

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## PERSONAL DATA

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## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

LEVEL	INSTITUTION	EXAMINATION	YEAR	QUALIFICATION
PRIMARY	LUGALA P. SCHOOL	C.P.E	1962-1966	
	ST. XAVIERS' P. SCHOOL		1967-1968 1968-1969	
SECONDARY (LOWER)	ALLIANCE GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL	E.A.C.E	1970-1973	'O' LEVEL DIV.1
	ALLIANCE GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL	E.A.A.C.E.	1974-1975	3 PRINCIPALS 1 SUBSIDIARY
UNIVERSITY	NAIROBI UNIVERSITY		1976-1979	B.ED UPPER 2 <sup>ND</sup> CLASS HONOURS
	THE VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER (UK)		1989-1990	M.EDUCATION
	UNIVERSITY OF EXETER (UK)		1998-2000	M.PHIL EDUCATION.

## **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

- i) Teacher at Lugulu Girls' High School in Western Province, 1979 – 1981. Taught 'O' and 'A' levels in Literature in English Language and Christian Religious Studies.
- ii) Teacher at Ofafa Jericho Secondary School, Nairobi, 1984-1985. Taught 'O' and 'A' levels English Language and Literature.
- iii) Teacher at Alliance High School, 1985-1989. Taught 'O' level and 'A' level students in English, English Literature, Christian Religious Education and Social Education and Ethics.
- iv) Was appointed to teach at Kenyatta University as a Tutorial Fellow in 1990 in the Department of Communication Skills.
- v) Was promoted to the post of a lecturer in July 1992.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- i) As a student in high school, I was a member of the school choir, the girl-guides, the senior debating club, the senior historical club and the philosophical society. I was a house captain.
- ii) Taught as a n untrained teacher after my 'O' and 'A' level examinations in a primary and secondary schools.
- iii) While as a teacher at Lugulu Girls' High school, I coached hockey team and was also the drama teacher.
- iv) At Ofafa Jericho Secondary school, I was the drama patron and went up to Provincial level in drama competitions.
- v) While at Alliance High School, 1985-1989, I was the Senior mistress and this involved career choices, counseling and some administration like signing reports cards at the end of the term.
- vi) I was the head of department of Languages and these were English, French, Kiswahili and German. This involved co-ordinating the teaching of the above Subjects.

- vii) Was the patron of the dramatics club which won the 1987 National Awards – first position. The club was awarded several trophies in Central province and National level.
- viii) I participated in seminars at national levels about the teaching of the newly introduced 8-4-4 system. This was in English and Social education and ethics. I then carried out similar seminars in Central Province – They were to in-service Teachers in the above mentioned subjects.
- ix) Was examiner of the ‘O’ levels English Literature from 1984 to 1989.
- x) At Kenyatta University, I have been an evaluation officer of the communication Skills curriculum. This involved designing questionnaires for both the students and the staff as well as carrying out interviews. These would be analysed and presented to the staff members.
- xi) From 1991-92, I was the departmental examinations officer. This involved organizing the setting of the continuous assessment tests and the end of semester examinations. This analysis of the performance would then be presented at the Examinations meetings.
- xii) At Kenyatta University I have been the curriculum officer, 1993. My work was to co-ordinate teaching materials which were developed by staff members. These were edited and are currently being used.
- xiii) Duties with the other University have been to carry out workshops in all the public Universities on evaluation and the communication skills newsletter.
- xiv) I have been involved in moderating professional studies for teacher training colleges with the examination council.
- xv) Participated in organizing a national seminar sponsored by the British Council entitled “English Across the Curriculum – the Kenyan Context”. The participants were from the public and private universities, colleges, the education inspectorate personnel and secondary schools.
- xvi) Was a visiting lecturer at the university of Exeter in 1995 for six weeks. This was to teach some undergraduate and post-graduate students about education in Kenya. I presented a paper at a seminar for lecturers and post graduate students on the “teaching of Science in a Second Language situation”.
- xvii) Presented a paper at an International Conference that was sponsored by the British Council in 1991 in Nairobi. The paper was entitled “Materials Evaluation: The Long, the Short and the Practical.

- xviii) Presented a paper in July 1994 at Kenyatta University entitled “Lecturing to large classes at the University”. The seminar was attended by lectures from all the department
- xix) Attended a seminar in Machakos and presented a paper entitled “Preparation and Adverstising”.
- xx) Have been a part-time lecturer at Daystar University, teaching study skills the writing of a research paper and English
- xxi) Have been involved in teaching students of the continuing schools of education (external degree) and this also involves visiting them in their schools to help them with their work. This is an on-going exercise.
- xxii) I teach post graduate diploma in Public Relations. This involves supervising students’ theses.
- xxiii) Have been involved in supervising master’s students in communication, mainly In the area of advertising.
- xxiv) I am a co-author of a book called, *Missing the meaning*, which is available in the Market.
- xxvi) I teach courses in Public Relations, Journalism and Communication as well as write modules and examine students who have enrolled in the Kenyatta University Institute of Open Learning.
- xxvi) I have been teaching at the National Defence College in Karen since 2000 on how to carry out research as well as reading and writing skills.
- xxvii) I am currently involved in a project that six universities in Africa are participating in the writing E-Learning content for the Open Learning students at Kenyatta University. This is content that has graphics, simulations and videos. The content is now ready and a pilot study is currently being done among the Open Learning of Kenyatta University.
- xxviii) I have written a course in Communication Skills in the e-learning mode for the women university students in Marsabit in conjunction with Kenya Education Network Trust which is currently in use at the Marsabit Centre. This was done after having been trained in E-learning by KENET and other consultants from South Africa who are experts in E-Learning.
- xxvix) I attended a conference of Kenyatta University and Syracuse University (USA) in 2009.

xxvx) I presented a paper entitled “ A study of the language of science in some primary schools in Kenya” at an international conference held at Kenyatta University in conjunction with Syracuse University .  
in July,2011.

### **RESEARCH WORK DONE**

- i) Evaluation of teaching materials in Kenyan Public Universities
- ii) The teaching of science in Kenyan Primary Schools
- iii) Lecturing in large classes at the University
- vi) The reading of science materials.
- vii) Teaching English to Second Language Speakers of English

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