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BIOGRAPHY

RESEARCH SUMMARY

Area of research interest – endangered language studies, African language description, semantics, pragmatics, applied linguistics

Completed projects – a documentation of Terik, a Nilotic language in Kenya. Project supported by the Endangered Languages Documentation Project (ELDP) of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

On-going projects – Idiomaticity and language creativity

Up-coming projects – a communication model of response fatigue in Covid-19 pandemic interventions

PUBLICATIONS

1. OJWANG' B.O. (2020) The influence of language ecology on the identity and political participation of the inland Swahili communities in the Luo region of Kenya. *Language, Discourse and Society*. 7(2).
<http://language-and-society.org/journal>
2. OJWANG, B.O. (2018) Linguistic Conceptualizations of Disease among the Luo of Kenya. *Qualitative Health Research* 28(3) : 433-445.
[DOI1177/1049732317747875](https://doi.org/10.1177/1049732317747875)
4. OJWANG' B.O. (2018) Change or Continuity? Sociolinguistic Trends in Nubi Ethnolinguistic Identity in Kenya and Uganda. In: *When "Home" means more than one country: The discursive (Re)construction of identities in transnational migrant communities*. Orwenjo O.D. and Asiru H.T (eds) , Muenchen: Lincom :59-84. <http://dnb.dnb.de>
5. OJWANG, B.O. (2017) . Reclaiming Urban youth Identity through Language in Kenya: The Case of Koch FM Radio. *Africa Development* 17(2): 17-38.
<http://www.codesria.org>
6. OJWANG', B.O. (2017) Identity Work in nurse-client interactions in selected community hospitals in Kenya. In: *Identity Struggles: Evidence from workplaces around the world* Van De Mieroop, Dorien and Stephanie Schnurr (eds) John Benjamins Publishing Company. 263-280. <http://benjamins.com/catalog/dapsac>
7. MOSE, N., OJWANG, B, & MAGONYA, L. (2017) Conflict management through war metaphors in 2013 Kenyan presidential campaign speeches. *Journal of Literature, Language and Linguistics*, 34:1-11.
8. MOSE, N., MAGONYA, L. , & OJWANG, B.O. (2017) A lexico-pragmatic interpretation of peace in the 2013 Kenyan presidential campaign speeches. *Linguistics and Literature Studies* 5(5):13-27.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.20431/2347-3134.0505002>.
9. MUDOGO, B.A., OJWANG' B.O. & YAKUB, A. (2016) Strategies used by non-Kabras presenters to attain Lukabras equivalence in the translation of Mulembe FM Luhya newscasts. *The International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences* 4(12):138

10. MUDOGO, B.A., OJWANG' B.O. & YAKUB, A. (2016). Categories of Lukabras non-equivalence in the translation of Mulembe FM Luhya newscasts by the non-Kabras presenters. *The International Journal for Research and Sciences* 2(6): 35-52.
11. OJWANG', B.O. (2016) A functional-pragmatic analysis of conversation management strategies in Dholuo. *Southern African Linguistics and Applied Language Studies* 34(4): 325-346.
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12. OYIOKA, D.N., OJWANG, B.O. & ONGARORA D.O. (2015) NP-Trace in Ekegusii. *International Journal of Language and Linguistics* 2(4): 103-112.
13. OYIOKA, D.N., OJWANG, B.O. & ONGARORA D.O. (2015) An investigation of partial meaning and non-equivalence in English translations of Ekegusii kinship terms. *Journal of Advances in Linguistics* 6(1): 895-905.
14. OJWANG', B.O. (2013) 'Semantic extension, idiomaticity and analogy in soccer discourse among Dholuo speakers of Kenya'. *Language Matters: Studies in the Languages of Africa*. 44(1):122-140.
[DOI:10.1080/10228195.2013.774202](https://doi.org/10.1080/10228195.2013.774202)
15. OJWANG' B.O. (2010) 'Patients expressing their rights' In: Bala Musa and Jerry K. Domatob (Eds.) *Communication, Culture and Human Rights in Africa*, University Press of America.
16. OJWANG', B.O. (2011) 'Political and sociolinguistic obstacles to the expanded functions of Kiswahili in Kenya' *Language Matters: Studies in the Languages of Africa*, 42(2): 231-247.
17. OJWANG' B.O. (2011) Trends of language use among 21st Century popular musicians in Kenya. In: Ritchard M'bayo (Ed.) *Political Culture, Cultural Universals and the Crisis of Identity in Africa*, Edwin Mellen Press.
18. OJWANG' B.O.; OGUTU, E.A. and MATU, P.M. (2010) 'Nurses' impoliteness as an impediment to the implementation of the charter of patients' rights in selected Kenyan hospitals.' *Health and Human Rights: An International Journal* 12 (2): 101-117.
19. OJWANG', B.O.; MATU, P.M. and OGUTU, E.A. (2010) 'Face attack and patients' response strategies in a Kenyan hospital', *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 14 (4): 501-523.

20. OJWANG', B.O. (2009) 'Patients claiming their rights: an analysis of utterances from a Kenyan hospital'. *Southern African Linguistics and Applied Language Studies* 27(4):453-469.
21. OJWANG', B.O. (2009) 'The semantics of peace and the role of the print media in the 2007- 2008 post-election violence in Kenya' *Africa Media Review Journal* 17 (1&2): 23-50.
22. OJWANG', B.O. (2009) 'Naturalized Spelling Errors in the Writing of University Students: A Life-long Misfortune?' In: Leketi Makalela (Ed), *Language Teacher Research in Africa: TESOL*.
23. OJWANG', B.O. (2008) 'Encoding Polar Questions in Dholuo'. *Studies in African Linguistics Journal* 31 (1): 61-91.
24. OJWANG', B.O. (2008) 'Prospects of Kiswahili as a Regional Language in a Socio-culturally Heterogeneous East Africa'. *Journal of International and Intercultural Communication* 1(4): 327-347.
25. OJWANG', B.O. (2008) 'How Language Aggravates Conflict: Evidence from Terrorism News in Selected Kenyan Newspapers'. *Journal of International Communication* 14(2): 143-158.
26. OJWANG', B.O. (2008) 'The Language of Conflict: The Coverage of Global Terrorism News in the Kenyan Mass Media (1998-2005)'. In: Richard M'Bayo, Chuka Onwumechili and Bala Musa (Eds) *Communication in an Era of Global Conflicts: Principles and Strategies for 21st Century Africa*. Lanham: University Press of America: 349-370.
27. OJWANG', B.O. (2008) 'Face Threats in Patients' Expression of Rights in Selected Hospitals in Nyanza Province, Kenya'. In Orwenjo, Daniel and Obiero John (Eds.) *Text, Language, and Literature: Empirical and Theoretical Perspectives From Kenya*. Saarbrücken: VDM Publishers: 120-133.
28. OJWANG', B.O. (2007) 'The Role of Dholuo Demonstratives and Adverbs in Discourse Deixis'. *Occasional Papers in Language and Linguistics*, 3:63 - 82.
29. OJWANG', B.O. (2006) 'Language and Legislation in Kenya'. *Maseno University Journal of Arts and Social Sciences*. 1 (1): 110-121.

30. OJWANG', B.O. (2005) 'Information technology and human values. In: *Science and Human Values*. Onkware K. and Nyaundi, N. (Eds). Eldoret: Zapf Chancery: 117-126.

PUBLICATIONS IN CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS:

OJWANG' B.O. (2007) 'The Role of Language and Media Diversity in National Development: The Case of FM Radio Broadcasts in Kenya'. In: *Proceedings of the 2007 Annual Kenya DAAD Scholars' Association Conference*. Nairobi: KDSA: 89-106.

OJWANG', B.O. (2002) 'Multilingualism and Political Disintegration in Kenya'. In: *Proceedings of the DAAD Workshop on institutionalizing democracy in Kenya*, Nairobi: German Academic Exchange Services: 197-202. (Refereed Proceedings)

Conference papers and Seminar presentations:

- March 15, 2019: **(Facilitator/Paper presented: *Conceptualising the Scope, Limitations, Justification and Literature Review of a Research Proposal*)** School of Arts and Social Sciences, Maseno University Postgraduate Workshop, Maseno.
- **March 12-14, 2019: (Facilitator/Paper presented: *Monitoring and Evaluation of Projects*)** at the DAAD/KDSA/UoN Research Administration and Grant Writing Workshop, Chiromo Campus, Nairobi.
- **Oct 18-19, 2018: (Facilitator)** at the DAAD/Maseno University Workshop on the role of Supervisors in quality research and proposal writing, Kisumu Hotel
- **June 19-21, 2018: (Paper presenter)** at the Alexander von Humboldt Conference June 2018 at Sportsman's Arms Hotel, Nanyuki
- **June 14-15, 2018: (Facilitator)** at the KDSA National Conference on Diversity in Academia...at the Sarova Panafric Hotel/Technical University of Kenya, Nairobi
- **April 26-27, 2018: (Facilitator)** at the Inter-university Workshop on Systems, Graduate Supervision, Exams and Research Publication, Maseno University Kisumu Hotel, Kisumu.
- **January 19-20, 2018: (Paper presenter)** at the DAAD Nairobi/DAAD Cairo,

CAIROBI Conference on Languages-Multi-disciplinary Perspectives from along the Nile, Sawela Lodge, Naivasha, Kenya.

- **Sept 2017: (Paper presenter)** at the first East African Kiswahili Commission/State University of Zanzibar (SUZA) International Kiswahili Commission, Zanzibar.
- **June 15-16, 2017: (Organizer)** at the DAAD/KDSA National Conference on the Role of Higher Education in Elections and Democracy in Kenya. Kisumu Hotel/Maseno University.
- **November 10-12, 2016: (Keynote speaker)** at the DAAD Nairobi/ DAAD Cairo, CAIROBI Conference on Management of Resources: Multidisciplinary Perspectives from along the Nile, Cairo, Egypt.
- **October 2-8, 2016: (Trainee)** at the ProGRANT/ DAAD/DIES Programme on Proposal Writing for Funding , SEMINAR 2, Rainbow Ruiru Resort
- **June 21-22, 2016: (Paper presenter)** at the East African Kiswahili Commission/DAAD Workshop on University Kiswahili Curriculum Reform, Change and Innovation, KICD Nairobi.
- **April 5-8, 2016: (Paper presenter)** at the International Conference on Networking and Laying the Foundation for the Sustainable Development Goals, Sweet Lake Resort, Naivasha.
- **March 7-11, 2016: (Trainee)** at the University of Cologne/DAAD/DIES/Karatina University ProGRANT Programme on Proposal Writing for Funding SEMINAR 1, Karatina University.
- **March 2016: (Chief Rapporteur)** at the Bayreuth Alumni Association Workshop, Maseno University, Kisumu Hotel.
- **February 2016: (Paper presenter)** at the World Mother Language Day UoN/BTL/SIL, 23-25 Feb 2016.
- **February 2016: (Facilitator)** at The First Regional Conference on Translation and Interpretation, Centre for Translation and Interpretation-University of Nairobi
- **November 18-21, 2015: (Paper presenter)** at the CODESRIA Health Governance in Africa Conference in Dakar, Senegal
- **September 1-4, 2015: (Paper presenter)** at the 12th International Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium, Nairobi Safari Club/University of Nairobi

- **August 2-4, 2014: (Paper presenter/Discussant)** at the CODESRIA Child and Youth Conference, Tunis, Tunisia

OTHER INFORMATION

Honours and awards:

Received the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi Trustee Fund Prize of the University of Nairobi for being the best overall final year student in the Faculty of Education, University of Nairobi, 1995.

Linkages: i) Proposal developer in conjunction with the Diversity Education Institute, U.S.A,

ii) Member, Kenya DAAD Scholars Association, Member, Nilotic Research Network, Oregon, U.S.A.,

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