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EDUCATION

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION NAME	INSTITUTION	YEAR
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING AND APPLIED LINGUISTICS	THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK(United Kingdom)	2012
Masters of Arts (MA)	LINGUISTICS AND AFRICAN LANGUAGES	UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI(Kenya)	1996
Bachelor of Education (B.Ed)	ARTS	UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI(Kenya)	1994
A Level/Equivalent	KENYA ADVANCED CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION	MOI GIRLS' SCHOOL NAIROBI(Kenya)	1989
O level/Equivalent	KENYA CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION	ST TERESA'S GIRLS' SECONDARY SCHOOL(Kenya)	1987

WORK EXPERIENCE

PERIOD	INSTITUTION	POSITION
01/03/2017 - TO DATE	THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF KENYA	SENIOR LECTURER
2015 - 2017	THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN AFRICA	SENIOR LECTURER
1998 - 2015	THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN AFRICA	TUTORIAL FELLOW/ ASS. LECTURER/ LECTURER
1997 - 1997	CONSOLATA SECONDARY SCHOOL	TEACHER

GENERAL STATEMENT ON RESEARCH AREAS

My PhD research was in the area of English language textbook development. I am interested in researching broader areas of materials development as well as language education in general.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

Biography of an English language textbook in Kenya: A journey from conceptualization to the classroom

English Language Teaching and Applied Linguistics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

TITLE	LINK TO PUBLICATION	YEAR
Controlling courtroom discourse through linguistic manipulation: A case study of criminal trials at the Kibera law courts, Nairobi.	View online	2018
"I enjoy teaching by writing": Experiences of Kenyan secondary school English textbook authors.	View online	2014
Teaching argumentation in higher education: Narratives from composition writing classrooms in Kenya.	View online	2020
Am I a robot?: Teachers on Teachers' Guides.	View online	2013
Textbook selection experiences among secondary school teachers of English in Kenya.	View online	2013
Construction of gender in linguistic signs in selected secondary school English textbooks.	View online	2023
Construction of gender in visual signs in selected secondary school English textbooks.	View online	2022

POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS SUPERVISION

NAME	PROJECT TITLE	PERIOD
Nancy Kamweru	Controlling courtroom discourse through linguistic manipulation: A case study of criminal trials at the Kibera law courts, Nairobi	2015-2017
Dorine Ngetuny	Teacher beliefs and practices in the teaching of reading: Case study of reading comprehension in Kamelilo secondary school, Baringo County	2015-2017
Cindy Gor	Assessing communicative competence of sign language interpreters in selected hospitals in Nairobi County	2021-2023
Mary Unwuchola	Communicative features in textbooks and the teaching of listening and speaking skills at St. Aloysious Gonzaga Secondary School - Langata, Nairobi	2015-2017
Catherine Yabre	Conversation strategies adopted for effective intercultural communication among the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary sisters in Nairobi County	2015-2017
Fellis Mutune	An evaluation of gender representation in secondary English teaching and learning materials.	2018-2023
Kelvin Mutulis	"Glocalized pedagogy" in a foreign language classroom: The case of German in Kenyan Universities	2022 to date

COURSES TAUGHT

NAME	DESCRIPTION	PERIOD
Language Education	A PhD course that discusses issues and theories in teaching and learning of foreign and second languages	2020 - 2022
Leadership and Communication	A PhD course that promotes effective leadership and communication practices in personal and professional life	2021 - 2022
Curriculum Development in Language Teaching	A Master's level course that explores the curriculum development process, including syllabus design, materials development and learner assessment	2017 - 2017
Communication Skills	A common university course covering listening, speaking, reading and writing skills, targeting undergraduate students	2018 - TO-DATE
Translation and Interpretation Studies	A Master's course that explores the relevance of translation and interpretation, as well as theories in translation and interpretation, their strengths and weaknesses	2017 - 2017
Language Pathology	A PhD course that examines developmental and acquired speech disorders in children and adults	2020 - 2022
Language Pathology and Language Handicap	A Master's course that examines causes, manifestations and effects of speech and language disorders, assessment techniques and intervention measures	2019 - 2023
Advanced Research Design	A PhD course that covers research design and methodology in applied linguistics	2020 - 2020
Forensic Linguistics	A Master's course that examines the interface between language and the law	2019 - 2022