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I. BIODATA

Name : John Hamu Habwe
Employer : University of Nairobi
Position : Associate Professor
Date of Birth : 12/12/1962
Gender : Male
Marital Status: Married

Nationality : Kenyan
Religion : Christianity

II. PERSONAL PROFILE

I am a lecturer with about 30 years of teaching experience at University Level. I am currently an Associate professor in the Department of Kiswahili. I have also served as chairman of the Department of Kiswahili for 3 years until 2016 and previously I served as the chairman of the Department of Linguistics and languages for a period of 2 years. Besides teaching, I offer advisory services and consultancy to publishing outfits and educational institutions in Kenya. I am also a mentor to post graduate students in Kenyan universities in issues of writing generally and particularly writing of fiction. Besides, the University of Nairobi, I have had a chance to work in other Universities like Moi University as an external examiner and Maseno University and Catholic University as a part time lecturer. I have also worked for non-governmental and international organizations like Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Health Organization (WHO) and Kiswahili Commission of East Africa as a translator. I am a writer of works of fiction and of Swahili grammar books besides being a full-time professor at the University of Nairobi. My research interests are largely in the areas of Pragmatics, Discourse Analysis and Sociolinguistics. My fiction orientation is mainly prose. I write books for adults and children. For a considerable length of time I participated and chaired *Lugha yetu* and *Mjadala* radio programs at Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC). I am an honest and hardworking person with a single mind and focus and driven by Christian values.

III. EDUCATION

1999: University of Nairobi	Doctor of Philosophy
1989: University of Nairobi	Master of Arts
1987: University of Nairobi	Bachelor of Arts
1982: Kapkatet High School	KACE- 11 POINTS
1980: Ebwali Secondary School	KCE - DIVISION II
1978: Ebwali Secondary School	KJSE - PASSED
1976: Ebukhaya Primary School	CPE - PASSED

IV. WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2011 –Present:** Associate Professor University of Nairobi
1992 – 2011 : Senior Lecturer University of Nairobi
1991 – 1992 : Lecturer University of Nairobi
1990 – 1991 : Assistant Lecturer University of Nairobi
1889 - 1990 : Tutorial Fellow University of Nairobi
1983 : Teacher at Ebusiratsi Secondary School
2003 – 2004 : Part-time Lecturer at Maseno University
1999 – 2005 : Adjudicator, Kenya Music Festival Swahili Verse
2010 - 2016 : External Examiner Moi University

V.EXTRA RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2013-2016** : Chairman Department of Kiswahili
2011-2013 : Chairman Department of Linguistics and Languages
1990-1993 : Examination Officer, Department of Kiswahili
1983 : Head Teacher Ebusiratsi Secondary School.

VI. AWARDS

- 2016:** Wahome Mutahi Award for Literature for the novel *Kovu Moyoni*.
2016: Faculty of Arts Award for good performance as Chairman of Kiswahili Department
2015:Jomo Kenyatta Textbook Center Kiswahili Literary Award for the novel *Pendo la Karaha*.
2010: Wahome Mutahi Literary Prize in the Kiswahili Category for the novel *Cheche za Moto*.
2007: Dean's Committee of the University of Nairobi Award for Dictionary Research: *Kamusi ya Isimu na Fasihi*.
2006: Wahome Mutahi Literary Prize award in Kiswahili Category for the novel *Paradiso*.
1995-1998: DAAD Award to Study for Doctor of Philosophy
1994: Dean's Committee Grant University of Nairobi to pursue Doctor of Philosophy in Kiswahili Linguistics.
1993: Writer's Association of Kenya Award for the best story in a Kiswahili story writing

competition.

VII. AUTHORED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

A. Journal Papers

- 2018:** The State of Kiswahili in Kenya and the Challenges of its Implementation as an Official Language. *Asian Journal of African Studies* (AJAS) Vol. 44 pp 47-63(First Author)
- 2018:** Politeness Among the Mvita Community of Mombasa: A Family Perspective. *Mwanga wa Lugha*. Vol. 3 pp (With Rayya Timammy -First Author)
- 2017:** Changamoto za Kueleza Msamiati wa Samaki: Mtazamo wa Kiuhusiano. *Mwanga wa Lugha*. Vol. 1. PP 9-20(With Timammy and Swalehe- First Author)
- 2016:** The Development of Kiswahili: Prose and the Evolution of the Kiswahili Novel. *Reyono Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*. Vol. 5. Issue 2. pp 21-43 (with Timammy and Swalehe- First Author).
- 2015:** “Strategies and Challenges of Communicating Gender Information in a Non-Gender Marking Language: The Case of Kiswahili” in *Reyono Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*. Vol. 4, No. 1, pp 3 - 8. (With Iribe mwangi, P.I.- First Author)
- 2014:**The Ekegusii Determiner Phrase Analysis, the Minimalist Program. *International Journal of Linguistics and Communication*, Vol. 2(24) pp 85-105). (With Nobert Basweti, H .J. Omwenga and Helga Schroeder – 3rd Author)
- 2014:**“The Discourse of Alienation in Kiswahili Poetry: A Re-analysis of Muyaka wa Muhaji’s Poetry”. *The Journal of Literature of the University of Nairobi*. Vol.No7 PP 79-88
- 2013:**Desk Grafitti Cohesion Strategies in the University of Nairobi Libraries. *International Journal of Education and Research* Vol. 1, No. 8. (With Mukhwana and Jacqueline. First Author)
- 2012:** “Reference Cohesion within the Kiswahili Complex Sentence”. *The Linguistics Journal of the University of Nairobi*. Vol. 2 pp 79-88
- 2011:** “Dialogue Drama in Kenyan Political Speeches and its Pragmatic Implications”. *Nordic Journal of Linguistics*. Vol. 19 (3) pp 165-180
- 2010:** “Politeness Phenomena: A Case of Kiswahili Honorifics”. *Kiswahili Forum*, Vol .17pp 126-142

- 2009:** “The Role of Kiswahili in the Integration of the East African Region”. *Journal of Pan African Studies*. Vol. 2 no 8.Pp1-9
- 2007:** “Pragmatic Strategies in the use of Kiswahili Demonstratives”. *Kiswahili Forum*. Vol .14 pp 81-88 (with Prof Okoth Okombo- Second Author).
- 1990:** “Muyaka: Patriot or Collaborator”. *Kiswahili Student Journal of the University of Nairobi, Mwamko*

B. Chapters in Academic Books

- 2018:** Hali na Maendeleo ya Kiswahili Nchini Sudan Kusini. In Mwita C. L. etal. (eds). *Isimuna Fasihi ya Lugha za Kiafrika*. Eldoret: Moi University Press. pp 97-102
- 2017:** “The Place of Action Research in the Writing of Fiction: Reflections of Kovu Moyoni” in Mosol Kandagor et.al (eds) *Lugha na Fasihi katika Karne ya Ishirini na Moja*. Eldoret: Moi University Press. pp 221-230
- 2016:** Uchunguzi wa Matumizi ya Lugha Ishara Katika Fasiri ya Habari za Kiswahili Katika Vituo vya Televisheni vya KTN na KBC in *LUGHA YA KISWAHILI: Utafiti na Maendeleo Yake*. TATAKI na CHAKAMA. Chuo Kikuu cha Dar es salaam (With Ellen Otieno, Kenneth Simala –Third Writer)
- 2014:** “Mchango wa Uislamu Katika Kuendeleza Kiswahili: Kielelezo cha Jamii ya Mumias Nchini Kenya” in Michira, J. N. et al. (eds) *Ukuzaji wa Kiswahili: Dhima na Majukumu ya Asasi Mbalimbali*. Nairobi: Focus Publishers. Pp.32-45. (With Mohammed Akidah- First Author) pp195-178
- 2005:** “Mchango wa Vyombo vya Habari” in Sewangi S. S. et al (eds) *Makala ya Kongamano la Jubelei la Kimataifa*. Chuo Kikuu cha Dar es Salaaam. pp 55-62
- 2002:** “Uchapishaji wa Kazi za Isimu kwa Vyuuo Vikuu Nchini Kenya” in Simala K.I (ed) *Utafiti*

wa Kiswahili, Eldoret: Moi University press. pp 36-42

2000: "Kiswahili Language as Kenya's Mobilizing Tool" in Njogu, K. et.al (eds) *Kiswahili Katika Karne ya Ishirini na Moja*. Cape Town: CASAS Books. pp 168-178

1995: "Utafiti na Utungaji wa Kamusi kwa Ajili ya Udurusu wa Kamusi ya Kiswahili" in J. C. Kiango and J. S Mdee (eds). *Taasisi ya Uchunguzi wa Kiswahili*, University of Dar es Salaam. pp 14-24

C. Authored Academic Books

2016: *Kamusi Elezi ya Kiswahili*. Nairobi: Jomo Kenyatta Foundation. (Co-authored Kiswahili language Dictionary with Eliezer Chiduo, Mussa Kaoneka, Chimera, Raziah Yahaya and Ali Attas- Second Author).

2011: *The Discourse of Political Language in Kenya: Structures and Meaning of Speeches*. Lambert publishers, Germany.

2010: *Darubini ya Isimujamii*. Nairobi: Phoenix (with A. Matei and J. Nyonje- First Author).

2008: *Darubini ya Utunzi*. Nairobi: Phoenix (with Jactone Nyonje- First Author).

2006: *Darubini ya Kiswahili*. Nairobi: Phoenix (with Assumpta Matei- First Author).

2004: *Misingi ya Sarufi ya Kiswahili*. Nairobi: Phoenix (with P.Karanja -First Author).

VIII. EDITED FICTION BOOKS

2010: A Collection *Mizungu ya Manabii*. Nairobi: Phoenix (Short Story Anthology).

IX. FICTION

2018: A Novel *Hidaya Yangu*. Published by Moran Publishers.

2016: A short story *Shujaa wa Taifa* in a collection *Kigoda cha Simanzi*, JKF

2014: A Novella *Hadaa ya Maisha* published by JKF

2014: A Novel *Pendo la Karaha* published by Moran publishers

2014: A Novella *Lulu ya Maisha* published by JKF

- 2014:** A Novel, *Kovu Moyoni*, published by Bookmark Kenya
- 2012:** A Reader *Mikono ya Gondi* published by Longhorn Publishers
- 2011:** A Novel *Pamba* published by JKF, Nairobi.
- 2011:** A Story 'Siku ya Kheri' in a collection *Mwavyaji Roho na Hadithi Nyingine*
- 2011:** A Novel *Safari ya Lamu* published by Longhorn publishers, Nairobi.
- 2010:** A short story 'Ungamo la Janaha' in a collection *Takrima Nono* published by Longman Nairobi, Kenya.
- 2010:** A story 'Mbunge' in a collection *Mizungu ya Manabii*.
- 2010:** A story 'Uchochoro wa Mauti' in a collection *Mizungu ya Manabii*.
- 2009:** A Novel *Fumbo la Maisha* published by JKF Nairobi.
- 2008:** A Novel *Cheche za Moto* a novel published by JKF Nairobi.
- 2007:** A Children's reader *Ayub Mashakani* published by Longhorn publishers.
- 2007:** A Children's reader *Safina na Kima wa Ajabu* Longhorn Publishers.
- 2007:** A Children's reader *Sofia Mzimuni* Longhorn publishers.
- 2006:** A Story 'Kasheshe Mjini' in a collection *Mimba Ingali Mimba*. Published by Focus publishers.
- 2005:** A Novel *Paradiso* published by JKF.
- 2004:** A Story 'Mkimbizi' in a collection *Waziri Mayai waziri wa Maradhi* published by Focus publishers.
- 2000:** A Novel *Maisha Kitendawili*. Nairobi: JKF
- 2000:** A story 'Walicheka Kicheko' *Mwendawazimu na Hadithi Nyingine*. Nairobi: JKF.
- 1995:** A Novel *Maumbile si Huja*. Nairobi: JKF.
- 1995:** A Story 'Pendo la Heba' *Pendo la Heba na Hadithi Nyingine* Edited by R M Wafula and G. Kinge'i published by writers Ass of Kenya.

X. IN PRESS

1. Kamusi ya Isimu na Fasihi to be published by Jomo Kenyatta Foundation (with Zaja Omboga-First Author)
2. A Chapter, The Making of Modern Kiswahili: An Engagement with Ali Mazrui's Triple Heritage (With Kenneth Inyani Simala-Second Author).

3. An Article, Nadharia Katika Mitaala ya Vyuho Vikuu Nchini Kenya.
4. Impoliteness in Modern Swahili Taarab Music in East Africa(With Chacha Lilian- First Author)
5. A play, Siri ya Kaburi to be published by Jomo Kenyatta Foundation (John Habwe & Peter Kilonzo –First Writer)
6. A novel, Kosa Langu to be published by Moran Publishers
7. A novella, Masaibu ya Ufukara to be published by Oxford University press.
8. A reader Mpira wa Maria. Longhorn Publishers
9. A reader Paka wa Maria. Longhorn Publishers
10. A reader Ndege wa Maria. Longhorn Publishers

XI. WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- 2019:** Attended a Workshop in Dar es Salaam organized by the East African Community (East African Kiswahili Commission) for Quality Control of a Translation of EAC Treaty from English to Kiswahili at Landmark Mbezi Beach Resort and Conference Centre from 12th-14th May .
- 2017:** Attended a Conference at Kibabii University organized by Chakita (July 19-22).
- 2017:** Attended a Workshop in Arusha Tanzania, by Kiswahili Commission of East African for purposes of Moderating the Translation of the Strategic Development Plan (2017-2021).
- 2017:** Attended a Conference of the East African Kiswahili Commission in Zanzibar Tanzania, (6th – 9th September) on the Theme, Transforming the East African Community through Kiswahili.
- 2016:** Attended a Chakita conference on honoring Professor Abdulaziz Mohammed Hassan.
- 2016:** Attended a conference on the theme Translation and Interpretation in Africa in the 21 Century at the University of Nairobi.
- 2016:** Attended an East African Community workshop on Kiswahili curriculum University Reform at KICD Nairobi by East African Kiswahili Commission and DAAD.
- 2012:** Attended a conference at Masinde Muliro University on the theme Action Research in Higher Education in Africa.
- 2007:** Attended a Kiswahili Conference in Nakuru Kenya.

- 2007:** Attended a writer's workshop at Lenana Mount Hotel
- 2005:** Attended a conference in Dar es Salaam Tanzania on the theme Kiswahili and Globalization organized by the Institute of Kiswahili Research.
- 2005:** Attended a conference at the University of Nairobi on the theme Linguistics and Culture.
- 2002:** Attended a conference at Lenana House organized by CHAKITA on the theme Kiswahili and Modern Thought.
- 2001:** Attended a conference at Fort Jesus Mombasa, Kenya organized by CHAKITA on the theme Kiswahili and Development.
- 2000:** Attended a conference at Egerton University on the theme Kiswahili and Globalization.
- 1999:** Attended a Kiswahili Conference at Sunset Hotel Kisumu organized by Maseno University organised by CHAKITA on the theme Kiswahili and Research.
- 1995:** Attended a workshop on Dictionary making in Arusha Tanzania organized by Oxford University Press.
- 1998** Attended a Kiswahili Conference at Kenyatta University on the theme Kiswahili in the 21st century organized by (CHAKITA).

XII. RESEARCH INTERESTS

Discourse Analysis and pragmatics and writing research based fiction.

XIII. POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION (PhD)

- 2019:** Mary Ndungu - Co-supervised with Prof Mutiso, Prof Schroeder and Dr Marete (Submitted Thesis) From Figurative Language to Grammatical Structures: An Investigation of Kiswahili Metaphorical Constructions. University of Nairobi.
- 2014:** Assumpta Matei - Co-supervised with Dr. Evans Mbutia and Prof Kineene Mutiso. Title: Discourse, Gender Identity and Gender Power Relations in Fiction: A Critical Discourse, Analysis and Systemic Functional Grammar Reading of Wamitila's Unaitwa Nani? University of Nairobi.
- 2012:** Maloba Wekesa - Co-supervised with Prof Mwenda Mbatiah. Speaker Intention in Monologue Discourses. University of Nairobi.
- 2010:** Peter Ngige - Co-supervised with Prof Jane Mutiga Tthe semantic and linguistic Challenges of learning English Modals Verbs: The Case of Kajiado.

- 2008:** Obuchi Moseti - Co-supervised with Prof Mohamed. Hassan Abdulaziz. Discourse structure of trader-customer Kiswahili interactions in Kenyan open-air markets: A case of Gikomba and Kongowea. University of Nairobi.
- 2008:** Iribe Mwangi - Co-supervised with Prof Kyallo Wamitilla and Dr. Jane Oduor. T Synchronic Segmental Morphology of standard Kiswahili.

XIV. POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION (M.A)

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|---|---|
| 2018: Daniel Nyamboga. Title: Umaanisho Katika Mashairi ya Mrisho Mpoti: Nikipata Nauli na Sizonje, University of Nairobi. | 2011: Owino Martha |
| 2017: Eunice alivitsa. Title: Umaanisho Katika Tamthilia ya Mama Ee ya Mwachofi, University of Nairobi. | 2010: Haron Onjili,
Walter Okuku
Abraham Walubengo |
| 2017: Nyangi Chacha. Title: Uchanganuzi wa Kipragmatiki wa Uvurugaji wa Upole Katika Filamu za Kiswahili | 2009: David Migwi
Catherine Munga |
| 2017: Oketch Atieno: Title: Kanuni ya upole kwenye matangazo ya Kiswahili katika kituo cha Radio Citizen, University of Nairobi. | 2008: Mburugu Ngugi
Audrey Aoko
Stephen Kamau |
| 2016: Jason Mogusu | 2007: Anne Obinju |
| 2016: Joseph Matifari: Title: A descriptive study of Idions in Lubukusu. A relevance-theoretic approach, uiversity of Nairobi. | 2006: Fridah Mwebia |
| 2015: Stephen Macharia | 2005: Basweti Ombati
Asumphta Matei
N. Ndwiga |
| 2014: Anna Raitania | 2004: Martin Mulwale
Stephen Oluoch |
| 2013: Gabriel Githinji Kimotho
Alice Ochichi Kerubo | 2003: Sussy Nandama |
| 2012: Wabende Walela Anderea
Moses Wafula Opilo | 2002: Maloba Wekesa
Gatere. E |
| | 2000: Eliud Wakwabubi |
| | 1993: Lucy Karanja |
| | 1992: Kyallo Wamitila |
| | 1990: Naomi Luchera Shitemi |

Taifa (Chakita)

2. A member of Baraza la Wataalam wa

Kiswahili (Bawaki)

3. A member of Writers Association of

Kenya (WAK)

XV. EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

2011- 2015: Moi University, External Examiner for undergraduate and postgraduate students, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences; Department of Kiswahili and Other African Languages.

XVI. COMMUNITY SERVICE

2011-2018: Member Board of Governors Ebukhaya Sec. School.

2010-To date: Member or Board of Governors St Cecilia Secondary School Mautuma Secondary school.

1996: Editorial Consultant of Kamusi ya Kiswahili Sanifu by Oxford University Press.

1992 -2002: Participated and chaired Radio Programme called Lugha Yetu at Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC)

XVII. MEMBERSHIP TO PROFESSIONAL BODIES

1. A member of Chama cha Kiswahili cha

XVIII. REFEREES

Professor Peter Wasamba
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Prof. Karuti Kanyinga
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East African Kiswahili Commission,
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