

# CURRICULUM VITAE

*Career Objective: To be an efficient and effective teacher and researcher, and to derive satisfaction from my work.*

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Department: Literature, Linguistics and Foreign Languages  
Designation/Position: Lecturer  
Area of Specialization: Applied Linguistics  
Research Interests: Discourse Analysis, Language and Gender, Language and Politics, Language and Social Media, Language and Communication  
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## ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2015 -2019: PhD (Applied Linguistics), Kenyatta University, Kenya  
2007-2010: MA (English Language and Linguistics), Egerton University, Kenya  
1993-1997: B. ED (Arts), Second Class Honours, Upper Division Moi University, Kenya  
1988-1991: K.C.S.E, Nyabururu Girls High School, Kenya  
1980-1987: K.C.P.E Mulaha Primary School, Kenya

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2019- Present: Lecturer Kenyatta University, teaching English language and Linguistics  
2014-2019: Tutorial Fellow, Kenyatta University, teaching English language and Linguistics  
2010 -2014: Part-time lecturer Kisii and Mount Kenya Universities, teaching English language and Linguistics  
1997 -2014: Teacher of English/Literature  
2011- 2014: Cardinal Otunga High School, Mosoch, Kenya  
2009-2010: Rigoma Secondary School  
1997-2007: Esani Secondary School

## ACHIEVEMENTS

2018: Sponsored by Social Science Research Council (SSRC) for a three day Graduate Students' Conference at Makerere Institute of Social Science Research, Kampala, Uganda  
2018: Sponsored by Social Science Research Council (SSRC) for a one week fellowship workshop in Nairobi, Kenya  
2017: Sponsored by Social Science Research Council (SSRC) for a one week fellows workshop in Lagos, Nigeria,  
2017: Won SSRC's Next Gen Social Sciences in Africa Research Fellowship grant

## RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2017: Kenyatta University School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Post Graduate Research Grant
- 2017: PhD Dissertation Fellowship Research Grant by Social Science Research Council's Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa Fellowship Programme
- 2009: Egerton University Post-Graduate Research Grant

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Kenyatta University

**PhD Thesis:** Language, Gender and Power: The Discursive Construction of the Kenya National Assembly Politicians (2013-2017)

**Supervisors:** Dr. Emily Ogutu  
Dr. Gatitu Kiguru

### Egerton University

**MA Thesis:** Language Use in Formal Adolescent Reproductive Health Programmes: A Case Study of Selected Secondary Schools in Nyamira District, Kenya

**Supervisors:** Dr. Catherine Kitetu  
Dr. Furaha Chai

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Kenyatta University: 2014-Present

Position: Tutorial Fellow- 2014-2019

Lecturer- 2019-Present

Face-to-face Teaching/Learning: Undergraduate

CODE	TITLE
AEN 100	Introduction to the Study of Language
AEN 101	Introduction to the Grammar of English
AEN 102	The use of English for Academic Purposes
AEN 200	Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology
AEN 202	Phonology of English
AEN 203	Morphology, Syntax and semantics
AEN 300	Phonetic and Phonological analyses
AEN 302	English Grammar and Usage
AEN 303	Second Language Acquisition
AEN 400	Advanced Theoretical Studies in Grammar
AEN 401	Varieties of English
AEN 402	English Semantics and Pragmatics
AEN 403	Sociolinguistics

### Blended Learning: Undergraduate

CODE	TITLE
AEN 200	Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology
AEN 301	Discourse Analysis

**Blended Teaching/Learning: Post-Graduate**

CODE	TITLE
AEN 815	Discourse Analysis

**Online Teaching/Learning: Undergraduate**

CODE	TITLE
AEN 200	Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology
AEN 307	Research Methods

**Other Public and Private Universities****Kisii University: 2010-2014**

Position: Part-time Lecturer

Face-to-face: Undergraduate

CODE	TITLE
ENGL 0112	Introduction to the History of English Language
ENGL 0221	Linguistics and Language Teaching
ENGL 0122	Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology
ENGL 0121	Sociolinguistics
ENGL 111	Language and Linguistics
ENGL 221	Gender in Language
ENGL 222	Aspects of Grammatical Analysis
ENGL 311	Psycholinguistics
ENGL 312	Historical and Comparative Linguistics
ENGL 322	Second Language Acquisition
ENGL 411	Semantics and Pragmatics
ENGL 421	Advanced Syntax
PPL 222	Language Acquisition
PLLE 333	Morphology and Syntax
PLLE 312	Language Style
PLLE 421	Semantics and Pragmatics
PLLL	Introduction to General Linguistics
COMS 101	Communication Skills I
COMS 121	Communication Skill II

**Mount Kenya University: 2013-2014****Face-to-face; Undergraduate**

CODE	TITLE
BENG 122	Sociolinguistics
ENG 312	Second Language Acquisition
MLA 6121	Theoretical Approaches to Pragmatics
BLA 2104	Origins and Development of English

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Lecturing and conducting tutorials
- Submitting class attendance sheets to the relevant office
- Attending to individual students
- Setting CATs and Exams
- Participating in the internal panels for the moderation of draft exams and examination results
- Invigilating CATs and Exams according to university guidelines
- Marking, grading, recording and submitting CATs and Exams and accompanying documents within the given timelines
- Participating in university meetings at various levels
- Participating in Curriculum review processes
- Reader of post-graduate projects and theses
- Participating in the panel for post-graduate pre-proposal and proposal presentations
- Supervising post-graduate students
- Internal Examiner of post-graduate projects as assigned by Graduate School
- Conducting research and publishing
- Mentoring Kenyatta University Students
- Training staff and students on how to teach and learn online

## **POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION**

### **Master's Students**

Name: Peter Waita

Registration no.:

Date assigned: 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2020

Thesis: Vocalic Variations in the Kikamba Spoken by Kikuyu Women Married to Native Speakers of Kikamba in Matuu, Kenya

Status: Ongoing

Name: Peter Okoth Ondag

Registration no.: C50/CE/23141/2010

Date Assigned: 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. 2020

Project: Power Relations and Ideology in High School English Set Texts in Kenya

Status: Ongoing

Name: Dorothy Nyabonyi Ongeru

Registration no.:C50/28249/2018

Date Assigned: 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2020

Thesis: Patterns of Sound Deletion in Ekegusii

Status: Ongoing

Name: Anyona Malon Kemunto

Registration no.: C50/28737/2018

Date Assigned: 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021

Thesis: An Intertextual Analysis of Kenyan Television Adverts

Status: Ongoing

## INTERNAL EXAMINATION

### Master's Students

Project: Interpretations of English Nominal Elements by Form Ones in Selected Schools in Kitui County, Kenya

## PUBLICATIONS

Atambo, N. B. & Chai, J. F. (2013), "Walking a Cultural Tightrope: Linguistic Strategies Employed in Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) Programmes in Kenyan Secondary Schools" *Ruwaza Afrika*, *Journal of Contemporary Research in Humanities and Social Sciences* 2 (1) 262-276

Atambo, N., Ogutu, E., & Kiguru, E. (2021). Language, gender and power: Lexicalisation of women in the national assembly and other top political posts in Kenya (2013-2017). *Journal of Linguistics and Foreign Languages*, 2(1). Retrieved from <https://royalliteglobal.com/jlfl/article/view/506>

## CONFERENCES

**Title of Paper:** Making Sense of, and Coping With the COVID-19 Pandemic in Kenya: A Linguistic Perspective

**Presenters:** Norah B. Atambo & Gervasio I.Miriti

**Conference:** **Forthcoming:** Second Conference organized by POCLANDE International Network, at Kenyatta University, Kenya

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

**Title of paper:** An Analysis of the Intertextuality of Social Media Discourse of Chuka University Students on Whatsapp Platforms

**Presenters:** Gervasio I. Miriti & Norah B. Atambo

**Conference:** 1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Multidisciplinary Conference by Turkana University College (a constituent college of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology) Kenya

**Date:** Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday June 25<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Title of Paper:** Language, Ideology And Power: Women National Assembly Members As Naïve Flower Girls Sprinkling their Femininity in the Political Scene

**Presenter:** Norah B. Atambo

**Conference:** Makerere Institute of Social Sciences (Makerere University) Graduate Students' Conference

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Title of paper:** Walking a Cultural Tightrope: Linguistic Strategies Used in Formal Adolescent Reproductive Health Programmes in Kenyan Secondary Schools

**Presenter:** Norah B. Atambo

**Conference:** Fifth Research week and international conference, Egerton University, Njoro, Kenya.

**Date:** October, 2010

### **SEMINAR PAPERS**

**Title of paper:** Language, Gender and Power: The Discursive Construction of the Kenya National Assembly Politicians (2013 – 2017)

**Presenter:** Norah B. Atambo,

**Seminar:** Kenyatta University Post-Graduate Seminar

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### **WORKSHOPS ATTENDED**

**Workshop:** Global Research Ethics Africa Workshop, a project led by Edinburgh University, United Kingdom, in collaboration with UST and Victoria University, among others

**Venue:** Virtual

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Workshop:** Social Science Research Council's Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa Fellowship Programme Workshop

**Venue:** Nigeria, Lagos.

**Date:** July 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Workshop:** Social Science Research Council's Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa fellowship programme Workshop

**Venue:** Kenya, Nairobi

**Date:** January 2018

### **CONSULTANCY, NETWORKS AND COLLABORATIONS**

- Alumni of the Social Science Research Council's Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa Fellowship Programme.
- A member of 'Doing a PhD in Africa' a collaboration of SSRC fellows.
- Freelance editor of postgraduate social science projects and theses.

### **PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS AND SHORT COURSES**

18<sup>th</sup> May-June 2021: Participated in the pilot testing of Modern Competencies of Academic Teachers (MOCAT) Moodle training course involving a consortium of eight international universities including KU as the only university from Africa under NAWA (European Union) fund. Covered:

1. Teaching Contemporary Students course (Prepared by University of Salerno, Italy)

29<sup>th</sup> April-June 2021: Capacity Building Course by Kenyatta University: Extend Professional Learning Programme for Educators by Extend Africa offered by the Commonwealth of Learning, Canada, in partnership with Kenyatta University, Kenya. Covered:

1. Ext 101: Teacher for Learning Module
2. Ext 102: Collaborator Module
3. Ext 103: Technologist module

15<sup>th</sup> March 2021: Virtual training by Kenyatta University on one more step into understanding patenting rights, by Kenyatta University

26<sup>th</sup> February 2021: Virtual Training of new supervisors by Kenyatta University

18<sup>th</sup> November 2020: Virtual seminar on where to publish by RIO, Kenyatta University

September to November 2020: Virtual Cyber Security awareness course by Kenet

18<sup>th</sup> August 2020: Virtual Kenet Web conference training

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020: Virtual Library training on Mendeley and Zotero

August to September 2020: Virtual OpenLearn Tertiary Educator Programme course on how to construct teaching online using experience of real online educators  
TESSA, OU, ACDE, and IET  
: Virtual OpenLearn Teacher Educator Programme course on skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> century by TESSA, OU, ACDE, and IET

24<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2019: Cambridge core Platform and Authorship Training by Kenyatta University

15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 Training on the Theory of Change by Kenyatta University, RIO, BSSC Rm. 14

16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2018 Grant Proposal Writing Training by Kenyatta University, RIO, BSSC Rm 14

15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2018 Capacity Building Workshop on Designing Effective Power Point Presentations and Preparing Scientific Posters and Workshops by Kenyatta University, RIO, BSSC Rm. 14

19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Elsevier Publishing Workshop by Kenyatta University, RIO, BSSC Rm. 14

May 2016: Second Turnitin antiplagiarism software training at the Post modern Library, Kenyatta University

26<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2016 Training on Referencing using Mendeley software by Kenyatta University

17<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2015 Anti-corruption awareness training by Kenyatta University

28<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2015 Intellectual Property Rights awareness Training by Kenyatta University.

August 2015: E-Learning training for coordinators' by the e-learning Directorate, Kenyatta University.

18<sup>th</sup> May 2015: Turnitin antiplagiarism software training at the Post modern Library, Kenyatta University

23<sup>rd</sup> March-26<sup>th</sup> March 2015: Training on teaching, setting and marking exams at BSSC, Rm 149, Kenyatta University

20<sup>th</sup> March 2015: Training of new members of staff by Centre for Gender Equity and Empowerment, Kenyatta University

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS**

- December 2020 to January 2021: Constructed a house for a needy alumni lady alongside other alumni members of Nyabururu Girls High School.
- November 2020: Visited Kiaragana Children's home and donated toiletries with other church women ministry leaders.
- November 2020-present: Kenyatta University staff mentor
- January 2020: Offset the hospital bill for a sick Nyabururu Alumni lady alongside other alumni members.
- 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020: Member of the University of Embu stakeholders' forum, reviewing the curriculum for new courses.

- 2019: visited the sick in County Hospital in Embu with other church women ministry members.
- 2018-present: sponsoring a needy boy in Itibo Boys primary boarding school and two girls in Nyabururu Girls High School alongside other alumni members.
- May 2018: Donations of food stuffs alongside other church women ministry leaders to the needy in North Eastern Kenya
- September 2018: Contributions of money for flood victims alongside other university staff.
- July 2018: Participated in Sweeping Embu Town alongside other staff and students, of Kenyatta University Embu Campus, during the environment day.
- September 2019: Visited and donated of food and cloths to Toto Love Children' Home – Embu with other church women ministry leaders in Embu.
- July 2017: Build a tree during the Campus Environmental day.
- September 2016 : Career guidance and counseling and gender awareness sensitisation – St. Mary's Goretti Girls High School, Embu County Kenya.
- September 2015: Career guidance and counseling and gender awareness sensitisation – Kerugoya Girls High School, Kirinyaga County, Kenya

## **ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS HELD**

### **Recognized University Administrative Positions**

2015-PRESENT: e-Learning Coordinator – Embu Campus  
 January 2021-present: Module Reviewer

### **Other Administrative Positions Held**

2019-Present: Member of the Department of Literature, Linguistics and Foreign Languages Post-Graduate Committee  
 2018-Present: Member of the Department of Literature, Linguistics and Foreign Languages' Collaboration Committee  
 2015-2019: Secretary of Embu Campus e-Learning Committee  
 2015-present: Member of Embu Campus Management Board Meeting  
 2015-present: Member of Embu Campus Quality Management System  
 2015-present: Member of Embu Campus Library Committee  
 2015-present: Member of Embu Campus Marketing Committee  
 2015-present Member of Embu Campus Anti-corruption Committee  
 2015-present: Member of Embu Campus Admissions Committee  
 2014-2015: Member of Career Week Planning Committee: Representing Embu Campus  
 2014-15: In charge of exams and student welfare, Embu Campus

## **LANGUAGES**

**Ekegusii:** Native

**Kiswahili:** Excellent listening, speaking, reading and writing skills

**English:** Excellent listening, speaking, reading and writing skills



**OTHER SKILLS**

- E-Learning skills
- Computer Literacy Skills
- Counselling Skills for Trauma, Conflict and Disaster Management
- Adolescent Reproductive Health & Life Skills Coaching
- Plagiarism testing skills
- Driving

**HOBBIES:** Reading, Youth Counselling, Church Activities and Athletics

**REFEREES**

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