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**EDUCATION:** PhD ( candidate) Maseno University

- MA. (Applied Linguistics) from Kenyatta University-2003
- B.Ed. in English and Literature from Kenyatta university-1997
- Certificate: Foundation Research in Open and Distance Learning (Simon Fraser University and Commonwealth of Learning.)-2008
- Certificate: Material Design for Online teaching ( Commonwealth of Learning)
- Certificate: Print based material Design for Distance Learning- 2008 ( Commonwealth of Learning)

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Name of Research Project:** **EPICA Initiative**, EPICA, is a new strategic partnership between Europe and Africa that brings together businesses, organizations and universities in both Europe and Africa to design an innovative, scalable ePortfolio, which will improve the quality, visibility and availability of new skills. This joint effort is made possible by co-funding from the European Commission's *Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme*. The EPICA Consortium is

formed by the following organizations; African Virtual University, Kenya; International Council for Open and Distance Education, Norway; ICWE, Germany; Makerere University, Uganda; Maseno University, Kenya; MyDocumenta, Spain; Open University of Tanzania, Tanzania; and Open University of Catalonia, Spain.

*Year:* 2018-2020

*Field of Research:* Technological innovation in online Learning

*Role played :* Researcher

*Status: (Completed, ongoing, stalled):* Ongoing

***Name of Research Project:*** *Integrating Research Competency in Undergraduate Teacher Education Programme at Maseno University.* An NRF funded project

*Year:* 2018 - 2021

*Field of Research:* Education

*Role played:* A social scientist in the research

*Status:* Ongoing

**Name of Research project:** **Pan African Virtual and eUniversity** an initiative by the African Union vision 2063. A member of a team of experts that is designing, developing and operationalizing the African Union Pan African Virtual and eUniversity.

*Year:* 2019- present

*Role played:* Expert on online learning policy, instructional design and pedagogy

*Status:* Ongoing

**Name of Research Project:** Partnership for enhanced and blended learning (PEBL) project funded by DFID, UK Aid under the Association of Commonwealth Universities. My role was to develop an OER module on HIV AND AIDS, Determinants, prevention and Management course for Africa.

*Year:* 2019- present

*Role played:* Course Writer/ developer

*Status:* Ongoing

**Name of Research Project:** **KESRA E-Campus** .Part of the project team that developed and establishment the Kenya School of Revenue Authority (KeSRA) E-Campus .Responsibility include;- Advice on infrastructure, the human resource/organogram, policy documents, design and customization of LMS, course development and design, Course facilitation and learner support

*Year:* May 2018- 2020

*Field of Research:* Technological innovation in Learning

*Role Played:* Key researcher

*Status:* Completed

**Name of Research Project:** The *Integrated Flood water Management* study commissioned by JICA.

*Year:* 2007 – 2008

*Role played:* Researcher. Facilitated a Participatory Rural Assessment exercise targeting 24 villages in Nyando District. I was involved in data collection, analysis and reporting.

*Status:* Completed

**Name of Research Project:** BOOK WRITING PROJECT- Barack Obama Senior

*Year:* February 2009- 2012 Worked as a research assistant to Sally Jacobs, a Pulitzer award winner and writer. I participated in identification, interviewing and translating the interviews that culminated into the book *The Other Barack: The Bold and Reckless life of President Obama's Father*

*Status:* Completed

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Maseno University: 2004- Present

Kisumu Polytechnic: 2003- 2004

Kisumu Day: 1999 – 2001

### **HONORS AND AWARDS:**

DAAD scholarship

AE – Eteacher Programme Winter 2019 scholarship

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

DAAD

British council

### **SKILLS AND TRAINING**

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• 2019 Using Education Technology in the English Language Classroom (Iowa State University, as part of the American English (AE- E-Teacher Program.)

• 2008 Material Design for Online teaching ( CoL)

• 2008 Foundation Research in Open and Distance Learning (Simon Fraser University and Commonwealth of Learning.)

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### **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

Coordinator Learner support services and Capacity building, eCampus

Deputy Secretary General UASU Maseno chapter,

### **CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

25<sup>th</sup> edition of OEB Global conference on *Shaping the future of Learning*, interContinental Berlin from November 27 - 29, 2019: Presented a paper on *Developing an eportfolio: Linkage between employers and universities in Kenya*

PEBLE carpe Diem workshop on blended and online learning (May 13-16, 2019).Kigali, Rwanda.

Elearning Africa 2018. Chaired a session on 'Improving your Digital Literacy' September 26 - 28, in Kigali, Rwanda

African Union commission for Higher Education, Research, science and Technology workshop for experts for the Pan African Virtual and eUniversity on policy development for online learning 18th -20th September 2019, Addis Ababa.

Elearning Conference in Addis Ababa on 20- 22 May 2015 presented a paper on *Impact of Facilitation on Learner Completion Rates: A case of the E-Campus f Maseno University*

Humbolt Kolleg Conference, 9-12 April 2013 , Nairobi, presented a paper on *Silencing The Voices of the Worlds Languages: Implications of Kenya Language Policy on Biodiversity Conservation.*

Opportunities and Chances of New Media: Utilizing New Media and Technology in Research and Teaching Conference, 5-12 Dec 2012, Moi University, Eldoret presented a paper on *Participation Patterns In Discussion Forums by First Time Users of an Online Learning Platform*

GANAA 2012 summer school on Multilingualism and Language Policies in Africa , September 9 – 15, 2012 ,Bondo University College, Bondo Presented a paper on *Language Loss: The Case Of Mts In Kenya .*

Pan Africa Virtual University Workshop, Yaounde 4th – 17 th May 2019 : Provided expert training on Online learning

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*EPICA PILOT : Maseno university Teacher's experience* <https://epica-initiative.com/news>  
*Participation Patterns In Discussion Forums by First Time Users of an Online Learning Platform.*  
Conference proceedings: Opportunities and Chances of New Media: Utilizing New Media and Technology in Research and Teaching Conference, 5-12 Dec 2012, Moi University, Eldoret.

*Impact of Facilitation on Learner Completion Rates: A case of the E-Campus f Maseno University.*  
Conference proceedings.E-learning Conference in Addis Ababa on 20- 22 May 2015

*Silencing The Voices of the Worlds Languages: Implications of Kenya Language Policy on Biodiversity Conservation.* Paper Presented at the Humbolt Kolleg Conference, 9-12 April 2013 , Nairobi

*Language Loss: The Case of Mts In Kenya .* Paper presented at GANAA 2012 summer school on Multilingualism and Language Policies in Africa , September 9 – 15, 2012 ,Bondo University College, Bondo, Kenya

*Analysis of Readability of English Language Course Books Used In Primary Schools In Kenya, Ma*  
Thesis, KU (2003). KU: Kenyatta University Press