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## **Prof. Jane Akinyi Ngala Oduor**

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### **Qualifications**

**2008**

#### **Post-Doctoral Training at Addis Ababa University**

Undertook a Post Doctoral Diploma in Experimental Phonetics at Addis Ababa University  
(additionally took a course on the use of Fieldworks Language Explorer and another one on  
Multimedia Documentary Linguistics)

**1996 - 2000**

#### **Doctorate at the University of Nairobi**

Awarded Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Linguistics in 2002 – (*Thesis – “A Study of Syllable Weight and its Effect in Dholuo Phonology”*)

**1991-1992**

#### **Masters Degree at Moi University**

Awarded Master of Philosophy Degree in English in 1994 – (*Thesis – “A Contrastive Analysis of English (RP) and Dholuo Syllable Structures”*)

**1987 -1990**

#### **Bachelors Degree at Moi University**

Awarded Bachelor of Education (Arts) Degree-Attained Second Class Honors (Upper Division)

### **Other Professional Trainings**

**2016**

**Training on Proposal Writing for Grants by the University of Cologne from March to December, 2016 (DIES ProGRANT) Face to face as well as online sessions)**

**2015**

**Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP) Training on**

### **Language Documentation**

ELDP training on Language Documentation at SOAS, University of London for 8 days in order to document Okiek language

### **2011**

#### **Summer School on Language Documentation**

Attended the **East Africa Summer School on Language Documentation: Methodologies and Technology** at University of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for 2 weeks

### **Area of**

### **Specialization**

Phonology

### **Professional experience (Teaching, Administration and other responsibilities)**

**May, 2018 - Date**

**UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**

#### **Associate Professor and Chairman, Department of Linguistics and Languages (Head of Department)**

Working as chairman and associate professor in the Department of Linguistics and Languages

- Managing all departmental affairs and responsibilities
- Effective lecturing in related courses
- Supervision of MA & PhD students
- Coordinating the teaching of Linguistics in the Department of Educational Studies, School of Continuing and Distance Learning
- Coordinating the Korean Studies Project and Programme
- External examining PhD theses from Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia) and Kenyatta University (Kenya)
- Syllabus writing
- Assistant editor of the University of Nairobi Journal of Linguistics and Languages

**July, 2016 - Date**

**UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**

#### **Senior Lecturer and Chairman, Department of Linguistics and Languages**

Working as chairman and senior lecturer in the Department of Linguistics and Languages

- Managing all departmental affairs and responsibilities
- Effective lecturing in related courses
- Supervision of MA & PhD students
- Coordinating the teaching of Linguistics in the Department of Educational Studies, School of Continuing and Distance Learning
- Coordinating the Korean Studies Project and Programme
- External examining PhD thesis from University of Cape Town
- Syllabus writing
- Assistant editor of the University of Nairobi Journal of Linguistics and Languages

**December, 2011 - July, 2016**

**UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**

**Senior Lecturer**

Working as senior lecturer in the Department of Linguistics and Languages

- Effective lecturing in related courses
- Timely marking of examinations
- Supervision of MA & PhD students
- Assessing students on Teaching Practice
- Coordinating the teaching of Linguistics in the Department of Educational Studies, School of Continuing and Distance Learning
- Assisting in coordinating the Korean Studies Project and Programme.
- Participation as a member of the board of examiners during the defense of PhD Thesis in linguistics
- Acting Associate Dean in the Faculty of Arts (Kikuyu Campus) for short and long periods
- Acting Chairman in the Department of Linguistics and Languages for short periods
- External examining MA and PhD theses from other public universities
- Internal examining PhD theses at the University of Nairobi
- Syllabus writing
- Assistant editor of the University of Nairobi Journal of Linguistics and Languages

**2000 - 2011**

**UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**

**Lecturer**

Working as lecturer in the Department of Linguistics and Languages

- Effective lecturing in related courses
- Timely marking of examinations
- Supervision of MA & PhD students
- Assessing students on teaching practice
- Member of post graduate board in the School of Continuing and Distance Learning
- Coordinating the teaching of Linguistics in the Department of Educational Studies, School of Continuing and Distance Learning
- Participating as a member of the board of examiners during the defense of PhD proposals and theses in distance education
- Faculty of Art representative in CAB meetings at CEES
- Part-time lecturing in the School of Continuing and Distance Learning & School of Education (Module II Programmes at Kikuyu Campus)
- Acting Associate Dean in the Faculty of Arts (Kikuyu Campus) for short periods
- Acting Chairman in the Department of Linguistics and Languages for short and long periods
- Examined two MA theses at Addis Ababa University in 2008
- External examining MA theses from other public universities

**1995-2000**

**MOI UNIVERSITY AND OTHER UNIVERSITIES**

### **Lecturer (Full - time and Part - time)**

Worked as Lecturer in the Department of Linguistics & Foreign Languages, Moi University

- Lecturing
- Timely setting & marking of examinations
- Efficiently offering secretarial services to departmental meetings
- Offering services as the departmental welfare officer
- Assessing students on teaching practice
- Lecturing at The Catholic University of Eastern Africa & at Daystar University

### **1994-1995                      MOI UNIVERSITY**

#### **Tutorial Fellow**

Worked in the Department of Linguistics & Foreign Languages

- Lecturing
- Timely setting & marking of examinations
- Efficiently offering secretarial services to departmental meetings
- Offering services as the departmental welfare officer

### **1990-1994                      MOI UNIVERSITY**

#### **Graduate Assistant**

Worked as a Graduate assistant in the English Department

- Lecturing
- Setting & marking of examinations
- Secretary to departmental meetings

### **October to November, 1990                      MALINDI HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **Teacher**

Teacher of English language & literature in English

### **Research and Publications**

#### **Ready Publications**

**Ngala, J. A. 1994.** *“The Dholuo Syllable Structure” – This paper was been published in the Eric Data Base (Eric clearing house on languages and linguistics, Washington D.C.)*

#### **Journal Articles**

Mbwika, Judith Mwikali, Kithaka wa Mberia and **Jane Akinyi Ngala Oduor. 2019.** Adaptation Strategies in Rabai Loanwords. Asian Journal of African Studies (AJAS), Vol. 46: ISSN 2466-1821.

- Oduor, J. A. N. 2017.** Syllable Weight in Dholuo. *The University of Nairobi Journal of Language and Linguistics*, Vol.6: 44 - 63.
- Oduor, J. A. N. 2017.** Language Contact: The Influence of English, Kenyan Ethnic Languages and Sheng on Kiswahili in Nairobi. *Asian Journal of African Studies*, Vol.42: 173 - 207.
- Oduor, J. A. N. and X. J. Rotich. 2016.** The Status of Mother tongues in Kenya and China: Lessons the Countries Can Learn from Each Other. *The University of Nairobi Journal of Language and Linguistics*, Vol.5: 174 - 194.
- Timammy, R. and **J. A. N. Oduor. 2016.** The Treatment of Kiswahili in Kenya's Education System. *The University of Nairobi Journal of Language and Linguistics*, Vol.5: 14 - 32.
- Oduor, J. A. N. 2015.** Attitudes and Motivation in Learning the Korean Language: A Case Study of the University of Nairobi Students. *The Nairobi Journal of Literature: Introducing Korean Studies in Kenya*, 8: 77 - 94.
- Oduor, J. A. N. 2015.** "Towards a Practical Proposal of Multilingualism in Education in Kenya". In Mwangi, P., R. Ndung'u, M. C. Njoroge, and D. O. Orwenjo (eds.). *Multilingualism and Education in Africa: the Reality on the Ground*. Springer Open Journal.
- Oduor, J. A. N. 2012.** Teaching Kiswahili Pronunciation in Secondary Schools in Kenya: the Necessity to Use the Right Information and Descriptive Tools. *The University of Nairobi Journal of Language and Linguistics*, Vol.2: 1 - 41.
- Oduor, J. A. N. 2010.** A SWOT Analysis of the Language Policies in Education in Kenya and Ethiopia. *The University of Nairobi Journal of Language and Linguistics*, Vol. 1: 86 - 102.

### **Book Chapters**

- Oduor, J. A. N. 2018.** "An Autosegmental Analysis of the Downstepped High Tone in Dholuo". In Helga and Prisca Jerono (eds.). *Nilo-Saharan Issues and Perspectives*. Cologne: Köppe, pp. 43 - 56.
- Oduor, J. A. N. 2015.** "The Relationship between Syllable Weight and Vowel Processes in Dholuo". In Osamu Heida (ed.). *Studies in Nilotic Linguistics, Volume 10: Information Structure and Nilotic Languages*. Tokyo: Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, pp. 159 - 174.
- Oduor, J. A. N. 2015.** "The Relationship between Syllable Weight and Stress in Dholuo". In Mietzner, A. and A. Storch (eds.). *Nilo-Saharan: Models and Descriptions*. Cologne: Köppe, pp. 255 - 271.
- Oduor, J. A. N. 2013.** "The Anticipated Benefits of Multilingualism in Education in Kenya". In C. Altmayer, and H. E. Wolff (eds.). *Africa: Challenges of Multilingualism*. Frankfurt Main: Peter Lang, pp. 233-243.
- Oduor, J. A. N. 2012.** "Harmonization of the Orthographic System and the IPA System of Nilotic Languages in Kenya". In Ogechi, N. O., J. A. N. Oduor and P. Iribemwangi (ed.). *Harmonisation and Standardisation of Orthographies of Kenyan Languages*. Cape Town: CASAS, pp. 172 - 188.

### **Monograph**

Jerono, P., H. Sang, A. Chelimo and **J. A. N. Oduor**. 2012. "A Unified Orthography of Kalenjin Languages (Keiyo, Kipsigis, Marakwet, Nandi, Pokot, Sabaot, and Tugen)" Capetown: Centre for Advanced Studies of African Societies (CASAS).

### **University Level Book: Phonemic Transcription of *Kamusi Elezi ya Kiswahili***

The phonemic transcription of *Kamusi Elezi ya Kiswahili* was done by **Oduor, J. A. N.** This is a landmark scholarly work that is attested by linguists and Kiswahili scholars especially those who took part in gathering data for the publication. It took into consideration the weaknesses in the earlier publications of Kamusi while at the same time gathering spoken language data from speakers of Standard Kiswahili such as **Professor Rayya Timammy** in order to produce the best. The text is cited above with my name appearing under transcription as follows:

Chiduo, E. F. K., **J. Habwe**, R. Chimerah, M. Kaoneka, R. Yahaya and A. Attas. 2016. *Kamusi Elezi ya Kiswahili*. Nairobi: The Jomo Kenyatta Foundation.

Hati za Kifonemiki (Phonemic Transcription), **Jane Akinyi Ngala Oduor**

### **Publication in progress**

#### **Book Chapter**

A book chapter on Kenyan English which is coauthored with Dr. Alfred Buregeya

1. Reviewed a module entitled "English Usage in Kenya" (University of Nairobi)
2. Reviewed a paper entitled "The Tones of Awngi" by Andreas Joswig (a member of SIL International and a student at Leiden University, in 2008)
3. Reviewed a paper entitled "Harmonization of Western Kenya Bantu Languages: Tone in Igikuria and Luhya" by Leonard Chacha Mwita (Kenyatta University)
4. Reviewed a paper entitled "Language Policy Conflicts in Vanuatu's Education System"

#### **Reviews Done**

#### **Examiner (Addis Ababa University)**

1. PhD thesis entitled - "Phonological Acquisition of Oromo Speaking Children" by Tariku Negese (Awaiting Graduation in 2019)
2. PhD thesis entitled - "Segmental and Non-Segmental Phonology of Kūnámá" by Anteneh Getachew Damtew (Graduated in 2018)
3. PhD thesis entitled - "Phonological Phenomena in Arsi-Bale Afan Oromo: the Perspective of Non-linear Phonology" by Tilahun Negash Mekuria (Graduated in 2018)
4. MA thesis entitled - "Attitudes and Motivations in Learning Afan Oromo as a Second Language: The Case of Adama Senior Secondary School" by Alemgena Belete (Graduated in July, 2008)
5. MA thesis entitled - "Amharic Second Language Teachers' Pedagogical Grammar Approach: The Case of Oromia" by Mellese Gelaneh (Graduated in July, 2008)  
MA thesis

**External  
Examiner  
(University  
of Cape  
Town)**

PhD thesis entitled "Ateso Grammar: A Descriptive Account of an Eastern Nilotic Language" by David Barasa (University of Cape Town, 2016)

**External  
Examiner  
(Public  
universities  
in Kenya)**

1. PhD thesis entitled "Phonological Analysis of the English Spoken by Hausa Newscasters in Broadcasting Media in Nigeria" by Abdulmalik Usman, M. A. (Kenyatta University, 2018).
2. PhD thesis entitled "The Acoustic Features of the Non-ethnically Marked Kenyan English" by Itumo, Joshua Mulinge (Kenyatta University, 2017).
3. PhD thesis entitled "The Nature Of Dholuo Consonant Harmony" by Jackline Atieno Okello (Maseno University, 2017).
4. PhD thesis entitled "Acquisition of English Passive Constructions by Dholuo Speaking Children" by Awuor Quin Elizabeth (Kenyatta University, 2015).
5. PhD thesis entitled "An Investigation of Phonological Awareness of Learners with Reading Disorders in Class Six in Nairobi County" by Stephen Ochieng' Orago (Kenyatta University, 2014).
6. MA thesis entitled "Nativisation of Swahili Loanwords into Kipsigis: An Optimality Theory Approach" by Philemon Kirui (Kenyatta University, 2018).
7. MA thesis entitled "A Lexico-Semantic Analysis of Selected Obituaries in The *Daily Nation* Newspaper" by Oyoko, Amos Maina (Maseno University, 2017).
8. MA thesis entitled "Pragmatics of Dholuo Panegyrics" by Owiti, Beatrice Atieno (Maseno University, 2017).
9. MA thesis entitled "Perception of Maseno University Students on Gender Atypical Characteristics in Photographs of Male Celebrities in *Pulse Magazine*" by Carolynne Were (Maseno University, 2017).
10. MA thesis entitled "A Morphosyntactic Analysis of a Regional Variety of Kiswahili Spoken in Kakamega County" by Likuyani, Erick Muhati (Kenyatta University, 2014).
11. MA thesis entitled "Misinterpretations in English-Kimuthambi Church Sermons: A Case of Pentecostal Churches in Muthambi Division, Kenya" by Humphrey Kirimi Ireri (Chuka University, 2011).
12. MA thesis entitled "A Phonological Analysis of the Constraints on the Syllabic Structures of Olunyala" by Everlyn Etakwa (Kenyatta University, 2009).
13. MA thesis entitled "Language Policy Implementation and Experience in Primary Schools in Chuka Division – Meru South District" by Nancy W. Mbaka (Chuka University, 2009).

**Internal  
Examiner**

1. Examined 49 essays (in the Korean essay competition at the University of Nairobi, 2013) whose theme was "The Value of Korean Studies in an African University" (in January 2014)



2. Examined 23 essays (in the Korean essay competition at the University of Nairobi, 2012) whose theme was "My Dream of Kenyan-Korean Relations" (in January 2013)
3. PhD thesis entitled "From Rendille to Samburu: A Language Shift Involving Two Mutually Unintelligible Languages of Northern Kenya" by Kenneth Kamuri Ngure (2012)
4. PhD thesis entitled "An Investigation of Speaker Intention in Monologue Discourses" by Leonard Maloba Wekesa (2012)
5. PhD thesis entitled "A Lexical Phonology Study of Modern Standard Arabic" by Mohammed Abdul Akidah (2012)
6. PhD thesis entitled "The Phonology of Olutura Syllables" by Everlyn Etekwa (2018)

**PhD  
Supervision  
s**

**Completed**

1. Jerono, P. 2011. *Tugen Word Order - A Minimalist Perspective*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished PhD Thesis)
2. Iribemwangi, P. 2008. *A Synchronic Segmental Morphophonology of Standard Kiswahili*. University of Nairobi (now published).

**In Progress**

1. PhD thesis entitled: "*Tonology of Lwisukha Nouns*" by Suzzy Nandama (*The candidate is writing her chapters, August, 2019*)
2. PhD thesis entitled: "*The Strategies Used by Kenyan Learners in the Acquisition of the Chinese Language: A Survey of Chinese Learners at the University of Nairobi*" by Rotich, Jing Xu (*The candidate is writing her chapters, August, 2019*)
3. PhD proposal entitled: "Intonation in Ekegusii: Its Structure, Perception, Interpretation and Influence on Information Structure" by Komenda, Samwel (*The candidate has collected data, August, 2019*)
4. PhD proposal entitled: "*Communicative Competence in Kenyan Public Universities: A Case Study of the University of Nairobi Students*" by Mary Okebe (*The proposal has already been defended at the departmental level, August, 2019*)

**Completed**

**MA  
Supervision  
s**

1. Kipsang, Shadrack. 2019. *The Interface between Syntax, Semantics and Pragmatics in Nandi* University of Nairobi (Awaiting graduation).
2. Masolia, E. K. 2018. *Lexical and Phonological Variation in Loogoli, Lutirichi and Lumundu: A Communication Approach*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
3. Mbwika, J. M. 2018. *Phonological Adaptation Processes of Rabai Loanwords from English and Kiswahili*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).

4. Njuguna, F. W. 2018. *Lexical Variation and Change in the Northern Dialect of Gikuyu Language*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
5. Ochilo, G. O. 2018. *The Effect of Dholuo on Lunyore: A Case of Lexical Borrowing*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
6. Ochieng', R. J. 2017. *Phase Structure of Dholuo Verb System*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
7. Shume, F. U. 2017. *Loan Words From English and Orma Languages in Kipokomo*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
8. Abuonji, R. A. 2016. *A Cognitive Linguistic Analysis of Dholuo Metaphorical Idioms*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
9. Innocent, K. M. 2016. *Lexical Change: A Case Study of Kisagalla Losing its Words to Kiswahili*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
10. Lentete, S. S. 2016. *A Study of Some Aspects of the Ilchamus Phonology*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
11. Muriithi, G. N. 2016. *The Phonological and Lexical Variations within Kisumu-South Nyanza Dialect of Dholuo*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
12. Njagi, J. 2016. *Lexical Borrowing and Semantic Change: A Case of English and Gikuyu Contact*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
13. Owuor, E. O. 2016. *The Semantics of Dholuo Connectives: A Cognitive Approach Using Mental Spaces and Frames Concepts*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
14. Chumo, C. J. 2015. *Challenges in Translating and Localizing Animal Welfare and Wildlife Conservation Terminology in Kenya from English to Maa*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
15. Shidiavai, M. S. 2015. *A Phonological Analysis of Lwidakho Loanwords from Kiswahili and English*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
16. Githinji, I. W. 2014. *A Study of Suprasegmental Features of Ki-ndia Dialect of Gikuyu Language*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
17. Mayom, J. 2014. *A Study of Noun Plural Formation in Bor Dialect of Dinka*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
18. Mwaniki, D. G. 2014. *A Synchronic Survey of Kiambu Dialects*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
19. Nyaga, P. W. 2014. *A Study of Morphological Reduplication in Kiambu*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
20. Rachier, A. O. 2014. *Assessing the Usefulness of Asenath Bole Odaga's English-Dholuo Dictionary to a Translator of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
21. Bonyo, T. O. 2013. *A Semantic Analysis of the Prepositions Used in Sheng Using the Image*

- Schema Theory: A Concept in Cognitive Semantics*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
22. Jackson, T. 2013. *A Semantic Analysis of Kisukuma Spatial Prepositions Using Image Schema Theory*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
23. Maore, J. M. 2013. *Phonological Basis of Misspellings in the Written English of Kimeru Speaking Pupils in Public Primary Schools in Meru*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
24. Maroa, R. G. 2013. *Morphophonemic Processes of Igikuria*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
25. Njagi, J. M. 2013. *A Study on Manifestations of Stereotypes in Kiambu Metaphors – A Lexical Pragmatics Approach*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
26. Nyakundi, S. O. 2013. *Metaphors in the Book of Revelation: A Study of Selected S. D. A. Lay Leader's Interpretations*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
27. Kamundi, H. M. 2012. *Pronominal Arguments in Translation: A Case of Translating between English and Kiswahili*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
28. Muchiri, G. M. 2012. *Issues of Kiswahili Language Interference in Students' English Translations and Vice Versa: A Case Study of Master/ Undergraduate Translations in English and Kiswahili*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
29. Nyachio, M. K. 2012. *Stress Placement among Kenyan English Speakers across Gender and Age*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
30. Njuki, P. N. 2012. *The Contrastive Tone Patterns and their Functions in Kimbeere*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
31. Mutisya, D. M. 2011. *Analysis of the Frequent Mistakes in Simultaneous Interpretation and Why they Occur*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
32. Ochola, M. A. 2011. *A Semantic Analysis of Dholuo Spatial Prepositions Using Image Schema Theory: A Concept in Cognitive Semantics Theory*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
33. Timbwah, B. S. 2011. *Morphosyntactic Verb Inflections For Tense and Aspect in Lunyore: A Minimalist Program*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
34. Anyim, N. A. 2010. *Sense Relations in Dholuo: A Lexical Pragmatic Approach*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
35. Ayieko, E. A. 2009. *A Study of Tone in Dholuo Compound and Complex Sentences*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
36. Okello, J. A. 2007. *Reduplication in Dholuo: A Study of Morphological Reduplication*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
37. Were, G. O. 2007. *Dholuo Vowel Harmony in an Autosegmental Phonology Theory Framework*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
38. Koske, C. 2006. *Vowel Harmony in Kipsigis: An Auto-segmental Theory Approach*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).
39. Odawa, S. B. 2004. *Dholuo Tonal Notations: A Study of Tone levels and their*

*Representations*. University of Nairobi (Unpublished MA Project).

### **Ongoing**

39. MA Project Title: "Phonological Processes in Kichonyi" by Mbagi, Easter Mnyazi.

40. MA Project Title: "Morpho-phonological Strata of the Luwanga Lexicon" by Mukanda Asha.

41. MA Project Title: "Documentation of Yaaku: An Endangered Kenyan Language" by Chege, John Njoroge.

### **Courses taught**

- ENG 210 Introduction to the Study of English
- ENG 211: Introductory English Phonetics
- ENG 212: The Art of Writing
- ENG 213: The English Word & Morphology
- ENG 311: The Structure of the English Sentence
- ENG 312: English Prosody
- ENG 315: Trends in Contemporary English
- ENG 411: Practical English Stylistics
- RLE/ TLE 203: Reading Skills in English
- RLE/ TLE 202: English Vocabulary and Sound System
- RLE/ TLE 302: Semantics
- RLE/ TLE 402: English Phonology and Morphology
- BLL 101: Study of Language I
- BLL 104: Study of English language III
- BLL 308: Semantics
- CLL 102: Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology
- CLE 201: Modern English Phonetics and Phonology
- CLL 501: Phonetics
- CLL 502: Phonology

### **Modules written**

#### **Completed**

1. CLE 101: *History and Varieties of English*

2. CLL 102: *Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology*
3. CLE 201: *Modern English Phonetics and Phonology*

### **Ongoing**

4. CLE 302: *Advanced English Phonetics and Phonology*
5. CLL 403: *Advanced Phonology*

### **Syllabus Preparation and review**

1. Certificate Course in English Language Syllabus for foreign students with low level of competence in English Language
2. Certificate Course in Portuguese Language Syllabus
3. Took part in preparing taught PhD syllabuses in Linguistics, German Studies and Arabic Studies
4. Took part in preparing MA in Korean Language and Culture Syllabus
5. Took part in reviewing the BA in Linguistics syllabus in 2013-2014
6. Took a major role in preparing the certificate course syllabus for Korean Language, Literature and Culture in 2012-2013
7. Took a major role in preparing the BA syllabus for Korean studies in 2012-2013
8. Reviewed the BEd linguistics syllabus for the Department of Educational Studies (School of Continuing and Distance Learning)
9. Took part in the review of the BEd linguistics syllabus for the School of Education

### **Seminar and Workshop Papers**

1. **June 6, 2009 at FAIRVIEW HOTEL NAIROBI-** *“Harmonization of the Orthographic System and the IPA System of Nilotic Languages in Kenya” (published by CASAS)*
2. **May 2, 2008 at ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY-** *“A Phonetic Description of the Relationship between Vowel Height and Tone in Dholuo” (to be published by Addis Ababa University)*
3. **June, 2007 at ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY-** *“The Joys and Pains of Teaching Phonetics and Phonology without the aid of Machines”*
4. **August, 1991 at MOI UNIVERSITY-** *“An Examination and Classification of Linguistic Pathologies”*
5. **April, 1991 at MOI UNIVERSITY-** *“Justify Why You Think Transformational Generative Grammar is a Better Theory of Language than Phrase Structure Grammar”*
6. **April, 1991 at MOI UNIVERSITY-** *“A Contrastive Analysis of Vowels and Consonants of Kiswahili & RP English, (The analysis is based on the theory of a phoneme being the smallest contrastive unit*

*which brings a change in meaning)*”

**7. April 26, 1991 at MOI UNIVERSITY** – *“Tracing the development of linguistics from 5BC to the present day”*

**8. April 18, 1991 at MOI UNIVERSITY** – *“The relationship between ‘Language’ and ‘Dialect’ paying attention to fact that the distinction between them is relative & also the main factors that can cause language change*

## **Conference Papers**

**1. August 01 -02, 2019** at the 1st Language Association of Eastern Africa (LAEA) Conference at the Noble Hotel (Eldoret) hosted by Moi University **"Is Ogiek (Okiek) Still an Endangered Language after its Documentation"** by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala

**2. May 30 - June 01, 2019** at the Nilo-Saharan (NISA) Conference at the University of Vienna, Austria **"Some Aspects of the Segmental Phonology of the Okiek Spoken in Nessuit"** by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala.

**3. May 30 - June 01, 2019** at the Nilo-Saharan (NISA) Conference at the University of Vienna, Austria **"Some Phonological Processes in the Okiek Language of Nessuit "** by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala and Shadrack Kipsang.

**4. August 25 - 28, 2018** at the WOCAL 9 Conference in the Faculty of Letters & Human Sciences- Mohammed V University in Rabat, Morocco ***“The Importance, Opportunities and Challenges of Documenting the Okiek Language of Kenya”*** by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala *under the theme “African Languages in a Global World: From Description to State Policies”*

**5. July, 24 - 27, 2018** at the CHAGS Conference in University Sains, Malaysia **"The Effects of the Cultural and Environmental Change on the Endangered Okiek Language"** by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala.

**6. July, 9 - 11, 2018** at the combined ALASA 19th Interim & SINTU 7 Conference held at the University of Cape Town, South Africa **"Okiek Orthography: Challenges an Solutions for a Highly Endangered Language"** by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala

**7. September, 6 – 8, 2017** at the East African Kiswahili Commission in Zanzibar *“Some aspects of Kiswahili that lack prominence in phonology books and in the classroom”* by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala

**8. May 4 – 6, 2017** at the Nilo-Saharan (NISA) Conference in Addis Ababa University *“A Comparative Analysis of Tone in the Dialects of Dholuo”* by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala

**9. November 10 – 12, 2016** at Mena Hoteli in Cairo (DAAD Alumni Conference (Cairobi Talks)) *“Managing the Language Resources of the Nile Valley: Illustrations from Kenya”* by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala

**10. July 27 - 29, 2016** at Ghana Institute of Linguistics Literacy and Bible Translation (GILLBT), Tamale *"The High-Falling Tone in Dholuo"* by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala

**11. April, 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016** at Naivasha (Humboldt "Kolleg" 2016) *"The Challenges of Documenting the OKiek Language of Kenya"* by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala

- 12. February 23 – 25, 2016 at the University of Nairobi** “A Cognitive Semantic Analysis of Dholuo Proverbs” by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala
- 13. December 11 - 13, 2015 at Kenyatta University,** “A Cognitive Semantic Analysis of the English Vocabulary Used Uniquely by Undergraduate Students at the University of Nairobi” by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala
- 14. October 29 – 30, 2015 at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Korea** “Language Contact: A Case Study of Kenyan Ethnic Languages in Nairobi” by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala
- 15. September 1 – 4, 2015 at the Nilo-Saharan (NISA) Conference in Safari Club (Organised by the University of Nairobi)** “A Comparative Analysis of Tone in Dholuo and Chinese” by Oduor, Jane akinyi Ngala and Xu Jing.
- 16. September 1 – 4, 2015 at the Nilo-Saharan (NISA) Conference in Safari Club (Organised by the University of Nairobi)** “The Down-stepped High Tone in Dholuo” by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala
- 17. February, 18– 20, 2015 at the University of Nairobi** “The Status of Mother Tongues in Kenya and China: Lessons to Learn from Each Other by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala and Xu Jing Rotich
- 18. February 11 – 13, 2015 at Kenyatta University,** “Attitudes and Motivations in Learning the Chinese Language: A Case Study of University of Nairobi Students” Xu Jing and Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala
- 19. December 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Safari Club Lilian Towers (Organised by the University of Nairobi and sponsored mainly by the Academy of Korean Studies)** “Attitudes and Motivations in Learning the Korean Language: A Case Study of University of Nairobi Students” Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala
- 20. August 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Kenyatta University** “African Languages: Challenges and Opportunities in using them for communication in Kenya”
- 21. August 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at KENYA SCIENCE CAMPUS, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI** “Sustaining Lifelong Reading in Kenya” by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala and Xu Jing
- 22. August 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at KENYA SCIENCE CAMPUS, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI** “An Evaluation of the Local Orthographies Developed for Kenyan Languages” by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala and Xu Jing
- 23. August 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at KENYA SCIENCE CAMPUS, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI** “Mother Tongue Literacy and Official Languages in Kenya” by Oduor, Jane Akinyi Ngala and Xu Jing
- 24. May 22 – 24, 2013 at the Nilo-Saharan (NISA) Conference at THE UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE** “A Study of the Relationship between Syllable Weight and Stress in Dholuo”
- 25. October 4 - 6, 2012 at THE UNIVERSITY OF DAR-ES-SALAAM** “The Anticipated Benefits of using Kiswahili in Education in Kenya”
- 26. September 10 - 14, 2012 at BONDO UNIVERSITY COLLEGE** “The Anticipated Benefits of Multilingualism in Education in Kenya”

**27. August 20 - 24, 2012 at the WOCAL Conference at the UNIVERSITY OF BUEA**  
*“Documentation of the Vocabulary and Tone Melodies of the Boro-Ukwala Dialect of Dholuo”*

**28. October 21-22, 2011 at the UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW** *“Body Parts in Dholuo: Meaning and Associated Metaphors”*

**29. July, 2011 at ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY** *“Bunnana Ithiopia Ayileyayyum ‘Coffee and Ethiopia are Inseparable’: Documentation of Coffee Ceremony among the Amhara” (Summer School Presentation)*

**30. July, 2010 at KENYATTA UNIVERSITY** *“Towards a Practical Proposal of Multilingualism in Education in Kenya”*

**31. July 15-19, 2010 in MOMBASA** *“Preserving Oral Literature in Kenya through Documentary Linguistics: Views and Challenges”*

**32. November 6-11, 2010 at THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI** *“A SWOT Analysis of the Language Policies in Education in Kenya and Ethiopia”*

**33. August 28, 2009 at LENANA HOUSE NAIROBI-** *“A SWOT Analysis of the Treatment of Pronunciation in Recommended Text Books for Secondary Schools in Kenya”*

**34. August 17, 2009 at the WOCAL Conference at UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE GERMANY-**  
*“Syllable Weight in Dholuo”*

**Workshops  
and  
seminars  
attended**

1. ACALAN Meeting at Intercontinental Hotel, 2018
2. Celebrating the International Mother Language Day, University of Nairobi (February 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015)
3. The African Good Governance Network (AGGN) workshop on Good Governance in Post 2015 (Participants from KDSA (DAAD Alumni) and AGGN (Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2015) at Best Western Hotel, Nairobi.
4. Celebrating the International Mother Language Day, Kenyatta University (February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014)
5. Stakeholders' Forum to Share Food Security Research Findings and Launch the Report at the University of Nairobi's African Women's Study Centre ( November 21, 2014)
6. Kenya DAAD Scholars Association (KDSA)/ DAAD Scientific Paper Writing Workshop at Kenyatta University Conference Centre (July 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013)
7. Bridging the Divide Seminar organized by Establishment of Korean Studies Project, CHSS at the University of Nairobi (July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013)
8. Seminar on 'Rocking the Emperor's Throne: African Languages in the Disciplines' by Prof. Mogane, (Director of the African Languages Programme at Harvard University, USA) at the University of Nairobi (July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013)
9. Workshop on preparation of a strategic plan for the Faculty of Arts at KCB Training College in Karen (May 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013)
10. German-African Network of Alumni & Alumnae (Ganaa) Summer School on Multilingualism and Language Policies in Africa at Bondo University College ( 10<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> September 2012)



11. Workshop on harmonization of the orthographies of Kenyan languages at Fair View Hotel (2012)
12. University of Nairobi Training Workshop on Research and Project Grant Writing (20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> February 2012)
13. Syllabus review workshop organized by the Department of Educational Studies (27<sup>th</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012)
14. Workshop on preparation of a strategic plan for the Department of Education Studies (2012)
15. Teaching Practice induction seminar (30<sup>th</sup> March 2012)
16. Tone workshop at African International University - NEGST for 6 weeks (October-November 2010)
17. Teaching Practice induction seminar (2010)
18. Kenfaa workshop on nonfiction writing at UON (2010)
19. Teaching Practice workshops at Kikuyu Campus (2009) and Tangaza (2010)
20. German-African Network of Alumni & Alumnae (Ganaa) 4<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on multilingualism at UON (2009)
21. Workshop on harmonization of the orthographies of African languages at Fair View Hotel (2009)
22. Workshop on syllabus review syllabus for the Faculty of Education, University of Nairobi
23. Training in pedagogy at the University of Nairobi
24. Workshop on communication skills at the University of Nairobi
25. Workshop on experimental phonetics at Addis Ababa University, in 2007
26. Module reviewers' workshops at the University of Nairobi
27. Module writers' workshops at the University of Nairobi (2006 - 2011)
28. Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)) academic workshops

## **Conferences**

1. Critical Thinking Conference during the research week at the University of Nairobi in October 2018.
2. Traffic Conference during the research week at the University of Nairobi in October 2018
3. Mother Tongue Day Conference at the University of Nairobi (February, 2018)
4. The East African Kiswahili Commission in Zanzibar (September 6 – 8, 2017)

5. The 13<sup>th</sup> Nilo\_Saharan Conference 4 – 6, 2017 at Addis Ababa University (May 4 – 6, 2017)
6. 1<sup>st</sup> Cairobi-Conference for DAAD Alumni from countries of the Nile Basin: “Management of Resources – Multi-disciplinary Perspectives from along the Nile” (Cairobi Talks: 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> November, 2016)
7. The 9<sup>th</sup> Linguistics Association of Ghana Annual Conference at Ghana Institute of Linguistics Literacy and Bible Translation (GILLBT), Tamale (27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2016)
8. Humboldt "Kolleg" 2016, "Research and Networking: Laying the Foundation for the Sustainable Development Goals" at Naivasha (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016)
9. Mother Tongue Day Conference 2016 at the University of Nairobi (18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016)
10. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference on African Urban Youth Languages: Translingual Practices, Gestures, Media, Style at Kenyatta University (11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> December, 2015)
11. Crossing and Hybridity in African Societies and Cultures at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2015)
12. Nilo-Saharan Colloquium 2015 at the University of Nairobi (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015)
13. Kenya DAAD Scholars Association (KDSA) conference on the theme “Kenya’s Constitutional Provisions and the Citizen’s Rights: Are we on track?” (28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2015)
14. International Conference on Foreign Languages and Literature on the theme: “Foreign Languages in Africa in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Opportunities and Challenges” at Kenyatta University, (11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2015)
15. International Korean Studies Conference on the theme: “Korean Studies: Past, Present and Future” Safari Club Hotel (Lilian Towers) (December 12 -13, 2014)
16. International Conference on Multilingualism entitled: “From Asmara 2000 to Nairobi 2014: New Horizons and Trends in African Languages and Literatures” at Kenyatta University (2014)
17. Rapid Results Initiative (RRI) Conference at the University of Nairobi (2013)
18. Association of Commonwealth Universities Conference on “Enhancing Gender Equity in the Leadership and Management of Higher Education” at the University of Nairobi (26<sup>th</sup> August, 2013)
19. The 8<sup>TH</sup> Pan-African Reading for all Conference at Kenya Science Campus, University of Nairobi (12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> August, 2013)
20. Kenya DAAD Scholars Association (KDSA) Conference on African Cities of the Future: Smart, Sustainable, Participatory at The Safari Park Hotel (30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013)
21. Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium at the University of Cologne (22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2013)
22. International Conference on 50 Years of Kiswahili at the University of Dar-es-Salaam (3<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> October, 2012)
23. World Congress on African Linguistics 7 (WOCAL 7) conference at University of Buea (20<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2012)

24. Conference on political leadership for good governance and launching of a book (*Challenging the ruler: A leadership model for good governance*) at the Panari Hotel, Nairobi (8<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2011)
25. International Conference on the Body in Language (lexicon, metaphor, grammar and culture) at University of Warsaw, Poland (20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October, 2011)
26. Conference on 60 years of German constitution at the University of Nairobi
27. Conferences on the Center for Women Studies at the University of Nairobi (2011)
28. Multilingualism and Education International Conference at Kenyatta University (2010)
29. ISOLA Conference at Diani Beach Hotel, organized by UON (2010)
30. Pan Africa Media Conference at KICC (2010)
31. Conferences on the Center for Women Studies at the University of Nairobi (2009)
32. Chakita International Conference on Kiswahili at Lenana Hotel (2009)
33. World Congress on African Linguistics 6 (WOCAL 6) Conference at University of Koln (2009)

## **Projects and Grants**

### **Completed**

1. Strategies for fundraising for Help Age Kenya (an organization supporting homes for senior citizens)
2. Preparation of primary school syllabus for Somaliland
3. Transcription of *Kamusi Elezi ya Kiswahili*

### **Ongoing**

1. A Preliminary Documentation of the Okiek Language of Kenya (Sponsored by Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP), SOAS, University of London for 1 year). This proposal attracted a grant of almost **GBP10, 000** which was deposited in one of the account of College of Humanities and Social Sciences in March 2016.
2. A Comparative Critical Discourse Analysis of Chinese and Kenyan Women's Testimonies on their Education Situations (Sponsored by Deans' Committee Research Grant, University of Nairobi for 1 year).

**Academic  
Research  
Interests  
and  
Activities**

1. The phonology of languages (especially Dholuo and Okiek)
2. Phonetics especially articulatory and acoustic phonetics
3. The teaching of pronunciation (English and Kiswahili) in Kenyan Schools
4. Language documentation
5. Multilingualism in education and related matters
6. Korean Studies

**Other  
general**

**Interests**

1. Research and reading
2. Travelling & touring
3. Music
4. Swimming

**Academic/  
Professional  
Association**

Treasurer of the Kenya DAAD Scholars Association (KDSA), University of Nairobi Chapter  
Secretary of the Language Association of Eastern Africa (LAEA)

**Creative  
Writing**

The Joys and Pains of Motherhood

**Community  
Service**

1. A member of Catholic Women's Association at Holy Trinity Church in Kileleshwa, Nairobi
2. National Steering Committee on Kenyan Indigenous Languages
3. Technical Team on Kenyan Languages
4. Participating in the activities of the Okiek speech community.
5. Participating as a Team Leader Couple (TLC) in "Teenager Parenting Course" for Form 3 parents at Kianda School in 2017
6. Participating as a TLC in raising funds to build a swimming pool at Kianda School in 2016
7. A mentor of Wings to Fly Students at the University of Nairobi through the initiative of Kenya DAAD Scholars Association (KDSA) and Equity Bank from 2016 onwards
8. Provided our house as the venue for Mass every Sunday at Green Park Estate, Athi River until

May 2014: This also involved preparing the venue for Mass as well as church readers every Sunday

9. A team player in giving talks on effective reading skills with Professor Duncan Okoth Okombo at Kianda School in Nairobi

10. Served as the coordinator of St Theresa of the Child Jesus Jumuia, a small christian community of Blessed Sacrament Church, Buru Buru until April, 2010

11. Trained church readers at Blessed Sacrament Church, Buru Buru

12. Served as the secretary to the Parish Pastoral Council at Blessed Sacrament Church, Buru Buru until April, 2010

**Personal**

Date of Birth: 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1967

Married with children

**Referees**

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| 1. Prof. Kithaka wa Mberia | University of Nairobi                    |
| 2. Prof. John Habwe        | University of Nairobi                    |
| 3. Prof. Peter Wasamba     | University of Nairobi                    |
| 4. Prof. Rayya Timammy     | University of Nairobi                    |
| 5. Prof. Inyani K. Simala  | East African Kiswahili Commission (EAKC) |
| 5. Prof. Edward Kembo Sure | Moi University (Now retired)             |
| 6. Prof. Peter Amuka       | Moi University                           |