

## MY PROFILE



### Name

Ms. Susan C. Choge  
Department of Language and Literature  
Education,  
Faculty of Education Science and Technology

### Designation

Senior Lecturer &  
Chairperson of Department of Language and  
Literature Education

### About Me

I am a professional teacher by training and practice. After graduating with a B.Ed degree from Moi University in 1990, I was employed by the Teachers' Service Commission. I taught and examined Kiswahili in various high schools before joining Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology in 2003, when it was still WEUCO. Since then, I have taught and examined many Kiswahili Language and Linguistic courses both at Undergraduate and Masters Levels. I have supervised a number of masters students some of whom have graduated. Besides carrying out research in my area of specialization, I have also undertaken research in the areas of indigenous knowledge, land use, gender & politics. I am at the tail end of my PhD studies at Moi University and I hope to graduate this year.

### Qualifications

Ongoing	PhD in Kiswahili Education	Moi University
1997	M.Phil in Kiswahili	Moi University
1990	B.ED (Arts) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Hon. (Upper Division)	Moi University

### Administration and Management

2014->>> <sup>1</sup>	CoDs' Representative in the University Management Board (UMB)
2014->>>	Chairperson, Department of Language and Literature Education
2010-2013	Member of MMUST council and a number of its standing and ad-hoc committees
2009->>>	Member of MMUST senate and a number of its committees

### Trade Union Leadership

2003-2015	I have been a member of Universities Academic Staff Union (UASU) since 2003 and Held various leadership positions and carried out a number of assignments as its official.
2010- April-2014	UASU National Executive Council (NEC) member

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<sup>1</sup> >>> means 'to date'

2010 April-2014	Chairman, UASU MMUST Chapter
2010 March	Ag. Chairman, UASU MMUST Chapter
2009-2010	Treasurer
2006-2009	Assistant Treasurer
2003	Member of UASU

### ***Union Assignments***

2014	UASU MMUST Chapter Negotiator & Alternate spokesperson for the 2012-2014 CBA negotiations
2012	UASU MMUST Chapter Negotiator & Alternate spokesperson for the 2010-2012 CBA negotiations
2010	UASU MMUST Chapter Negotiator & Alternate spokesperson for the 2008-2010 CBA negotiations
2009	UASU MMUST Chapter Negotiator for the 2006-2008 CBA

### **Membership to Professional & Academic Bodies**

2010->>>	Asia TEFL
2007->>>	British Institute in East Africa (BIEA)
2006->>>	World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL)
2004->>>	Chama cha Kiswahili cha Kitaifa (CHAKITA)
2000-2012	International Federation of University Women (IFUW)

### **Capacity Building: Training, Workshops, Symposia & Seminars**

2015 (28-29 April)	Induction workshop for Deans, Directors, Co-ordinators & Heads of Departments at Bishop Stam, Kakamega, Organised by the office of DVC (A & F)
2015 (20 <sup>th</sup> March)	Training on Confidentiality and Security of Information at MCU, MMUST, organized by office of DVC (A & F).
2014 (3-12 Nov)	Trained as a Internal Quality Auditor for ISO 9001:2008 Training at Bishop Stam Kakamega, organized by the office of DVC (A & F)
2014 (23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> Jan)	Attended a training workshop on Curriculum Development and Review for Public universities in Kenya: Implementation and Accreditation, Organised by DVC A & SA
2012 (5 <sup>th</sup> Jan)	Attended Staff seminar on <i>Code of Conduct and Ethics for public Universities in Kenya</i> at MMUST organized by the office of DVC (AA)
2010 (30 Nov-3 Dec)	Attended <i>Software Localisation Training for African Languages</i> at The Kofi Annan Centre of Excellence in ICT (AITI-KACE), Ghana, organized by Kasahorow communication Group of Suuch Solutions.

### **Grants**

2009	Awarded the University Research Fund (URF) by MMUST to undertake research in the use of ICT in the teaching of Kiswahili Novel
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2005 Awarded VICRES research grants to carry out a research project titled:-*The Interface between Modern and Indigenous Knowledge in Poverty Reduction Strategies. A Study of Land Use Activities in the Lake Victoria Basin.* A Multi-disciplinary research project, sponsored by The Inter-University Council for East Africa (carried out in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania). Co-researched with: *Prof. F.K Senkoro & Dr. Abu Mvungi (University of Dar es Salaam) and Dr. Florence Nangendo (Uganda Martyrs University)*

### **Consultancy**

2008-2009 A Research consultant with Society International for Development (SID). Participated in researching and preparing *SID-IDS' research project on Kenya's General Elections 2007.*

### **Theses & Project titles**

**M.PHIL (1997)** *Anthroponimu Asilia za Kinandi kwa Mtazamo wa Kisemantiki* (Translated as; *A Study of Cultural Nandi Anthroponyms from a Semantic Perspective*)

**B.Ed (Project) (1990)** *Methali Mia Moja za Kinandi: Maana na Matumizi* (Translated as; *One Hundred Kinandi Proverbs: Meaning and Usage*)

### **Refereed Journal Publication**

2013 *Matumizi ya TEKNOHAMA katika ufundishaji wa riwaya ya Kiswahili katika shule za upili nchini Kenya.* (Co-authors; Owino, A, Simala, I & Choge, S.). Mulika. Na 32, pp 14-27. Dar es Salaam. Taasisi ya Taaluma za Kiswahili, Chuo Kikuu Cha Dar es Salaam ISSN 0856-0129

2012 *Fifty Years of Kiswahili in Regional and International Development.* *The Journal of Pan African Studies*, vol. 4 (10), pp 172-203. [www.jpanafrican.com](http://www.jpanafrican.com) ISSN 1942-6569

2010 *Towards understanding language death. The case of dead and non-used Nandi anthroponyms.* *Alternative*, vol. 6(1), 38-53. Auckland: Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga. ISSN 1176-1801

*Vowel specific functions in Kiswahili.* *US-China Foreign Language*, vol.8 (5).[www.davidpublishing.com](http://www.davidpublishing.com) ISSN 1539-8080

2009 *Understanding Kiswahili Vowels.* *The Journal of Pan African Studies*, vol. 2 (8), pp 62-77. [www.jpanafrican.com](http://www.jpanafrican.com). ISSN 1942-6569

2008 *The Role of [A] in Kiswahili.* *Research in African Linguistics (RALL)*, vol. 8, pp 19-43. Ibadan: Hope Publications. ISSN 1115-1609

- 2006 *Kusanifisha Kiswahili Sanifu: Hitaji katika Karne ya 21*. In the Proceedings of the IKR Symposium-2005, VOL 1. Institute of Kiswahili Research (pp 25-35). Dar es Salaam. University of Dar es Salaam. ISBN: 9987 442 19 6

### **Published Proceedings**

- 2011 *50 years of Kiswahili in regional and international development*. In C. Quist-Adade & F. Chiang (Eds.). From Colonialism to Globalisation: The Intellectual and Political legacies of Kwame Nkrumah and Africa's future (pp 155-177). Surrey, Canada: Daysprings Publishing. ISBN: 978-1-926652-16-0 (A selected conference proceedings publication)
- 2006 *Kusanifisha Kiswahili Sanifu: Hitaji katika Karne ya 21*. In the Proceedings of the IKR Symposium-2005, VOL 1. Institute of Kiswahili Research (pp 25-35). Dar es Salaam. University of Dar es Salaam. ISBN: 9987 442 19 6.

### **Book Chapters**

- 2010 *Matriarchy Rises to leadership among patriarchal Kalenjin: the Dynamics of 2007 General Elections*. In K. Kanyinga and D. Okello (Eds.). Tensions and Reversals in Democratic Transitions. The Kenya 2007 General Elections (pp 621-650). Nairobi: Society International for Development (SID) & Institute of Development studies (IDS), University of Nairobi. ISBN: 978-9966-786-13-9

### **Conference Attendance**

- 2010 Kwame Nkrumah International Conference hosted by Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Vancouver, Canada, August 19-21. Presented paper titled; *50 years of Kiswahili in Regional and International Development*.
- 2008 United Nations E-Conference on equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS. From 7<sup>th</sup> July -1<sup>st</sup> August, <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/dw>
- 2007 The International Bantu conference organized and hosted by Göteborg University, Sweden, October 4-6. Presented paper titled; *A Morphological Classification of Kiswahili*.
- 2006 The International Conference on Disaster Management and Human Security in Africa, hosted by Western University Colleges of Science and Technology at Bishop Stam, Kakamega, Kenya, October 11- 14. Presented paper titled; *Cutting Across Oral Language Divide in Times of Need. A Thesis for Sign Language Literacy*.
- 2006 CHAKITA conference held at Hotel Kunste, Nakuru, Kenya, October 6-7. Presented paper titled; *Sheng and Engsh: Je! Kuna mipaka?* ( Translated as; *Sheng and Engsh: Are there boundaries between them?*). (Co-authored with Mark Kandagor
- 2006 *The 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress of African Linguistics*, hosted by Addis Ababa University at the African Union Conference Centre from August 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006, I presented the following three papers:-

- i. *Towards Understanding Language Death: The Case of Dead and Non-Used Nandi Anthroponyms.*
  - ii. *A Phonetic Understanding of Morphophonemic Changes: The Case of Kiswahili Language.*
  - iii. *Understanding Linguistics in the Deconstruction of Meaning in Literary Art. The Case of Amezidi Tamthilia Text.* Co-authored with Dr Hannington E. Oriedo.
- 2005 The 6<sup>th</sup> Association of Third World Studies conference (ATWS) hosted by Western University College of Science and Technology at Bishop Stam, Kakamega, November 22-24, Presented a paper titled; *Embracing Open Learning as Africa's Tool for Bridging the Gender Gap in University Level Education. The Case of Kenya.*
- 2005 *The Taasisi ya Uchunguzi wa Kiswahili (Institute of Kiswahili Research's (IKR's) (TUKI's) 75 years Jubilee conference* organized by Dar-Es-Salaam University and held at the same university from July 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2005, I presented the following two papers:
- i. *Dhima Nyinginezo za TUKI katika Karne ya Ishirini na Moja: Mtazamo wa Kiuchunguzi.* (Translated as; *Other Roles of TUKI in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. An Observational Approach.*) Co-authored with Dr Hannington E. Oriedo.
  - ii. *Kusanifisha Upya Kiswahili Sanifu. Hitaji katika Karne ya Ishirini na moja.* (Translated as; *Re-standardizing Standard Kiswahili. A Need in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.*)
- 2005 DAAD International conference on Across Borders: Benefiting from Cultural Differences hosted by and held at Nairobi University in conjunction with Goethe Institute, March 17-18, Presented paper titled; *Oral literature and Gender: The Portrayal of the Girl Child Across Cultures. The Case of the African Narrative.* (Co-authored with Dr Hannington E. Oriedo)
- 2005 The Moi University 1<sup>st</sup> Annual International Conference and Partners Meeting in Eldoret at Sirikwa hotel, February, Presented paper titled; *Innovation: A Tool for Tackling Educational Challenges in Africa in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. A Case of Kenya.*

### **Thesis Supervision**

- Uchunguzi wa mikabala ya uchunguzi wa sentensi changamano za Kiswahili katika vitabu vya Kiada by Winnie M. Wekesa (Graduate 2014)
- Uchanganuzi wa mikakati ya kufundishia isimujamii katika shule za upili wilayani Kakamega ya kati by Toola N. Rogers (Graduate 2012)
- Tathmini ya matumizi ya TEKNOHAMA katika ufundishaji wa riwaya ya Kiswahili katika shule za upili wilayani Kisumu Magharibi by Owino Anthony Oloo (Graduate 2011)

### **Research Interest**

All branches of pure and applied linguistics, Sociolinguistics, Historical linguistics, psycholinguistics, pragmatics, onomastics, Communication skills in Kiswahili, Discourse

Analysis, current issues in Kiswahili, contact linguistics, education, ICT in language and education, translation, Software Localization, gender, politics, leadership and governance.

### **Areas of Specialization**

Pure Linguistics:-Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics; Applied Linguistics:- Sociolinguistics, Historical Linguistics, Onomastics, Second Language Acquisition, Contact Linguistics and Language in Education.

### **Courses Developed, Taught & Examined**

#### **Undergraduate**

- KIS 100: Introduction to Language and Linguistics
- KIS 210: Phonetics and Phonology in Kiswahili
- KIS 212: Kiswahili Morphology
- KIS 215: Sociolinguistics in Kiswahili
- KIS 300: Aspects of Kiswahili Syntax
- KIS 311: History and Development of Kiswahili
- KIS 414: Semantics in Kiswahili

#### **Postgraduate**

- ▶ LEK 800: Teaching Kiswahili as a Second Language I
- ▶ LEK 801: Teaching Kiswahili as a Second Language II
- ▶ LEK 810: Advanced Kiswahili Grammar I
- ▶ LEK 811: Advanced Kiswahili Grammar II
- ▶ LEK 841: Sociolinguistics in Kiswahili

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