

Bio Data

Name: Dr. Maina Mutonya

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Current Position: *Senior Lecturer, Pwani University, Kenya. Involved in teaching, research and supervision, both undergraduate and postgraduate.*

Education

2006: Ph.D. African Literature, University of the Witwatersrand. (Johannesburg, South Africa)

2001: Masters of Arts, (M.A), African Literature, University of the Witwatersrand. (Johannesburg, South Africa)

1999: Bachelor of Arts, (B.A) Literature and Philosophy. (Moi University, Kenya)

Career Progression

Feb-Dec 2014: Profesor de Asignatura, Escuela Nacional de Antropología e Historia (ENAH), Estudios Africanos. (National School of Anthropology and History, Mexico). Taught undergraduate courses in African Studies, African Philosophy and Cultures and Swahili for Beginners

2009- 2013 Profesor-Investigador, African Studies (Estudios Africanos) El Colegio de México. Taught MA courses in African Studies, Contemporary African Literature and Cultural Expression, African Philosophy and Swahili (Beginners and Intermediate)

2007-2008: Post-doctoral researcher, lecturer and mentor to postgraduate students in the Humanities Graduate Centre, University of the Witwatersrand

2003-8: Tutorial Fellow and Assistant Lecturer in African Literature, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa.

2001-2003: Assistant Lecturer, Information Technology for Humanities, University of the Witwatersrand.

Areas of Research Interest

The History, Aesthetics and Politics of Contemporary African Literature in African Languages within Globalizing Cultures

African Migration, Urbanization and Ethnicity in Contemporary Africa and the Diaspora (Special Emphasis on Latin America and Afro-identities in Latin America)

Africa and Mexico in Mexico in Africa: Representations in Popular Culture (Music, literature, film and soap operas).

Popular Music and Politics in Africa

Supervision of Post Graduate Research to completion

2009-11: Masters

Rocio Andrea Castillo. *Cultura de la Migración en Senegal*. Masters of Arts (African Studies), Centre for Asian and African Studies. El Colegio de México, México

2011: Masters

María Gabriela Mata. *Explorando la Respuesta Africana a Agenda África de Venezuela (2005-2010) En El Marco de la Cooperación Sur-Sur: Casos Argelia, Gambia y Sudáfrica*. Masters of Arts (African Studies) Centre for Asian and African Studies. El Colegio de México, México

2010-11: Masters

Marisol Rocha Rodríguez *Kamirithu/Ngaahika Ndenda: El Eco Dramático en Kenia*. Bachelors of Arts (Drama and Theatre) Faculty of Philosophy and Arts, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, (UNAM)

2007: Masters

Dror Cohen. *The Role of Rap/Hip Hop Music in the Meaning and Maintenance of Identity in South African Youth* Masters of Arts, Social Psychology University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

Publications (Recent)

Book

Mutonya, Maina (2013) **The Politics of Everyday Life in Gĩkũyũ Popular Music (1990-2000)**. Nairobi, Kenya.

Articles

Mutonya, Maina. *A Tribute to Queen Jane: The Voice of the Voiceless*, in **Jahazi** (Journal of Culture, Arts and Performance), Vol 2: Issue 1. Nairobi, Kenya. 2015

Mutonya, Maina *Fimbo ya Nyayo: When the Dictator Called the Tunes*, in **Oppositional Arts: Unmasking the African Dictator**, Gichingiri Ndigiri (ed). University of Tennessee Press, 2014

Mutonya, Maina. *Jogoo La Shambani Haliwiki Mjini: The Village and the Town in the Mũgithi and One-Man Guitar Performances in Kenya*, in **African Studies Quarterly** 14(4), 2014.

Mutonya, Maina *La Configuración del Dictador Keniano a través de la Música*, en **Estudios de Asia y África**. 153 (1) 2014. México.

Mutonya, Maina. *Crying as we Laugh: Human Rights in Wahome Mutahi's Prison Memoirs*. **Journal of African Literature Association (JALA)** Fall/Winter Vol 7:1 2012.

Mutonya, Maina *La Negociación de Identidades Urbanas en el Mũgithi y la ejecución de One-Man Guitar de Kenia*, in **Estudios de Asia y África**. 148: 3. Mexico. El Colegio de Mexico, 2012.

Consultancies

2014: Principal Researcher, Museo de Memoria y Tolerancia (Memory and Tolerance Museum), México. Exhibition: *El Legado de Mandela: 20 Años de Libertad en Sudáfrica*

2007 Editorial Consultancy, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Regional Service Centre, (RSC) Johannesburg 2006.

2007 Administration Manager, World of Work Training and Internship Program, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

2007 Editor, Institute for Security Studies' Africa Security Analysis Program, Pretoria, South Africa

2006 Editor, United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) Report on Disaster Management and Indigenous Knowledge Systems in South Africa

International Languages

English (Speak, Read and Write Fluently)

Kiswahili (Speak, Read and Write Fluently)

Spanish (Speak, Read and Write, Advanced level)

Professional Development and Technical Skills

- 2014: Professional English Teacher's Training Course, Berlitz
- 2013: Certificate, Spanish Language, UNAM (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Centro de Enseñanza de Español para Extranjeros (CEPE). Level Superior in Spanish
- 2011: Certificate in teaching of foreign languages in the USA, University of Wisconsin- Madison and National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCOTL), USA.

Responsibilities and Achievements

- 2015-present: Examiner and Thesis Supervisor, Pwani University
- 2015-present: Columnist and commentator on culture and politics in Kenya's print media
- 2009-present: Associate Researcher, Africa Policy Institute
- 2009-present: Examiner and Thesis director, El Colegio de Mexico
- 2009-present: Editorial Committee Member, Journal of Asian and African Studies, Mexico
- 2009-present: Participant, International and National conferences on Politics, Literature, Language and Popular Culture, in Africa, Mexico and the USA (Available on request). Published numerous books and articles.

Honours and Awards

- 2010: Research Grant, PROMEP (Programa para el Mejoramiento de Profesores, Secretaria de Educación Pública, México)
- 2002-5. Postgraduate Merit Scholarship, by the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2001-5: Harold and Doris Tohill Prestige Scholarship, Johannesburg, South Africa (for contribution towards the advancement of English Studies in South Africa)
- 2000-5: Post-Graduate Merit Award, by the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa