

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### PERSONAL DETAILS

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### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

#### **February 2014 – 2020**

*Institution:* University of Nairobi  
*Progress:* Completion of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics at the Department of Linguistics and Languages/Kiswahili, University of Nairobi.  
*Topic:* **From Syntactic Categories to Construal of Form and Meaning/Function - An Investigation of Metaphorical Constructions in Kiswahili.**

#### **September 2007 – December 2009**

*Name of institution:* University of Nairobi  
*Highest Qualification:* Master of Arts Degree in Swahili Studies (Language, Linguistics and Literature)

#### **August 2002 – August 2005**

*Name of Institution:* Catholic University of Eastern Africa.  
*Highest Qualification:* Bachelor of Education Degree - First Class Honors in Kiswahili & Geography.  
*Responsibilities*  
-Organizing secretary – Chama cha Kiswahili  
-Chairperson-Geography Club

#### **September 1991 – August 1993**

*Name of Institutions:* Bondo Teacher's Training College  
*Highest Qualification:* Certificate in Primary Teachers Examination (P.T.E)

#### **January - November 2002**

*Course taken:* Religious Education Awareness Programme. (REAP)  
*Highest Qualification:* Certificate of attendance in Christian Education Programme.

#### **April 29<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2001**

*Name of Institution:* Ministry of Education Science & Technology  
*Highest Qualification:* Certificate of participation in KIE/UNICEF HIV/AIDS sponsored course.

#### **May 2003 – July 2003**

*Name of Institution:* Versatile Computer Systems  
*Highest qualification:* Computer operator in: Ms Access, PageMaker, Ms Excel

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

#### **Jan 1986 – Dec 1989**

*Name of Institution:* Moi Girls Secondary School, Kamangu.  
*Highest Qualification:* Certificate in Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (K.C.S.E)

#### **Jan 1977 – Dec 1985**

*Name of Institution:* Nyamuthanga Primary School  
*Highest Qualification:* Certificate in Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (K.C.P.E)

### WORKING EXPERIENCE

#### **21 August 2015 – To date:**

*Institution:* University of Nairobi  
*Position:* Tutorial Fellow  
*Department:* Department of Kiswahili  
*Courses taught:* TKS 102; Introduction to Kiswahili Linguistics, TKS 202: Morphology and Morphophonology in Kiswahili, TKS 203: Phonetics and Phonology in Kiswahili, TKS 301: Theory of Syntax in Kiswahili, TKS 302: Swahili Syntax, CLK 104: Introduction to Linguistics in Kiswahili, CLK 301: Phonology and Morphology, CLK 403: Research Methods and Academic Writing, TCT 329: Subject Method Kiswahili,  
*Nov 2009 to Aug 20 2015:* Part-time lecturer in Swahili Courses

*Institution:* University of Nairobi.  
*Duties:* Part-time Kiswahili lecturer at the Department of Linguistics and Languages/Kiswahili.

**January 2010 to Aug 2015:** Kagumo Diploma Teachers' Training College  
*Employer:* Teachers Service Commission  
*Position:* Lecturer in Kiswahili  
*October 2009 – Dec 2009:* Magutu-ini School, Kiambu  
*Sept 2007 – Sept 2009:* Study leave  
*July 2005\_ Sept 2007:* Joseph Kang'ethe School, Nairobi  
*Aug 2002 – July 2005:* Study leave  
*June 2000 – Aug 2002:* Racecourse Primary School, Nairobi  
*Jan 1994 – May 2000:* Juja Road Primary School, Nairobi

**May 2013 to 2015:** Lectures in Kiswahili Courses  
*Institution:* Kenyatta University – Nyeri Campus  
*Duties:* Part-time Lecturer in Kiswahili

**December 2009 to 2013:** Lectures in Kiswahili Courses  
*Institution:* Catholic University of Eastern Africa  
*Duties:* Part – time lecturer in Kiswahili

**Jan 2008 – 2010:** Lectures in Kiswahili  
*Institution:* Orthodox Teachers' Training College of Africa.  
*Duties:* Part-time Kiswahili tutor in,  
*Level:* - Diploma in Early Childhood Education  
- Certificate in Early Childhood Education  
- Certificate in Social Work and Development

**2009 – 2010:** Tutor in Kiswahili Grammar  
*Institution:* Taaluma Institute in East Africa  
*Duties:* Teaching of Kiswahili Language to summer foreign students  
*Level:* Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced Swahili

### PANELS,

1. Panelist in the Kenya Curriculum Reform Process, Grade 1 – 6 (2017) - KICD
2. Panelist in the KICD Secondary Schools Kiswahili Set Book Review and Selection Process

### PUBLICATIONS

- Ndung'u M. (2018) *Mwongozo wa Choji la Heri*. Nairobi, One Planet.
- Matei A. na Ndung'u M. (2020) *Mwenge wa Lugha* Pamoja na Maswali na Majibu. (In manuscript form waiting publication.)
- Arege, T. na wengine (2006). *Kunga za Lugha* Teachers Guide Book 1. Nairobi: Focus Publishers. (Book 2 – 4 in manuscript form waiting publication.)

### SCHOLARLY ARTICLES

- Ndung'u, M.N. and Marete, G. R. (2019) 'Metaphorical Construction and Mappings at the Kiswahili Word Level' In *Jakiiki (Jarida La Kimataifa la Isimu ya Kibantu: Toleo Maalum* Oktoba 2019 Pgs.18-36
- Ndung'u M. N. and Habwe J. H. (2019) 'Metaphorical Construction of Kiswahili Compound and Complex Clauses' In *Mwanga wa Lugha* Juzuu la nne Na. 1 Pgs 105-128
- Ndung'u. M.N and.IribeMwangi. P.I (2019) 'Metonymical Interpretation of Conceptual Mappings in Kiswahili Metonymy' In *Mwanga wa Lugha: Special Edition* 2019, Pgs 25-38
- IribeMwangi. P.I and Ndungu M.N. (2018) 'Metaphorical Extension of Kiswahili Tense: An Application of Conceptual Metaphor Theory'. *Mwanga wa Lugha: Jarida la Kiswahili na Lugha Nyingine za Kiafrika*. Juzuu 2 Na. 2 Pgs 55-75
- Ndungu M. N (2017) "The Metaphorical Extension of Kiswahili Mood". Published in the *International Journal of Education and Research*. Vol. 5 No. 7 July 2017.

- “Information Structure in Kiswahili.” Published in the *International Journal of Education and Research*. Vol. 3 No. 3 March 2015: 309-320.
- “A Critical Metaphor Analysis of Governance, Power and Culture in Ngugi wa Thiongo’s Novel *Matigari Ma Njiruungi*.” Published in the *International Journal of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*. Vol. 3 No. 4 April 2015:118–126.

#### **ATTENDANCE OF CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS**

- **The Role of Kiswahili in Promoting Peace and Unity in Kenya.** At the National Symposium on Post Election Peace building held at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA) ON 29<sup>TH</sup> – 31<sup>ST</sup> May 2008. Organized by KEC – Catholic Secretariat Justice and Peace Commission. (In the process of publication)
- **‘Wanawake, Utamaduni na Katiba’** at the BAWAKI International Conference on **Language, Culture and Constitution** held at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa from 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011.
- **Kiswahili na Uzalishaji Chakula** at the CHAKITA Conference 2012 on **Kiswahili, Cohesion, Intergration and Development** held at Kenyatta University from August 23 -24 2012.
- **Teknolojia ya Kompyuta na Ufundishaji wa Kiswahili katika Vyuu vya Ualimu** at the CHAKITA Conference Oktoba 2014 on **Kiswahili na Utandawazi** held at **Taasisi ya Mtalaa wa Elimu Kenya (Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development)** from October 22 -25, 2014.

#### **SUPERVISION OF POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS IN RESEARCH AND PROJECT WRITING**

- 2018: Master of Arts Project: **‘Uhalisia katika Ushairi wa Kithaka wa Mberia: Bara Jingine Na Rangi Ya Anga’** na Mugwe John Mwaniki, University of Nairobi.
- 2018: Master of Arts Project **Uwasilishaji wa Maudhui Katika Hadithi Fupi za Said A. Mohamed** Mwenda Elizabeth Makena, University of Nairobi.
- 2018: Master of Arts Project, **Mikakati ya Upole Katika Diskosi za Kisiasa Katika Ngazi ya Taifa Nchini Kenya** Raymond Owalla Onyango University of Nairobi. (On Going)
- 2017: Master of Arts Project : **‘Umaanisho Katika Tamthilia Ya Mama Ee ya Ari Katini Mwachofi’** na Eunice Alivitsa, University of Nairobi.
- 2017: Master of Arts Project: **Kanuni ya Upole Kwenye Vipindi, “Jambo Kenya” Na “Chapa Kazi” vya Kituo Cha Utangazaji Cha Redio Citizen**, By Oketch Lilliane Atieno. University of Nairobi.
- 2016 : Master of Arts Project : **Ukiukaji wa Kanuni za Upole katika Mstahiki Meya**, by Braicy Inziani Endovu. University of Nairobi.
- 2016 : Master of Arts Research Project : **Usemezano katika Diwani ya Sikate Tamaa**, by Dorcas Jerotich Suter. University of Nairobi.
- 2015: Master of Arts Research Project : **Uchanganuzi Linganishi wa Waandishi katika Tunu ya Ushairi Kuhusu Maswala ya Vijana**, by Rose Nyamemba, University of Nairobi.
- 2015: Master of Arts Reseach Project : **Mtindo na Maudhui kwenye Vibonzo katika Gazeti la Taifa Leo**, by Damarice Achieng Otuoma, University of Nairobi.
- 2015 : Master of Arts Research Project : **Uchambuzi wa mikakati ya upole inayotumiwa na wahusika wakuu katika tamthilia ya mbaya wetu** by Stephen Machira.
- 2014: Master of Arts Research Project on : **A case study of Gikuyu as an Endangered Language in Naivasha Town** by John Njoro, University of Nairobi, (ongoing).
- 2014 : Master of Arts Research Project on : **Analysis of Polite Language use by Matatu Touts in Eastlands - Nairobi** by Merab Goro, University of Nairobi.
- 2013 : Master of Arts Research Project on: **Athari za Mofonolojia ya Kibasuba Katika Matumizi ya Kiswahili Kama Lugha ya Pili** by Merolyne Achieng Otiende, University of Nairobi
- 2012: Master of Arts Research Project on: **Dhuluma Dhidi ya Kijana wa Kike katika Riwaya ya Rosa Mistika (E. Kezilahabi) na Tumaini (Clara Momanyi)** by Elijah M. Obure, University of Nairobi.
- 2011: Master of Arts Research Project on: **A Semantic Analysis of Gikuyu Nouns Using the Semantic Field Theory**, by Gitau Hannah Nyokabi, at the Univesity of Nairobi.

## **TRANSLATION, PROOFREADING AND EDITING**

1. Translation of government reports, institutional charters and documents:
  - a. The Waki Report on Post- Election Violence in Kenya 2007.
  - b. University of Nairobi Service Charter.
  - c. Training Modules on the Shift from “Women in Development” to “Gender and Development” (WID to GAD); by World Vision.
  - d. Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (REDD)
  - e. Missionary Youth Movement- Muungano wa Ujana Umishionari - a publication by the Pontifical Missionary Societies- Kenya (Kenya Catholic Secretariat)
  - f. Document on Electoral Systems in Countries around the World.
2. Proof- reading and editing of the following documents:
  - a. Communication Commission of Kenya Service Charter. (CCK)
  - b. Together to Jesus- Pamoja kwa Yesu – a publication of the Pontifical Missionary Societies- Kenya (Kenya Catholic Secretariat)
  - c. Veneration of the Virgin Mary – Heshima kuu anayotuzwa Bikira Mariamu – a publication of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchal Cathedral Valley Road Nairobi.

## **SOCIETIES AND CLUBS**

**2018 – Present:** An active member of the Chama cha Kiswahili cha Taifa (CHAKITA)

**2009 – Present:** An active member of The Baraza la Wanataaluma wa Kiswahili (**BAWAKI**)

## **Other Duties & Responsibilities**

An active Member of ‘Baraza la Wanataaluma wa Kiswahili’ (BAWAKI).

- i. Setting, invigilation and marking of Examination for students at University and college level.
- ii. Chief In charge of KNEC Kiswahili Paper 1 Diploma in Teacher Education (DTE) Examination.
- iii. Lecturing, and monitoring learning progress at classroom level.
- iv. Training music and Kiswahili verses for the Kenya National Music Festival up to national level.
- v. Adjudicating plays/drama and singing games for Presbytery Church School Competitions

## **REFEREES**

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