

CURRICULUM VITAE

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NATIONALITY : **Kenyan**

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PERSONAL SUMMARY

I am a committed Kiswahili lecturer and tutor at university level and high school with over eighteen years in leading academic institutions of learning in Kenya. I am also experienced script developer, author and editor with established publishing companies in Kenya. I have published my work with established Publishing companies such as Focus Publishers, Longhorn and Kenya literature Bureau.

In addition I am a committed tutor at The University of Nairobi, College of Education and External Studies. I have successfully supervised students who have graduated both at undergraduate and Masters levels. I seek to contribute to the development of better workmanship management skills and knowledge and the Kiswahili language by doing research, offering my ideas and serving selflessly those under my care with humility and God given ability and professionalism.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

1. *Towards Redefining the Institution of Marriage; The New Historicism Approach of Kiswahili Prose. International Journal of Liberal Arts and Social Science. Iribemwangi, Sanja Mbutia. Volume 2 number 7. 2014. Pg 115-123*

2. *Re-thinking the institution of marriage in the 21st century and beyond:New Historicism Approach to the Swahili Novel. Sanja and Mukhwana. Published by Journal of Sociology and Social Work, New York, Volume 3 – Issue 1 – 2015. Pg 83-89.*

3. *Calling a spade a big spoon with a handle: Euphemisms for taboo words on sex in Kikuyu Published by International Journal of Scientific Research and Innovative Technology. Beckenham Kent, vol. 3 No.5 201*

4. *Anew Historicism Approach to Paradox in the Religious Faith in Selected Kiswahili Novels. Published in the Journal of International Journal of Science, Arts and Commerce - IJSA Feb., 2017 Vol 1 no 12*

5. *A New Historicism Approach to Paradox in Religious Faith in selected Swahili Novels. Mbutia, Sanja, Simwa F. International Journal of Science Arts and Commerce vol. 1 No 12 February 2017. Pg 65-78*

6. *Semiotic Survey of Kivumba Superstitions. Published in; International Journal of Innovative Research And Knowledge (IJIRK. Sanja Leo. Volume5 Issue 5, May 2020.*

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

1. *Homonimu za Kiutanzu na Motifu katika Ngano za Kibukusu: Mbilimbili Nyanja.*
2. *The Role of Youth in Politics; A semiotic survey of the Kiswahili Short Stories*
3. *Mtazamo wa urasimi mpya wa Kiswahili wa Maudhui katika Mashairi ya Kivumba.*

BOOKS

1. Tubadilishe Jinna (novel) Oxford University Press 2020.
2. Focus Grade 5 Kiswahili. Focus publishers, Kenya 2020
3. Focus Grade 5 T/G. Focus publishers, Kenya 2020
4. Bidii ya Maria na Musa. Longhorn Publishers. 2019
5. Gari la Maria. Longhorn Publishers. 2019
6. Kiti Mikaye. Kenya Literature Bureau 2019

7. Kiswahili kwa Shule za Rwanda,Kitabu cha Mwanafunzi, Kidato cha 1, 2016- 2017
and TG
8. Kiswahili kwa Shule za Rwanda, Kitabu cha Mwanafunzi, Kidato cha 4, 2016- 2017
and TG
9. Kiswahili kwa Shule za Rwanda,Kitabu cha Mwanafunzi, Kidato cha 3, 2017- 2018
and TG
10. Kiswahili kwa Shule za Rwanda,Kitabu cha Mwanafunzi, Kidato cha 6, 2017-2018
and TG
11. Kiswahili kwa Shule za Rwanda, Kitabu cha Mwanafunzi, Kidato cha 5, 2017-2018
and TG
12. *Ngeso na Kit Mikayi* (children literature) 2014.Kenya Literature Bureau
13. *Chози la Jiwe* (children literature) 2014 . Kenya Literature Bureau
14. **Yasinya** (Novel-Riwaya) 2011.Focus Publishers Ltd
15. **Zinguo la Mzuka** (play) 2011. Focus Publishers
16. Lead Author, *Kurunzi ya Kiswahili* (KCSE) 2006. Focus Publishers Ltd
17. Lead Author, *Kiswahili Faridi* (KCPE) 2006. Focus PublishersLtd

18. Author of lead story, ***Mimba Ingali Mimba***; Title for the same collection of short stories, 2006. Focus Publishers Ltd
19. Author, ***Kasalia***, short story in the collection called: ***Shingo ya Mbunge na Hadithi Nyingine***, 2007. Vide Muwa Publishers Ltd
20. Editor and Author, **Mwavyaji wa Roho na Hadithi Nyingine**, 2011 Focus Publishers
21. **Barua ya Mauti** (*play*).Kenya Literature Bureau
22. **Njozi ya Machozi** (*Play*) Focus Publishers 2018
23. **Hujaumbika** (*Novel*) Focus publishers 2018
24. **Fimbo ya Mbali na Hadithi Nyingine** (co- Editor) Focus publishers 2019
25. **Alionja Asali na Hadithi Nyingine** (Editor) Focus Publishers 2019

EXPECTED BOOKS UNDER EDITORIAL

- a. **Kilinge cha Wachawi** (*Play*) Top Book Publishers Ltd
- b. **Amani Mtoto wa Imani.** (*Reader-children*) Kenya Literature Bureau

c. **Sauti kutoka Kuzimu na Hadithi Nyingine.** *KLB Kenya*

d. **Mto wa Mawe** (Novel) Focus Publishers

e. **Upanga wa Radhi** (*play*) *OUP*

f. **Mashtaka ya Baba** (*novel*) *Focus publisher*

g. **Adha ya Ndoa.** (novel) Focus Publishers

h. **Mashtaka ya Baba.** (novel) Focus Publishers

SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

1. 2019: Chaukidu -International Kiswahili Conference . Kyambogo University, Uganda
2. **2006-2011:** Language teaching workshops and facilitations across the country; several certificates.
3. **3rd February 2006:** Attended a workshop on a KCSE set book (Mwisho wa Kosa) at Kenya National Theatre
4. **2007-Facilitation Workshops** for language teaching in Mombasa ,Kisii ,Embu , Kericho and Kakamega

5. **27th-28th** August 2008-Attended a workshop on enhancing interactive teaching and Counselling of High School Students at Light Academy Girls Nairobi
6. **7th August 2011**-Attended a Kiswahili Conference on effective teaching of Kiswahili and Script Writing at Wasta Kituo cha Kiswahili
7. **2013:** CHAWAKAMA attended a Language workshop held in Nakuru. Elected in the Editorial team to date
8. **2013:** CHAWAKAMA, Moi University ; conference for East Africa Kiswahili students
9. **2008:** Effective teaching of languages, Light Academy Nairobi
10. **2015:** CHAWAKAMA Kikuyu campus; conference for East African Kiswahili Students
11. **2015,** February, CHAWAKAMA, Held in Nakuru

SUPERVISION OF THESES

Successfully supervised with Others Students to do their thesis work to graduation, namely:

1. Urudiaji na Uwasilishaji wa Maana katika Ushairi wa Kisasa

Oiro George Omondi C50/76789/2014

2. Matatizo ya Mwanamke katika *Kidagaa Kimemwozea* na *Nyuso za Mwanamke*
Monica C Ruto C50/789075/2015
3. Nafasi ya wahusika wadoga katika fasihi pendwa. Muinda David C50/79040/2016
4. Motifu na jasira katika fasihi ya watoto. Rehema Sakwa C50/79054/2016
5. Matumizi ya Taswira katika Tamthilia za Said Ahmed Mohamed; Pungwa. Kivuli
Kinaishi na Mashetani. Muinde Dominic Nzili. 2018.

Currently supervising with others the following candidates who are undergoing their research theses in literature (Fasihi) (2019-2020)

- a) Imani Huda Hamisi C50/85116/2016 :Usimulizi katika Nathari za Kiswahili
- b) Beatrice Auma Kubende C50/86451/2016 : Malezi ya Kisasa katika Riwaya ya Kiswahili
- c) Ann Ndegwa Waithera C50/89808/16: Usalama wa Mtoto katika Riwaya ya Kiswahili
- d)

WORK EXPERIENCE

2018 To Date: Tutorial Fellow, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Kiswahili

Teaching the following courses:

- a) CLS 603: Swahili Prose (MA)
- b) TKS 408: Psycholinguistics in Kiswahili
- c) TKS 305: Editing, Proof-reading and Translation in Kiswahili
- d) TK S 303: Literal Theories and Analysis in Kiswahili
- e) CLK 103 : Introduction to Kiswahili Novel
- f) CLK 302: Literary Theories and Criticism of Kiswahili Literature
- g) TKS 401: Research Methods in Kiswahili
- h) TKS 402: Oral Literature in Kiswahili
- i) TKS 310: Creative Writing in Kiswahili

2017 : Part time lecturer, Greta University, Thika.

Teaching: a) Historia na Maendeleo ya Kiswahili

b) Fasihi Simulizi

2014 : Part time Lecturer, College of Education and External Studies, University of Nairobi

- Responsible for carrying out teaching and tutorial duties and encouraging research activities in the students in their area of studies
- Involved in creating exams, moderation and supervision of the same

- Assessing students course work and material, providing mentoring, advice and support to students on a personal level
- Actively leading class discussions and encouraging debate

Taught the following Units:

- TKS 101: Communication Skills in Kiswahili
- TKS 408: Psycholinguistics in Kiswahili
- TKS 305: Editing, Proof-reading and Translation in Kiswahili
- TK S 303: Literal Theories and Analysis in Kiswahili
- CLK 103 : Introduction to Kiswahili Novel
- CLK 302: Literary Theories and Criticism of Kiswahili Literature
- TKS 401: Research Methods in Kiswahili
- TKS 402: Oral Literature in Kiswahili
- TKS 310: Creative Writing in Kiswahili

2007 to date: Script developer, assessor and external editor; Focus Publishers, Nairobi

2008 to date: Script developer, Assessor and external Editorial Assistant, Kenya Literature Bureau, Nairobi and Focus publishers

2008 to December 2013: Kiswahili Head of Department-Light Academy Group of Schools, (HQ) Karen, Kenya.

- Responsible for helping the management to interview and recruit teachers
- Managing day to day activities of teachers
- Intervening for the management between it and teachers
- Organizing end of term workshops for teachers
- Listening to presenting teachers grievances to the management
- Responsible for creating material for effective teaching at departmental level
- Chairing all workshop activities for enhancing teacher teaching skills for all schools under Light Academy group of schools

- Writing termly and yearly reports for senior managers and heads
- Promoting inter-schools and international cultural programmes related to language and literature
- Organizing seminars to enhance skills for both teachers and students
- Carrying out teaching staff appraisal
- Responsible for actual performance of students in both national and international exams
- Member of Disciplinary Committee, Journalism and Creative Writing

2004- 2008: Editorial Assistant, Longhorn Publishers

Department of Kiswahili

Responsibilities

- Doing evaluation work of scripts
- Doing actual editorial work
- Moderation and chairing evaluation workshops
- Sourcing for authors
- Writing weekly reports for the editor and publishing manager
- Monitoring trends of change in material and language use in the schools, colleges and general public
- Monitoring government papers on education and laws and carrying them out

- Monitoring the activities at the Kenya Institute of Education and carrying out their mandate for education materials development

2004-2006: Kitengela Girls' High School

- (1) Teaching Kiswahili and History
- (2) F2 Class Teacher

2002-2004: Athi River Academy, Athi River

- (1) Principal.
- (2) Kiswahili Teacher

1995-2001: Limuru Girls' High School

- (1.) Taught *Kiswahili* and *History*
- (2.) Class Teacher, F2 North
- (3.) Sanaa Club Assistant Chair

1992-1995: Hill Top High School

Teaching subject: Kiswahili and History

PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMES THAT DEVELOP KISWAHILI

1. (a) 1995-2011: Contributor and Participant in a **KBC**

Kiswahili Programme; *LughaYetu*

- (b) 2006: BBC radio Kiswahili programme, Taught History of Kiswahili

(c) Effective Teaching of Kiswahili language and analysis of set books.

Awarded several certificates of merit for carrying out the exercise

Successfully

SEMINARS , MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

- Trophy and Certificates of merit : Wasta Centre, 2011

- Member of Chama cha Kiswahili cha Afrika Mashariki (CHAKAMA)
Responsibilities: **Editor** Preparing, proof reading and reading seminar papers for publication

- Member of World Scholars Cup, Light Academy Chapter, from 2011
 - Preparing learners and attending worldwide competitions

 - Sourcing for sponsors for the cultural activities in foreign countries

 - Promoting inter-community and international cultural activities between Kenya and Turkey mainly and other countries of the world. This is a yearly event

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

2013 : PhD, Kenyatta University, School of Humanities and Social Studies, Department of Kiswahili and African Languages-Bias, Kiswahili Literature.(Ongoing)

2009-2012: MASTERS degree at Kenyatta University, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Kiswahili. BIAS-Literature (Kiswahili)

1989-1992: Moi University; Eldoret
Bachelor of Arts, Kiswahili – Degree

2007-2009: Diploma in Human Resource-Global Institute of Business Studies
(Ordinary diploma certificate)

1987-1988: Musingu High School, A' level
Obtained 3 principals 1 subsidiary
Kiswahili, History and Christian Religion

1983-1986: Emusire High School, Maseno, O'Level,
Obtained 19 Points, (KCSE)

1976-1983: Moi's Bridge Primary School
(CPE) *Obtained 34 points out of 36*

REFEREES

1. Dr. EVANS MBUTHIA,

Senior Lecturer

Kiswahili Department,

University of Nairobi

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2. DR. MASINDE EDWIN

Senior Lecturer

Kenyatta University

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3. DR. WAFULA RICHARD MAKHANU

Senior Lecturer

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