

# **PROFESSOR (MRS) LUCIA NDONG'A OMONDI**

## **CURRICULUM VITAE 2005**

### **I. PERSONAL DATA**

**Maiden Name** Lucia Ndong'a Odera

**Date of Birth** 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1943/Official 5/5/43

**Place of Birth** Gem - Kenya

**Nationality** Kenyan

#### **Academic Degrees held**

1. B.A. (Hons.) (E.A.)
2. Post. Grad. Dip. App. Ling. (Edin.)
3. Post. Grad. B.Phil. (Ling.) (NAIROBI)
4. Ph.D. (Ling.) (London).

**National Honour** Order of the Burning Spear (OBS)

#### **Marital Status**

Married 1969  
Family Five (5) Children

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**Present Post** Professor of Linguistics and African Languages  
University of Nairobi

### **Areas of Academic Specialization**

General Theoretical Linguistics  
Descriptive Linguistics  
Applied Linguistics  
English Language (Grammar and Usage)  
Dholuo Language (Grammar and Usage)  
Comparative Nilotic Language Studies

### **Areas of Academic Ability and Interest**

Socio-Linguistics  
Comparative Historical Linguistics  
Kiswahili Language (Grammar)  
Non-Verbal Language  
Language in Human Communication  
Language and Development  
Language in Human Life  
Education  
Distance and Open Learning

### **Areas of Work Experience, Ability and Interest**

University Management and Administration  
Management of Open Learning and Continuous Education  
Counselling

## **II. EDUCATIONAL CAREER**

### **Primary and Intermediate Education**

1951-1958 Luanda Primary and Intermediate School  
1954 Sat and passed Common Entrance Examination  
1958 Sat and passed Kenya African Preliminary Examination

### **Secondary Education**

1958 - 1962 **Butere Girls High School**

#### Subjects studied

English Language	History
English Literature	Biology
Mathematics	Health Science
Latin	Domestic Science
Geography	Needlework

1962 Sat and passed Cambridge Overseas School Certificate, Ordinary Level and passed in **1<sup>st</sup> Division**.

1963 - 1964 Advanced High School Education, **Alliance Girls High School, Kikuyu**

Subjects studied and taken

English Literature	Mathematics
Geography	Religious Studies
General Paper	

**1964** Sat for Cambridge Overseas Higher School Certificate. Passed and gained **University Entrance**.

**University Education**

(a) 1965 - 1968 Undergraduate Studies

B.A. Programme at the **University of East Africa, Nairobi**: 3-2-2 structure by choice.

Subjects studied

Year 1 English Literature, Language and Linguistics; Political Sciences; and Geography.

Year 2 English Literature, Language and Linguistics, Political Sciences.

Year 3 English Literature, Language and Linguistics, Political Science.

1968 Awarded **B.A. (Hons.)** Upper 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. Won scholarship on the results.

(b) 1968-1975 Postgraduate Studies

i 1968 - 1969 **University of Edinburgh** Scotland. Studied for Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics

Subjects studied

General Theoretical Linguistics  
Phonetics and Phonology  
Syntax and Semantics  
Morphology

Psychology and Psycholinguistics  
Language Teaching  
English Grammar  
Socio-Linguistics  
Error Analysis  
Language Testing  
Textbook Evaluation  
Language Laboratory  
Syllabus Writing and Evaluation  
Reading and Writing.

1969 Sat the Diploma Applied Linguistics Examination. Passed and recommended for upgrading to Ph.D.

1970 Awarded a **Diploma in Applied Linguistics** retrospectively.

ii 1970-1971 **The University of Nairobi.** Studied for Bachelor of Philosophy in Linguistics

Subjects studied

General Theoretical Linguistics  
Syntax and Semantics  
Phonology and Phonetics  
Morphology  
English Structure and Usage  
Sociolinguistics

**Dissertation** on *The Dholuo Noun Phrase (In the Theory of Scale and Category Grammar)*.

1971 Awarded the degree of **Bachelor of Philosophy (B.Phil.)** in Linguistics. The dissertation recommended for publication.

iii 1971 - 1975 **The University of London, University College,** U.K. Studied for Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Linguistics. Took the courses below on Theoretical Linguistics and the Structure of African Languages at both The University College London, and the School of Oriental and African Studies

Syntactic Theories  
Semantic Theories  
Phonological Theories  
Phonetics, Phonology, and Syntax of African Languages  
Dholuo Tonal System  
Staff and Students Seminars in related fields

**Thesis**            ***The major Syntactic Structures of Dholuo***  
***(A generative Transformational Analysis).***

1975    Awarded the degree of **Doctor of Philosophy**. Thesis recommended for publication. **Related Distinction -1<sup>st</sup> Kenyan to get a Ph.D. in Linguistics.**

### **III    PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

1965.            **Reeswood Secretarial College, Nairobi.** Took Pitman's Secretarial course. Awarded Elementary Certificates in Shorthand and Typing.
- 1988            University of Nairobi, Faculty of External Studies. Trained in writing materials for Distance Learning
- 1994-2004    Attended many National and International workshops giving training in University Management and related skills including IT
- 2002 June     **Galilee College, Nazareth, Israel,** Training in University Management

### **IV SCHOLARSHIPS HELD**

- 1965            Kenya Railways Training Sponsorship
- 1965-1968     Kenya Government Undergraduate Scholarship
- 1968-1969     Ford Foundation Postgraduate Scholarship
- 1975            Dorothy Leet Bursary
- 1974-1975     British Council Postgraduate Scholarship
- 1985            U.S.A. Government Visiting Scholarship
- 1989            British Council Chevening Scholarship
- 1994-5         DAAD Visiting Scholarship

### **V    UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS**

1.    1971            Research Assistant, Department of Linguistics and African Languages, University of Nairobi.

2. 1975 - 1978 Research Fellow, Institute of African Studies, University of Zambia.
- 3 1977-8 Head of the Language Department, Institute of African Studies University of Zambia
4. 1976 Lecturer, Department of Linguistics and African Languages, University of Nairobi (offered).
- 5 1977-8 Head of the Languages Section/Department of the Institute of African Studies of the University of Zambia.
- 6 1978 - 1979 Lecturer, Department of Linguistics and African Languages, University of Nairobi.
7. 1979-1986 Senior Lecturer, Department of Linguistics and African Languages, University of Nairobi.
8. 1986-1989 Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics and African Languages. University of Nairobi
- 9 1989-94 Chairman, Department of Linguistics and African Languages, University of Nairobi
- 10 1989 Visiting Professor, University College, London
- 11 1989 Invited Visiting Professor, Hamburg University .
- 12 1991 Professor, Department of Linguistics and African Languages, University of Nairobi.
- 13 1994-5 Visiting Professor, University of Bayreuth, Germany
- 14 1994-2004 Principal, The College of Education and External Studies, The University of Nairobi (Kikuyu Campus).

## **VI PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **1 Teaching Experience**

#### **(a) High School Teaching**

- i. 1968 Taught at Ng'iya Girls High School.  
Subjects: English, History and Mathematics
- ii. 1969-1971 Taught at Kenya High School.  
Subjects English Literature, English Language and History

#### **(b) University Teaching**

- i. 1976 The School of Education **The University of Zambia**

##### Subjects taught

Introduction to General Linguistics Syntax  
Semantics  
Morphology  
Phonology and Phonetics

- ii. 1978-2005 **University of Nairobi**
    - a) Department of Linguistics and African Languages- Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students as a Lecturer, Senior Lecturer Associate Professor and Professor in the following courses:
      - Modern English Structure
      - Advanced English Structure
      - Research Methods
      - Syntax
      - Semantics
      - Pragmatics
      - Nilotic Language Studies
    - b) Faculty of External Studies
      - Syntax and Semantics
  - iii 1982 **Kenyatta University College**, Department of History
    - Taught 'Language as a Source of History'
  - iv 1994-5 **University of Bayreuth**, Germany
    - Taught Nilotic and Dholuo languages and Linguistics
- (c) **Miscellaneous Teaching**
- i 1982 **The Kenya School of Law**
    - Commonwealth Course on Legislative Drafting.
    - Gave lectures on the Structure of the English Sentence and how it relates to Legislative Drafting
  - ii 2002/3 **Police Training College, Kiganjo**
    - Lectured on the language of the police and how to improve communication strategies between the Police Force and the Public

## 2. **Course Development Experience**

Designed and Developed the following Courses Taught at the **University of Nairobi**

- (i) Nilotic Language Studies
- (ii) General Linguistics - Syntax and Semantics
- (iii) Research Methods in Syntax
- (iv) Advanced English Structure
- (v) Modern English Structure

Designed The Courses Taught at **The University of Zambia and Kenyatta University College**

Developed The Programme of MA in Linguistics for the **University of Juba**

1994-2004      Oversaw Course Development for the Face to Face and Distance Learning at the **Kikuyu Campus, University of Nairobi**

## 3. **Supervision Experience**

**1978-2005      University of Nairobi**

Supervised / supervising undergraduate and postgraduate students Dissertations as follows:

- i. Okombo D. Okoth, M.A. 1979. Dholuo Morphophonemics in Generative Framework.
- ii. Kamango, Dorothy, M.A. 1980. The Syntax of KiGiryama Noun Phrase in Transformational Generative Model.
- iii. Marete Gedion Nteere, M.A. 1981. A study of Grammatical Agreement in
- iv. Ilongo Agnes, M.A. 1982. A Functional Approach to the Morphology of Verbal Extensions in Kidawida with Comparative Statements of the same Phenomenon with respect to Kiswahili.
- v. Muluka Barack, B.A. 1983. Aspects of the Grammar of Kisa - A Luhya Dialect.
- vi. Nyamasyo E. M.A. 1985. Acquisition of Syntax in a multilingual situation.



- vii. Ndungu, C.M. 1985. *Wanawake Na Mabadiliko Ya Kihistoria Katika Fasihi Ya Kiswahili*.
- viii. Okombo D. Okoth, Ph.D. 1987. The Functional Paradigm and Dholuo Constituent Order.
- ix. Onditi Tom, L.A., M.A. 1987. The Syntax of Complimentation in Dholuo - A Government and Binding Approach.
- x. Mwove Angelina, N. M.A. 1987. The Kikamba Noun Phrase.
- xi. Mutisya Jane, M.A. 1988. Acquisition of Kikamba Syntax in A Monolingual Environment.
- xii. Thandi, C.G. M.A. 1988. Pronominalization in Kiswahili: An Approach to the Binding Theory.
- xiii. Ogutu Emily A. M.A. 1989. The Syntax of Dholuo Conditional Sentence.
- xiv. Madara, M.A. M.A. 1989. The Analysis of Pronominals and Anophors in Dholuo. A government and Binding Approach.
- xv. Oduol, J.H.A. Ph.D. 1990. Dholuo Dialects. The Synchronic State and Historical Inferences.
- xvi. Akach, P.A. M.A. 1990 Sentence Types in Kenyan Sign Language for the Deaf.
- xvii. Gatende, A.W. M.A. 1990. Move and Kikuyu syntactic Structures, NP. Movement in Kigiryama - A Government and Binding Approach.
- xviii. Manyara H.B. M.A. 1991 Intra-syntactic Relationships of Logooli NPS: A Government and Binding Approach.
- xix. Wasike A.K. M.A. 1991. The Lubukasu Simple Sentence: A Grant and Binding Approach.
- xx. Sewangi S.S. M.A. 1993. The Syntax of Empty in Kiswahili Simple Sentences. The Government and Binding Approval.
- xxi. Kanti L.K. M.A. 1993 The syntax of Words in Kimeru.
- xxii. Mwaniki N. Ph.D. 2003 Interlanguage The Acquisiting English Syntax Proficiency by Gikuyu Speaking Students.

#### 4. Examining Experience 1970-2005

- i High School National Examinations  
Oral English Examiner for East African Certificate of Education 'O' Level.
  - ii University Examinations (Internal and External Examiner)
- (a) 1976 **The University of Zambia**
- Undergraduate Examiner African Languages Course
- Postgraduate Examiner for Allison O. M.A. dissertation on Survey and Analysis of Patterns of Stuttering Among Zambian School Children.
- (b) 1978-2005 **The University of Nairobi**
- i. Departmental Examining  
  
Examiner, Department of Linguistics and African Languages for the following undergraduate and postgraduate courses since 1978.  
  
Modern English Structure - B.A. II  
Advanced English Structure - B.A. III  
Research Methods (Syntax) M.A. I  
M.A. Dissertations which have been supervised.  
Syntax  
Semantics  
Sociolinguistics  
Pragmatics
  - ii. Faculty Examining  
  
Examined many Ph.D. and M.A. candidates in the Faculty of Arts as Examiner or Board Member

(c) External Examining in International Universities

External examiner for the following Universities:

**i. 1980-1982 University of Dar-Es-Salaam**

Postgraduate and undergraduate courses and M.A. and Ph.D. dissertations in the following areas:

Theoretical Linguistics: Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, and Semantics.

English Studies: Grammar, Phonology, Morphology Stylistics and Usage.

African Languages.

Aspects of Applied Linguistics.

**ii. 1981 and 1988 University of Addis Ababa**

Examined postgraduate papers and theses for the Postgraduate School of the University of Addis Ababa in the following:

Applied Linguistics

Theoretical and Descriptive Linguistics

Ethiopian Languages: Many dissertations on aspects of Grammar and Phonology.

**iii. 1982 /84 The University of Juba**

Papers and Dissertations for Diploma in Applied Linguistics for the School of Education of the University covering the following areas:

Theoretical Linguistics - Syntax, Semantics, Morphology, Phonology, Phonetics, English and Sudanese Languages.

**iv. 1988 Moi University**

External Examiner of undergraduate students in the following areas:

General Linguistics      Applied Linguistics

English                      Sociolinguistics

v. 1989 and 1990 **University of Zambia**

External examiner of undergraduates in the following areas:

General Linguistics    English  
Socio-Linguistics    Zambian Languages  
Psycho-Linguistics   Applied Linguistics

vi. 1994 External Examined for the following Universities  
**Maseno University                    University of Lesotho**  
**University of Swaziland            Makerere University**  
**University of Zambia**

vii 2002/2003 **University of Swaziland**

viii 1986-1989 **Siriba Teachers College** in English

5. **Research Experience:**

i. 1967-now Dholuo and Linguistics:  
Syntax  
Semantics  
The Base

ii. 1968-9 Applied Linguistics Research in aspects of teaching and examining of English in Kenya, and Language learning in Scotland. The results formed dissertations in partial fulfillment for the postgraduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics for the University of Edinburgh

iii. 1975 - 1978 The Structure of Citonga  
To establish the Syntactic Structures of Citonga, a Zambian language.

iv. 1977 Paralanguage (Non-verbal Language)  
This research project covered the paralanguage of the people of the seven official languages of Zambia and some Kenyan languages which were represented in Lusaka. It surveyed the gestures used in chosen semantic areas and related findings to communication in real life.

v. 1977-80 Language use in the Copperbelt of Zambia.  
Pioneered this sociolinguist research.

- vi. 1984 Language and Culture in Development  
The language component of a joint Research and Training Project of the Ministry of Finance and Planning and the Institute of African Studies of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Nairobi. Covered Narok District
- vii 1973-now Studies on how the knowledge of the Language used by individuals and societies or lack of it affect the lives of the people.

## 6. Editorial Experience

- i. 1975 Editor *Language and Education in Zambia: The proceedings of the Zambia Language Group Conference on Language and Education in Zambia held at the Ridgeway Campus: University of Zambia 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August 1975.*
- ii. 1977-1978 Editor *The Bulletin of the Zambia Language Group*
- iii. 1977-1978 Associate Editor Zambia *The Journal of Language Association of Eastern Africa:*
- iv. 1985 Editor, Kenya Provincial Reports to the Women's Decade Conference.

## VII PUBLICATIONS (Books, Chapters in Books and Articles in Journals).

- 1 Odera, L.N. (1963) On Kenya's Independence. In *Reflections: An Annual Publication of Alliance Girls High School.*
- 2 Omondi, L.N. (1973) Language Handicap in Everyday Life. *Journal of Eastern African Research and Development. Vol.13 pp. 104-125.*
- 3 Omondi, L.N. (1978) *Wealth In Diversity in the Affirmation of Cultural Identity and Formation of National Conscience in Contemporary Africa.* UNESCO Papers.
- 4 Omondi, L.N. (1979) Paralinguistics: A Survey of Non-Verbal Communication with Particular Reference to Zambia and Kenya. In the *Journal of the Language Association of Eastern Africa. Vol. 4, 1 pp.19-41.*
- 5 Omondi, L.N. (1980) Language and Culture : The Relevance of Linguistics to the Kenyan Situation. In *Journal of Eastern African Research and Development.*

6. Omondi, L.N. 1980. *The Verb 'To be' in Dholuo Syntax* in Schadeberg, T.C. and Bender M.L. (Ed.) *Nilo-Saharan*. Foris Publications, Dordrecht, Holland/Cinnaminson, U.S.A.
- 7 Omondi, L.N. Obanya, P., Hookoomsing V. (1981) *Curriculum Development in Languages. Course materials for African Curriculum Organisation (ACO)*.
- 8 Omondi, L.N. 1982. The Major Syntactic Structures of Dholuo. Supplement 1. *Language and Dialect Atlas of Kenya*. Diatrich Reimer Verlag, Berlin.
- 9 Omondi, L.N. 1983 *Serial Verbs in Dholuo: A Transformational Analysis*. In Vossen R. and Bechhaus-Gerst M. (ed) *Nilotic Studies*. Deitrich, Reimer Verlag, Berlin.
- 10 Omondi, L.N. (1983) *Cognate Object in Syntax*. Proceedings of The 2<sup>nd</sup> Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium, Colleraine, Ireland, July, 1983.
- 11 Omondi, L.N. (1984) *The Role of Women in Rural Development in Kenya*. In *Migration, Remittances and Rural Development* by Mukras and Oucho (ed.).
- 12 Omondi, L.N. (1984) *The Role of Local languages in Development*.
- 13 Omondi L.N. and Standa E. (Ed.) 1985. *Reports of The Kenya Non-Governmental Organization Committee Workshops*.
- 14 Omondi, L.N. 1986 *English, Communication and Development in Kenya* . Proceedings of The Conference on English in East Africa. British Council, Nairobi, March 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 1986
- 15 Omondi, L.N. 1986 *Research Methods in Syntax: An Illustrative Description of The Dholuo Nominal Group in Scale and category theory of grammar* . Derika Associates Nairobi.
- 16 Omondi, L.N. (1986) *Reduplication as a Linguistic Phenomenon*. *Afrikanistische Arbeitspapiere*. October, 1986. Schriftenreihe des Kolner Institut fur Afrikanistik.
- 17 Omondi, L.N. (1988) *Language in Narok District*. In *District Profiles* , Institute Of African Studies, Univerfsity of Nairobi
- 18 Omondi, L.N. (1988). *English Syntactic Competence of Standard Eight Kenyan Pupils in The Placement of Grammar In The Teaching of English* Proceedings of An . International Conference, by British Council
- 19 Omondi, L.N. (1988) *Aspects of the Paralanguage of Some Zambian Speech Communities*. Kenya Journal of Science Series C.

- 20 Omondi, L.N. 1989, Language, Gender and the Law in  
(Women and Law in Kenya) Mbeo M.A. and Ooko-Ombaka O. (Eds) Initiatives Ltd.
- 21 Omondi, L.N. (1990) *A History and Evaluation of Dholuo Orthography*.
- 22 Omondi, L.N. (1990) *Dholuo language Reform*. In Language Reform, History and Future Vol.V. Edited by Istvan Fodor and Clanda Hagege, pp.215-227.
- 23 Omondi, L.N. Rottland F. (Ed.) 1990 Nilo-Saharan III. Proceedings of the Third Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquim 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> August, 1986, Kisumu
- 24 Omondi, L.N. (1990) *Comp and Question Words in Dholuo* In Omondi, L.N. and Rottland, F. (1990) pp.225-237.
- 25 Omondi L.N. (1990) Course Book for Syntactic Studies , Faculty of External Studies, University of Nairobi
- 26 Omondi, L.N. (1991) *The Syntax and Semantics of the Verbs 'To Marry' in Dholuo*. In Nilo-Saharan VII Bender, L. (ed.) pp.197-213.
- 27 Omondi, L.N. (1992) *The Role of Language in Rural Development*. In Khasiani, S.A., (ed) Groundwork: African Women as Environmental Managers. Pp.75-90.
- 28 Omondi, L.N. (1993) *Reduplication and The Lexicon*. Proceedings of The LAUD-Symposium, 1993.
- 29 Omondi, L.N. (1997) *Dholuo Emotional Language: An Overview in the Language of Emotions* by Niemeier and Dirven (ed.).
- 30 Omondi, L.N. (1999) *Problems of Language Policy in East Africa*. In Zura Za Africa - Voices from Africa. Peter Lang (ed.) pp.345-361.
- 31 Omondi L.N. (1999) *Language and Life in Kenya*, Inaugural Lecture University of Nairobi
- 32 Omondi L.N. (2000) The Meaning of Pakruok In Mehr als nur Worte... Afrikanistische Geburtstag von Franz Rottland, R.Vossen/A, Mietzner/A, Meishner Ed pp 537-64
- 33 Omondi L.N. (2004) Operatinalising Good Intention with Respect to African Languages in Education. Proceeding of the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Adalest Conference and 5<sup>th</sup> National Language Symposium Held in Mongochi, Malawi August 30<sup>th</sup> – Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> 2004

34 Omondi L.N. Forthcoming: *Language and Life in Kenya: The Boundaries in the Lives of the People*

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## **VIII INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS PARTICIPATED IN**

**Presented papers at the following International and National Conference:**

a) International

1. 1976. August, The 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference of The Language Association of Eastern Africa. Kenya Science Teachers College, Nairobi, Kenya
2. 1978, 13-17 fevrier, UNESCO Experts Meeting on L'Affirmation De L'Identite Culturelle et La Conscience Nationale Dan L'Afrique Contemporaine. Brazaville (Congo)
3. 1980, September 8-10, 1<sup>st</sup> Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium, Leiden
4. 1980, September, Eastern African History Conference, Nyeri.
5. 1982. January 4-6, The International Symposium on Language and History of Nilotic Peoples., Institut fur Afrikanistik Der Universitat Zu Koln.
6. 1983, 14-17<sup>th</sup> July The 2<sup>nd</sup> Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium, The University of Colleraine. N. Ireland.
7. 1985, February 1-4, Workshop on "The Role of The Judiciary In Plural Society", Eldoret, Kenya.
8. 1986, 5-8<sup>th</sup> August 3<sup>rd</sup> Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium, Kisumu, Kenya.
9. 1987, April, 18th African Linguistics Conference. University of Quebec, in Montreal, Canada.
10. 1989, August 30<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Conference University of Bayreuth. 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics. University of Georgia April, 1990



11. 1992. August The 5<sup>th</sup> Nilo-Saharan Colloquium Nice, France
12. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Nairobi
13. 1993. 22<sup>nd</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> March The International LAUD-Symposium, Duisburg University
15. 1993, 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September. The Second International LICCA Conference Maseru, Lesotho

b) National

16. 1984 9-12<sup>th</sup>, April Seminar on Culture and Development, Kilaguni Lodge.
17. 1984. 18-20 July, Academics - Policy Makers' Seminar on Migration, Remittances and Rural Development, Kisumu, Kenya.
18. 1987, 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> November, Seminar on Women. Law and Development Mombasa, Kenya.

**Attended and participated in the following conferences/Seminars**

a) International

19. 1974 Semantics Colloquium, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.
20. 1979 30<sup>th</sup> April - 18<sup>th</sup> May Workshop on Basic Training in Systematic Curriculum Development, Kenya Institute of Education, Nairobi.
21. 1984, July International Federation of Librarians Association (IFLA) Black Caucus Pre-Conference Seminar, Nairobi Kenya.

b) National

22. 1971 Advanced Level English Teachers' Seminar, Kenya.
23. 1984 August 26-29 National Women Leaders Workshop. , Egerton College, Kenya.
24. College of Adult and Distance Education Workshop: Attended several as Reviewer and Writer.

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## **Departmental and Faculty Seminars**

Attended and presented papers at many departmental and faculty seminars at the Universities of Nairobi, London, Zambia and Bayreuth. Topics of presentation include

Non-verbal language  
Citonga Grammar  
Aspects of Dholuo Grammar and General Linguistics  
Language in Communication  
Dholuo Orthography  
Aspects of Linguistic Theory

## **IX INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ORGANISED**

- 1986 Organiser, The Third Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium.
- 1991 Organiser, The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics-  
The First time the Conference is held in Africa.

## **X RADIO AND TELEVISION TALKS**

- 1971 Series of High School Lectures on "The River Between" by James  
Ngugi, Voice of Kenya, Radio.
- 1972 Interview on General Issues. British Broadcasting Cooperation  
(BBC) Radio, London
- 1984, April Interview on The Role of Indigenous Kenyan Languages in  
National Development Programme by Fatty Yusen, Voice of Kenya.
- 1984, October, Discussion on Matters of Language in Kenyan Society. Voice of  
Kenya.
- 1989 Press Conference on Language and Development in Kenya.  
Kenya Broadcasting Cooperation Television

## **XI PUBLIC LECTURES GIVEN**

1. 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 1972. On Language and National Identity in Africa. Commonwealth Institute, London.
2. October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1985. On the Language situation in Kenya. Lecture given As a Guest Speaker to "The know Kenya" Course of The Museum Society of Kenya at The Louis Leaky Hall, National Museum, Kenya.
3. June 1986. Public Lecture On Man The Educator for the Faculty of Arts, University of Nairobi

## **XII RESPONSIBILITIES AND SERVICE**

### **At the University of Zambia**

1976-78, Appointed Member and Secretary of the Language Committee of the University of Zambia. This was a Professionally constituted committee which worked out and recommended to the University the possibilities, practicalities and the rationale for introducing the study of other African and foreign languages (besides English and French) to the University, and to suggest the way the University could best accommodate such studies.

### **At the University of Nairobi**

1967-8 Member of The Welfare Committee of Students Union, University College Nairobi (as a student).

1981 Member of a University Disciplinary Committee for a staff member. Appointed by Vice-Chancellor.

1978-89 Acting Chairman, Department of Linguistics and African Languages on many occasions. Appointed by the Vice-Chancellor.

1981-3 Senator, representative of the Faculty of Arts. Elected by the Faculty Board of Arts.

1985-9 Senator, College Representative - Elected by The Board of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

- 1984-6 Member of The University Senate Housing Allocation Committee. Elected by Senate.
- 1984-6 Member of The University Senate Library and Bookshop Committee. Elected by Senate.
- 1986 Member of Organising Committee for the Seminar on Improving University Teaching and Research.
- 1987 Member of Senate Committee to recommend on the use of Gandhi Memorial Library. Elected by Senate.
- 1987 Member of Senate Committee to suggest Reorganization and Monitoring System for University Students Accommodation Board (USAB) Elected by Senate.
- 1988 Member of Student Disciplinary Committee of Senate.
- 1988 Member of Personnel Committee of Senate: To interview all USAB Staff and make recommendations on each case. Elected by Senate.
- 1988 Chairman, Special Housing Allocation Task Committee. Appointed by Vice-Chancellor. Made proposals for alternative Housing at the university
- 1989 Member of University Disciplinary Committee. To interview interdicted non-academic Members of Staff and make recommendations. Appointed by DVC Administration and Finance.
- 1987 Warden, Women's Halls.
- 1989 - 1994 Chairman, Department of Linguistics and African Languages.
- 2000-1 Member of Senate Students Disciplinary Committee
- 2001 Chairman, University Management Sub Committee on Management of Student Requests and Services
- 2002-1 Chairman, University Management Board Sub-Committee On Duty House Allocation for University Staff

### **At the Faculty/Departmental Level (University of Nairobi)**

- 1978 - 1979 - Member, Faculty Library and Bookshop Committee
- 1978- 1979 - Member, Faculty Welfare Committee
- 1979 - 1981 - Chairman, Faculty Welfare Committee
- 1984 - 1987 - Member, Faculty Curriculum Development and Examination Committee
- 1983 - 1987 - Departmental Examinations Officer
- 1978 - 1994 - Departmental Student Adviser.

### **In Society Generally**

- 1987-90 Assistant Treasurer, PTA Committee, Karen C. Primary School.
- 1978 - 1984 Founder/Chairman, School Committee, Kenyatta University College Primary School. Annually re-elected
- 1985 Assistant Secretary, The Development Sub-Committee of the Women's Non-Governmental Organization preparing for the Women's Decade Conference in Nairobi.  
  
Personal Assistant to the Head of the American Delegation to the Women's Decade Conference
- 1985-05 Member of Board of Governors in the following High Schools:
  - Ng'iya Girls' High School
  - St. Mary's Yala High School
  - Ulumbi High School
  - Sawagongo High School
  - Aluor Girls' High School
  - Nyamninia High School
- 1985 Elected Honorary Secretary, Humanities and Social Sciences of The Kenya National Academy of Sciences. by the General Meeting of the Academy.
- 1990 Chairman, Board of Governors, Ng'iya Girls' High School.

### **XIII MEMBERSHIP TO PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER BODIES**

- 1971 The Language Association of Eastern Africa.

- 1971-1975 The Linguistics Association of Great Britain.
- 1975-1978 The Language Group of Zambia
- 1986- Founder Member The Kenya National Academy of Sciences.
- 1984-1987 The Editorial Board of the Journal of African Languages and Linguistics (Leiden, The Netherlands - Nominated 'In recognition of ... important contributions to African Linguistics ...')
- 1988 The Editorial Board of The Kenya National Academy of Sciences, Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences.
- 1986 –2004 The Senate, University of Nairobi
- 1977- now Faculty of Arts Board, University of Nairobi.
- 1994-2004 Member of Council, University of Nairobi  
Member Board of Adult Education  
Chairman, Research committee, The Board of Adult Education
- 2000-2004 Director, UNES Management Board, Elected Senate Representative
- 2004- Commissioner, The Commission For Higher Education
- 2005- Chairman, Post-Secondary Institutions Committee of The Commission For Higher Education