

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DETAILS

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RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A: Quality Research Experience:

- (i) December, 2014: Research on *Policy vs Practice in Language in Education in Lower Primary Schools in Kenya*; For a Ph.D Thesis Supervised by Dr. Gladwel Wambiri and Dr Racheal Kamau-Kang'ethe.
- (ii) December, 2007: Research on *Factors Contributing to Vocabulary Spurt in Kenyan Children Aged 18-24 Months; A Case of Nyeri County*. M.Ed. Thesis supervised by Dr. Barbra Koech and Dr. Eunice Nyamasyo
- (iii) May, 2007: Carried out a Needs Analysis for International Research Institute Centre on *Effects of Poverty Levels on literacy achievement of vulnerable children in Kenya*
- (iv) FEBRUARY, 2008: Written a successful Project Proposal for *expansion and equipping of DICECE Literacy Resource Center in Kenya*.
- (v) September, 2009 : Carried out a Baseline Survey sponsored by local NGOs in the area on *school preparedness of Children aged below 5 years in the ASAL regions of Nyeri, Kenya*

B: Publications (Books and Papers)

- (i) 2016- African Urban Youth Languages International Conference; Presented a Paper on *Influence of Sheng' in Education* in an International Conference Organized by the Institute of African Studies, Kenyatta University
- (ii) 2014: Institute of African Studies Conference; A paper on *Mother Tongue Policy Implementation and Language of Instruction Practices in Lower Primary School Classes; A Case of Nyeri County, Kenya* Published in the Journal Centre for Advanced African Societies (CASAS).
- (iii) 2014: A chapter on *Philosophical, Sociological and Historical Foundations of ECDE* in the Revision book by Longhorn Publishers Ltd
- (iv) 2013: Published a Book on *Vocabulary Spurt in Early Childhood Development, A Case of 18-24 Months Old Rural Children in Kenya*, Lambert Academic Publishing
- (v) 2009: ECDE Course book titled *Language Development in Early Childhood Development*, by Longhorn Publishers.

- (vi) 2009: ECDE Course book titled *Philosophical, Sociological and Historical Development of Early Childhood Education in Kenya*, by Longhorn Publishers.

C: Community Service, Volunteerism and Membership

- (i) 2016 – Present: *Board Member*, Kenyatta University Curriculum Committee in charge of Research Proposals and Thesis Examination
- (ii) 2016 – *Board Member*, Bishop Gatimu Ngandu Girls High School, a National School for Girls in Kenya.
- (iii) Board Member, Chinga Girls High School, a Intra-County Girls School in Kenya
- (iv) 2016 – *Convener*, Kenyatta University Television Station Super Kids Programme Aired on Saturdays on KUTV
- (v) 2016 – *Coordinator*, Educational Field Trips and Tours, Department of Early Childhood Studies - Kenyatta University,
- (vi) 2015 – Present: Post Graduate Committee Member, Department of Early Childhood Studies – Kenyatta University
- (vii) 2015 – *3rd Degree Member of Knights of Columbus*, an International Catholic Movement
- (viii) 2015 - African Urban Youth Languages International Conference; *Member in the Steering Committee in the Institute of African Studies*
- (ix) 2014-Present: *Chairman of School Management Committee*; Mary Mother of God Academy
- (x) 2013: Reconceptualizing Early Childhood Education (RECE) International Conference; Member, Organizing Committee
- (xi) 2013 - Present: *Chairman of the Management Committee* Boulevard Estate, Nyeri
- (xii) 2011-2013: Catholic University – Archdiocese of Nyeri Constituent College- *Participated in Development of Curriculum on Early Childhood and Community Development*
- (xiii) 2010-Present: *Member*, Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)
- (xiv) 2009-2010: Mt. Kenya University – Thika: *Participated in Development of Early Childhood and Community Development curriculum for diplomas, degrees and masters courses*
- (xv) November, 2009: Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF); Participated in *Documentation of ECD Best Practices* in a project in Dadaab, Garissa, Mwingi and Malindi
- (xvi) 2008-2014: Nyeri Hill Stead School (Kindergarten and Primary): *Chairman, School Board of Management*
- (xvii) 2008-2014: *St. Paul's Seminary: Co-Chairman, School Management Advisory Board*
- (xviii) 2009-2013: Catholic Archdiocese of Nyeri Tertiary Institutions Advisory Board: *ECD Executive Member*
- (xix) 2007 - 2011: Family Helper (CCF Affiliate): *Volunteer advisory services on ECD and Community Development Matters*
- (xx) 2007 - Present: Red Cross Society, Nyeri: *Volunteer First Aid Services and Training Services.*
- (xxi) 2005 - 2008: *Part Time Lecturer* at The Kenya Institute of Management, Nyeri Branch

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

- (i) 2015: Certificate of Participation in the 4th ICE: Pre-Conference Workshop on *Information Literacy and Ethics* organized by Department of Education Communication and Technology at Kenyatta University
- (ii) 2015: Certificate of Participation in the ISSBD – *International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development* African Regional Workshop held at Kenyatta University
- (iii) 2013: Certificate of Completion – *Teaching Methodology*: Center for Teaching Excellence and Evaluation of Kenyatta University
- (iv) 2013: Certificate of Participation in rece – (Reconceptualizing Early Childhood Education) 21st International Conference; *Theme: Reclaiming the Indigenous Child, Family and Community: Pedagogies of Place*
- (v) 2012: Certificate of Participation in the *3rd World Conference on Learning, Teaching and Educational Leadership* at Maison N.-D. Chat D'oiseau Brusells, Luxemburg – Belgium; Presented a Paper on *Factors Contributing to Vocabulary Spurt in Children in Kenya*
- (vi) September, 2011: Higher Education Loans Board; *Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Support in Financing Higher Education Loan*
- (vii) 2002: *Early Childhood Education Trainer's certificate; Nine Month Induction Course* by Ministry of Education, Kenya.
- (viii) Kenya Red Cross Society (2002): *Community Based First Aid, Safety and Rescue Services*
- (ix) 2001: Certificate of Completion in *Computer Literacy in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, Microsoft Power Point, SPSS and Email and Internet* at Pines Computer College, Nyeri
- (x) Ministry of Education (2000): *Certificate of Participation in Adjudicators Workshop on Music and Dance* organized by Permanent Presidential Music Commission under the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
- (xi) 1999: *Certificate of Excellence – Best Teacher in Kiswahili* at Othaya Girls Secondary School in Cat 'B' Schools in KCSE of 1998 with a Mean Grade of 8.2520

EDUCATION BAKGROUND

Kenyatta University	:Ph.D on Language Policy vs Practice in Education (2014)
Kenyatta University	:MA, Diplomacy and International Relations (In Progress)
Kenyatta University	:M.Ed Language Development in Early Childhood (2007)
Moi University	:B.Ed (Hons), 1994; Kiswahili and Religious Studies
Kagumo High School	:Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education - K.A.C.E (1989) A-Level Studies Kiswahili, Religious Studies, History & Geography

St. Paul's J. Seminary :Kenya Certificate of Education - K.C.E (1987) Division 1

Mweiga Primary School :Certificate of Primary Education - C.P.E (1983)

PROFESSIONAL AND WORKING EXPERIENCE

KENYATTA UNIVERSITY : Lecturer (Currently)

Responsibilities:

- Research Proposal and Thesis Guide, Examiner and Panelist
- Curriculum Committee Member – School of Education
- Training of Teachers.
- Units include: Research Methods, Language, General Psychology, Guidance and Counseling, Philosophical and Sociological Foundations of Education, Community Education and Mobilization, Screening Procedure for Children, Health, Nutrition, Mainstreaming, Exceptional Children, Practicum among others.

Part Time Services:

- Catholic University – Nyeri College (Kenya)
- South Eastern Kenya University (SEKU),
- Karatina University (Kenya)
- Kenya Methodist University (Nyeri Campus)
- Mt. Kenya University (Thika) – Kenya.
- Kenya Institute of Management (KIM – Nyeri)

NYERI DICECE : ECD Programme Officer and Dean of Curriculum (2001-2009)

Responsibilities:

- All administrative duties
- Training ECD Teachers
- Curriculum development
- Coordinating Early Childhood Development Activities
- Teaching language skills and methodology
- Teaching Research and Report Writing
- Conducting Research for ECDE Programmes
- Writing Project Proposals
- Community Mobilization and Capacity Building

OTHAYA GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL: (1996 – 2000)

Responsibilities:

- Subject Head - Kiswahili
- Teaching Kiswahili
- Developing Teaching-Learning Materials

- Setting, Administering and Marking Examinations
- Music Club Patron

IRURI SECONDARY SCHOOL: (1994 – 1995)

Responsibilities:

- Ag Deputy Principal
- Teaching Kiswahili and English
- Developing Teaching-Learning Materials
- Patron Scouting Movement