**C U R R I C U L U M V I T A E**

**FULL NAME: ANDREW MWENDA MBATIAH**

DATE OF BIRTH: 18th June 1964

SEX: Male

MARITAL STATUS: Married with five children

NATIONALITY: Kenyan

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**LANGUAGE COMPETENCE**

English

Kiswahili

Kimeru

Fluent in all the three

**EDUCATION BACKGROUND**

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

**Postgraduate Studies**

* 1. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD – by thesis only)

THESIS TITLE

**The Origin and Development of the Swahili Thesis Novel in Tanzania**

Thesis Supervisors:

Prof. M.H. Abdulaziz

Prof. Kimani Njogu

* 1. Master of Arts (M.A.)

Main areas covered in the Swahili Studies Programme: Swahili linguistics

(phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, historical and comparative

linguistics); Swahili literature (prose, poetry, drama, theory); translation (theory and practice)

PROJECT TITLE

**Dhana ya Kukua kwa Mwandishi kama Inavyodhihirika katika Kazi za Shaaban Robert na S.A. Mohamed**

**Undergraduate Studies**

1985-1988: Bachelor of Arts (B.A. Hons.)

Subjects studied:

Year 1: Kiswahili, literature, linguistics

Year 2: Kiswahili and literature

Year 3: Kiswahili (Major)

**Secondary Education**

1982-1984: (Passed) Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education (K.A.C.E.)

1978-1981: (Passed) Kenya Certificate of Education (K.C.E.)

**Primary Education**

1971-1977: (Passed) Certificate of Primary Education (C.P.E.)

###### AWARDS

2019 – Won the Text Book Centre Jomo Kenyatta Literary Prize for my novel: *Watoto wa*

*Mwelusi*

2017 – Won the Text Book Centre Jomo Kenyatta Literary Prize for my novel: *Majilio ya*

*Mkombozi*

2007 – Won the Wahome Mutahi Literary Award for my novel: *Vipanya vya Maabara*

2004 – Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Award:

Taught Swahili (beginners’ course) and African literature to foreign students, and developed curriculum for African Studies at Norfolk State University (USA) for one academic year

1994 – Deans Committee Grant

Funds provided by the University of Nairobi to enable me to conduct my PhD research

1988 – University of Nairobi Scholarship.

(Scholarships given to outstanding students to pursue postgraduate studies as part of staff development)

**EXPERIENCE IN TEACHING AND SUPERVISION**

Teaching at University Level:

**University of Nairobi**

2012 Nov. Promoted to Associate Professorship

2003 Feb. Promoted to Senior Lectureship

1994 Aug. Promoted to full Lectureship

1991-1994 Appointed Assistant Lecturer

**Egerton University**

1990-1991 Appointed Assistant Lecturer

**Teaching at Secondary School Level**

1984-1985 : Ukuu Secondary School, Meru

Taught Swahili and English for 6 months.

**RECENT SUPERVISION OF POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS IN RESEARCH AND DISSERTATION WRITING**

**PhD**

2017

Atoh, F.O. “A Discourse Analysis of Luo Traditional Dirges: The Discourse Strategies in Dirge Musical Performance”

2013

Chomba, E.N. “The Influence of Sheng and Non-Target Structures on Performance of Kiswahili Composition: A Case Study of Selected Schools in Nairobi”

2012 (a)

Kisurulia, E.S. “Point of View in the Kiswahili Novel: A Narratological Analysis of selected Texts”

2012 (b)

Maloba, S.W. “An Investigation of Speaker Intention in Monologue Discourses of Lubukusu”

**M.A.**

2017 (a) Ikuathu, S.T. “Maudhui ya Ukoloni Mamboleo katika TamthiliaTeule za Kiswahili”

2017 (b) Ngunyi, S.K. “Uchunguzi wa Vipengele Teule vya Fani katika *Mashetani wa Alepo*”

2017 (c) Gitonga, N.W. “Uchambuzi Linganishi wa Fani na Maudhui ya Nyimbo za Harusi za

Kimeru na Kiswahili”

2016 (a) Kihara, I.S. “Nafasi ya Vijana katika Riwaya ya Pendo la Karaha”

2016 (b) Musyoki, C.N. “Maudhui ya Ubaguzi katika *Mhanga Nafasi Yangu*”

2015 (a) Kilonzo, P.K. “Ujitambuzi na Utambuliso wa Kijinsia katika Riwaya ya *Maisha*

*Kitendawili*”

2015 (b) Nyandiwa, H.L. “Uchanganuzi wa Kimtindo wa *Zinguo la Mzuka* na *Mbaya Wetu*”

2015 (c) Ndoni, Q. “Nafasi ya Mhusika wa Kike katika *Nasikia Sauti ya Mama*”

**RESPONSIBILITIES HELD**

2012: Appointed External Examiner – Kenyatta University (to 2015)

2011: Appointed External Examiner – Karatina University College (to 2014)

2010: Appointed External Examiner – Moi University (to 2013)

2010: Appointed External Examiner – Egerton University (to 2012)

2008: Reappointed Chairman, Department of Linguistics and languages (to 2011)

2007 Elected, Coordinator, HAKI-Africa Kenya Chapter (to 2010)

2005: Appointed, Chairman, Department of Linguistics and Languages

2002: Elected, Chairman, KAMESA (Kenya-American Studies Association)

(to 2004)

2000: Returning Officer: NUARSA (Faculty of Arts Students’ Association) Elections,

May, 8, 2000

1999: (a) Elected, Chairman, Faculty of Arts Welfare Committee

(to 2002)

(b) Departmental Representative: Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee

(to 2003)

(c) Appointed: Warden, Hall 2

(to 2002)

**MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL SOCIETIES**

1. Member: Writers’ Association of Kenya.

2. Member: CHAKAMA (Chama cha Kiswahili cha Afrika Mashariki)

3. Member: CHAKITA (Chama cha Kiswahili cha Taifa).

4. Member: KAMESA (Kenya American Studies Association)

5. Adjudicator: Jomo Kenyatta Literature Prize (2001)

6. Member: ALTA (African Language Teachers’ Association)

7. Member: Haki-Afrika – Association of Human Rights Teachers in the Great Lakes Region

**ATTENDANCE OF CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS**

2019

(Nov. 7th – 8th) Chakama International Conference, Maasai Mara University (presented a paper)

2018

(Aug. 9th – 10th) Chakita International Conference, Moi University (presented a paper)

2017:

(Aug. 24-26) 3rd East African Literary& Cultural Studies Conference, University of Dar es Salaam (presented a paper)

2014:

1. (Oct. 23 – 24) Kongamano la Kimataifa la Kiswahili. Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development, Nairobi (presented a paper)
2. (Dec. 11 – 13) First International Conference on Researching African Literature. Pwani University (presented a paper)

2012

(Oct. 5th – 6th) International Conference on Kiswahili as a Language of Liberation, Unification and African Renaissance – Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (presented a paper)

2010

(Aug. 11th – 13th) International Conference on Kiswahili Translation and

Interpretation – Pwani University College, Kilifi (presented a paper)

2009

(Sept. 8th – 11th) International Conference on Kiswahili and the Role of

Institutions in its Development – Lenana Mount Hotel, Nairobi (presented a paper)

2007

(a) (Aug. 16th – 17th) International Conference on Kiswahili and Emergent Issues – Organized by Chakita – Kenya, Moi University, Eldoret (presented a paper)

(b) (May 15th – 16th) Writers’ Workshop on Peace – Organized by the Writers’

Association of Kenya, (WAK), Lenana Mount Hotel (presented a paper)

(c) (Nov. 24th – Dec. 9th) Attended the “Basic Human Rights Course” at the Danish Institute for Human Rights in Copenhagen, Denmark. Awarded certificate.

2006

(a) (Sept. 19th) National Kiswahili Stakeholders Workshop – Organized by the Secretariat of

the East African Community. Landmark Hotel, Nairobi.

(b) (Nov. 1st) Training in Pedagogy – Organized by the University of Nairobi

Management ( awarded certificate of participation)

(c) (Feb. 2nd – 4th) In-House training Programme on Financial Management and Human Resource Management for Chairmen of departments of the University of Nairobi – Organized by the Federation of Kenya Employers and the University of Nairobi Management,

Mbagathi, Nairobi (awarded certificate of participation)

(d) (July 13th – 14th ) Workshop on the Training of Chief Internal Examiners –

Organized by the University of Nairobi Management, KCCT

Mbagathi, Nairobi (awarded certificate of attendance)

2005

(a) (26th – 28th Oct. the 7th) International Conference on Language and

Development, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (awarded certificate of attendance)

1. (4th – 7th July) Institute of Kiswahili Research Jubilee Celebrations and International Conference on Kiswahili and Globalization, Dar es Salaam - Tanzania (presented a paper)
2. (7th – 9th April) Fulbright Visiting Scholar Conference, Washington D.C.
3. (March 17 – 20) Ninth Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers’ Association, Yale University (presented a paper)
4. (Mar. 24 – 25) Annual Conference of the Arts Literary Conference, Norfolk State University (presented a paper)

2004

(a) (April 26th – May) 1st Second University Human Rights Teachers’ Workshop, Kicuciro Training Centre, Kigali, Rwanda (awarded certificate)

(b) (Nov. 11th – 12th) International Conference of the African Studies Association –

New Orleans, Louisiana, USA (presented a paper)

2003

(Mar. 21st – 25th) First University Human Rights Teachers’ Workshop, MS Training Centre, Arusha, Tanzania (awarded certificate)

2002

(Feb.18th – 22nd) 7th Eastern African-American Conference organised by

KAMESA at ARC, Egerton University, Njoro, Kenya (presented a paper)

2001

(a) (Feb. 9th – 10th) “Siku ya Kiswahili” (attended as departmental representative), Dar es

Salaam, Tanzania.

(b) (Oct. 2nd – 4th) International Kiswahili Conference, Egerton University/ Nyahururu

Thomson Falls Lodge, Kenya (presented a paper)

2000

(Oct. 3rd – 6th) International Kiswahili Conference, Mombasa, Kenya (presented a paper)

1999

(Sept. 9th – 11th) International Kiswahili Conference, Maseno University College (presented a paper)

1996

1. (May 22nd – 23rd) Workshop on a Kiswahili Integrated Textbook, Organized by Jomo Kenyatta Foundation, Nairobi.

(b) (June 20th – 22nd) Workshop on Democracy, Organised by the Writers’ Association

of Kenya, Nairobi (presented a paper)

1995

(Aug. 21st – 26th) International Conference on the Standard Swahili Dictionary, Arusha,

Tanzania (presented a paper)

1994

(Sept. 21st): Departmental Seminar (presented a paper on Kezilahabi’s novels)

### PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2019 (a): “Dhima ya Fasihi katika Mshikamano wa Kitaifa: Tathmini ya Tungo za Tom Olali”

in *Mwanga wa Lugha, Jarida la Kiswahili na Lugha Nyingine za Kiafrika*. Chuo Kikuu cha Moi

2019 (b):”Popular Kiswahili Fiction: An Overview of Characteristics and its Development” in

*Hybrid Journal of Literary and Cultural Studies*

2017: “Miradi Bubu ya Wazalendo: A Postcolonial Reading” in *Mwanga wa Lugha Jarida la*

*Kiswahili na Lugha Nyingine za Kiafrika*. Chuo Kikuu cha Moi

2015: “Wahusika wa Kitashtiti katika *Gamba la Nyoka*” – published in KISWAHILI, Dar es

Salaam

2014: “Satire and the Theme of Victims and Culprits in *Miradi bubu ya Wazalendo*” –

published in KISWAHILI, Dar es Salaam

2013 (a): “Riwaya ya Kiswahili kama Tahakiki ya Jamii Baada-Ukoloni” – published in

KIOO CHA LUGHA, Dar es Salaam

2013 (b) “Deviation as A Communicative Strategy in *Gamba la Nyoka*” – published in

SWAHILI FORUM, Leipzig University, Germany

2011: “Breaking Patriachal Chains in Africa and the Diaspora: A Comparative Analysis of

*Efuru* and *The Colour Purple*” – published in HEKIMA, Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences

2006: “Fasihi ya Kiswahili katika Enzi ya Utandawazi” – Published in *Makala ya Kongamano*

*la Jubilei ya TUKI – 2005*, Dar es Salaam

2003: “A Critical Approach to Wamitila’s *Nguvu ya Sala*” – published in HEKIMA, Journal

of the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Nairobi

2001: (a) “Maana na Matumizi ya Upambanyaji: Tahakiki ya *Rosa Mistika*” – published in

KIOO CHA LUGHA, Dar es Salaam

(b) Book review: *Siku Njema* by Ken Walibora – published in KIOO CHA LUGHA,

Dar es Salaam

1998: “Mienendo Mipya katika Uandishi wa Kezilahabi: *Nagona* na *Mzingile*” – published in

MULIKA, journal of TUKI No. 24, Dar Es Salaam.

1996: “Commitment in the Swahili” Novel: An Appraisal of the Works of Said Ahmed

Mohamed” - published in KISWAHILI vol. 59, journal of TUKI, University of Dar-es

Salaam.

1995: “Mapitio ya Riwaya ya *Walenisi*” - published in KIOO CHA LUGHA, journal of

the Kiswahili Department, University of Dar-es-Salaam.

**BOOK CHAPTERS**

2019: “Maendeleo ya Bunilizi ya Kimajaribio katika Kiswahili” – published in *Koja la*

*Taaluma za Kiinsia: Kwa Heshima ya Prof. J.S. Madumulla*. University of Dodoma

2018: “Taswira ya Uozo wa Jamii katika Riwaya ya *Vipuli vya Figo*” – published in *Lugha na*

*Masuala Ibuka* (ed. Kandagor, Obuchi Mwanakombo)

2014: “Mchango wa Mwandishi katika Maendeleo ya Kiswahili” – published in *Ukuzaji wa*

*Kiswahili* (ed. Michira, Iribemwangi and Mbatiah)

2012: “Suala la Utaifa wa Kenya: Nafasi ya Kiswahili” – published in *Kiswahili na Utaifa*

*Nchini Kenya* (ed. Momanyi, Njogu and Mukuthuria)

2011: “The Status of Women in the Traditional Swahili Society” – published in *Human*

*Rights, African Values and Traditions* (ed. Iribe Mwangi) a publication of the Danish Institute for human Rights

2008: “Shaaban Robert as a Champion of Peace” – Published in *Daisaku Ikeda and Voices for*

*Peace in Africa* (ed. Henry Indangasi and Masumi Odari), a publication of the Writers

Association of Kenya

2002: “Hatua za Maendeleo ya Uhakiki wa Fasihi ya Kiswahili Nchini Kenya” – published

in *Utafiti wa Kiswahili* – a publication of the National Kiswahili Association

1997: “Flavouring Democracy with Kiswahili” - published in *Writers Speak: Essays on Literature and Democracy* (Nairobi: Writers’ Association of Kenya).

1995: “Tahakiki ya Uteuzi na Uingizaji wa Msamiati Katika Mswada wa Toleo Jipya la KKS” - published in a book entitled: *Tahakiki na Uchapishaji wa Kamusi* (Dar es Salaam, TUKI).

**BOOKS**

NOVELS

2018 (a): *Watoto wa Mwelusi* – published by Jomo Kenyatta Foundation

2018 (b): *Njozi Yapata Mtenzi* – published by Moran Publishers

2016: *Majilio ya Mkombozi* – published by Moran Publishers

2012: *Majira ya Tufani* – published by Longman Kenya Ltd.

2010: *Msururu wa Usaliti –* published by East African Educational Publishers

2007: *Vipanya vya Maabara* – published by Jomo Kenyatta Foundation

2005: *Upotevu* – published by Phoenix Publishers

2004: *Wimbo Mpya* – published by Jomo Kenyatta Foundation

ANTHOLOGIES OF SHORT STORIES

2016: *Siri ya Bwanyenye na Hadithi Nyingine* (editor and main contributor) – published by

SpotlightPublishers

2007: *Kurudi Nyumbani na Hadithi Nyingine* (editor and main contributor) – published

by Focus Books

2000: *Mwendawazimu na Hadithi Nyingine* (editor and main contributor) – published

by Jomo Kenyatta Foundation

SHORT STORIES PUBLISHED ELSEWHERE

2013: “The Wretched of Uhuru” – published in Words without Borders

2011: (a) “Watumwa wa Uchochole”

(b) “Mtukufu Mfalme Mkuu” – published in *Takrima Nono na Hadithi Nyingine* (ed.

Clara Momanyi and Rayya Timammy), Longman Kenya

2007: “Sami” – published in *Alidhani Kapata na Hadithi Nyingine* (ed. Iribe Mwangi), East

African Educational Publishers.

1996: “Jahanamu” – published in *Pendo la Heba* *na Hadithi Nyungine* (ed. Kitula King’ei

and R.M. Wafula) A publication of the Writer’s Association of Kenya

1994: “How to Tame the Sting of Death” – published in *Writers’ Forum* (ed. Wanjira

Muthoni and Egara Kabaji) A publication of the Writers’ Association of Kenya

PLAY

2006: *Migogoro* – published by Jomo Kenyatta Foundation

GUIDEBOOKS TO LITERARY TEXTS

2012: *Mwongozo wa Mstahiki Meya* – published by Sanaa Publishers Ltd.

2003: *Mwongozo wa Walenisi* – published by Longhorn Publishers Ltd.

REFERENCE BOOKS

2016: *Riwaya ya Kiswahili: Chimbuko na Maendeleo Yake* – published by Jomo Kenyatta

Foundation

2001: *Kamusi ya Fasihi* – published by Standard Textbooks, Graphics and Publishing

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