

CURRICULUM VITAE
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PERSONAL DATA

NAME: Dr. ROBINSON I. ODUMA
DATE OF BIRTH: 25th SEPTEMBER 1967
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MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED
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OBJECTIVE

To serve in any responsibility I am assigned, to the best of my knowledge and abilities, and with honesty and integrity in order to create a better world for myself and for posterity.

Career Profile

I am a senior academician and administrator with more than 30 years' work experience acquired in the academic field. My experience includes:

- **Organization, Planning and Coordination** – a highly organized individual who approaches all work in a methodical and professional manner and excellent in building social cohesion and teamwork at the management and other levels.
- **Leadership, Administration and Supervision** – proven leadership capabilities at senior management levels including the MMUST Senate, providing excellent and diligent supervision of teams resulting into successful achievement of set objectives.
- **Interpersonal and Teamwork**– long experience working in multicultural environments, and excellent teamwork skills which have enabled me establish and maintain an effective partnership and working relations with colleagues from diverse backgrounds, private sector, governments, and community leaders.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Sept 2018 – December 2025 Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Kakamega.

Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics

(Department of Languages & Literature Education)

Awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Linguistics

Thesis Title: A Pragma-Dialectical Approach to the Discourse

Functionality of Argument Schemes in County Assembly

Debates, Kenya

Sept.2003-Dec.2006 Moi University Eldoret (Kenya).

Master of Philosophy in Linguistics

(Linguistics and Foreign Languages Department)

Awarded a Master of Philosophy degree in Linguistics

Thesis title: *Phonological Adaptation of loanwords in Ateso.*

Aug 1998 – Aug 1999 Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA) Nairobi (Kenya)

Bachelor of Education

Sept 1999- Dec.2001 Moi University Eldoret (Kenya)

Bachelor of Education (2nd Class Honors, Lower Division).

Awarded a Bachelor degree majoring in English, Minor in Literature in English.

Sept.1989-Jul.1991 Asumbi T.T. College Kisumu (Kenya)

Primary Teachers Certificate (Distinction Pass)

Certified as a P1 Teacher.

Feb.1982-Oct.1985 Vihiga High School, Kakamega (Kenya)

Kenya Certificate of Education (Division Two)

WORK EXPERIENCE

A. Nov 2014 – Current

Lecturer, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology

Responsibilities i) Teaching courses hosted by the department (communication skills, English and language courses)

- ✦ Conducting research in communication, language and linguistic related areas.
- ✦ Chairman, Departmental Welfare Committee.
- ✦ In-Charge, Departmental Library.

ii) Department Graduate Programmes Development.

I have participated in the development and review of graduate programmes in the department as follows;

1. MA in Linguistics Graduate Programme
2. MA in Applied Linguistics Graduate Programme.
3. M.Ed in Language Education Graduate Programme.
4. PhD in Linguistics programme

B. Jan. 2010 – Oct 2014

Assistant Lecturer, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology.

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C. Sept 2007 – Dec. 2009

Part-time lecturer, Moi University-Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages.

I teach courses in the Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages. These are mainly courses for English Majors, Language Media and Communication Majors, Linguistics and Literature Majors, as well as Education students.

D. May 1991- Dec. 2009

Employee of the Teachers Service Commission, as below:

May 2001- Aug.2005 Itigo Girl's High School Eldoret (Kenya)
Sept.2005-Dec.2007 St. Mary's OsorongaiSec.School Eldoret (Kenya)
Jan. 2008- Dec 2009 Eldoret G. K Magereza Sec. School Eldoret (Kenya)

Mar 2015 – March 2021 CHAIRMAN, Universities Academic Staff (UASU), MMUST Chapter

Responsibilities

- Running the industrial relations activities of the union on behalf of academic staff
- Coordinating union vs management meetings to foster fair industrial practices
- Acting as a link between management and academic staff
- Arbitrating and resolving conflicts between members of staff and management.
- Developing Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBAs) between University council, FKE and UASU
- Representing UASU in Senate deliberations.
- Representing UASU in Deans committee

February 2024 –to date

SECRETARY GENERAL, Universities Academic Staff (UASU), MMUST Chapter

ACHIEVEMENTS.

- Negotiated, signed and registered 2010-2013 Local Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Negotiated, signed and registered 2013-2017 Local Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Negotiated, signed and registered 2017-2021 Local Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mar 2015 – Mar 2021 2.Member, SENATE

The senate is the apex decision making body on academic matters.

Responsibilities.

- Presenting issues that are staff related to senate on behalf of academic staff
- To participate in Adhoc committees of senate; to participate and make decisions on behalf of staff and students e.g Staff disciplinary matters, student disciplinary matters.

Mar 2015 – Mar 2021 1.Co-opted Member, Deans Committee

The Deans Committee is a body which comprises Deans of Schools and Directors. It makes decisions on academic matters of respective schools.

Responsibilities.

Presenting issues that are staff related to Deans Committee on behalf of academic staff

To participate in deliberations of

Mar 2020 – June 2020 2.Member, MMUST Building Bridges Initiative (MBBI)

A committee initiated by University council comprising membership from University Management Board (UMB), SENATE, and Unions (UASU, KUSU and KUDHEIHA) .

Mandate: To examine the causes of conflict between staff, and staff and management, and recommend ways of resolving such conflicts

May 2023 – May 2026

Director, Kakamega County Investment & Development Agency

May 2023– to date

1. Chairperson of Board of Management, St Cecilia Girls Secondary School
2. Vice Chair, BOM, St Luke’s Lumakanda Boys High School.

OTHER ASSIGNMENTS

Dec, 2007

Presiding Officer, IEBC 2007 General Elections

Nov, 2005

Presiding Officer, IEBC 2005 Referendum

COMMENDATIONS/ COMMUNITY SERVICE

1.Commendations

July, 2021

Bishop’s Award: Awarded by the Rt Rev. Bishop Joseph O. Sagwe of the Catholic Diocese of Kakamega for exemplary service to the church

October 2022

Bishop’s Award: Awarded by the Rt Rev. Bishop Joseph O. Sagwe of the Catholic Diocese of Kakamega for exemplary service to the church

2. Community Service

February 2022

Member, Board of Management, St. Cecilia Girls High School, Mautuma.

ACCREDITATIONS

- Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.
- Association of Third World Studies.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Oduma, R., Atichi R. A., & Ojwang' B. (2025). A Pragma-dialectical Approach to the discourse functionality of presentational devices in county assembly debates in Kenya. In *Journal of Research and Academic Writing* 2:2, 184-195 <https://doi.org/10.58721/jraw.v2i2.1397>
2. Obwang'i, R., B., Barasa, D., Oduma, R. (2025). A Morphological Analysis of Abbreviated Neologisms of Social Media Discourses: A Case of Kenyans on X). In *Journal of Research and Academic Writing* 2:1, 11-23 <https://doi.org/10.58721/jraw.v2i1.1031>
3. Oduma, R., Atichi, R. A., & Ojwang' B. (2025). The Discourse functionality of Argument schemes in county assembly debates in Kenya using the pragma-dialectical approach. In *Journal of Linguistics, literary and Communication Studies* 4:2, 100-109 <https://doi.org/10.58721/jllcs.v4i2.1277>

PROCEEDINGS

4. Oduma, R (2020). 'Rethinking a workable language-in-education planning model in Kenya'. In Proceedings of the International Mother Language Day conference

CONFERENCES

5. March 2023: International Mother Language Day Conference held in MMUST

Presented a paper titled, 'Rethinking a workable language-in-education planning model in Kenya'

6. May 2025: 18th Multidisciplinary Conference held at MMUST

Presented a paper titled, 'A Morphological Analysis of Abbreviated Neologisms of Social Media Discourse.'

7. May 2025: 18th Multidisciplinary Conference held at MMUST

Presented a paper titled, 'The function of prototypical Argument Schemes in Nairobi County Assembly debates'.

8. 12th May, 2005 'Language in Contact: A Morphophonemic Adaptation of English and Kiswahili Loanwords in Dholuo and Ateso'-

Paper presented at Moi University Research Association Seminar at Moi University.

9. 22nd November, 2005 'The Role of Language : Language Rights and Socio-Economic Development in Africa'

Paper presented at Association of Third World Studies Conference held at Western University of Science and Technology.

10. 21st February, 2020 'Rethinking a workable language-in-education planning model in Kenya.

Paper presented at the International Mother Language Day conference held at MMUST.

BOOKS

8. Oduma R. and Odhiambo K. (2012). Morphophonemic Adaptation of loan words in Dholuo and Ateso. In Ogechi N.O et al (eds) *Themes in Language and Education in Kenya*. Eldoret: Moi University Press.
9. Oduma, R (2011). *Ateso Linguistics Studies: Loanword Adaptation in Ateso*. Saarbrücken: Lambert Academic Publishing
10. Oduma, R and Odhiambo, K.(2008). The Adequacy of CV phonology in Syllabifying African Languages. In Ogechi N.O et al (eds) *NadhariakatikaTaalumaya Kiswahili naLugha za Kiafrika*. Eldoret; Moi University Press.
11. Odhiambo K and Oduma R. (2008). Some Reflections on the Performance of the Court Interpreter. In Ogechi N.O (eds) *NadhariakatikaTaalumaya Kiswahili naLugha za Kiafrika*. Eldoret; Moi University Press.

SUPERVISION

1. Rebin BuyakiObwang'i (MA) Thesis title: A MORPHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF ABBREVIATED NEOLOGISMS OF SOCIAL MEDIA DISCOURSES: CASE OF KENYANS ON X
2. Diana Ambiche Jumba (MA) Draft thesis title: ANALYSIS OF THE ARGUMENT SCHEMES FOR NEWS GANG TALK SHOW ON CITIZEN TELEVISION
3. Celestine IngasianiMabia (MA) Draft thesis title: THE USE OF METAPHORS IN THE PORTRAYAL OF WOMEN IN 'BODA BODA' DISCOURSE IN SHINYALU CONSTITUENCY

APPOINTMENTS

2005- Research Assistant- OSSREA Senior Scholars Programme - where my duties included administration of research instruments, data collection and analysis. I also assisted in general office work as well attending briefing meetings.

REFEREES

1. **Prof Peter Ajuoga Odera**
Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology,
P.O Box 190 - 50100, Kakamega.
2. **Dr Reginald Atichi Alati, Senior Lecturer,**
Department of Language and Literature Education
MMUST
P. O Box 190-50100, Kakamega.
3. **Fr Douglas Sore**
Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish,
Lumakanda