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EDUCATION

- 2013:** Ph.D., Department of Literary Studies, Maseno University, (*Gender Spaces in Maragoli Children's Play Poetry*)
1998: Master of Arts, Department of Literature, University of Nairobi, (*The Gender Dimension of Songs in Maragoli Wedding Ceremonies*)
1984: Bachelor of Education, Arts; University of Nairobi: Second class honours, Upper division.
1979 Butere Girls High School. Advanced level EAACE:
1977 Ng'iya Girls High school. EACE.
1973 Wamage Primary School, CPE

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2013 – 2015** Member of “Working Group for Gender and Development: Stability, Democracy and rights”. BSU (Building stronger Universities), Danske University
8th Oct - 8th Nov 2008 Maseno University: “Technical Support in open and Distance Learning”
19th-24th Feb 2007 Lead Researcher: **Collaborative Centre for Gender and Development** in Butula Constituency: “Best practices in Constituency Development Fund (CDF)”
26th Feb – 3rd March 2007 Lead researcher: **Collaborative Centre for Gender and Development** in Mbita Constituency: “Best practices in Constituency Development Fund (CDF)”
23rd – 26th March 2006 Participant, ODeL Orientation/ Writers' Workshop
October 1997 KOLA (Kenya Oral Literature Association) researcher, “Oral Testimonies Project” in Migori District
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- January 2019 to date**
Position Part time teaching
Supervisor Dr Odeny

Responsibilities 1) Teaching and examining undergraduate students
2) Mentorship of literature students
3) Research

July 2014 to 2015

Rongo University College

Position

Part time teaching

Supervisor

Prof Sangai Mohochi

Responsibilities

- 1) Teaching and examining graduate students
- 2) Setting, moderating and marking examinations
- 2) Mentorship of literature students

May 2014 – July 2014

Maseno University

Homa Bay Campus

Position

Part time teaching

Supervisor

Mr. Nyakado

Responsibilities

- 1) Teaching and examining undergraduate students
- 2) Setting, moderating and marking examinations
- 2) Mentorship of literature students
- 3) Research

2014

Great Lakes University of Kenya

Position

Part time teaching

Supervisor

Mr. George Okore

Responsibilities

- 1) Teaching and examining undergraduate students
- 2) Setting, moderating and marking examinations
- 3) Mentorship of literature students
- 4) Research

September – December 2013 Maseno University

Siaya Learning Centre

Position

Part time teaching

Supervisor

Dr Were

Responsibilities

- 1) Teaching and examining undergraduate students
- 2) Mentorship of literature students
- 3) Research

April 2013 to 2018:

Maseno University

City Campus, Kisumu

Position

Part time teaching

Supervisor

Dr Joash Kowino

Responsibilities

- 1) Teaching and examining undergraduate students
- 2) Mentorship of literature students
- 3) Research

January 2019 to date Maseno University

City Campus, Kisumu

Position

Part time teaching

Supervisor

Dr Odeny

Responsibilities

- 1) Teaching and examining undergraduate students
- 2) Mentorship of literature students
- 3) Research

2013 November to date:

Employer: Maseno University
Designation: Lecturer
Station: Maseno Main campus

Duties and Responsibilities:

Providing knowledge to the undergraduate and graduate students by:

0. Lecturing literature to undergraduate and graduate students.
1. Setting and moderating of examinations for undergraduate and graduate students
2. Supervising masters and PhD students
3. Marking group and individual projects, assignments , continuous assessment tests and examinations
4. Providing leadership and mentoring students at the university.
5. Attending departmental and SASS meetings.
6. Convening and chairing departmental post graduate committee meetings.
7. Any other duties assigned.
8. Attending postgraduate committee meetings of the School of Arts and Social Sciences

May 2008 – October 2013 Maseno University

Position Assistant Lecturer
Supervisor Prof Jack Ogembo
Responsibilities
1) Lecturing literature to undergraduate students
2) Setting, moderating and marking examinations
3) Providing leadership and mentoring students at the university
4) Attending departmental and FASS meetings
5) Coordinating examinations and the timetable in the department

September 2003 – April 2008 Maseno University

Position Tutorial fellow
Supervisor Prof Wangari Mwai
Responsibilities
1) Lecturing literature to undergraduate students
2) Setting, moderating and marking examinations
3) Providing leadership and mentoring students at the university
4) Appointed Departmental welfare officer
5) Attending departmental and FASS meetings

2002 - 2003

Employer: Teachers Service Commission
Designation: Head of Languages Department

Schools:

1993 – Jan 1995

Designation Head of Languages Department, Ahero Girls High School

1998 – March, 2001

Designation Head of Languages Department Isibania Boys High School

April 2001 – August 2002 Teachers Service Commission

Designation Head of Languages Department Tigoi Girls High School

Sept 2002 – Aug 2003

Designation Head of Careers, Guidance and Counseling Chango Secondary School

Duties and Responsibilities:

Providing leadership role by:

- 1) Chairing departmental meetings
- 2) Publishing a work plan for the department
- 3) Co-ordination of school programs with various stake- holders
- 4) Organizing for internal inspection

1984 to 1992:

Employer: Teachers Service commission

Designations: Class teacher, Subject teacher

1993 – 1994 Kenya National Examinations Council

Position Team leader, Literature

1985 – 1991 Kenya National Examinations Council

Position Literature Examiner

1986 – 1987 Ministry of Education

Position Supervisor, KCPE, Gimengwa Primary School

HONORS AND AWARDS

2007: Maseno University, Fee waiver

1995: University of Nairobi Master of Arts Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

KOLA: Kenya Oral Literature Association

ISOLA: International Society of Oral Literatures of Africa

SKILLS AND TRAINING

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July 1994 Participant, “Gender Sensitization Workshop”, Ahero Pastoral Centre

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Acting Chair, Department of Literary Studies

- ✚ Chairing departmental meetings, 23rd June – 4th July 2017
- ✚ Attending senate meetings
- ✚ Implementing senate policies

Departmental Chair, Postgraduate Studies, Maseno University; 2014 to date

- ✚ Conducting departmental meetings to scrutinize applications for graduate students to the department;
- ✚ Approving students who merit for graduate studies in literature.
- ✚ Member of the School of Arts and Social Sciences Postgraduate Committee
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- ✚ Attending the School of Arts and Social Sciences Postgraduate Committee Meetings
- ✚ Guiding Students of School of Arts and Social Sciences during the defenses of their proposals to the School of Arts and Social Sciences
- ✚ Lecturing students
- ✚ Supervising master of arts and Doctor of Philosophy Students
- ✚ Mentoring students
- ✚ Setting and moderating university examinations
- ✚ Marking university examinations
- ✚ Attending the School of Graduate Studies Meetings to discuss abstracts of proposals mainly from the School of Arts and Social Sciences
- ✚ Conducting research

Assistant lecturer, Maseno University, 1st May 2008-2013

- ✚ Lecturing students
- ✚ Mentoring students
- ✚ Setting and moderating university examinations
- ✚ Marking university examinations
- ✚ Conducting research

Tutorial Fellow, Maseno University September 2003- April 2008

- ✚ Lecturing students
- ✚ Mentoring students
- ✚ Setting and moderating university examinations
- ✚ Marking university examinations
- ✚ Conducting research

Graduate teacher, Chango Secondary School, August 2002- August 2003

- ✚ Teaching students
- ✚ Mentoring students
- ✚ Setting and marking examinations
- ✚ Preparing report cards
- ✚ Keeping students' academic records
- ✚ Marking examinations

Head of Languages Department, Tigoi Girls High School, May 2001- July 2002

- ✚ Teaching students
- ✚ Mentoring students
- ✚ Setting and marking examinations
- ✚ Preparing report cards
- ✚ Keeping students' academic records
- ✚ Chairing departmental meetings
- ✚ Publishing a work plan for the department
- ✚ Co-ordination of school programs with various stake- holders
- ✚ Organizing for internal inspection

Head of Languages Department, Isibania Boys High School, March 1998- April 2001

- ✚ Teaching students
- ✚ Mentoring students
- ✚ Setting and marking examinations
- ✚ Preparing report cards
- ✚ Keeping students' academic records
- ✚ Chairing departmental meetings
- ✚ Publishing a work plan for the department
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- ✚ Organizing for internal inspection

Head of Languages Department, Ahero Girls High School, Jan 1993- Jan 1995

- ✚ Teaching students
- ✚ Mentoring students
- ✚ Setting and marking examinations
- ✚ Preparing report cards
- ✚ Keeping students' academic records
- ✚ Chairing departmental meetings
- ✚ Publishing a work plan for the department
- ✚ Co-ordination of school programs with various stake- holders
- ✚ Organizing for internal inspection

Assistant Teacher, Kisumu Girls High School, May 1989-1992

- ✚ Teaching students
- ✚ Mentoring students
- ✚ Class teacher
- ✚ Setting and marking examinations
- ✚ Preparing report cards
- ✚ Keeping students' academic records
- ✚ Member of the school's Guidance and Counselling team
- ✚ Inviting speakers to talk to students on different careers
- ✚ Inviting speakers to guide and counsel students

Assistant Teacher, Tigoi Girls High School, July 1984-April 1989

- ✚ Teaching students
- ✚ Mentoring students
- ✚ Class teacher
- ✚ Setting and marking examinations
- ✚ Preparing report cards
- ✚ Keeping students' academic records

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES IN JOURNALS

- Nyambane, F., Magak, K & Bwonya, J. (2019, June). “Construction of Feminine Ideology in Gusii Oral Poetry”. In *Arts and Design Studies*, Vol. 74
- Nyambane, F., Magak, K & Bwonya, J. (May 3, 2019). “Portraiture of Femininity in Gusii Oral Poetry”. In *International Journal of Management Studies*, Vol. 1, Issue 3.

- Khaemba, P., Magak, K & Bwonya, J. (2019, April). “*Dramatic Elements in Sikhebo as an Acculturative Dramatic Narrative of Babukusu of Bungoma County, Kenya*”. In *The International Journal of Humanities and Social Studies*.
- Khaemba, P., Magak, K & Bwonya, J. (2019, April). “*Literary Stylistic Devices in Sikhebo as an Acculturative Dramatic Narrative of Babukusu of Bungoma County, Kenya*”. In *International Journal of Advanced Research (IJAR)*
- Bwonya, J. et al. (2018). “*Female Characters Contesting Maasai Traditional Cultural Practices and Materialism in H.R. Ole Kulet’s Blossoms of the Savannah and Daughters of Maa*”. In *European Journal of English Language and Literature, Vol 6, No. 3, pp 7-17*
- Atieno H.Bwonya, J. & Muhoma C. (2011, Dec.). “*Trends in Maragoli Children’s Play Poetry: An Analytical Study*”. In *The International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*
- Bwonya, J. (2010). *Style in the Lulogoli Riddle*. In *The Nairobi Journal of Literature*
- Amuka, P. & Bwonya J. (2005). “*The Oral Narrative and the Woman’s Environment: Selected Examples from Kenya*,” *OUR LANDSCAPES, OUR NARRATIVES: Proceedings of a Conference on East African Oral Literature*, Eds, Indangasi, Nyamasyo & Wasamba

PUBLICATION OF BOOKS

- Bwonya, J., Mugambi H. & Wasamba, P. (2010). Editors. *Tales from my Motherland*. Nairobi: Jomo Kenyatta Foundation
- Bwonya, J. et al. (2005). *New Integrated English, Student’s Book Four*. Nairobi: Jomo Kenyatta Foundation
- *New Integrated English, Teacher’s Book Four*. Nairobi: Jomo Kenyatta Foundation
- (2004). *New Integrated English, Student’s Book Three*. Nairobi: Jomo Kenyatta Foundation
- New Integrated English, Teacher’s Book Three*. Nairobi: Jomo Kenyatta Foundation
- *New Integrated English: Students’ Book Two*. Nairobi: Jomo Kenyatta Foundation
 - *New Integrated English: Teacher’s Book Two*. Nairobi: Jomo Kenyatta Foundation
- (2003). *New Integrated English: Students’ Book One*. Nairobi: Jomo Kenyatta Foundation
- *New Integrated English: Teacher’s Book One*. Nairobi: Jomo Kenyatta Foundation