

CURRICULUM VITAE



PERSONAL DETAILS

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JOB OBJECTIVES

- To teach and carry out extensive research in curriculum and instruction.
- To produce teachers with grounded pedagogical methodologies.
- To evaluate, research and implement most effective pedagogical methodologies.
- To play a leading role in transforming the university to a world class university.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2009 – 2016: University of Nairobi

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Curriculum Studies

Research Title: *Effects of Pedagogical Methodologies on Learner Achievement in Kiswahili Composition in Secondary Schools in Garissa County, Kenya*

2000 – 2003: University of Nairobi

Degree: Master of Education M.Ed. (Curriculum Studies)

Thesis Title: *Factors Influencing the Performance of Kiswahili in the Kenya*

Certificate of Secondary Education in Embu District, Kenya

1993 – 1997: University of Nairobi

Degree: Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.-Arts-Hons)

Teaching Subjects: Kiswahili (Major) and History (Minor)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

May 2017 to present: Lecturer in Curriculum and Instruction University of Embu

2009 – September, 2013: Assistant Lecturer (Curriculum Studies) KeMU

October 2013 – April 2017: Lecturer (Curriculum Studies) KeMU

Key Responsibilities, Experience & Achievements

- Currently coordinating curriculum review and development for the department
- 2016: Coordinator Post Graduate studies, Department of Education
- January 2013: Appointed Faculty of Education Coordinator – Kisii Campus
- Extensive Research, Teaching and Assessment of varied courses
- Diploma in Education, B.Ed. (Arts), B.Ed. (Primary Option) & M.Ed. (Curriculum Studies) Curriculum Review
- Development and writing of distance learning modules in Curriculum Studies, General Teaching Methods, Educational Technology, Education Research Methods, & Kiswahili teaching methods.
- Teaching Practice & Teaching Project Review and Implementation Committee member and Assistant TP coordinator.
- School-based Programme Coordinator (Dec 2009- May 2010)
- Departmental representative in the University time tabling committee (2009-2011).

2007 – April 2009: Part time lecturer, Kenya Methodist University (KeMU)

Department of Education and Counselling, Nyeri Campus

2003- May 2009: Lecturer - Kagumo Diploma Teachers' College.

Key Responsibilities, Experience & Achievements

- Head of Kiswahili Department
- Member of College Academic Board
- Extensive Research, Teaching and Assessment of varied Courses in Education & Kiswahili
- Extensive involvement in Teaching Practice Assessment and Coordination
- Participation in College Strategic Plan 2008 – 2012 and Service Charter Preparation
- Engaged in the Working Committee in the Development of Linkage with Kenyatta University (co-secretary)
- Engaged in Kagumo College Performance Contracting Committee (secretariat)
- Participated in Coaching Hockey and Production and Directing Kiswahili & English Verses to the National level.

1998 – 2000: Teacher – Umu Salama Secondary School, Garissa

Key Responsibilities, Experience & Achievements

- Teaching Kiswahili.
- Head of Kiswahili Department.
- Developed a Kiswahili programme which has improved performance in the District.

AWARDS

- Category:** 19th OSSREA Gender Research Award.
- Sponsor:** Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern & Southern Africa (OSSREA)
- Grant Award:** US \$ 4050
- Period:** 2009 – 2010
- Research project:** *An Assessment of Female Tutors Participation in HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control in Teachers' Training Colleges in Central Province, Kenya.*

CONSULTATION

- 2016 - Present:** Ministry of Education- TOT G-United Volunteer Programme
- November 13, 2013:** Participated in the Department of Business Studies Self-Assessment Report workshop on Faculty programmes as a resource person in Curriculum development, Chuka University.

CONFERENCES PAPERS PRESENTED

- August, 2016:** Philosophical Basis for Kiswahili composition writing. Submitted for 3rd Chuka University International Research Conference October, 2016.
- July, 2016:** *'Effectiveness of Teaching Methods on Learners' Achievement in Kiswahili Composition Writing'* Presented in the 10th annual decolonizing the spirit conference July 19-21, 2016
- October, 2015:** Presented a paper on *'Appropriateness of Explicit Teaching Methods on Learners' Achievement in Kiswahili Composition Writing'* 2nd Chuka University International Research Conference October, 2015.
- April, 2012:** Presented a paper on *'The Role of Teacher Education in HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control'* in KeMU Research Conference 2012.
- Sept 2004:** Presented a paper on *'Educating the Nation: A Fundamental Strategy for Sustainable Development in the 21st Century'*, National Book Week – Nyeri Provincial Library
- March 2004:** Presented a paper on *'Implementing Free Primary Education; Success in Sustainability'*, Kagumo College.
- Nov. 2002:** Presented a paper on *'Cost Sharing Policy: Lack of Clarity Affecting Education Standards in Kenya'*. 8th International Conference on Public and Private Partnership Karlstad University, Sweden.

- Oct 2002:** Presented a paper on ‘*Lughaya Kiswahili Katika Karneya Ishirinina Moja*’. 6th International Annual Conference on Kiswahili 3rd – 5th October 2002, University of Nairobi.
- June 2002:** Presented a paper on ‘*De-ethnicization: The Economy of Kiswahili Language in Political Change and Development in East Africa*. During the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA) discipline cluster seminar on 13th June 2002, University of Nairobi.
- May 2002:** Presented a paper on ‘*Drug Abuse: Detecting and Control in the Kenyan Schools*’. Kegonge Secondary School - Embu.

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- 2007-2011:** Participated as a panellist in the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) Curriculum Support Materials Training and Evaluation workshops.
- 2005-2010** Trained and participated as a panellist in the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) in digital content production and recording of varied school programmes.
- 2008:** Trained and participated in drafting of model papers for Diploma teacher examination in the reviewed curriculum. Host: The Kenya National Examinations Council
- 2005-2008:** Participated in the Diploma Teacher Education (DTE) Curriculum review.
- Oct 2004:** Methodology Workshop, Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa Research (OSSREA) –Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed journals

- Gichu, D.N; Kibaara T&Ndwigwa, Z.N.(2017). ‘*Challenges Faced by Head Teachers in Public Secondary Schools in Nyeri South Sub County, Nyeri County, Kenya*’. International journal of Humanities and Socila Science Invention ISSN: 2319-7722. www.ijhss.org/vol6Issue8/August2017:pp 29-40.
- *Kolb’s Experiential Learning Theory (ELT): Kiswahili Composition Writing Perspective*. (Co-author Dr. Paul Odundo-UoN)-Accepted for publication in forthcoming edition of the Research Journal of Education (RJOE) ISSN 2347-8225
- ‘*Appropriateness of Explicit Teaching Methods on Learners’ Achievement in Kiswahili Composition Writing*’ 2nd Chuka University International Research Conference proceedings May 2016 pp 458-467.
- ‘*Effectiveness of Explicit Teaching Methods on Learner Achievement in Kiswahili Composition Writing*’. EAJR Journal by KICD (Peer reviewing process).

- **Books**
 - i. VGA Training Manual (2017). A Revised Handbook for training Graduates for Volunteer work. Nairobi; Ministry of Education.(co-authored with Subira, N; Makau, C; Kungania,M; Omollo ,G
 - ii. Kiswahili Language Handbook for Diploma Teacher Education (participated as panelist) awaiting printing with Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD).
 - iii. *Kiswahili kwamafunzoyawaalimu*(co-authored with Kairichi, A; Mwachilumo P; Nzai .K)- Manuscript with KamumiEnterprise Ltd)
- **Articles in general education nmagazine/periodicals**

Sept 2007: *‘How students’ fasting changed an alcoholic teacher’*. Education Watch Vol 021, pp33&39.

July 2007: *‘Diploma TTCs curriculum under review’*.Education Watch Vol, p29.

Jan 2007: *‘Blind Wamalwa fights disability handsdown’*. Career Scope, Vol 003 p32.

July 2006: *‘Language performance still wanting’*. An analysis of 2005 KCSE results; Education Watch Vol 015 p15.

May 2006: *‘By Grace academy-Embu goes boarding’*. A school profile in Education Watch Vol 014 p34.

Feb 2006: *‘Nyeri Baptist: A blend of songs and books’*.A school profile in Education Watch Vol 012 p52.

Dec 2005: *‘Bonanza school raises the hype in Embu’*. A school profile in Education Watch Vol 11 p29.

Sept 2005: *‘Language teachers’ crunch’*.Education Watch Vol 12 p52.

Dec 2004: *‘Science/Maths Teacher, how is your language’*. Education Watch Vol 005 p38.

Oct 2004: *‘Teachers recruitment chaotic platform for tribalism’*. Education Watch Vol 004 p13.

Aug 2004: *‘School riots: WayForward’*. Education Watch Vol 003 p3.
‘Women take charge of TTCs and prove they are equal to the task’
Education Watch Vol 003 p12.

June 2004: *‘Embu College of Professional Studies offers GCE’*.A College profile in Education Watch Vol 001 p35.

PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS

- Organization of Social Science Research in Eastern & Southern Africa(OSSREA) –Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- Chama cha Kiswahili cha Kitaifa (CHAKITA) – Member
- Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD)
 - Diploma in Education Kiswahili Panel
 - Secondary School Kiswahili Panel
 - Curriculum Support Materials Evaluation Panel

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Computer literacy
- Writing reports
- Driving
- Coaching , training and refereeing in hockey
- Kiswahili and English verse production and directing

OTHER INTERESTS

General reading, travelling, academic writing, educational workshops & seminars, community welfare activities.

REFEREES

1. Dr. Grace M. Nyagah,
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