

CURRICULUM VITAE

Career Objective: To be an efficient and effective teacher and researcher, and to derive satisfaction from my work.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: NORAH BONARERI ATAMBO
Title/Qualification: PhD
Department: Literature, Linguistics and Foreign Languages
Designation/Position: Lecturer
Area of Specialization: Applied Linguistics
Research Interests: Discourse Analysis, Language and Gender, Language and Politics, Language and Social Media, Language and Communication
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ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2015 -2019: PhD (Applied Linguistics), Kenyatta University, Kenya
2007-2010: MA (English Language and Linguistics), Egerton University, Kenya
1993-1997: B. ED (Arts), Second Class Honours, Upper Division Moi University, Kenya
1988-1991: K.C.S.E, Nyabururu Girls High School, Kenya
1980-1987: K.C.P.E Mulaha Primary School, Kenya

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2019- Present: Lecturer Kenyatta University, teaching English language and Linguistics
2014-2019: Tutorial Fellow, Kenyatta University, teaching English language and Linguistics
2010 -2014: Part-time lecturer Kisii and Mount Kenya Universities, teaching English language and Linguistics
1997 -2014: Teacher of English/Literature
2011- 2014: Cardinal Otunga High School, Mosoch, Kenya
2009-2010: Rigoma Secondary School
1997-2007: Esani Secondary School

ACHIEVEMENTS

2022: Member of the organizing and scientific committee of the ISA RC25 International Virtual Conference, by Kenyatta University, Kenya, from 15th to 17th June 2022
2018: Sponsored by Social Science Research Council (SSRC) for a three day Graduate Students' Conference at Makerere Institute of Social Science Research, Kampala, Uganda
2018: Sponsored by Social Science Research Council (SSRC) for a one week fellowship workshop in Nairobi, Kenya
2017: Sponsored by Social Science Research Council (SSRC) for a one week fellows workshop in Lagos, Nigeria,
2017: Won SSRC's Next Gen Social Sciences in Africa Research Fellowship grant

RESEARCH GRANTS

2017: Kenyatta University School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Post Graduate Research Grant

2017: PhD Dissertation Fellowship Research Grant by Social Science Research Council's Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa Fellowship Programme
 2009: Egerton University Post-Graduate Research Grant

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Book Chapter: Making Sense of, and Coping with the COVID-19 Pandemic in Kenya: A Linguistic Perspective, in *De(Constructing Corona: The Language of Conspiracy, Power and Indifference in Covid-19 Health Discourses*

Researchers: Norah Bonareri Atambo and Emily Atieno Ogutu, Department of Literature, Linguistics and Foreign Languages Kenyatta University-Kenya, and Gervasio Itiri Miriti Department of English Language and Linguistics Turkana University College-Kenya

Kenyatta University

PhD Thesis: Language, Gender and Power: The Discursive Construction of the Kenya National Assembly Politicians (2013-2017)

Supervisors: Dr. Emily Ogutu
 Dr. Gatitu Kiguru

Egerton University

MA Thesis: Language Use in Formal Adolescent Reproductive Health Programmes: A Case Study of Selected Secondary Schools in Nyamira District, Kenya

Supervisors: Dr. Catherine Kitetu
 Dr. Furaha Chai

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Kenyatta University: 2014-Present

Position: Tutorial Fellow- 2014-2019

Lecturer- 2019-Present

Face-to-face Teaching/Learning: Undergraduate

CODE	TITLE
AEN 100	Introduction to the Study of Language
AEN 101	Introduction to the Grammar of English
AEN 102	The use of English for Academic Purposes
AEN 200	Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology
AEN 202	Phonology of English
AEN 203	Morphology, Syntax and semantics
AEN 300	Phonetic and Phonological analyses
AEN 302	English Grammar and Usage
AEN 303	Second Language Acquisition
AEN 400	Advanced Theoretical Studies in Grammar
AEN 401	Varieties of English
AEN 402	English Semantics and Pragmatics
AEN 403	Sociolinguistics

Blended Learning: Undergraduate

CODE	TITLE
AEN 200	Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology
AEN 301	Discourse Analysis

Regular/Blended Teaching/Learning: Post-Graduate

CODE	TITLE
AEN 804	Language as Communication
AEN 807	The Pedagogical Analysis of Spoken and Written Discourse
AEN 813	Language Planning and Education
AEN 815	Discourse Analysis

Online Teaching/Learning: Undergraduate

CODE	TITLE
AEN 200	Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology
AEN 307	Research Methods

Other Public and Private Universities

Kisii University: 2010-2014

Position: Part-time Lecturer

Face-to-face: Undergraduate

CODE	TITLE
ENGL 0112	Introduction to the History of English Language
ENGL 0221	Linguistics and Language Teaching
ENGL 0122	Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology
ENGL 0121	Sociolinguistics
ENGL 111	Language and Linguistics
ENGL 221	Gender in Language
ENGL 222	Aspects of Grammatical Analysis
ENGL 311	Psycholinguistics
ENGL 312	Historical and Comparative Linguistics
ENGL 322	Second Language Acquisition
ENGL 411	Semantics and Pragmatics
ENGL 421	Advanced Syntax
PPLE 222	Language Acquisition
PLLE 333	Morphology and Syntax
PLLE 312	Language Style
PLLE 421	Semantics and Pragmatics
PLLL	Introduction to General Linguistics
COMS 101	Communication Skills I
COMS 121	Communication Skill II

Mount Kenya University: 2013-2014

Face-to-face; Undergraduate

CODE	TITLE
BENG 122	Sociolinguistics
ENG 312	Second Language Acquisition
MLA 6121	Theoretical Approaches to Pragmatics
BLA 2104	Origins and Development of English

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Lecturing and conducting tutorials
- Submitting class attendance sheets to the relevant office
- Attending to individual students
- Setting CATs and Exams
- Participating in the internal panels for the moderation of draft exams and examination results
- Invigilating CATs and Exams according to university guidelines
- Marking, grading, recording and submitting CATs and Exams and accompanying documents within the given timelines
- Participating in university meetings at various levels
- Participating in Curriculum review processes
- Reader of post-graduate projects and theses
- Participating in the panel for post-graduate pre-proposal and proposal presentations
- Supervising post-graduate students
- Internal Examiner of post-graduate projects as assigned by Graduate School
- Conducting research and publishing
- Mentoring Kenyatta University Students
- Training staff and students on how to teach and learn online

POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

Master's Students

Name: Muthini Peter Waita

Registration no.: C50/CE/34785/2016

Date assigned: 21st July, 2020

Thesis: Vocalic Variations in the Kikamba Spoken by Kikuyu Women Married to Native Speakers of Kikamba in Matuu, Kenya

Status: Ongoing

Name: Peter Okoth Ondag

Registration no.: C50/CE/23141/2010

Date Assigned: 21st Oct. 2020

Project: Power Relations and Ideology in High School English Set Texts in Kenya

Status: Ongoing

Name: Dorothy Nyabonyi Onger
Registration no.: C50/28249/2018
Date Assigned: 12th Dec. 2020
Thesis: Patterns of Sound Deletion in Ekegusii
Status: Ongoing

Name: Anyona Malon Kemunto
Registration no.: C50/28737/2018
Date Assigned: 31st March, 2021
Thesis: An Intertextual Analysis of Kenyan Television Adverts
Status: Ongoing

PhD Students

Name: Tioko Celestine Nkieny
Registration no.: C82/20553/2021
Date Assigned: 8th June 2022
Thesis: A Morpho-tonemic Account of Tone of Ng'aturukana Language. An
Optimality Theory Account
Status: Ongoing

Name: Janetor Vaati Kimwele
Registration no.: C50/CE/20276/2020
Date Assigned: 23rd February 2023
Project: Impact of Language Used in Kamba FM Stations on Women Political Representation in
the Region
Status: Ongoing

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

Master's Students

Date: 2022

Thesis: Language, Gender and Power Relations in the Debate on “Constitution of Kenya
Amendment Bill (No.3) National Assembly Bill No. 18 Of 2015” in the 11th Parliament
of Kenya

Date: 2021

Project: Interpretations of English Nominal Elements by Form Ones in Selected Schools in Kitui
County, Kenya

Date: 2021

Project: The Use of Time and Paralanguage in Work Place Interaction: A Case of Narok
Teachers' Training College

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Publications

Atambo, N., B. & Chai, J., F. (2013), “Walking a Cultural Tightrope: Linguistic Strategies
Employed in Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) Programmes in Kenyan Secondary

Schools” *Ruwaza Afrika*, *Journal of Contemporary Research in Humanities and Social Sciences* 2 (1) 262-276

Atambo, N., Ogutu, E., & Kiguru, E. (2021). Language, gender and power: Lexicalisation of women in the national assembly and other top political posts in Kenya (2013-2017). *Journal of Linguistics and Foreign Languages*, 2(1). Retrieved from <https://royalliteglobal.com/jlfl/article/view/506>

Atambo, N., Ogutu, E., & Kiguru, E. (2022). Language, Gender and Power: The ‘Us’ vs ‘Them’ Dichotomy in Political Campaigns in Kenya (Forthcoming)

Atambo, N., Ogutu, E., & Kiguru, E. (2022). Language, Gender and Power: Women Politicians in Kenya and the Reconstruction of Political Agency (Forthcoming)

Book Chapters

Atambo, N., Ogutu, E., & Miriti, G. (2022). Making Sense of, and Coping with the COVID-19 Pandemic in Kenya: A Linguistic Perspective. In Hameed Tunde Asiru and Daniel Ochieng Orwenjo (eds.) (*De*) *constructing corona: the language of conspiracy, power & indifference in Covid-19 health discourses*. Muenchen: LINCOM GmbH

CONFERENCES

Title of Paper: Language and Gendered Political Discourses: How do Women Politicians in Kenya Reconstruct their Political Agency

Presenters: Norah B. Atambo & Emily A. Ogutu

Conference: XX ISA World Congress of Sociology

Date: June 25th - July 1st 2023

Conference: International Mother Language Day Celebration

Venue: Kenyatta University, BBSC Room 14

Date: 21st February, 2023

Role: Attendee

Title of Paper: Language, Gender and Power: The ‘Us’ vs ‘Them’ Dichotomy in Political Campaigns in Kenya

Presenters: Norah B. Atambo, Emily A. Ogutu & Gatitu Kiguru

Conference: ISA RC25 International Virtual Conference, by Kenyatta University, Kenya

Date: 15th to 17th June 2022

Title of Paper: Making Sense of, and Coping With the COVID-19 Pandemic in Kenya: A Linguistic Perspective

Presenters: Norah B. Atambo & Gervasio I.Miriti

Conference: Second Conference organized by POCLANDE International Network, at Kenyatta University, Kenya

Date: 27th - 29th October, 2021

Title of Paper: Lexicalisation of women in the national assembly and other top political posts in Kenya (2013-2017)

Presenters: Norah B. Atambo, Emily A. Ogutu & Gatitu Kiguru

Conference: Kisii University School of Arts and Social Sciences 2nd International Conference

Date: Oct 5th-6th 2021

Title of paper: An Analysis of the Intertextuality of Social Media Discourse of Chuka University Students on Whatsapp Platforms

Presenters: Gervasio I. Miriti & Norah B. Atambo

Conference: 1st Virtual Multidisciplinary Conference by Turkana University College (a constituent college of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology) Kenya

Date: Thursday, June 24th – Friday June 25th 2021

Title of Paper: Language, Ideology And Power: Women National Assembly Members As Naïve Flower Girls Sprinkling their Femininity in the Political Scene

Presenter: Norah B. Atambo

Conference: Makerere Institute of Social Sciences (Makerere University) Graduate Students' Conference

Date: 27th-30th July 2018

Title of paper: Walking a Cultural Tightrope: Linguistic Strategies Used in Formal Adolescent Reproductive Health Programmes in Kenyan Secondary Schools

Presenter: Norah B. Atambo

Conference: Fifth Research week and international conference, Egerton University, Njoro, Kenya.

Date: October, 2010

SEMINAR PAPERS

Title of paper: Language, Gender and Power: The Discursive Construction of the Kenya National Assembly Politicians (2013 – 2017)

Presenter: Norah B. Atambo,

Seminar: Kenyatta University Post-Graduate Seminar

Date: 18th July 2019

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Workshop: Global Research Ethics Africa Workshop, a project led by Edinburgh University, United Kingdom, in collaboration with UST and Victoria University, among others

Venue: Virtual

Date: 28th May 2021

Workshop: Social Science Research Council's Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa Fellowship Programme Workshop

Venue: Nigeria, Lagos.

Date: July 3rd - 7th 2017

Workshop: Social Science Research Council's Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa fellowship programme Workshop

Venue: Kenya, Nairobi

Date: January 2018

CONSULTANCY, NETWORKS AND COLLABORATIONS

- Alumni of the Social Science Research Council's Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa Fellowship Programme.
- A member of 'Doing a PhD in Africa' a collaboration of SSRC fellows.
- Freelance editor of postgraduate social science projects and theses.

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS AND SHORT COURSES

16th-17th May 2023: Staff Sensitization on Mental Health, Work-Related Stressors, Personal Financial Literacy, Alcohol and Drug Use & HIV Prevention by Director Wellness and Rehabilitation Services, Kenyatta University, BSSC, Room 12

November 2021-January 2022: Capacity Building Course by Kenyatta University: Extend Professional Learning Programme for Educators by Extend Africa offered by the Commonwealth of Learning, Canada, in partnership with Kenyatta University, Kenya. Covered:

1. Ext. 104: The experimenter
2. Ext. 105: Curator
3. Ext. 106: Scholar

18th May-June 2021: Participated in the pilot testing of Modern Competencies of Academic Teachers (MOCAT) Moodle training course involving a consortium of eight international universities including KU as the only university from Africa under NAWA (European Union) fund. Covered:

1. Teaching Contemporary Students course (Prepared by University of Salerno, Italy)

29th April-June 2021: Capacity Building Course by Kenyatta University: Extend Professional Learning Programme for Educators by Extend Africa offered by the Commonwealth of Learning, Canada, in partnership with Kenyatta University, Kenya. Covered:

1. Ext 101: Teacher for Learning Module
2. Ext 102: Collaborator Module
3. Ext 103: Technologist module

15th March 2021: Virtual training by Kenyatta University on one more step into understanding patenting rights

26th February 2021: Virtual Training of new supervisors by Kenyatta University

18th November 2020: Virtual seminar on where to publish by RIO, Kenyatta University

September to November 2020: Virtual Cyber Security awareness course by Kenet

18th August 2020: Virtual Kenet Web conference training

22nd July 2020: Virtual Library training on Mendeley and Zotero

August to September 2020: Virtual OpenLearn Tertiary Educator Programme course on how to construct teaching online using experience of real online educators
TESSA, OU, ACDE, and IET
: Virtual OpenLearn Teacher Educator Programme course on skills for the 21st century by TESSA, OU, ACDE, and IET

24th Sept. 2019: Cambridge core Platform and Authorship Training by Kenyatta University
15th March 2019 Training on the Theory of Change by Kenyatta University, RIO, BSSC Rm. 14

16th Nov. 2018 Grant Proposal Writing Training by Kenyatta University, RIO, BSSC Room 14

15th Oct. 2018 Capacity Building Workshop on Designing Effective Power Point Presentations and Preparing Scientific Posters and Workshops by Kenyatta University, RIO, BSSC Rm. 14

19th May 2017 Elsevier Publishing Workshop by Kenyatta University, RIO, BSSC Room. 14

May 2016: Second Turnitin antiplagiarism software training at the Post modern Library, Kenyatta University

26th Feb. 2016 Training on Referencing using Mendeley software by Kenyatta University
17th Nov. 2015 Anti-corruption awareness training by Kenyatta University
28th Oct. 2015 Intellectual Property Rights awareness Training by Kenyatta University.
August 2015: E-Learning training for coordinators' by the e-learning Directorate, Kenyatta University.

18th May 2015: Turnitin antiplagiarism software training at the Post modern Library, Kenyatta University

23rd March-26th March 2015: Training on teaching, setting and marking exams at BSSC, Rm 149, Kenyatta University

20th March 2015: Training of new members of staff by Centre for Gender Equity and Empowerment, Kenyatta University

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

- December 2020 to January 2021: Constructed a house for a needy alumni lady alongside other alumni members of Nyabururu Girls High School.
- November 2020: Visited Kiaragana Children's home and donated toiletries with other church women ministry leaders.
- November 2020-present: Kenyatta University staff mentor
- January 2020: Offset the hospital bill for a sick Nyabururu Alumni lady alongside other alumni members.
- 6th August 2020: Member of the University of Embu stakeholders' forum, reviewing the curriculum for new courses.
- 2019: visited the sick in County Hospital in Embu with other church women ministry members.
- 2018-present: sponsoring a needy boy in Itibo Boys primary boarding school and two girls in Nyabururu Girls High School alongside other alumni members.
- May 2018: Donations of food stuffs alongside other church women ministry leaders to the needy in North Eastern Kenya

- September 2018: Contributions of money for flood victims alongside other university staff.
- July 2018: Participated in Sweeping Embu Town alongside other staff and students, of Kenyatta University Embu Campus, during the environment day.
- September 2019: Visited and donated of food and cloths to Toto Love Children' Home – Embu with other church women ministry leaders in Embu.
- July 2017: Build a tree during the Campus Environmental day.
- September 2016 : Career guidance and counseling and gender awareness sensitisation – St. Mary's Goretti Girls High School, Embu County Kenya.
- September 2015: Career guidance and counseling and gender awareness sensitisation – Kerugoya Girls High School, Kirinyaga County, Kenya

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS HELD

Recognized University Administrative Positions

2015-PRESENT: e-Learning Coordinator – Embu Campus
 January 2021-present: Module Reviewer

Other Administrative Positions Held

2019-Present: Member of the Department of Literature, Linguistics and Foreign Languages Post-Graduate Committee
 2018-Present: Member of the Department of Literature, Linguistics and Foreign Languages' Collaboration Committee
 2015-2019: Secretary of Embu Campus e-Learning Committee
 2015-present: Member of Embu Campus Management Board Meeting
 2015-present: Member of Embu Campus Quality Management System
 2015-present: Member of Embu Campus Library Committee
 2015-present: Member of Embu Campus Marketing Committee
 2015-present Member of Embu Campus Anti-corruption Committee
 2015-present: Member of Embu Campus Admissions Committee
 2014-2015: Member of Career Week Planning Committee: Representing Embu Campus
 2014-15: In charge of exams and student welfare, Embu Campus

LANGUAGES

Ekegusii: Native

Kiswahili: Excellent listening, speaking, reading and writing skills

English: Excellent listening, speaking, reading and writing skills

OTHER SKILLS

- E-Learning skills
- Computer Literacy Skills
- Counselling Skills for Trauma, Conflict and Disaster Management
- Adolescent Reproductive Health & Life Skills Coaching
- Plagiarism testing skills

- Driving

HOBBIES: Reading, Youth Counselling, Church Activities and Athletics

REFEREES

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