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#### **Educational Background:**

PhD (Linguistics) Egerton University (2001)

MPhil. (Kiswahili) Moi University, Kenya (1995)

BEd. (Honours) Kenyatta University, Kenya (1989)

#### **WORK HISTORY**

February 2016 – Current Chair of the Department of Literary and Communication Studies,

Laikipia University -3rd March 2008 to date – Associate Professor of Linguistics, Department of Literary and Communication Studies, Laikipia University -November 2002 – 3rd

March 2008 - Senior Lecturer, Department of Languages, Linguistics and Literature, Egerton University.

-2002 -2005: Part time Lecturer (Islamic University in Uganda).

-August 2006 – August 2007: Visiting Lecturer - Sabbatical (Catholic University of Eastern

Africa). Drafted Academic Programmes: B.A in Kiswahili and Communication; M.A in Kiswahili and Communication

-May 1994 to Nov. 2002 - Lecturer - Department of Languages, Linguistics and Literature-Egerton University

-January 1994 - May 1994 -Tutor, Tambach Teachers Training College, Iten –Kenya

-May 1989 - Oct 1991 - Graduate Teacher at St. Patrick's High School - Iten.

## **PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANCY**

-July 16th – August 2nd

**2012:** External Evaluator. Evaluation of the Swahili Department of the Training Centre for Development Cooperation (MS TCDS) – Arusha, Tanzania

**-2008 to date,** Internal Examiner (Post Graduate), Moi University

-2012 Internal Examiner (Post Graduate), Maseno University

**-May 2007 – May 2011:** External Examiner, Department of Language Education – Makerere University (Uganda)

## **CURRENT RESPONSIBILITY**

-Director, Directorate of Undergraduate and Postgraduate Studies – Laikipia University

**– Jan. 2013 to date.**

## **COMPLETED RESEARCH**

-A Unified Orthography for Bantu languages of Kenya – A project of the Centre for Advanced Studies of African Societies (2012)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

1) Misingi ya Nadharia na Mbinu za Utafiti. Published by Serengeti Educational Publishers

(T) Limited. Mwanza, Tanzania (2014)

2) A Unified Orthography for Bantu Languages in Kenya (MONOGRAPH). Published by

The Centre for Advanced Studies of African Society, Cape Town, South Africa (2012)

3) Fonolojia Tohozi: Kiingereza – Kiswahili. Published by Division of Research &

Extension, Egerton University, Njoro, Kenya (2011)

4) Sarufi ya Kiswahili: Uchanganuzi na Matumizi Published by The Jomo Kenyatta

Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya (2006)

5) Isimujamii kwa Wanafunzi wa Kiswahili Published by The Jomo Kenyatta Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya (2006)

6) Open and Distance Learning Module – KISW. 122: Fonetiki Na Fonolojia for the College of Distance Learning – Egerton University (2006)

Comparative Linguistics, Phonology, Sociolinguistics, Language education, Language and Culture.