

DEPARTMENT OF LITERARY AND LITERARY AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES



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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Ph.D (Applied linguistics), Laikipia University, Kenya (2014)

M.A. (Applied linguistics), Kenyatta University, Kenya (1992)

B.Ed (Upper Second), Nairobi University, Kenya (1985)

Brief biography of the faculty/ staff

Dr Eliud Kirigia started his teaching career in 1985 in Nep Technical Institute (Garissa), moved to Nkuene Girls' High School in 1988 (Meru) and later to Kigali Teachers' College in Jan 1992 (Embu) until March 1992 when he joined Egerton University as an assistant lecturer in the Department of Languages, linguistics and literature. In 1993 he was promoted to the position of lecturer in Laikipia Campus of Egerton University. He was further promoted to the position of Senior lecturer in the Department of Literary and Communication Studies, Laikipia University in 2016.

Dr Kirigia has spent most of his career in classroom teaching as well as an examination officer for his department. He has supervised several postgraduate students both at Masters and Ph. D at various stages of their research work. He has been involved in several leading roles in departmental committees as well as taking part in many university academic functions both at faculty and at university levels.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

1. *Mugambia A. Rutere and Eliud K.Kirigia. Conersation Songs of Meru Men.The Hidden Proverbial Wisdom in the Performer's Pragmatic Rivalry.* Journal of Social Sciences, Education and Humanities (JSSEH), Laikipia University, Vol 1 2013,ISSN NO 2309-1010, PP 26-46

2. Mugambi Rutere, **Eliud K. Kirigia** and Moses Gatambuki. The last shall become the first: Gender paradigm shift in the management of Small scale tea farms in South Imenti Sub-County, Kenya, *Journal of Social Sciences, Education and Humanities, (JSSEH)*, Vol 2, Issue 1 [ISSN 2309-1010], Laikipia University
3. **Eliud K.Kirigia** and Jane Monyangi Ombati. Error prevalence in university students' written work: A Case Study of Students Taking English and Literature in Laikipia University. *Journal of Social Sciences, Education and Humanities, (JSSEH)*, Vol 2, Issue 1 [ISSN 2309-1010], Laikipia University
4. **Eliud K.Kirigia**, Mugambi Rutere and Raphael Kiugu. Appraisal of **Mother Tongue Education in Kenya. A study of its execution in South Imenti, Meru. Journal of Contemporary Research in Humanities and Social Sciences, Pwani University, Vol 3, No 1 2015 pp 108-116.**
5. **Eliud K. Kirigia.** Health adult Education among women attending Maternal Child Health Clinics in Meru County, Egerton University. *Journal of Education and Human Resources (JEDHURE) ,* Vol 8, Issue 1, Egerton University

Book chapters

1. Mwailimu Rutere A. Mugambi and **Kirigia E. Kiruji**, *By Any Other Name a Rose Does not Smell as Sweet! Naming Systems and Gender Inequality in the Meru Community of Kenya. Gender Practices and Challenges. Moi University Press, Moi University, Eldoret, ISB:9966-854-89-4, pp 19-28*

Selected Conferences/ Seminar participation

1. 'Gender differences in the naming system of the Ameru of Kenya', a paper i presented as a visiting scholar in the University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign in April 1994 on 15/4/1994
2. By any other name a rose in the Meru Community of Kenya does not smell as sweet. A paper presented at the 2nd INTERNATIONAL GENDER SYMPOSIUM at the Institute for Gender Equity, Research and Development, Moi Universty on 26/1/2012
3. Selected Conversational Songs of Meru Men: The hidden Instructional value in the Performer's pragmatic rivalry. A paper presented at the 1st INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE held from 20th – 23rd June, 2012
4. Error Prevalence in University Students' work: A case study of students taking English in laikipia University: A paper presented at the 2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE from 21st, May 2014, Laikipia University
5. Appraisal of Mother Tongue Education in Kenya. A study of its execution in South Imenti, Meru. A paper presented at the 2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE from 21st ,May 2014, Laikipia University
5. Adult health Literacy amongst women in Rural Kenya and its challenges. A key note address paper presented in the INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LITERACY EMPOWERMENT FOR ALL BEYOND 2015, Egerton University, on 9/10/2015

Research Interest

Literacy and Communication studies, Psycholinguistics, language acquisition and Sociolinguistics