collaboration with the Population Studies and Research Institute, University of Nairobi, (November, 1994)
18. "Church and Human Rights: Political Social and Cultural Dimensions" AEAM Consultation on **CHURCH AND HUMAN RIGHTS**. Lusaka, Zambia (May 1993")
19. "The Language of Personnel Recruitment and Advertising: A Discourse Perspective" Second Language for Special Purposes (LSP) Conference held at University of Technology, Eindhoven, the Netherlands (August 1988)
20. "The Role of University of Nairobi in Adult and Continuing Education" Paper presented in Arusha, Tanzania at Conference organized by the Inter-University Council of East African (June 1988)
21. **DUSK OF GLOOM** and other poems.
(Manuscript under preparation: Lifelong Educational Materials Publishers, Nairobi, Kenya)
22. A Biography of **OGINGA ODINGA**
(Manuscript under preparation: Lifelong Educational Materials Publishers, Nairobi Kenya)

23. A Biography of **BISHOP HENRY OKULLU**
(Manuscript under preparation: Lifelong Educational
Materials Publishers, Nairobi Kenya)
- 2.4 **A BIOGRAPHY OF DANIEL OWINO MISIANI,
(BENGA KING)** (Manuscript under preparation: A
version already published by the Permanent
Presidential Music Commission, Government Printer,
Nairobi Kenya, (2010).

LUO CULTURAL HERITAGE

An Ethnographic Sourcebook
(Manuscript under preparation: Lifelong Educational
Materials Publishers, Nairobi Kenya.

LUO LEGENDS

A translation of “Thuond Luo”
(Manuscript under preparation: Lifelong Educational
Materials Publishers, Nairobi Kenya)

- 2.7 **LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND IDENTITY IN EAST
AFRICA** (Manuscript under preparation GAMBELA
TODAY: ANYWAK MEDIA, ETHIOPIA)

REFEREES

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