

## CURRICULUM VITAE



### **Biodata**

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<b>Discipline:</b>	Literature
<b>Specialisation:</b>	Oral literature
<b>Place of Birth:</b>	Bungoma
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**Occupation:** Lecturer- Kibabii University

**Career Objective:** Further research in world literatures, world cultures and cultural studies, oral literatures, comparative studies, literary education, teaching and research methodology as well as research in Cultural and Social Sciences.

### **Educational Background**

2012-2016	University of Nairobi	Doctor of Philosophy in Literature
2002-2005	Kenyatta University	Master of Arts in Literature
1997-2001	Kenyatta University	BED (Arts) Second Class Honors (Upper Division)
1992-1995	Ndivisi Secondary School	KCSE Certificate
1983-1990	Makuselwa Primary School	KCPE Certificate

## **Core Competences**

I am an experienced teacher of English language. I taught English and literature for eight years with Teachers Service Commission from 2002 to 2011. I also taught Literature and Journalism at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology for two years from January 2009 to December, 2010. From 2011 to 2013, I taught Literature at St. Augustine University of Tanzania in Mtwara, Tanzania. Currently, I am a lecturer of Literature at Kibabii University.

## **Work Experience**

2013 to date- Lecturer, Kibabii University

2011 to 2013- Assistant Lecturer (St. Augustine University of Tanzania)

2009 to 2010- Part time Assistant Lecturer (Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology)

## **Professional Experience**

2002-2008 Nyamagwa Girls High School- Gucha, teaching English and Literature

2008-2010 Samitsi Secondary School- Kakamega, teaching English and Literature

2011-2013 St. Augustine University of Tanzania, teaching Literature

2013 to date Kibabii University where I am engaged in lecturing, research and extension. In addition to supervising postgraduate students, I am also teaching the following undergraduate and masters courses:

- Introduction to Literary Studies
- Introduction to East African Poetics
- Teaching Methods in Literature
- African Orature
- Caribbean Literature
- African American Literature
- Modern African Poetry

- Research in Orature
- Narratives on Migrancy
- Modern African Literature and People
- African American Literature
- Research Methods in Literature

### **Supervision of Higher Degrees**

One MA student, Maureen Masika, completed. Thesis title: **The Redefined Roles of Women in Buchi Emecheta's *the Joys of Motherhood* and Tsitsi Dangarembga's *Nervous Conditions***

### **Other MA Supervisions in Progress**

1. **Michael Wafula Wanyonyi-** *Gender and the Postcolonial Social Ideal in Nuruddin Farah's, From a Crooked Rib (1970) and Knots (2007)*
2. Inviolata Wekesa-*Dialectics of Power and Resistance in Francis Imbuga's Betrayal in the City and The Return of Mgofu*
3. Elizabeth Wekesa-*Alternative Voices in Ngugi wa Thiong'o's Petals of Blood (1977) and Osi Ogbu's The Moon Also Sets (2002)*
4. Sylvia Nekesa- *A Thematic and Aesthetic Appreciation of Kenyan Standup Comedy*

### **Community-Based Work Experience**

April 2019 to date- Chairman Board of Management- St Elizabeth Sibakala Secondary School

December, 2015 to date- Chairman Board of Management- St Francis Girls' High School- Makemo

December, 2015 to date- Academic Board Chairman- St Thomas Secondary School- Misikhu

December, 2015 to date- Member of the Board of Management Friends Secondary School Misemwa, representing the County Education Board

August 2009, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), Senior Supervisor

May-august 1997, Electoral Commission of Kenya (ECK), Registration clerk

## Membership to Professional Bodies and Associations

2011 to date – Member of the board Kenya Oral Literature Association (KOLA).

## Publications

1. *Guide Notes to The River Between* by Ngugi wa Thiong'o, Top Grade publishers, 2009.
2. *Interrogating the Place of the Weak in Bukusu Oral Narratives: the symbolic representation*, Lambert Academic Publishing, 2011-978-8465-5675-7, 2011.
3. *The Power of Art in Cultivating Peaceful Communal Coexistence: A Case of Bukusu Aphorisms*, A Research Paper in Greener Journal of Social Sciences. Vol 3 (6): (299-305) ISSN: 2276-7800, 2013.
4. J. Musungu and B. Nyongesa. *Guide Notes to The Whale Rider by Witi Ihimaera*: Top Grade Publishers, 2012
5. J. Musungu and M. Makokha. *Listening Skills*. A Book Chapter in *Communication Skills in Institutions of Higher Learning*. Chapter Two: 17-34. ISBN 978-9966-1829-2-0, 2015
6. J. Musungu and E. Wamalwa. *Themes in East African Literature Since Independence: A Critical Review of Major Playwrights*. A Research Paper in International Journal of Professional Practice, 2017.

## Conferences and Workshops

1. **Kenyatta University Postgraduate Seminar October, 2005**, presented a paper entitled: *The significance of Funeral Poetry among the Babukusu of Western Kenya*.
2. **University of Nairobi Post graduate Seminar February 2011**, presented a paper entitled: *Performance and Meaning of Bukusu Oral Narratives*
3. **University of Nairobi Post graduate seminar May 2014**, presented a paper entitled: *The Construction of Strangers in Bukusu Oral Narratives*
4. **Kibabii University College, First County Cultural Forum by KOLA- Kenya Oral Literature Association** presented a paper entitled: *The Construction of the 'Other' through Oral Narrative Performance: A Case of the Bukusu Folktale*
5. Participated in **Job Analysis Workshop by PricewaterhouseCoopers** conducted at Kibabii University on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.

6. Chair of Session during 2<sup>nd</sup> **Interdisciplinary International Scientific Conference** at Kibabii University on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

### **Meritorious Awards**

- **2009** - Received **TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD** conferred by Samitsi Secondary School.
- Various **CERTIFICATES OF MERIT FOR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE** at National Level by the Kenya Music Festival foundation Secretariat – NAIROBI.

### **Referees**

1. Dr. Joseph Muleka

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