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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Sociolinguistics and Linguistic Anthropology, Discourse Analysis, Language and Identity in the African Diaspora, Migration, Gender, Sexuality, and Feminism in African Diaspora, Race, and Language Ideology.

**EDUCATION**

**University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Aug 2017- Present**

Linguistics Department MA/Ph.D. (Sociolinguistics)

**University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS Aug 2015 –May 2017**

Master of Arts in Modern Languages (Applied Linguistics and TESL)

*Thesis: English-Swahili Code Switching: An Intersection between Identity and Stance.*

**Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge, LA Aug 2013- May 2014**

Non- Degree Credit Courses in Introduction to sociology and Techniques of public speaking, elementary Spanish, and terrorism in contemporary society.

*The Fulbright (FLTA) Program*

**Kenyatta University, Bachelor of Education (Arts), Nairobi, Kenya Aug 2009- July 2013**

*Major: English, Linguistics, and literature*

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Teaching Assistant, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Aug 2017 -Present**

*Swahili Instructor- Linguistics Department*

* Primary Swahili Instructor for Elementary Swahili I and II

**The Summer Institute for Languages of the Muslim World (SILMW) June 2018 - 2020**

*Swahili instructor – Linguistics Department*

* Primary Swahili Instructor for Elementary and Intermediate Swahili

**Teaching Assistant, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS Fall 2015 – Spring 2017**

*Intensive English Program*

* Primary Instructor, Intermediate Reading, Writing, and World Cultures

**Linguistics and Literature Teacher, Eluuya Girls’ High School, Naitiri, Kenya Sept 2014 – June 2015**

* Taught English and African Literature, tested, graded, and evaluated students.

**Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Aug 2013-May 2014**

*Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge, LA*

* Primary Swahili Instructor, Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced Levels

**Linguistics and Literature Teacher May 2011- July 2013**

*Board of Management, Kenya*

* Taught English and African Literature, tested, graded, and evaluated students.

**ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

* Society for Linguistic Anthropology (SLA). *Constructing and Negotiating Global Black Femininity in Narratives of African and African American women in the African Diaspora* [Individual volunteered paper postponed]. Boulder, Colorado April 2 – 4, 2020.
* American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL).*Discursive Construction of Difference by Diasporic Kenyans in the US. [Individual Presentation cancelled. Denver, Colorado March 28 – March 31, 2020.*
* Black Migrations Symposium. *Constructing and Negotiating Blackness among African and African American Women in the African Diaspora.* The University of Missouri, Colombia, MO. February 20, 2020.
* Sociolinguistics Symposium (SOSY)**.** *Constructing Authenticity among Kenyans in the US Diaspora***.** University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. April 25, 2019.
* Symposium About Language and Society, Austin (SALSA). *Discursive Practices of Kenyans in the US Diaspora****.*** University of Texas, Austin. April 12-13, 2019.
* *Use of Innovative Technology in the Language Classroom*, National Council for Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL)Chicago, Illinois April 21-23, 2017.
* *The 2016 NALRC Intensive Summer Language Workshop: Lessons and Experiences in Professional Development*, National Council for Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL)Chicago, Illinois April 21-23, 2017.
* *Development of Supplementary Materials for Teaching Less Commonly Taught Languages,* National Council for Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL) Atlanta, Georgia April 21-24, 2016
* *Teaching listening made Easy for ESL Teachers,* Alabama Mississippi Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (AMTESOL) Orange Beach, Alabama February 12-13, 2016
* *Teaching Language using the Communicative Teaching Approach (CLT)*, Fulbright Foreign Language Assistant (FLTA) Conference. Washington D.C Dec. 2013

**CERTIFICATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

ACTFL Workshop: *The Role of Grammar in a Proficiency-Oriented Curriculum,* University of Illinois Urbana – Champaign March 9, 2019

*National African Language Resource Center Summer Institute,* Indiana University Bloomington May 16- 27, 2016

**AWARDS**

* *Outstanding TA in non-Western Languages*, Henry R. Kahane Award 2020
* *Student Leadership Award*, Co-chair of the, The 12th annual Illinois Language and Linguistics Society, (ILLS 12) student-led conference 2020.
* *Outstanding Student Award*, MA in Linguistics. Department of Modern Languages: University of Mississippi. April 2017.
* *Outstanding Swahili Instructor*, Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant. Department of Foreign Languages, Southern University, and A&M College. May 2014
* *Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant*: Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge, LA. Institute of International Education (IIE) 2014.