

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Nationality: Kenyan | Languages: English and Kiswahili

PERSONAL PROFILE

A dynamic and outgoing individual who continuously seeks to better herself academically and professionally in her field of specialization. Open-minded and team player who works round the clock so as to accomplish given tasks and goals.

CAREER OBJECTIVE

Strive to be a committed professional with improved teaching and research skills to impact positively on my students as well as the society around me..

EDUCATION

2011- Date	PhD (Linguistics) Pwani University, Kenya Title: Luwanga Morphophonemics: Optimality Theoretic Account
2005 – 2007	Master of Arts (Linguistics) University of Nairobi, Kenya Thesis Title: A Glottochronology of three Luhya dialects: Lulogooli, Luwanga and Lubukusu.
1999 - 2003	Bachelor of Education (Arts) Linguistics and Literature University of Nairobi, Kenya (Awarded with First Class Honors)

WORK EXPERIENCE

May 2010 to Date: Assistant Lecturer, Languages, Linguistics & Literature Department, Pwani University

1. Teaching, preparation and marking of exams (Phonetics and Phonology, Phonology of English, Phonetic and Phonological Analysis, Dialectology, Sociolinguistics and Varieties of English)
2. Participation in school board and departmental meetings
3. Lead Expert, Departmental English, German & French Exam Moderation Panel
4. English & Linguistics curriculum review (Course outlines and BA programme)
5. Module development for digital platform (Blended learning) - Communication Skills
6. Member of graduation speech writing committee

October 2007 –April 2009: Teacher, St. Charles Lwanga Secondary School, Kenya. Teaching English and Literature.

January 2005- September 2005: Teacher, Rise and Shine Academy, Mombasa, Kenya. Teaching Senior School students English and Literature.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

1. 28th-30th November 2016, Participant at (Dis)ability and the Global Agenda for Sustainable Development-Can Community-Based Rehabilitation Serve as a Guideline for Inclusive Sustainable Development? At Pwani University organized by Pwani University & Technical University of Munich
2. 3rd-7th October 2016, Participant at Blended Learning Workshop at Pwani University organized by NICHE/KEN 212 & Funzo Kenya
3. 11-13th July. 2016, Participant at Leadership & Change Management Training (as a TOT) - Pwani University
4. 22nd-26th Feb 2016, Participant, eModule Conversion Workshop at Pwani University organized by NICHE/KEN 212 & Funzo Kenya
5. 3rd-5th Nov. 2015, Participant at Leadership & Change Management Training (as a TOT) – Pwani University
6. 15th -18th June 2015, Participant at eLearning Modularization Workshop at Pwani University organized by NICHE/KEN 212 & Funzo Kenya

7. 19th May 2015, Participant at Blended Learning Workshop at Pwani University organized by NICHE/KEN 212 & Funzo Kenya
8. 16th -17th September 2011, Research Proposal Training Workshop organized by Kenya DAAD Scholars Association in Collaboration with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and National Council of Science and Technology (NCST) held at Pwani University.
9. 16th-17th June 2011, Conference on “Impact of Social Change: UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) as a Trigger?” by Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Social Law and Pwani University College at Pwani University College, Kenya.
10. 25th -29th April 2011, Kenya Institute of Education 2nd Annual Conference, Nairobi Kenya.
11. 6th -7th August 2010, Pedagogical Skills Training Workshop held at Pwani University College, Kenya.

Research Interests

Bantu linguistics: phonology, morphology, language teaching, dialectology, discourse analysis

Peer Reviewed Papers

Lusweti S.&Aura V. (2011):Guarding against innovation that undermines education: A review of the motion to abolish KCPE exams, 2nd Annual Conference, Kenya Institute of Education, Nairobi, Kenya.

Persistent Challenges in the Mastery of English Language and Performance in Science, Mathematics and Technology Subjects: A Case of Kilifi County, Kenya

Outreach Programmes

2007-Presiding Officer: Electoral Commission of Kenya.

2008-2010 Workshop Facilitator for Mombasa Teachers of English on Effective Teaching of English and Literature in High School.

REFEREES

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