

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 2006        **PhD.** University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa. Thesis: “Language Use and Mode of Communication in Community Development Projects in Nyanza Province, Kenya ”
- 2000        **MA** in Linguistics; Maseno University, Maseno, Kenya. Thesis: “Linguistic Deviations and Interpretations: A case Study of Francis Imbuga’s BETRAYAL IN THE CITY”
- 1994        **B.Ed** (English/Literature) 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Honours Upper Division; Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya.

## PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- 2012 -                **External Examiner**, Critical Media Studies, University of the Western Cape, South Africa
- 2012 -                **Senior Lecturer**, Department of Language and Communication Studies, Technical University of Kenya
- 2012 Sept-            **Adjunct Lecturer**, United States International University- Nairobi (Lecturing Composition II)
- 2012 Aug.            **Part Time lecturer**, Bondo University College ( Lecturing Discourse Analysis and Practical English Stylistics)
- 2012 Apr- Aug        **Senior Lecturer (Part- time)**, Catholic University of East Africa (CUEA) Kisumu Campus (Lecturing Linguistic Anthropology)
- 2011 to 2012        **External examiner**, Kenya Polytechnic University, Department of Language and Communication Studies
- 2010- 2011         **Senior Lecturer (part time)**, Moi University – Odera Akang’o Campus (Lecturing Linguistics)
- 2008- 2010         **Senior Lecturer (Part-time)** Department of Tropical Institute for Community Health, Great Lakes University, Kisumu, Kenya.
- 2006 – 2012         **Lecturer**, Department of Linguistics, Languages and Literature, Maseno University.
- 2000 – 2006         **Tutorial Fellow**, Department of Linguistics, Languages and

	Literature, Maseno University, Kenya.
2003- 2006	<b>Part-time Lecturer</b> University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa
1996-2000	<b>Graduate Assistant</b> , Department of Linguistics, Languages and Literature, Maseno University, Kenya
1995-1996	<b>Assistant Teacher</b> – Gahumbwa Secondary School, Vihiga, Kenya.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Nov 2012 to date	<b>Chairperson</b> , Department of Language and Communication Studies, Technical University of Kenya
Aug 2011- Feb2012	<b>Chairperson</b> , Department of Linguistics, Maseno University
2010 July –Aug 2011	<b>Chairperson</b> , Communication and Media Studies, Maseno University
2009-2012	Member of the School of Graduate Studies, Maseno University, representing Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
2006- 2010	Member of Maseno University Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee.
2006 –2010	Members of Departmental Post Graduate Committee, Department of Linguistics, Languages and Literature, Maseno University, Kenya.
1998- 2003	Departmental Examinations Co-ordinator (English Department, Maseno University)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books, Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals and Conference Proceedings**

1. Ochieng, R. O., Oketch, O., & Ongarora, D. O. (2013). A Discourse Analysis of Transactional Patterns in Two Health Facilities in Nyanza, Kenya. *In International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*. Vol. 3. No. 1. January 2013. ISSN 2220-8488 (Print), 2221- 0989 (online).

2. **Banda, F & Oketch, O. (2011).** *Localizing HIV/AIDS Discourse in a Rural Kenyan Community.* In Journal of Asian and African Studies 46(1) 19–37. SAGE Publications.
3. **Ong’onda, N. A., Maina, M. P. & Oketch, O. (2011).** *Language Mixing in Kenyan Text Messages.* In International Journal of Professional Practice Vol. 2 (2) 2011. Kenya Methodist University.
4. **Oketch, O. (2010).** *Language Use and Mode of Communication in Community Development: Nyanza Province, Kenya.* Lap Lambert Academic Publishing.
5. **Ong’onda, N. A., Maina, M. P. & Oketch, O. (2010).** *Kenya electronic communication: Implication of text messaging on social interaction.* In US-China Foreign Language Vol. 8 (9) 2010. David Publishing Company.
6. **Ong’onda, N. A., Maina, M. P. & Oketch, O. (2010).** *Punctuation as a sociolinguistic variable in text messaging.* In Sino-US English Teaching Vol. 7 (9) 2010. David Publishing Company
7. **Ong’onda, N. A., Maina, M. P. & Oketch, O. (2010).** *Group identities in Kenyan text messages.* In Acta Academia Vol. 42 (3) 2010. SA ePublications.
8. **Ong’onda, N. A., Maina, M. P. & Oketch, O. (2010).** *Phonological Variation in Short Message Service (SMS) in Kenya.* In Annals of Humanities & Development Studies: Vol. 1(2), 12-18, 2010.
9. **Banda, F. & Oketch, O. (2009).** *‘What can we say when English has gone so high-tech?: Institutionalized Discourse and interaction in Development projects in a Rural community in Kenya.* In Journal of Multicultural Discourse Vol. 4 (2) 2009. Taylor & Francis Group.

10. **Oketch, O.** (2009). Impact of Gender Inequalities on Socio-Economic and Women's Leadership in Nyanza Province. In *Gender Dimensions of Development*. KEFEADO and Heinrich Boll Foundation
11. **Banda, F. & Oketch, O.** (2008). *Multilingual discourse practices in community development in Nyanza Province, Kenya*. In *Southern African Linguistics and Applied Language Studies Journal* Vol. 26 (1):1-11, 2008. NISC Pty Ltd.
12. **Oketch, O.** (2008). *A Multimodal Analysis of HIV/AIDS Discourse in Rural Kenyan Community*. In *Text, Language, and Literature: Empirical and Theoretical Perspectives from Kenya*. VDM Verlag.

#### CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PAPERS PRESENTATION

- Presented a paper titled *Branding of Mobile Telephone Services and Implication on Language Planning in Kenya* at the GANAA 2012 Summer School on Multilingualism and language policies in Africa between September 9 – 15, 2012 at Bondo University College, Bondo, Kenya
- Presented a paper titled *Multilingual Practices in FM Radio Stations in Kenya* at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Bilingualism, University of Oslo, 15-18 June 2011.
- Presented a paper titled *Linguistic and cultural diversity and social change: potency or encumbrance* at the Multilingual Citizen: Towards a policy of language for agency and change Two Oceans, Waterfront, Cape Town 23-24<sup>th</sup> February 2007.
- Presented a paper titled *Linguistic architecture in Dholuo Benga Music* at the Intercultural Communication Conference at Stellenbosch University between 7 - 9 September, 2004.
- Presented a paper titled *Indigenous Languages and community Development* at the 2<sup>ND</sup> International Conference on African Languages at Hamanskraal Campus, University of Pretoria, South Africa 3 - 5 July, 2002.
- Presented a paper titled *Levels of meaning in Dholuo Panegyrics* at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Nilotic languages at Sunset Hotel, Kisumu between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May 2002.

- Presented a paper titled *Code-Switching: The artist's tool of Multi-ethnic Unity* at the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on African Languages at Maseno University between 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May 2000.
- Attended a Play scripting workshop organized by Department of Creative and Performing Arts department, Maseno University at Tom Mboya Labour College, Kisumu in August 2000.
- Attended a Capacity Building in Research Proposal Writing Skills organized by Institute of Post Graduate Studies Maseno University at the University Boardroom between 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> April 2001.

### **CONFERENCE ORGANISATION**

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| 2006 | Member of the organizing committee of the 1 <sup>st</sup> International conference of Translation hosted by the University of the Western Cape, South Africa.   |
| 2002 | Member of the secretariat for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Nilotic languages organized by Maseno University and held at Sunset Hotel, Kisumu between 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2002. |
| 2000 | Member of the organizing committee of the 1 <sup>st</sup> International Conference on African Languages organized by Maseno University between 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> May 2000 at Sunset Hotel Kisumu.    |

**POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION AND EXAMINATION**  
**Supervision (Maseno University)**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Status</b>
1.	ADAMS, YAKUB. Thesis: A LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF SAFARICOM ADVERTISEMENTS IN KENYA	MA	Graduated 2008
2.	ONYANGO, ROBERT GEORGE: Thesis: A LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF CODESWITCHING IN EASY FM AND KISS FM RADIO STATIONS IN KENYA	MA	Graduated 2008
3.	BUNDEH, DAVID OTIENO. Thesis: TEXT INTERPRETATION: COHESION AND DEIXIS IN <i>BEHIND THE MASK</i>	MA	Graduated 2009
4.	OSORE, EVELINE: Thesis: AN ANALYSIS OF THE INTERNAL STRUCTURE OF LUTSOTSO NOUN PHRASE	MA	Graduated 2009
5.	ONG'ONDA, NANCY ANASHIA: Thesis: SHORT MESSAGE DISCOURSE: A SOCIOLINGUISTIC APPROACH TO KENYAN TEXT MESSAGES	MA	Graduated 2009
6.	KHADOHI, BONFACE ISALAMBO. Thesis: LANGUAGE AND THE INTERNET: A STUDY OF METADISCOURSE IN CORPORATE WEBSITES ON NAIROBI STOCK EXCHANGE	MA	Graduated 2009
7.	ODONGO, ROSEMARY ANYANGO: Thesis: AN INVESTIGATION OF ERRORS IN WRITTEN ENGLISH OF THE FORM FOUR STUDENTS IN KISUMU EAST DISTRICT	MA	Graduated 2010
8.	Charles Otieno:	MA	Graduated 2011
9.	ODHIAMBO, KENNEDY: Thesis: COURT INTERPRETER AS LANGUAGE RIGHTS PRACTITIONERS: THE CASE OF SUBORDINATE COURTS IN NYANZA PROVINCE	PhD	Graduated in 2011

**Thesis Examination (Maseno University)**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Status</b>
1.	OWINO, DANIEL ODOYO ; Titled ‘MORPHOSYNTACTIC STRUCTURES OF DHOLUO/ENGLISH CODE SWITCHING: THE MATRIX LANGUAGE PERSPECTIVE’	MA	Graduated 2008
2.	OCHWAL, AGATHA ATIENO; Titled ‘A STUDY OF COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES USED BY NON-SPECIALIZED TEACHERS OF THE HEARING IMPAIRED LEARNERS IN NYANZA PROVINCE’	MA	Graduated 2008
3.	JARONGO, FELIX CALVINCE; Titled ‘A TEXTUAL ANALYSIS OF THE KENYAN CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW REFERENDUM CAPAIGN BY TWO KENYAN’S NEWSPAPERS’	MA	Graduated 2009
4.	OLOO, PAMELA ANYANGO; Titled: A LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF HIV AND AIDS DISCOURSE IN NYANZA PROVINCE, KENYA	PhD	Graduated 2009
5.	ONYANGO VINCENT NOEL; Titled “EFFECTIVE LANGUAGE USE: A STUDY OF PRECISION IN THE SHOWDOWN TALK SHOW PROGRAMME ON NATION TELEVISION STATION IN KENYA	MA	Graduated 2010
6.	JAGERO, JULIET AKINYI; Titled “MATUMIZI YA KISWAHILI KATIKA TEKNOLOGIA YA HABARI NA MAWASILIANO KATIKA SHULE YA WAVULANA YA CHAVAKALI NA MARANDA”	MA	Graduated 2009
7.	Adams Yakub; Titled: An Ethnolinguistic Analysis of Kinubi Maintenance in Kibera, Kenya	PhD	Graduate in 2012
8.	Martin Oyosi Mubisi Titled: “Health Seeking Options for HIV Infected Elderly People in Kakola Location of Nyando District, Western Kenya”	MA	Graduate in 2012
9.	Owoko Lilian Adhiambo titled: “Support Systems for the Elderly in Malunda-West Sub-location Wagai Division of Siaya County in Western Kenya”	MA	Graduate in 2012
10.	Onyango George Otieno; Thesis title: Factors Influencing Re- entry of Schoolgirl Mothers in Primary Schools in Muhoroni Division, Kisumu County, Kenya	MA	Graduate in 2012



## **Postgraduate Supervision**

	Name	Degree	Status
1.	Anastacia Ong'onda	PhD	Final Draft
2.	Benard Kodak	PhD	Final Draft
3.	Kyalo Nuru	PhD	Second Draft
4.	Everline Nyokabi	PhD	Field
5.	Robert Ochieng Onyango	PhD	Second Draft
5.	Calvin Ochieng	MA	Awaiting defense
6.	Jane Ochung'	MA	Awaiting graduation
7.	Mukok Kenneth Oduor	MA	First draft
8.	Wasuna Christine	MA	Second Draft
9.	Omondi Anastacia	MA	First Draft
10.	Grace Joy Njagi	MA	SGS
11.	Adero Irene Kowade	MA	Submitted
12.	Auma Anne Ingutia	MA	Submitted
13.	Rose Bala	MA	First draft

## **Referees**

### **Prof. Felix Banda**

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