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Kenyatta University,
Department of Literature, Linguistics &
Foreign Languages,
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EDUCATION

PhD: Kenyatta University, PhD in Applied Linguistics 2014

Thesis: *A Critical Discourse Analysis of Language Used in Selected Courts of Law in Kenya*

M.A.: Kenyatta University, Master of Arts, English and Linguistics 2008

Dissertation: *Strategies Employed by Court Interpreters and Categories of Interpreter Error in Selected Kenyan Courts*

B.Ed.: Egerton University, Bachelor of Education (Arts) 2000

Major: English and Literature

RESEARCH GRANTS

Title of Grant

Kenyatta University Vice-chancellor's Research Grant (2016)

Funding Body

Kenyatta University

Duration

2017 – 2019

Title of Grant Project

Transitioning from Academia to Industry: Job Application Letters and CVs as the Weak Link

Role in Project

Co-researcher

Other Researchers in Project

Dr Phyllis Mwangi (PR), Dr Purity Nthiga, Dr Esther Mbithi, Dr Adelheid Bwire, Dr Caroline Mutwiri

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Kenyatta University, Kenya

2009 - 2014

Thesis: *A Critical Discourse Analysis of Language Used in Selected Courts of Law in Kenya*

Supervisors: Dr. Emily Ogutu
Prof: Martin Njoroge

Skill/Accomplishment

- Field data collection
- Data analysis using SPSS
- Report writing

Kenyatta University, Kenya

2005 – 2008

Dissertation: *Strategies Employed by Court Interpreters and Categories of Interpreter Error in Selected Kenyan Courts*

Supervisors: Dr. Emily Ogutu
Mr. Victor K Omasaja

Skill/Accomplishment

- Field data collection
- Data analysis
- Report writing

Kenyatta University, Kenya

2017 – 2019

Project: *Transitioning from Academia to Industry: Job Application Letters and CVs as the Weak Link*

Position: Co-researcher

Skill/Accomplishment

- Grant proposal writing
- Training research assistants
- Coordinating field data collection
- Interviewing skills
- Data analysis
- Report writing

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Kenyatta University

2014 - Present

Position: Lecturer

➤ **Face-to-Face**

<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Postgraduate</i>
AEN 100: Introduction to the Study of Language	AEN 801: Description of Modern English
AEN 101: An Introduction to the Grammar of English	AEN 802: Linguistic Field Methods
AEN 102: English for Academic Purposes	AEN 815: Discourse Analysis
AEN 200: Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology	AEN 819: Phonology
AEN 201: Description of Modern English	AEN 826: Translation Theory and Interpretation
AEN 202: Phonology of English	
AEN 203: Morphology Syntax and Semantics	
AEN 300: Phonetic and Phonological Analysis	
AEN 301: Discourse Analysis	
AEN 302: English Grammar and Usage	
AEN 303: Second Language Acquisition	
AEN 400: Advanced Theoretical Studies in Grammar	
AEN 402: English Semantics and Pragmatics	

➤ **Online**

<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Postgraduate</i>
KU Kusoma Online Platform	
AEN 400: Advanced Theoretical Studies in Grammar	AMC 800: Research Methods for Social Sciences
AEN 402: English Semantics and Pragmatics	AEN 815: Discourse Analysis
InZone Platform (University of Geneva)	
AEN 021: Listening Skills	
AEN 022: Speaking Skills	
AEN 027: Reading Skills	
AEN 028: English Grammar and Vocabulary	

Public and private universities

2010 – 2013

Position: Part-time Lecturer

Kenyatta University (Main, Kitui and Nakuru Campuses)	
AEN 815: Discourse Analysis	AEN 203: Morphology, Syntax and Semantics
AEN 100: Introduction to the Study of Language	AEN 301: Discourse Analysis
AEN 101: Introduction to the Grammar of English	AEN 302: English Grammar and Usage
AEN 200: Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology	AEN 400: Advanced Theoretical Studies in Grammar
AEN 201: Description of Modern English	AEN 402: Semantics and Pragmatics
AEN 202: Phonology of English	AEN 403: Sociolinguistics
Egerton University (Nairobi City Campus)	
ENGL 0112: Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology	ENG 111: Introduction to Language and Linguistics
ENG 0211: Morphology, Syntax and Semantics	ENG 112: Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology
ENGL 0311: English for Specific Purposes	ENGL 122: Grammatical Structures of English
ENGL 0312: Theories of Acquisition and Language Learning	ENGL: 201: Introduction to Morphology and Syntax
ENG 102: Structure of English	ENGL 303: Discourse Analysis
ENG 103: Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology	ENGL 401: Advanced Syntax
Africa Nazarene University (Rongai, Nairobi CDB and Machakos Campuses)	
PUP 003: English Language	ENG 202: Morphology
PUP 006: Literature in English	EDU 351: Reading Development in Childhood
ENG 101: English Grammar and Usage	EDU 383: Writing across the Primary Curriculum
ENG 102 Advanced Academic Writing	EDU 494: Teaching Practice (T.P. Supervisor Central Kenya Zone)

Duties, Responsibilities and Accomplishments

- Lecturing, conducting tutorials, attending to individual students, mentoring students.
- Keeping records of class attendance.
- Developing, administering and marking continuous assessment.
- Compiling and keeping record of students' performance in continuous assessment.
- Setting final examinations, internal panel pre and post moderation of final examinations.
- Invigilating final examinations per university guidelines.
- Marking examinations, compiling grades and submitting them.
- Participating in faculty meetings.
- Participating in curriculum review processes.
- Conducting research and publishing.
- Supervising postgraduate students.
- Examining theses and projects as assigned by the Graduate School of Kenyatta University
- Participating in post-graduate pre-proposal, proposal and final report defences
- Advising and mentoring Kenyatta University students

Secondary school teaching level

2001 to 2011

Employer: Teachers Service Commission

Designation: Graduate Teacher II / I

Subjects: English and Literature

POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

Doctoral Students

Name: Nora B Atambo,
C82/29447/2014

Thesis: *Language, gender and power: the discursive construction of the Kenya National Assembly Politician (2013-2017)*

Status: Graduated in July 2019

Masters Students

Name: Samora okilla abisai,
C50/KER/CE/26432/2014

Thesis: *Thematic progression in English paper three essays by sampled students registered for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education examination- 2017*

Status: Graduated in December 2019

- Name: Faith Mumbua Muthoka
C50/CE/24915/2013
Thesis: *Discourse function of interjection in Kikamba*
Status: Graduated in December 2019
- Name: Lilian Wanjiru muchira
C50/CE/14570/2009
Project: *Discourse strategies used in a quasi- judicial setting of Kerugoya children's welfare office*
Status: Graduated in December 2019
- Name: Otonde Lydia Anyango
C50/CE/14021/2009
Thesis: *Analysis of students' politeness strategies in student-teacher interactions outside the classroom setting in Ndigwa Secondary School, Siaya, Kenya*
Status: Graduated in July 2019
- Name: Nancy C. Langat,
C50/KER/CE/28740/2013
Project: *A critical discourse analysis of new articles on the Garissa university terrorist attack in selected Kenyan newspapers*
Status: Graduated in July 2019
- Name: Naomi Chelangat Cheroigin
C50/KER/CE/24916/2013
Project: *A lexical-pragmatic analysis of Kipsigis marriage negotiations*
Status: Graduated in December 2018

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- Kiguru, G. (2019). Legal linguistics in Africa: framing the agenda for an emerging. Legal linguistics beyond borders In F. Vogel (ed.) *Language and law in a world of media, globalization and social conflict* (p. 39-57). Berlin: Duncker & Humblot in a nebulous.
- Mwangi, P., Kiguru, G., & Nthiga, P. (2018). The English Language and the Refugee Identity: Insights from Dadaab Refugee Camps. In D. O. Orwenjo and H. A. Tunde (eds.) *When "Home" Means more than one Country: The Discursive (Re)construction of Identities in Trans-national Communities*. Germany: Lincom Europa.
- Kiguru, G. Ogutu, E., & Njoroge, M. C. (2016). Interpreting in Judicial Settings In H. Kebeya, M. Osore, P. Ngugi and C. Kebaya (eds.) *Language and translation: Theory, pedagogy and practice* (p. 79 - 102). Nairobi: Nsemia Inc.

Journal Publications

Kiguru, G., Mwangi, P., Nthiga, P., & Kimuyu, C (2019) Language and Witchcraft as a Trade: Insights from Machakos County, Kenya. *Journal of Organizations* No. 23 (pp 59 – 77) ISSN: 2013-570X; EISSN: 1886-4171.
<http://www.revista-rio.org>

Kiguru, G., Mwangi, P., & Nthiga, P. (2019) Bridging the Distance in Distance E-learning. *Msingi Journal of the Department of Educational Foundations*, 1 (2) pp. 38-49.

Nthiga, P. Kiguru, G., & Mwangi, P. (2019) Adult Education and Development: Lessons from Somaliland. *Msingi Journal of the Department of Educational Foundations*, 1 (1) pp. 18-34.

Kiguru, G. (2010). At the Mercy of Others' Voices: An Illustration of Frequent Interpreter Language Errors in Kenyan Courtrooms. *Nairobi University Journal of Language and Linguistics*. Issue 1 (1-18)

School Textbooks

- *KLB Visionary English Activities Learner's Book* (Grade 1 & 2)
- *KLB Visionary English Activities Teacher's Book* (Grade 1 & 2)
- *KLB Home Fun Visionary English Activities* (Grade 1)

Other publications

Gatitu Kiguru (2009). Court Interpreting in Kenya: The Ideal and the Practice. *Proteus: Newsletter of the National Association of Judicial Interpreters* (U.S.A)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

➡ 2019

Title of paper: Shifting Language Loyalties among Kenyan Youth: A Sign of Dynamism or a Harbinger of Language Death?
Presenters: Gatitu Kiguru and Phyllis Mwangi
Conference: Language and Society: Research Advances in Social Sciences
Venue: The Maria Grzegorzewska University, Warsaw, Poland
Dates: 26th-27th September, 2019

Title of paper: Masters of Backpedaling: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Denials of Own Statements by Kenyan
Presenters: Phyllis Mwangi and Gatitu Kiguru
Conference: Language and Society: Research Advances in Social Sciences
Venue: The Maria Grzegorzewska University, Warsaw, Poland
Dates: 26th-27th September, 2019

Title of paper: Witness Resistance versus Acquiescence in Cross-Examination Discourse: Insights from Kenyan Courts
Presenter: Gatitu Kiguru

- Conference:** 2019 Conference of the International Law and Language Association
- Venue:** University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), Los Angeles, USA
- Dates:** 11th – 15th September, 2019
- Title of paper:** The Folly of Ignoring the Dominant Influencer: A Case for Inclusion of Media Literacy in the Kenyan School Curriculum
- Presenter:** Gatitu Kiguru and Purity Nthiga
- Conference:** 11th Pan-African Literacy for all Conference
- Venue:** Kampala Serena Hotel, Kampala, Uganda
- Dates:** 20th – 22nd August, 2019
- Title of paper:** Digital Literacy and Academic Writing: Challenges among University Students in a Kenyan University
- Presenter:** Purity Nthiga and Gatitu Kiguru
- Conference:** 11th Pan-African Literacy for all Conference
- Venue:** Kampala Serena Hotel, Kampala, Uganda
- Dates:** 20th – 22nd August, 2019
- Title of paper:** The Role of Textbooks in Mother Tongue Education: An Obstacle or an Aid to Learning
- Presenters:** Phyllis Mwangi and Gatitu Kiguru
- Conference:** The 1st Language Association of Eastern Africa (LAEA) Conference
- Venue:** The Noble Hotel, Eldoret, Kenya
- Dates:** 1st – 2nd August, 2019
- Title of paper:** A Critical Discourse Analysis of Newspaper Articles Reporting on the Terror Attack at Garissa University in Kenya
- Presenters:** Nancy Korir, Gatitu Kiguru and Hilda Kebeya
- Conference:** The 1st Language Association of Eastern Africa (LAEA) Conference
- Venue:** The Noble Hotel, Eldoret, Kenya
- Dates:** 1st – 2nd August, 2019
- Title of paper:** The Elephant in the Courtroom: A Case for Mainstreaming the Mother Tongue Agenda in Kenyan Judicial Reforms
- Presenter:** Gatitu Kiguru
- Conference:** International Mother Language Day 2019
- Venue:** Kenyatta University – Kitui Campus, Kitui, Kenya
- Dates:** 20th – 22nd February, 2019
- ➡ 2018**
- Title of Paper:** Speech Act Functions in Direct and Cross Examination Discourse in the Kenyan Courtroom
- Presenter:** Gatitu Kiguru, Emily Oguru and Martin C. Njoroge

Conference: 2017 Conference of the International Law and Language Association
Venue: University of Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany
Dates: 7th – 9th September 2018

Title of Paper: Hate Speech on Social Media: Uncovering the Language Crevices Where Hate Mongers Hide
Presenters: Gatitu Kiguru and Phyllis Mwangi
Conference: XIX International Sociological Association Congress of Sociology
Venue: Metro Toronto Convention Center, Toronto, Canada
Dates: 15th – 21st July 2018

Title of Paper: Language and the Fight against GBV: The Voices of Students from a Kenyan University
Presenters: Purity Nthiga and Gatitu Kiguru
Conference: XIX International Sociological Association Congress of Sociology
Venue: Metro Toronto Convention Center, Toronto, Canada
Dates: 15th – 21st July 2018

Title of Paper: Communication Skills in the Workplace: The Kenyan Graduates' Achilles Heel?
Presenters: Phyllis Mwangi, Purity Nthiga and Gatitu Kiguru
Conference: Language at Work international Conference: Research Advances in Social Sciences
Venue: Rovira i Virgili University, Tarragona, Spain
Dates: 7th – 8th June 2018

Title of Paper: Language and Witchcraft as Trade: Insights from Machakos County, Kenya
Presenters: Purity Nthiga, Phyllis Mwangi, Gatitu Kiguru and Caryn Kimuyu
Conference: Language at Work international Conference: Research Advances in Social Sciences
Venue: Rovira i Virgili University, Tarragona, Spain
Dates: 7th – 8th June 2018

 **2017**

Title of paper: Illiteracy is no Defence: A Case for Improving Literacy as a Way of Enhancing Access to Justice in Kenyan Courts
Presenters: Gatitu Kiguru, Phyllis Mwangi and Purity Nthiga
Conference: 11th Pan-African Literacy for all Conference

Venue: Sheraton Hotels and Towers, Abuja, Nigeria
Dates: 27th – 31st August 2017

Title of paper: Scaling the Literacy Cliff in an Emergency Context: The Case Learners in the Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya
Presenters: Phyllis Mwangi, Purity Nthiga, Gatitu Kiguru
Conference: 11th Pan-African Literacy for all Conference
Venue: Sheraton Hotels and Towers, Abuja, Nigeria
Dates: 27th – 31st August 2017

Title of paper: Reading and Phonics Teaching: A Success Story from Somaliland
Presenters: Purity Nthiga, Gatitu Kiguru and Phyllis Mwangi
Conference: 11th Pan-African Literacy for all Conference
Venue: Sheraton Hotels and Towers, Abuja, Nigeria
Dates: 27th – 31st August 2017

Title of paper: Use of Pragmatic Strategies in the Cross-Examination Phase of Sampled Trials in Kenyan Courts
Presenters: Gatitu Kiguru and Purity Nthiga
Conference: 13th Biennial Conference of the International Association of Forensic Linguists (IAFL)
Venue: University of Porto, Porto, Portugal
Dates: 10th – 14th July 2017

Title of paper: The (In)Comprehensibility of Language Used in Sampled Insurance Policies in Kenya
Presenters: Purity Nthiga and Gatitu Kiguru
Conference: 13th Biennial Conference of the International Association of Forensic Linguists (IAFL)
Venue: University of Porto, Porto, Portugal
Dates: 10th – 14th July 2017

Title of paper: The Capacity to Assess and Treat Communication Disabilities in Kenya: Field-based Evidence
Presenters: Phyllis Mwangi, Purity Nthiga and Gatitu Kiguru
Conference: The 6th East African International Conference on Communication Disability
Venue: Kenyatta University Conference Center (KUCC)
Dates: 9th – 11th February 2017

➡ 2016

Title of paper: Competence in English as a Gateway to Education in Kenya: An Enabler or a Hindrance for Somali Refugees in Dadaab
Presenters: Phyllis Mwangi, Gatitu Kiguru & Purity Nthiga
Conference: Asylum Seeking in Kenya
Venue: Kenyatta University Conference Center (KUCC)
Dates: 16th – 17th November 2016

Title of paper: Bridging the Distance in E-Learning: Lessons from Dadaab and Kakuma Refugee Camps in Kenya
Presenters: Gatitu Kiguru, Phyllis Mwangi and Purity Nthiga
Conference: International Conference on Education, Development and Innovation (INCEDI)
Venue: Tang Palace Hotel, Accra, Ghana
Dates: 29th – 31st August 2016

Title of paper: Adult and Lifelong Learning and Development: Lessons from Somaliland
Presenters: Purity Nthiga, Phyllis Mwangi and Gatitu Kiguru
Conference: International Conference on Education, Development and Innovation (INCEDI)
Venue: Tang Palace Hotel, Accra, Ghana
Dates: 29th – 31st August 2016

Title of paper: Deal or Duel: A Frame Analysis of Kenyan Newspapers' Reporting on the Tenth World Trade Organization Ministerial
Presenters: Purity Nthiga, Gatitu Kiguru and Emily Ogutu
Conference: KESSA – Multimedia University of Kenya Annual International Interdisciplinary Conference
Venue: Multimedia University of Kenya Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya
Dates: 22nd – 25th June 2016

Title of paper: Job Application Letters as Communication to Potential Employers: Selling or Soiling?
Presenters: Purity Nthiga and Gatitu Kiguru
Conference: 2nd Conference on English and Communication
Venue: Strathmore University, Nairobi, Kenya
Dates: 19th – 20th May 2016

➡ 2010

Title of paper: Steering the Middle Course? The Impact of Interpreters on Proceedings in Sampled Kenyan Courts
Presenter: Gatitu Kiguru

Conference: International Conference on Multilingualism and Education
Venue: Kenyatta University Conference Centre (KUCC)
Dates: 22 – 23 July 2010

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS & SHORT COURSES

Workshop: Public Service and Community / Court Interpreting in Africa
Organization: Swiss-African Research Cooperation (SARECO) and Institute of Multilingualism
Venue: University of Fribourg, Fribourg, Switzerland
Date: 7th – 8th October 2017

Training: ISO 9001:2015, QMS Awareness Training
Institution: Kenyatta University
Venue: Kenyatta University BSSC 014
Date: 15th September 2016

Training: Integrity Assurance Officers Training
Organization: Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC)
Venue: Kenyatta University Conference Center (KUCC)
Date: 1st – 4th February 2016

Short course: Geneva Summer School Higher Education in Emergencies
Institution: University of Geneva
Venue: University of Geneva, Switzerland
Date: 29th June – 07th July 2015

Training: Anti-Plagiarism Software – Turnitin
Institution: Kenyatta University
Venue: Kenyatta University Post-Modern Library
Date: 18th May 2015

Training: Setting and Marking of Examinations
Institution: Kenyatta University
Venue: Kenyatta University BSSC rm 149
Date: 23rd – 26th March 2015

Training: Training of New Members of Staff
Institution: Center for Gender Equity and Empowerment
Venue: Kenyatta University BSSC rm 12
Date: 20th March 2015

Training: M-PRAM Training in Qualitative and Qualitative Research Methodology
Institution: Kenyatta University
Venue: Kenyatta University BSSC
Date: 15th December 2012

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Language Association of Eastern Africa (LAEA) Founding Member	2019 - Present
Research Committee 25 (RC25) - Language and Society International Sociological Association (ISA)	2018 – Present
International Law and Language Association (ILLA) Member	2017 - Present
International Association of Forensic Linguists (IAFL) Member	2017 – Present
International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language (IATEFL)	2016 – Present
Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE) Member	2015 – Present

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Departmental Examinations Coordinator Kenya University, Kericho Campus	July 2017 – August 2019
Mentoring Coordinator Kenya University, Kericho Campus	March 2016 – August 2019
Acting Director – Kericho Campus	
• 20 th – 21 st June 2019	
• 19 th December 2018– 23 rd January 2019	
• 28 th November – 8 th December 2017	
• 21 st – 29 th August 2017	
• 28 th April – 19 th May 2017	
• 14 th November – 9 th December 2016	
• 18 th – 22 nd July 2016	
• 25 th – 29 th January 2016	

SERVICE IN BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND TEAMS

Team:	Quality Team, Department of Literature, Linguistics & Foreign Languages
Role:	Member
Date:	September 2019 - Present
Board:	Kericho Campus Management Board
Role:	Member
Date:	May 2018 – August 2019

Committee: Committee to Organize a Higher Education in Emergencies Summer School
Role: Member
Date: May 2018 – September 2018

Committee: Kenyatta University Career Week Organising Committee
Role: Member (Representing Kericho Campus)
Date: 2015 – 2017

Team: Quality Team, Kericho Campus
Role: Member
Date: September 2017 – August 2019

Team: Quality Team, Kericho Campus
Role: Team Leader
Date: July 2016 – September 2017

Team: Strategic, Vision and Development Plan, Kericho Campus
Role: Member
Date: May 2015 – August 2019

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Mentor

Kenyatta University 2016 – Present

Professional Panel

The Kenya National Examinations Council 2018 – Present
 English and Literature Panel

Seminar Co-Organizer

Seminar topic: Identifying Anomalies in Police Record Construction and Sworn Statements: Potential for Miscarriage of Justice

Venue: Kenyatta University, BSSC 1st fl rm 149

Date: 6th November 2019

Guest Editor for

Journal: *Language Discourse and Society*

Issue title: *Political Discourse and Historical, Colonial and Neo-Colonial Regimes of Power* (Forthcoming March 2020)

Peer-Reviewed Articles for:

Journal: *Language Discourse and Society*

Issue title: *Political Discourse and Historical, Colonial and Neo-Colonial Regimes of Power*

Journal: *Journal of Language and Law (JLL)*
Date: April 2018

LANGUAGES

Gikũyũ: Native Language. Distinguished levels in Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.

English: Proficient levels in Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.

Kiswahili: Proficient levels in Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Basic computer packages and skills

- MS Word, MS Excel, MS Publisher
- Typing, word processing and graphic manipulation
- Data analysis packages: IBM SPSS, QSR NVivo

OTHER

Interests/Hobbies: Reading, travelling

Citizenship: Kenyan

REFEREES

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Chairperson

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