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Biography

Hellen Agnes Amunga joined Kenyatta University in 2009 as a Tutorial Fellow in the Department of Educational Communication and Technology. She has training in both Education and Library and Information science fields, with over ten years teaching experience at tertiary level. She is currently attached to the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala, India, as a Research Scholar (PhD). She has presented papers at conferences and workshops; and is the current national Hon. Secretary, Kenya Library Association (KLA). Her research interests include: access to online information; information literacy; Open Source Software (OSS) and intellectual property (IP).

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2010 – to date: PhD Research Scholar, Department of Library & Information Science, University of Kerala, India (on Africa Scholarship Scheme)
2005 – 2007: Master of Education (Library and Information Science, KU)
1991 – 1996: Bachelor of Education (Library Studies & Kiswahili, KU)

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

2011: *Certificate in Academic Writing* awarded by the Kerala State Council for Science & Technology and Environment in collaboration with the Centre for Literacy Studies, DLIS, University of Kerala
2010: *Certificate in Advanced Research Methodology* awarded by the Council for Teacher Education (CTE) & the State Resource Centre, Kerala, India

- 2009: *Certificate in Web Authoring using Joomla! And Drupal* Awarded by Kenya Library Association
- 2008: *Certificate in Management of Electronic Information Resources* awarded by Kenya Library Association (KLA) & National Book Development Council of Kenya (NBDCK)
- 2004: *Certificate of Proficiency in MS Windows & MS Office Operations* awarded by the Kenya Christian Industrial Training Institute (KCITI), Nairobi

EMPLOYMENT/EXPERIENCE

- 2009 – to date: Tutorial Fellow, Kenyatta University
- 2008-2009: Documentalist/Librarian, Kenya National Academy of Sciences (KNAS)
- 2008-2009: Part-time Lecturer, Department of Library & Information science, KU
- 2007-2008: Part-time Lecturer, Department of Liberal & Information Studies, the Kenya Polytechnic University College
- 2004 - 2005: Graduate Teacher I, Enoomatasiani Girls Secondary School
- 1996 – 2003: Tutor, Bondo Teachers Training College

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2011: Member, Editorial and Publishing Committee for the forthcoming Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa Library and Information Information associations (SCECSAL) 2012.
- 2010: Member, Management Committee, for the inaugural Maktaba Award (Library of the Year Award) whose aim is to recognize excellence in library service provision.
- 2009: Elected Honorary Secretary, Kenya Library Association (KLA)
- 2009: National Consultant (Kenya), Technical Center for Agriculture and Technical Cooperation (CTA) on its survey: *A review of the outreach and impact of selected CTA products and services (INFOIR2) in Kenya*
- 2009: Co-Facilitator, Information Literacy Workshop for University Librarians organized by the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) in partnership with the Kenya Libraries and Information Services Consortium (KLISC), University of Nairobi, Kenya
- 2008: Resource Person for Government Librarians at a training workshop held at ICIPE, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2003: Participated in the selection of first year students for Primary Teacher Training Colleges at the Kenya Science Teachers College, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2003: External Assessor for Kaimosi Teachers Training College during the Final Practical Assessment for Primary Teachers Colleges
- 1997-2008: Member, Kenya National Union of Teachers
- 1996 to date: Member, Kenya Library Association (KLA)

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS ATTENDED, AND PAPERS PRESENTED

- 2011: **Amunga, H. A. (2011)** *Information Literacy in the 21st century universities: the Kenyan experience*. In Towards building a knowledge Society: Library as a catalyst for knowledge discovery and management [Proceedings] pp. 427-436.

- The paper was presented at the 8th International Convention on Automation of Libraries in Education and Research Institutions (CALIBER) organized by INFLIBNET Centre and Goa University, Goa, India. March 2-4, 2011.
- 2010: **Amunga, H. A. (2010):** *Copyright and Open Source Software: two parallel complexities that information professionals in Kenya must deal with in the 21st Century* [a paper presented at the Kenya Library Association Annual Conference, 17th – 18th June 2010 at the Six-Eighty Hotel, Nairobi]
- 2009: **Amunga, H. A. (2009):** *The PERii initiative and attainment of Millennium Development Goals and the Kenya Vision 2030: opportunities, challenges and way forward for local universities* [a paper presented at the Kenya Library Association Annual Conference, 27th-29th May 2009 at the Nairobi Safari Club, Nairobi, Kenya]
- 2009: **Amunga H. A. (2009):** *Positioning Local Universities to Play an Active Role in Achieving the Kenya Vision 2030* [a paper presented during the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology 2nd National Conference on Dissemination of Research Results and Exhibition of Innovations, 4th-8th May 2009, KICC, Nairobi, Kenya]
- 2008: **Amunga H. A. (2008):** *Legal and ethical issues in Publishing: the dilemmas of information professionals* [a paper presented during a Government Librarians Workshop at ICIPE on March 25th 2008]
- 2008: **Amunga H. A. (2008):** *Marketing information resources: ensuring survival in a competitive environment* [a paper presented during a Government Librarians Worksop at ICIPE on March 27th 2008]

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

- 2010: *African Scholarship Award* for PhD (Library & Information Science), Department of Library and Information Science, Universty of Kerala, India
- 2005: *Letter of Appreciation* by the Board of Governors, Enoomasiani Girls Secondary School for positive contribution to the school's improvement in the 2004 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education Examinations (KCSE)
- 2002: *Certificate of Merit* by Board of Governors, Bondo TTC for exemplary performance of students in the national Primary Teacher Examinations (PTE)
- 2001: *Certificate of Merit* by the the Bondo District Education Board for quality teaching delivery that resulted in 100% in Primary Teacher Examinations (PTE), Kiswahili, Bondo TTC.
- 1999: *Certificate of Merit* by Board of Governors, Bondo TTC for exemplary performance of students in the national Primary Teacher Examinations (PTE)

HOBBIES: Reading, watching football and listening to music