

**SHADRACK OPUNDE**

**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.**

**DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE EDUCATION**

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**PERSONAL DETAILS:**

**Date of Birth:** 27<sup>th</sup> July, 1983.

**Gender:** Male

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**Languages Spoken:** English, Kiswahili and Luhya

**Current Status**

Exam Coordinator, School of Arts and Social Sciences and Lecturer, Department of Language and Literature Education of Masinde Muliro University Science and Technology, Kenya.

PhD in Kiswahili candidate, Laikipia University, Kenya.

**CAREER OBJECTIVES**

To be an interdisciplinary academic informer (Lecturer, teacher, editor, translator, instructor and facilitator) who utilizes the knowledge acquired and the professional experience gained to build qualities that match the present challenges and the requirements of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century which benefit mankind.

To become a great scholar, researcher and practitioner in Kiswahili Language, Linguistics, Literature, Education and Communication Studies.

## **KEY COMPETENCIES / SKILLS / INTERESTS**

- Kiswahili Language,
- Literature in Kiswahili
- Kiswahili Language Education, Pedagogy, Curriculum Development
- Communication Skills in Kiswahili
- Kiswahili translation

### **Additional Skills**

- Strong Personal Skills in communication, report, grant and proposal writing and module development.
- Proven leadership skills and integrity.
- Helped establish strong willed Kiswahili Students Association (CHAKIMAMU) of Masinde Muliro University of science and Technology.
- I have taken Kiswahili Students to International and Local Conferences such as Bishop Stuart University, Mbarara Uganda, University of Dar es Salaam, University of Nairobi, Laikipia among others
- I organized a National Conference for Kiswahili students in Kenya where more than 25 Universities in Kenya were represented. At the final stages of developing the first ever Journal for the Students Association Sponsored by East African Kiswahili Commission
- I have been a correction supervisor for 3 M.Ed Kiswahili Graduate theses

## **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

### **UNIVERSITY:**

#### **Laikipia University**

**2017** to present PhD Kiswahili. Title of the research

*'Dhamira mbalimbali zinazojitokeza katika nyimbo za za Daudi Kabaka John Mwale na John Amutabi Nzenze*

#### **Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology**

: (2009-2012) M.Ed in Kiswahili. Title of the Thesis

*‘Matumizi ya riwaya katika Ufundishaji wa ngeli za Kiswahili katika shule za Upili nchini Kenya’(The use of the novel in the teaching of noun classes in Secondary Schools in Kenya)*

: (2004-2008) Bachelor of Education Arts degree (First Class Honors)

**SECONDARY:** (1999-2002) St. Pauls Amukura High School

**PRIMARY** (1990-1998) :Shirali Primary school

## COMPUTER SKILLS

Computer Literate

## WORK EXPERIENCE:

2021 March to Present: Lecturer, Department of Language and Literature Education, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology

2013 February to 2021 March: Ass. Lecturer, Department of Language and Literature Education, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology

2009: April 2013 February; Graduate Assistant, Department of Language and Literature Education, Masinde Muliro University of science and Technology

2009: (January-March) Graduate Teacher at Mwihila Boys High School

2008: (May-December) Graduate Teacher at Mungore Girls high School,

2007: (May- August) School Practice at St Peters Seminary Mukumu

2006: May- August) Untrained Teacher Khwisero Girls Secondary School.

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ATTENDED

**2020: (Feb)** Attended and presented paper at title Nafasi ya Lugha ya Mama/Kwanza katika Mtaala wa Umilisi katika Shule za Chekechea nchini Kenya at MMUST during International Mother Language conference held in MMUST

**2018:** Attended a Seminar Held by KUSCCO on Effective Supervision and High Performance Skills held in Chester Hotel Nakuru

**2018:** Attended and presented paper at CHAKITA conference held at Moi University Eddoret

**2017** (September) Attended the First Coretrain Conference held in Laikipia University where I presented a paper titled. *Uchunguzi wa Masuala ya uana katika nyimbo za Daudi Kabaka na John Nzenze*

**2017** (July) Attended and Presented a paper at Kibabii University during Annual CHAKITA conference titled: *Nafasi ya nyimbo za Bongo Katika kujadili masuala ibuka katika Afrika Mashariki*

**2016** (November) Organised for a National Kiswahili Conference for Kiswahili University Students in Kenya. CHAWAKAMA at MMUST. Where I presented a paper titled: *The status of teaching Kiswahili at Universities: Prospects and Challenges*

**2016** (September) Presented a paper at the CHAKAMA International conference held at University of Dar es Salaam. Title of the Paper: *Dhamira mbali mbali katika Nyimbo za Daudi Kabaka, John Mwale na John Nzenze*

**2016** (August) Attended a Seminar Organised by KUSSCO on Governance Risk, internal control and Audit for the Board

**2015:** (August) Organized and participated in a Curriculum Review and Development Workshop for the department of Language and Literature Education-MMUST held in Busia

**2015 :** (July) attended a Workshop by Ball State University Faculty Members to MMUST Social Science Graduate Students and Staff held in MMUST.

**2015** (June) Attended international conference on Security organized by MMUST in collaboration with Education Management Society of Kenya. Co-Authoring paper on 'Managing Conflict (in)security through language Use: The case for Africa at Bishop Stam- Kakamega.

**2014:** (April) Organized a literature colloquium to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Prof Chris Wanjala- held at MMUST. Where I presented a paper titled 'Dynamism in form, nature and Presentation of African oral Literature in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Held in MMUST.

- 2014: (January) Attended a workshop on; University Multiplication Training Workshop on Curriculum Development and review for Public universities in Kenya: Implementation and Accreditation held in MMUST.
- 2012: (October) Attended a University of Dar es Salaam Conference held by Taasisi ya Taaluma ya Kiswahili where I presented a paper titled '*The role of Kiswahili Popular Media in addressing the Emerging issues in East African Region*'
- 2012: (June) Attended annual MMUST International conference held at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Kakamega-Kenya where I presented a paper titled 'Mwelekeo mseto katika ufundishaji wa Kiswahili: Nafasi ya riwaya ya *Utengano*' katika ufundishaji wa ngeli za Kiswahili katika shule za upili nchini Kenya.
- 2012: (February) Organized the Annual CHAWAKAMA, conference held at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology where I presented a paper entitled , 'Ufundishaji wa ushairi katika Shule za Upili: Changamoto na Ushauri'.
- 2012: (February) Attended a workshop on Module Writing organized by Faculty of Education and Social Sciences, M.M.U.S.T
- 2012 : (February) Attended a workshop on Academic writing organized by Faculty of Education and Social Sciences, M.M.U.S.T
- 2011: (October ) Attended and presented a paper at the CHAKAMA international Conference held at Nakuru –Kenya entitled 'Mikakati mipya katika Ufundishaji wa Sarufi ya Kiswahili. Tathmini ya matumizi ya riwaya katika ufundishaji wa ngeli katika shule za upili nchini Kenya'.
- 2011: ( May ) Attended a Seminar for the advisors on the Briefing of the Activities for students on school experience and school practice.
- 2011: ( March) ISO: 2008 Training and Sensitization workshop held at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology.
- 2010: (November) Attended and presented a paper at the annual CHAWAKAMA conference held at Bishop Stuart University in Mbarara- Uganda.
- 2010: (August) Attended and presented a paper at annual CHAKITA conference held at Pwani University College.
- 2010: (January). Attended a fourth MMUST Academic Staff Seminar on the Role of ICT in promoting Research and Extension.

- 2009: Attended Annual CHAWAKAMA Conference held at The University of Nairobi.
- 2007: Attended annual CHAWAKAMA (Kiswahili University Students of East Africa Association), Conference at SAUT-Tanzania and presented a paper on the Challenges Facing the Teaching of Kiswahili language: A Kenyan perspective

## PUBLICATIONS

- Opunde, S. (2020). *Creating Global Universities at the Grassroots: Challenges and Prospects in East Africa with reference to Kenya*. In International Journal of Humanities and Social Studies, Volume 8 Issue 1 ISSN 2321 – 9203
- Opunde S, Wandera, S. and Wendo, N. (2018). *Uchunguzi wa Masuala ya kijinsia katika nyimbo za Daudi Kabaka na John Nzenze*, in Coretrain Journal, Laikipia University ISSN 2617-6435.
- Opunde, S. (2017) ‘*Mwelekeo Mseto katika Ufundishaji wa Lugha ya Kiswahili* in MULIKA Journal. Vol 34. Dar es Salaam: TATAKI
- Fourth coming Rongo University College Journal of Languages and Literature- Title ‘*Mabadiliko katika uasilia, muundo na uwasilishaji wa fasihi simulizi katika karne ya ishirini*’ (2016) ( Status- Accepted for Publication)
- JESS ISSUE 3 VOL 2. Co-Author of Journal article; *Managing Conflict and (In)security through language Use*. 2016.
- Book Project(On-going): Changing Dynamics of Kiswahili Language use in Africa
- Forth Coming LLE Departmental Journal Title: Language, linguistic, Literary and Education Issues in Kenya. Paper Title: ‘*Mikakati mipya katika Ufundishaji wa Sarufi ya Kiswahili-Tathmini ya matumizi ya Riwaya katika Ufundishaji wa wa Ngeli za Kiswahili katika shule za Upili nchini Kenya*. 2015
- Proceedings on the State of Literary Criticism in East Africa in honour of Prof Chris Wanjala. Paper Title : ‘*Dynamism in Nature, Form and Presentation of African oral literature in 21<sup>st</sup> Century*.(2014).
- Fouth coming in KISWAHILI Journal – Title ‘The role of Kiswahili Popular Media in addressing the Emerging issues in East African Region’

- Forthcoming in MMUST-FESS Journal –Title ‘Mwelekeo mseto katika ufundishaji wa Kiswahili: Nafasi ya riwaya ya ‘*Utengano*’ katika ufundishaji wa ngeli za Kiswahili katika shule za upili nchini Kenya. ( *Integrated approach to the teaching of Kiswahili. The use of ‘Utengano’ novel in the teaching of grammatical agreement*) 2012
- Forthcoming in proceedings of CHAKAMA- Title ‘Mikakati mipya katika Ufundishaji wa Sarufi ya Kiswahili. Tathmini ya matumizi ya riwaya katika ufundishaji wa ngeli katika shule za upili nchini Kenya.( *New strategies in the teaching of Kiswahili grammar, an evaluation of the use of the novel in teaching of Kiswahili grammatical agreement*)
- Forthcoming in proceedings of CHAKITA- Title’ Hali ya tafsiri katika idhaa za redio Nchini- Kenya.
- Unpublished module, Title: Introduction to Kiswahili Literature that is used to teach First Year students of MMUST
- Unpublished module, Title, History Standardization and Development of Kiswahili that is used to teach 3<sup>rd</sup> year Students at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology
- Unpublished module that is used to teach Diploma in Education Students at Kakuma Refugee Camp in Turkana offered under collaboration between Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology and Lutheran World Federation (LWF)

## **MEMBERSHIP TO PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

Member: CHAKITA: Chama Cha Kiswahili cha Kitaifa (Association of Kiswahili scholars- Kenya)

Member: CHAKAMA: Chama cha Kiswahili Afrika Mashariki( Association of East Africa Kiswahili scholars

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- School Attachment coordinator- Busia County Jan 2016 to date
- Head Kiswahili sub-section June 2017 to date
- Warden student affairs department – October 2014 to date

- Departmental exams coordinator 2014- January 2016
- Patron, CHAKIMAMU M.M.U.S.T. (Masinde Muliro Kiswahili Students Association) 2010- todate
- Assistant Patron, ROTARACT CLUB, M.M.U.S.T.

## **WORK-RELATED EXPERIENCE**

- Translated a community led land lease guidelines for Shibuye Health Workers Community Based Organization (CBO)
- Translated office names and bearers of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology from English to Kiswahili.
- Part-time Lecturer- Kibabii University, Mount Kenya University, Kisii University, KAFUCO . (M.A) Kiswahili courses taught Research Methodology, Classification of Swahili Literature, Approaches to Sociolinguistics in Kiswahili, Research Methodology, Kiswahili Phonetics, Phonology and Morphology, Kiswahili oral Literature and Kiswahili Prose and Play.) Undergraduate courses include but not limited to: Kiswahili Phonetics and Phonology, Second Language learning, Literary theory and Criticism, Field Linguistics in language Literature, Introduction to Kiswahili Literature. Oral literature, Historical development of Kiswahili, Translation and interpretation.
- Carried out research on various issues on Language, Literature, Culture and Communication.
- Assessment of students on School Experience and School Practice.
- Proven leadership skills, problem solving and team player.
- Good knowledge of report and grant Proposal writing.

## **GRADUATE SUPERVISION AND TEACHING**

I have been a Correction supervisor for the following Graduate Students.

- 2015: Abuti Romanos: Title of the thesis; *Uchanganuzi wa mikakati ya kufundisha vitendawili vya Kiswahili vya darasa la tatu katika kaunti ndogo ya Nambale.*



- ii. 2015: Andele Francis Henry: Title of the Thesis; *Uchanganuzi wa athari za Sarufi ya Kiluhya kwa insha za Kiswahili za Wanafunzi wa Kidato cha Kwanza katika shule ya Upili ya Maseno.*
- iii. 2016: Wamubi Timothy Oduori: Title of the Thesis: *Tathmini ya ufundishaji wa methali za Kiswahili kwa kutumia mbinu ya kimuktadha katika shule za upili nchini Kenya.*

## **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Sports: Hockey coach, Travelling, Reading

Social work like Community Environmental Awareness, Ethnographic studies and research

## **REFEREES.**

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