

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DATA

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Nationality: Kenyan

Date of Birth: 25 February 1972

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Current Occupation: Lecturer; Department of Languages, Linguistics and Literature,
Pwani University (PU), Kilifi, Kenya

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- 2009, PhD (Literature in English) – Distinction – National University of Lesotho (NUL), Roma, Lesotho
Thesis Title: “A Rhetorical Analysis of African Unification Oratory.”
Supervisors: Prof Chris Dunton and Prof Alison Love
- 2000, MA – Communication – Daystar University, Nairobi, Kenya
Thesis Title: “Coverage of Kenya’s 1992 Parliamentary Election Petitions by *Daily Nation* and *Kenya Times*: A Study of Bias in News Reporting.”
Supervisor: Dr Baruck Opiyo
- 1995, BA (English and History) – Cum Laude – University of Eastern Africa, Baraton (UEAB), Eldoret, Kenya

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **May 2010–Present: Lecturer, Department of Languages, Linguistics and Literature, Pwani University, Kilifi, Kenya**

Undergraduate Courses

ALL B101: Critical Reading and Response
ALT 102: Eastern African Oral Literature
ALT B104: The Sociology of Literature
ALT 200: Eastern African Prose Fiction
ALT 208: Literary Language and Presentation
ALT 300: Stylistics and Literary Techniques
ALT 305: African-American Prose in the USA
ALT 401: African Literature
ALT 403: Modern European Literature
ALT 415: Women Writers
ALT 417: Major Literary Movements

Postgraduate Courses

MAL 502: Theory of Literature
MAL 503: Stylistics and Practical Criticism
MAL 505: Modern African Literature
MAL 506: Caribbean Literature
MAL 507: Afro-American Literature
MAL 511: European Literature
FAU 500: General Research Methodology (co-taught with faculty from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences)

- **January–May 2005: Part-time Lecturer, Department of English, National University of Lesotho, Roma, Lesotho**

Undergraduate Courses

E102: Literature and Society
E205: Introduction to Poetry
E413: Sociology of Literature (co-taught with Prof Chris Dunton)

- **1999–2003: Part-time Lecturer, Daystar University, Nairobi, Kenya**

Pre-University Courses

SKI 092P: Study Skills
COM 091P: Communication Skills

Undergraduate Courses

ICA 100: Study Skills
ICA 111: Study and Critical Thinking Skills
INS 111: Communication and Culture I
COM 221: Public Speaking
COM 222: Group Dynamics

- **January 2000–May 2000: Faculty Tutor, Writing and Speech Centre, Daystar University, Nairobi, Kenya.**

Involved one-on-one writing support consultations for English and Communication students. Also participated in a brainstorming session on the creation of a student tutor-training course.

POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

- December 2014–Present: **Main Supervisor** — James Mosota, pursuing Master of Arts (Literature), Pwani University.
Title of Study: A Semio-Thematic Analysis of *Crucible for Silver and Furnace for Gold* and *Shifting Sands* by Moraa Gitaa
- December 2014–Present: **Supervisor** — Jacinta Muyuku, pursuing PhD in Linguistics, Pwani University.
Title of Study: The Role of Nonverbal Language in Classroom Interaction.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- African Political Rhetoric
- Feminist Political Rhetoric
- Social Construction
- Media and Politics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2013: Member of the Pwani University Research Team in the kick-off phase of the project “Joint Undertaking to Multiply Powers (JUMP): Research and Teaching in CBR and Related Fields.” Joint project between Pwani University and the Technical University of Munich.
- PhD Thesis: “A Rhetorical Analysis of African Unification Oratory.”
- MA Thesis: “Coverage of Kenya’s 1992 Parliamentary Election Petitions by *Daily Nation* and *Kenya Times*: A Study of Bias in News Reporting.”
- 1999–2001: Research Assistant - “Democracy and Party Dominance in Kenya and South Africa: A Comparative Study of the Kenya African National Union and the African National Congress.” PhD research conducted by Oscar Gakuo Mwangi, Department of Political Studies & International Studies Unit, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa.
- 1997: Research Assistant, African Strategic Research Institute (ASRI), Nairobi, Kenya.
- 1996: Coder in the project “Images of Africa in the World and African Media: A Content Analysis.” Developed by the African Council for Communication Education (ACCE), University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya.

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapter

- Mwangi, Catherine Waithera and Mwangi, Oscar Gakuo (2014), Environmental Conservation, Peace, Democracy and Development: A Case Study of Wangari Maathai's Speeches, in M. Lockhart and K. Mollick (eds), *Global Women Leaders: Studies in Feminist Political Rhetoric* (Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books), pp. 41-63. ISBN: 978-0-7391-9341-9

Abstract

- Yakobo J. K. Mutiti and Catherine W. Mwangi. (2014). "African Literary Scholarship in the 21st Century: Meta-Theoretical Considerations." Book of Abstracts for First International Conference on Researching African Literature: Researching African Literature in the 21st Century, 11th-13th December 2014, Pwani University, Kilifi. Pwani University, 5-6.

Work in Progress

- Mwangi, Oscar Gakuo and Mwangi, Catherine Waithera. "Social Constructivism and Politics in Colonial Basutoland: Robert Sobukwe's 'Facing Fearful Odds'." (Journal Article)
- Mwangi, Oscar Gakuo and Mwangi, Catherine Waithera. "Social Constructivism, Counterterrorism and Radicalization: A Rhetorical Analysis of Political and Religious Discourse in Kenya." (Journal Article)

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

Presentations

- Yakobo J. K. Mutiti and Catherine W. Mwangi. "African Literary Scholarship in the 21st Century: Meta-Theoretical Considerations." Paper presented at the First International Conference on Researching African Literature: Researching African Literature in the 21st Century, Pwani University, Kilifi, 11th December 2014.
- "The African Unification Debate: Rhetorical Strategies in Political Speeches Delivered at Pan-African Conferences During the Period 1958 to 1963." Paper presented at a seminar organized by the Department of English, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 17th April 2008.
- "The Monrovia Conference of May 1961: A Rhetorical Analysis of President William Tubman's Speech." Paper presented at a seminar organized by the Department of English, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 20th September 2006.
- "Historical Context of Political Oratory on African Unity." Paper presented at a seminar organized by the Department of English, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 27th October 2005.

- “Towards a Rhetorical Understanding of Discourse on African Unification: The Purposes of Political Speeches Made in the Period 1957 to 1963.” Paper presented at a seminar organized by the Department of English, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 27th October 2004.

Conferences Organized

- “School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) Research Week Conference.” Organized by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Research Week Organizing Committee, Pwani University College; Pwani University College, Kilifi, 5th - 6th April 2011.

Sessions Chaired

- 29th February 2012: **Chair** – ‘Mainstreaming HIV and AIDS into the University Curriculum.’ Session in the “Mainstreaming Workshop for Pwani University College Lecturers on HIV and AIDS” organized by the Aids Control Unit, Pwani University College; Makutti Villa Resort, Kilifi, 29th February-1st March 2012.
- 28th October 2011: **Chair** – ‘Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address’ and ‘Construction of Sample Exams in Selected Courses.’ Sessions in the “Pedagogical Skills Training Workshop: Workshop 3.” Organized by Pwani University College; Pwani University College, Kilifi, 28th-29th October 2011.
- 3rd December 2013: **Chair** – ‘Learning From Practice.’ Session in the “(Dis)ability, Participation and Community Involvement – Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) as a Strategy for Inclusive Development: Tracing the Roots of CBR?” An international kick-off conference of the project ‘Joint Undertaking to Multiply Powers (JUMP): Research and Teaching in CBR and Related Fields’ organized by Pwani University and the Technical University of Munich; Pwani University, Kilifi, 2nd-3rd December 2013.

Conferences and Seminars Attended

- 1st South-East-African & European Conference on Refugees and Forced Migrants: Social Rights – care – mutual benefits? Organized by the Technical University of Munich, the Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy and Pwani University; Pwani University, Kilifi, 2nd-3rd August 2016.
- “The African Union and the Peoples of Africa.” Inaugural lecture delivered by Prof Francis Makoa, National University of Lesotho, Roma, 13th February 2009.
- “Reconstruction of the Pan-Africanist Congress (SA) in Basutoland, 1960-1963.” Seminar organized by the Department of Historical Studies, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 6th February 2009.
- “‘The Child that Does Not Cry Goes Hungry’: A Preliminary Survey of the English Language Contents of *Naledi ea Lesotho*, 1924-1929.” Seminar organized by the Department of Historical Studies, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 23rd January 2009.

- “African Religion as Heritage: Spirit Mediums and Prophets in Zimbabwe.” Seminar organized by the Department of Historical Studies, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 10th October 2008.
- “Creating Class with Bricks and Mortar: Social Engineering and the African Middle Class in Late-Colonial Nairobi.” Seminar organized by the Department of Historical Studies, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 19th September 2008.
- “The Perils of Inter-Racial Intimacy and Love in Colonial Southern Africa: Publicity and Controversy in the Love Story of Seretse Khama and Ruth Williams, 1948-1956.” Seminar organized by the Department of Historical Studies, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 12th September 2008.
- “Igilango Geesi (Big English) in the Public Sphere: Sonyinka’s Recent Intervention in Nigerian Public Discourse.” Seminar organized by the Department of English, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 30th April 2008.
- “The Element of Uniqueness in Modern African Philosophy.” Seminar organized by the Department of Philosophy, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 25th April 2008.
- “Some Discourse Strategies Used in Interactions between Doctors and Patients Who Do Not Speak the Same Language: The Case of Lesotho’s Public and Private Hospitals.” Seminar organized by the Department of English, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 3rd April 2008.
- “Metadiscourse in Students’ Academic Writing.” Seminar organized by the Department of English, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 27th March 2008.
- “Culture and Gender in Literature.” Seminar organized by the Department of African Languages and Literature, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 18th March 2008.
- “‘Flattening History’: Synchronisation as a Discourse Strategy: A Case Study from Zimbabwe.” Seminar organized by the Department of Historical Studies, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 15th February 2008.
- “The Acquisition of Sesotho Causative.” Seminar organized by the Department of English, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 14th February 2008.
- “From Mqhayi to Sole: Four Poems on the Sinking of the Troopship Mendi.” Seminar organized by the Department of Historical Studies, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 1st February 2008.
- “The Liberation Struggle of African Independent Churches in Southern Africa: The Case of the Founding Texts of Ernest Paul Mwazha’s WeAfrica African Apostolic Church of Zimbabwe.” Seminar organized by the Department of English, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 24th January 2008.
- “Intertextuality and Interdiscursivity as Textual Strategies: The Case of the Zimbabwe Churches’ ‘National Vision’ Document.” Seminar organized by the Department of English, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 13th September 2007.

- “Land and Naming in Basotho Migrant Workers’ Poetry.” Seminar organized by the Department of English, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 30th August 2007.
- “Tales of the Forgotten: 156 Hands that Built South Africa.” Seminar organized by the Faculty of Humanities, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 13th April 2007.
- “Facing Up to the Mau Mau: Breaking the Silence with Young Readers Today.” Seminar organized by the Faculty of Humanities, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 12th April 2007.
- “From Mofolo to Maake: What Next?” Seminar organized by the Institute of Southern African Studies (ISAS), National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 22nd February 2007.
- “Translation and the Literatures of Africa.” Seminar organized by the Department of English, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 6th April 2006.
- “Veranda Posts and Voodoo Icons: Visual Representation in Sonyinka’s Poetry and Theatre.” Seminar organized by the Department of English, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 25th April 2005.
- “Market-Orientation and Publishing: The Case of Popular Fiction.” Seminar organized by the Department of English, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 20th April 2005.
- “The Black African Woman in Higher Education: The Exception of the Exceptions.” Seminar organized by the Department of Education and the Department of English, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 23rd September 2004.
- “Open Forum Discussion on Child Language Acquisition.” Seminar organized by the Department of English, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 31st August 2004.
- “African Theatre Directors Abroad: Sonyinka, Ngugi and Ngema.” Seminar organized by the Department of English, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 30th August 2004.
- “The History of South Africa’s Drum Magazine.” Seminar organized by the Department of English, National University of Lesotho; National University of Lesotho, Roma, 16th August 2004.
- “Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Public Speaking But Were Afraid to Ask.” Faculty seminar organized by the Writing and Speech Centre, Daystar University; Daystar University, Nairobi, 11th November 2000.
- “C.S. Lewis: His Life, Times, and Apologetics.” Seminar organized by the Post Graduate Studies Department, Daystar University; Daystar University, Nairobi, 22nd March 2000.
- “Africa Media Forum: News Traditions and Transitions.” Seminar organized by the Freedom Forum; Norfolk Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya, 13th - 14th November 1997.
- “Women and the Environment.” Seminar organized by the Environmental Programme Unit, University of Eastern Africa, Baraton; University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, Eldoret, May 1995.

- “The US Educational Influence on Kenya.” Seminar organized by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Eastern Africa, Baraton; University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, Eldoret, April 1995.
- “Development in Africa Since the 1960’s.” Symposium organized by the Historical Association of Kenya, University of Eastern Africa, Baraton; University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, Eldoret, April 1995.
- “USA and Human Rights: Myth or Reality?” Seminar organized by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Eastern Africa, Baraton; University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, Eldoret, March 1995.

Workshops Attended

- “ISO 9001:2015 Awareness Training for Chairs of Departments.” Organized by the Directorate of Quality Assurance, Pwani University; Pwani University, Kilifi, 9th November 2016.
- “Postgraduate Supervisors Workshop.” Organized by the School of Graduate Studies, Pwani University; Pwani University, Kilifi, 6th October 2016.
- “Workshop on Curriculum Review and Reorientation of the Bachelor of Science Environmental Science Programme.” Organized by the Department of Environmental Science, Pwani University; Malindi, 3rd-4th November 2014.
- “Quality Assurance Sensitization Workshop.” Organized by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Pwani University; Pwani University, Kilifi, 12th February 2014.
- “Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Fellowships Sensitization Workshop.” Organized by the Eastern Africa JSPS Alumni Association; Pwani University, Kilifi, 23rd January 2014.
- “Stakeholders Workshop on Curriculum Review of the BEd Arts and BEd Science Programmes Offered by Pwani University.” Organized by the School of Education, Pwani University; Pwani University, Kilifi, 20th January 2014.
- “Research Proposal Writing Training Workshop.” Organized by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in collaboration with the Kenya DAAD Scholars Association (KDSA) and the National Council for Science and Technology (NCST); Pwani University, Kilifi, 16th-17th September 2011.
- “National Council for Science and Technology (NCST) Funded Projects Sensitization and Presentation Workshop.” Organized by the NCST; Pwani University, Kilifi, 28th January 2011.
- “Digital Resources Training Workshop.” Organized by Pwani University College in collaboration with the Information Training and Outreach Centre for Africa (ITOCA); Pwani University College, 18th October 2010.
- “Pedagogical Skills Training Workshop: Workshop 2.” Organized by Pwani University College; Pwani University College, Kilifi, 6th - 7th August 2010.
- “ISO 9001:2008 Awareness Training for Members of Staff.” Organized by Pwani University College; Pwani University College, 24th June 2010.
- “CODESRIA 2006 Annual Writing Workshop for Scholarly Publishing.” Workshop organized by the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA); Kenyatta University, Nairobi, 15th - 19th November 2006.

- “Setting and Marking Exams.” Faculty workshop organized by the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL), Daystar University’s Faculty Development Programme; Daystar University, Athi River Campus, 22nd - 23rd April 2003.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Chair of Department

- 18th January 2013–Present: Department of Languages, Linguistics and Literature, Pwani University

Acting Dean

- School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Pwani University (6th–29th August 2014; 28th–30th April 2014; 17th June–31st July 2013).
- School of Graduate Studies, Pwani University (7th September–22nd October 2012; 23rd July–31st August 2012; 24th–28th April 2012; 17th–20th April 2012; 22nd–30th September 2011; 11th–26th August 2011).

Coordinator

- January 2011–December 2012: Literature Section, Department of Social Sciences, Pwani University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer

- *American Communication Journal*
Reviewed manuscript ACJ 2011-007.

Presentations

- Motivational talk to students of Ngala Memorial Girls Secondary School. Ngala Memorial Girls Secondary School, Watamu, 29th June 2010.
- “Preparing for Exams.” Paper presented to the Youth Open Circle, St. Luke’s Anglican Church, Nairobi, 1st October 2000.

Memberships

- 2010–Present: Member, American Communication Association (ACA)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Pwani University

Committee Memberships

- 22nd February 2017: **Chair** – Board of Examiners for Oral Examination of PhD Thesis of Elizabeth Jumwa Munyaya titled “Lexical Pragmatic Processes on Sense Relations in Linguistic Semantics: A Description of the Kigiryama System of Meaning”; Pwani University, Kilifi.
- July 2016: **Chairperson**, Inspection and Acceptance Committee for the Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of One Multifunctional Document Imaging and Production Press.
- 2016–Present: **Member**, Committee to Look into 2015/2016 Examination Performance.
- 2015–Present: **Member**, School of Humanities Staff Development Committee
- 2015: **Secretary**, Graduation Speeches Sub-Committee
- 2015–Present: **Member**, Printing and Publication Committee
- 2014–Present: **Member**, Monitoring and Evaluation Subcommittee (M&ES)
- May–December 2014: **Secretary**, Executive Committee of the First International Conference on Researching African Literature
- May–December 2014: **Chair**, Organizing Committee of the First International Conference on Researching African Literature
- May–December 2014: **Member**, Editorial Sub-Committee of the First International Conference on Researching African Literature
- May–December 2014: **Member**, Secretariat of the First International Conference on Researching African Literature
- 2015: **Member**, Graduation Speeches Sub-Committee
- 2013–Present: **Member**, Languages, Linguistics and Literature Departmental Graduate Studies Committee (DGSC)
- 2011–Present: **Member**, Ethics Review Committee (ERC)
- February 2011– January 2013: **Member**, Board of School of Graduate Studies (BSGS)
- 2011–2012: **Member**, Academic Audit Committee
- 2011: **Chairperson**, Pwani University College Communications Committee (PUC-CC)
- June 2010: **Member**, Board of Survey of the University College for the Financial Year 2009/2010
- 5th November 2010–3rd May 2016: **Alternate Member**, University Tender Committee
- 2011–2012: **Secretary**, Social Sciences Departmental Graduate Studies Committee (DGSC)
- November–December 2011: **Member**, Committee to Look into the Management of Institutional Based Programs
- 2011: **Member**, DAAD/KDSA/NCST Proposal Writing Workshop Committee

- 2011: **Chair**, School of Humanities and Social Sciences Research Week Organizing Committee

Editorial Activities

- 2011: **Editor** - *The Campus Bullet-In* (Special Edition), Volume 1, Issue 1, November 2011. A Publication of Pwani University College.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Editing and Proofreading

- 2010–2012: Pwani University College Proof Reader
- 2002–2003: Freelance Editor, Arcadia Associates, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2002: Freelance Editor, East African Educational Publishers, Nairobi, Kenya

Rapporteur

- **10th April 2003:** “An Analysis of Power in Kenya and Implications for Pro-Poor Policy.” Expert Panel Discussion on the Preliminary Findings of the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) Power Study. Serena Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

Curriculum Development

- 2001–2003: Designed the course syllabus and compiled the Reader for the course Study and Critical Thinking Skills, offered by the Department of Language and Literature, Daystar University, Nairobi, Kenya.
- Member of the Curriculum Committee in the ‘Joint Undertaking to Multiply Powers (JUMP): Research and Teaching in CBR and Related Fields’ Project between Pwani University and the Technical University of Munich, which held workshops geared at producing teaching modules.

Departmental Assistant

- 1995: Department of Languages and Literature, University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, Eldoret, Kenya.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Laureate of CODESRIA Annual Writing Workshop for Scholarly Publishing, 2006.
- Certificate of Academic Achievement for Dean’s List Honors, University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, May 31, 1994.