

## ***Curriculum Vitae***



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## II. CURRENT POSITION

- Since September, 2014:  
A-Professor, Department of Languages, Linguistics, & Literature, Pwani University, Kilifi, Kenya: Teaching Undergraduate & MA courses in English Language & Linguistics; Supervision of Graduate Research, MA & PhD.

## III. ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- **1997-2000** Egerton University, Njoro, Kenya:  
*Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics, (Ph.D.)*
- **1989-90** University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland:  
*Master of Science in Applied Linguistics, (M.Sc.)*
- **1981-85** Kenyatta University College, University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya:  
*Bachelor of Education (Arts) honours (B.Ed.)*

## IV. WORKING HISTORY/EXPERIENCE

- April 2013-August 2014: **Associate Professor**, Department of Literature, Languages & Linguistics, **Egerton University**, Egerton-Njoro, Kenya: Teaching Undergraduate & MA courses in English Language & Linguistics, Communication and Media; Supervision of Graduate Research, MA & PhD.
- April, 2009-April 2013: **Senior Lecturer**, Department of Literature, Languages & Linguistics, **Egerton University**, Egerton-Njoro, Kenya: Teaching Undergraduate & MA courses in English Language & Linguistics, Communication and Media; Supervision of Graduate Research, MA & PhD.
- September 2003-July 2005 **Visiting Asst. Professor**, Department of Linguistics, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, USA.
- August 2002-August 2003 **Visiting Research Scholar**, Department of English & Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, USA.  
~ *Research on the morpho-syntactic structure of African Bantu Languages*  
~ *Promulgation of Kiswahili as a Foreign Language: A beginners' course was started with my assistance.*

- 1993-2002 **Lecturer**, Department of Languages & Linguistics, Egerton University, NJORO: Taught Graduate (MA) and undergraduate (B.Ed.) and (B.A.) courses in *Semantics & Pragmatics, Generative Syntax, Discourse Analysis, Second Language Acquisition, Structure and Grammar of English*. \*Received the **External Examiner's Commendation** in 1999 for having taught and examined the course *ENGL 403 Semantics and Pragmatics* exceptionally well.
- 1991-1993 **Assistant Lecturer, Communication Skills Unit**, Department of Linguistics & African Languages, University of Nairobi  
 ~Participated in the establishment and development of the *Communication Skills (English for Specific and Academic Purposes)* syllabus, and the institution of the course across the faculties of Law, Commerce, Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine.  
 ~Served as **Co-ordinator** of assessment and evaluation of student performance in *Language and Study Skills*.
- 1985-1989 **High School Teacher** (Kiswahili, English Language & Literature)  
 ~1985-86 *St. Brigid's Girls High School, Kiminini*  
 ~1986-89 *St. Patrick's High School, Iten*  
 ~1989 *Solian Girls High School, Eldama Ravine* 1979-1980
- 1979-1981 **Primary School Teacher**, Kiamaina Primary School, Nakuru
- 1976-1977 **Procurement Clerical Officer**, Ministry of Works, Supplies Branch, Likoni Road, Nairobi

## V. ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2009—2012: **Chairman**, Department of Literature, Languages & Linguistics, **Egerton University**, Egerton-Njoro, Kenya: *Overseeing the administrative and academic matters of the department*
- June-August 2011 **Acting Dean**, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, Egerton University, Njoro, *temporary oversight of the faculty processes and procedures towards the completion of the academic year 2010-2011*
- 2006-2007, *Senate Representative for Faculty of Education, Laikipia Campus College, Egerton University.*
- 2000-2002 **Faculty Academic advisor**, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Egerton University, NJORO, Kenya.  
 ~Co-ordinating student advising in all the departments of the faculty in matters related to successful study, and academic decision making.

## VI. OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES & CONSULTANCIES

- 2012-The present: **External Examiner**, Department of English Language & Linguistics, Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya
- June, 2012: The OSSREA PhD Research Workshop **Facilitator**: 'Essentials of Qualitative Research,' Egerton University, Egerton-Njoro, Kenya
- August 2005: Gikuyu language translator/transcriber: **Superior Court of Washington**, Seattle, Washington, USA.
- August 2005: Kiswahili Copy Editor: **Random House Publishers, NY. inc.**
- 2004-2005: Member, **Graduate Studies Selection Committee**, African Studies Program, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. USA.
- August 2003-July 2005: **Co-ordinator**, The Kiswahili Courses, the Ohio University African Studies Program.
- 2003-2004: Member, **Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Selection Committee**, African Studies Program, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, USA.

## VII. RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### 7.1. DIRECT PARTICIPATION

- i. 1989-1990 Researched on the Rhetorical Structure of Pre-University students' essay writing in Second Language English.
- ii. 1991-1992 Participated in the project: Construction of 'The Gikuyu Language Thesaurus' under the Chairmanship of **Prof. Dr. Hagen Neumueller**, Facheinheit Ethnologie, Universitat Bayreuth, Germany.
- iii. 1997: Led a group of researchers in a participatory rural appraisal among the Maasai in the Mara Ecological Zone; investigation of the relationship between the people and the Wildlife [**The Mara-Serengeti Ecosystem Project** funded by the **European Union** through the **Kenya Wildlife Service**].
- iv. 1997-2000 Investigated the Parameters of Syntactic Information Packaging in L2 acquisition of English by Gikuyu L1 Speakers.
- v. Participated in the **Development of Distance Learning Materials** at Ohio University, Ohio, USA, funded by the **Ohio Board of Regents**.
- vi. 2007-The Present: Actively participating in the formalisation of Kiswahili Linguistic Terminologies through interface with parallel terminologies in English; project funded by the **Division of Research & Extension**, Egerton University, Njoro.
- v. Member, **Department of Literature, Languages & Linguistics Research Group**: participated in diverse projects and seminars on ongoing individual assignments.
- vi. 2011- Member, **Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences**, Egerton University, Research Committee.

## **7.2. SUPERVISION OF RESEARCH STUDENTS**

### **7.2.1. MA Research**

- i. 1996 Ongarora, David Ogoti, MA (*English Language & Linguistics*)  
'Vowel Harmony in the Rogoro Dialect of Ekegusii'
- ii. 1997 Njeri, Lucy Jane, MA (*English Language & Linguistics*)  
'The acquisition of English deictic expressions by Children of Gikuyu first language background'
- iii. 2001 Nganyi, A.B. Lanya, MA (*English Language & Linguistics*)  
'An analysis of Classroom Discourse on Margaret Ogolla's **'The River and the Source'**
- iv. 2002 Ayieko, Gerry, MA (*English Language & Linguistics*)  
'Readability of Texts: An analysis of reader responses on Wole Soyinka's **'The Interpreters'**
- v. 2004-05 Peck, RaShelle, MA (*International Affairs*)  
'The role of the BBC and VOA Kiswahili media in regard to the enhancement of views and opinions on World matters in the Swahili Speaking World.' (Ohio University, Athens, USA)
- vi. 2008 Somba, Anthony Mang'oka, MA (*English Language & Linguistics*)  
'Lexico-Semantic Errors in the Written English of Hearing Impaired Pupils: A case study of Learners at Ngala Special School, Nakuru Town, Kenya'
- vii. 2009 Micheni, Beatrice, MA (*English Language & Linguistics*)  
'Performance in Middle-level Colleges in Kenya: The influence of Competence in English Language'
- viii. 2009 Barasa, Margaret Nasambu, MA (*English Language & Linguistics*)  
'Markedness in the Acquisition of English by Bukusu L1 Speakers'
- ix. 2009 Nancy W. Mbaka, MA (*English Language & Linguistics*), 'Language Policy Implementation & Impact on pupils' Proficiency'
- x. 2009 Christine Atieno Peter, MA (*English Language & Linguistics*), 'Writing in ESL: Performance of Secondary Students in Chuka District, Kenya'
- xi. 2009. Ann Hilda Gatakaa Kinyua, MA (*English Language & Linguistics*), 'Analysis of the Kimeru Verb Group: The Transformational Generative Grammar Model'
- xii. 2010 Nyaigoti Bichanga, MA (*English Language & Linguistics*)  
'Critical Discourse Analysis of Kenyan Newspaper Headlines in the 1997 Pre-Election Campaigns'
- xiii. 2010 Wambura, Joyce Boke, MA (*English Language & Linguistics*)

‘The Kurianisation of English Language Borrowings’

- xiv. 2011 Daniel Maina Macharia, *MA (English Language & Linguistics)*  
‘Style and Social Commentary in Scalar Humour: The Case of Contemporary “Mchongoano” of Kenya’
- xv. 2012 Callen Kemunto Ogembo, *MA (English Language & Linguistics)*, ‘Interface Between Spoken and Written Ability in English as a Second Language: Learner-Speaker Performance in Selected Primary Schools in Nakuru Municipality, Kenya’
- xvi. 2013 Caroline Chebbe, *MA (English Language & Linguistics)*, ‘The Written Performance of Primary School Children in English as a Second Language in Selected Schools in Nakuru North District’
- xvii. 2013 Salim M. Bernard *MA (English Language & Linguistics)*, ‘A stylistic Analysis of Football Commentary of the English Premier League’
- xviii. 2013 Lillian Akoth Ochieng’, *MA (English Language & Linguistics)*, ‘The Morpho-syntactic Description of Suba Language’
- xix. 2013 Agatha Muthoni Njoroge, *MA (English Language & Linguistics)*, ‘Language-Learner Interpretation of Teachers’ Written Comments: A Case of Selected Schools in Nakuru Municipality.’

### **7.2.2. Doctor of Philosophy Research**

- xx. 2012 **Chesang, Violet**, *Doctor of Philosophy (English Language & Linguistics)*  
‘The Language Dilemma in the Kakuma & Dadaab Refugee Camps in Kenya’
- xxi. 2015 **Kinuthia, Jane Wanjiku**, *Doctor of Philosophy (English Language & Linguistics)*  
‘Gender Language & Power Relations in Marriage Negotiation Discourse Among the Agikuyu of Kenya’
- xxii. 2015 **Molenje, Victor Makuto**, *Articulation and Phonological Impairments in the Speech of Second Language Learners with Cerebral Palsy*
- xxiii. 2015 **Eshitemi, Violet Aura**, *Luwanga Morpho-phonemics: An Optimality Theoretic Account*
- xxiv. 2015 **Wallace Sarah Mwendar**, *Rhetorical Perspectives within the Narrative Paradigm of Creative Writing*

## VIII. ATTENDANCE AT LEARNED CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

- June 2010: EGERTON UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE at THE KENYA SCHOOL OF MONETARY STUDIES, NAIROBI
- 2010 CHAKITA, MOMBASA CONFERENCE
- 2010 PEDAGOGY WORKSHOP, EGERTON
- 2011 ICT TRAINING WORKSHOP, EGERTON
- 2011 PROF. MICKIE MWANZIA KOSTER'S PRESENTATION
- 2011 PROF. ANDREW SMYTH'S PRESENTATION
- 2011 CHAKITA, NAKURU
- 2011 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WORKSHOP, EGERTON
- 2012 PROF. SUSAN VAN ZYL'S RESEARCH METHODOLOGY WORKSHOP
- June 2012 OSSREA METHODOLOGY WORKSHOP: Facilitator: 'ESSENTIALS OF QUALITATIVE RESEARCH: APPROACHES & PARADIGMS'
- July 2012 CHRISTIANITY IN AFRICA CONFERENCE, EGERTON, MAY-JULY: Paper presented, 'LANGUAGE, POWER, IDEOLOGY AND BELIEF: THE CHANGING IMAGE OF CHRIST IN KENYA'S POP MEDIA'
- 11<sup>th</sup> –13<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RESEARCHING AFRICAN LITERATURE IN THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY, PWANI UNIVERSITY, KILIFI: *Paper co-presented [with Dr. Catherine W. Mwangi] 'AFRICAN LITERARY SCHOLARSHIP IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY: META-THEORETICAL CONSIDERATIONS'*

## IX. PUBLICATIONS/ ACADEMIC PAPERS

Mutiti, J.K. 1990 Rhetorical Patterns in the writing(s) of Kenyan Pre-University students: Transfer or Interlanguage? ( M.Sc. Dissertation, University of Edinburgh, Scotland)

Mutiti, J.K. 1992 Rhetorical Structure in the Second Language English performance of University first year students, Nairobi: COSP, British Council.

Mutiti, J.K. 1997 Problems, Prospects and Community Action Plan: Siana Group Ranch, Nairobi: Kenya Wildlife Service.

Mutiti, J.K. 1998 Information Packaging Across languages: Issues in the Acquisition of English by Gikuyu first language Speakers. In **EGERTON JOURNAL**, Vol. 2 No.1, EUP.

Mutiti, J.K. 2000 The Parameters of Syntactic Information packaging in the L2 Acquisition of English by Gikuyu L1 speakers. (Ph.D. Thesis, Egerton University, Njoro, Kenya)

Mutiti, J.K. 2002 Gikomba Market Literature: Reflections on the Identity and Aspirations of a Common Entrepreneurial Folk. In **Fabula: Journal of Folklore Studies**. No 43/Heft ½, Berlin: Walter de Gruyter.

Mutiti, J.K. 2002 Cross-linguistic Influence in the Acquisition of a Second Language: What Can a Teacher do? Paper presented at the mid-TESOL 2002 Fall Conference, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, USA. In '**MID-TESOL MATTERS**'

Desai,U., M. Shelley, J. Mutiti & F. Anebo, 2003. **Policy Studies Journal: Articles, Authors and Research Themes**. In Policy Studies Journal, PSJ online

Shelley, M... & J. Mutiti, 2004 Digital Citizenship: Parameters of the Digital Divide. In **Social Science Computer Review**, No.22

Mutiti, Y.J.K. 2011.The Medium of Language in African Literature: Is there alienation in the adoption of Foreign Languages in the 'so-called' African Literatures? in **USILL** Vol. 4, No 1.

Mutiti, Y.J.K. & J. F. Tchai. 2010. Shakespeare's 'Intertextualities' in Africa: Julius K. Nyerere's Interpretation & Translation of The Merchant Of Venice & Julius Caesar in the Context of 'Ujamaa' Socialism in Tanzania. in Lorke et al 2010, **Theatre as Heterotopia: Contemporary Comparative Perspectives on Shakespeare**, BergstraBe: Wissenschaftlicher Verlag Trier

Micheni, B.W. & Y.J.K. Mutiti, 2010. Towards the Improvement of College Students' Communicative Competence in Preparation for Professional Practice: An Analysis of Errors in Written and Oral Performance, in **OSSREA-EGERTON Journal**, Vol. IX.



Mutiti, Y.J.K. & M. Mukuthuria, 2011, The Lexicographical Challenge to Kiswahili as Meta-language: Adoption and Incorporation of Specialised Terminology into Linguistic Scholarship, in **EGERTON JOURNAL**, Vol. X .

Mutiti, Y.J.K. 2011. Towards Unity in the Kenyan Cultural Diversity: The Place of Kiswahili Language & Culture, in **RUWAZA AFRIKA, Journal of Contemporary Discourse in Language, Literature, Culture, and the Arts**, Vol. 1. No. 1

Mutiti, Y.J.K. & L. N. Wathika, M. Mukuthuria, 2013. Rhetorical Structure of African Bantu Languages: Is it a reflection of African Logical Patterns? in **RUWAZA AFRIKA, Journal of Contemporary Research in Humanities & Social Sciences**, Vol. 2. No. 1.

Mang'oka, S.A. & Y.J.K. Mutiti, 2013. The Relationship between Verbal, Auditory, and Visual Signification in the Acquisition of English L2 Vocabulary by Hearing Impaired Learners, in **RUWAZA AFRIKA, Journal of Contemporary Research in Humanities & Social Sciences**, Vol. 2. No. 1.

Barasa, M.N., J. Mutiti, O.B. Rose, & A. Shitandi, 2013, The Relationship between Semantic Functions and the Acquisition of English Prepositions, in **IUP Journal of English Studies**, Vol. III, No.1.

## X. ACADEMIC REFEREES

<p><b>Professor Emilia V. Ilieva</b> <i>Department of Literature, Languages &amp; linguistics</i> <i>Egerton University</i> <i>P.O. Box 536</i> <i>EGERTON-NJORO, Kenya</i> <a href="mailto:ilieva@africaonline.co.ke">ilieva@africaonline.co.ke</a> <i>Telephone: 0733840221</i></p>	<p><b>Professor Felicia A. Yieke</b> <i>Department of Literary &amp; Communication Studies</i> <i>Laikipia University</i> <i>P.O. Box 1100</i> <i>NYAHURURU, Kenya</i> <a href="mailto:fyieke@yahoo.com">fyieke@yahoo.com</a> <i>Telephone: 0733538046</i></p>
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