

CURRICULUM VITAE

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FACULTY POSITION:

2019-2020: Visiting Professor, Pomona University College, California USA.

2013 – Present: **Senior Lecturer**, Moi University,
Department of Literature, Linguistics, Foreign
Languages & Film Studies

EDUCATION

2011: PhD Linguistics. University of Nairobi.

Dissertation: *The Morphosyntactic Structure of LuBukusu Anaphoric Relations: Representations and Interpretations in a Minimalist Perspective.*

Supervisors: Prof. Mohamed AbdulAziz
Prof. Helga Schroeder.

1998: M.Phil Linguistics. Moi University.

1994: B.ED (Arts) English/Literature. Moi University

1989: KACE. Friends School Kamusinga

1987: KCE . Mother of Apostles Seminary, Eldoret

1983: CPE. Mucharage Primary school, Kitale.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Syntactic and Morphological Theory, and application to Bantu Languages especially in the areas of anaphora, object marking, and argument structure encoding.
- Documentation and description of understudied languages especially Bantu and Nilotic languages.
- Language and indigenous knowledges

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- PI on a short term ACC project; Pots, fire and gourds: A (re)presentation of cultural knowledge systems among the Bukusu, Sabaot, Iteso and Yoruba.
- Bukusu object marking in collaboration with Prof. Michael Diercks
- A textbook project on teaching Morphology and Syntax at African Universities
- Lubukusu anaphoric relations in collaboration with Prof. Ken Safir of Rutgers University, New Jersey (Afranaph Research project- www.africananaphora.rutgers.edu)
- Lubukusu grammar in collaboration with Maurice Sifuna, Michael Diercks and

Michael Marlo. <http://luhyaproject.freeforums.net/>

- Subject and Object marking in Bantu: *The Oxford Guide to the Bantu Languages*:
Book project in collaboration with Jochen Zeller (University of KwaZulu- Natal) Lutz

Marten (SOAS, London), Nancy Kula (University of Essex) and Ellen Hurst (University of Cape Town)

- Bantu Anaphora: *Current Approaches to Morphosyntactic Variation in Bantu* Book project with Hannah Gibson (SOAS, London), Rozenn Guerois (SOAS, London), Lutz Marten (SOAS, London) and Eva-Marie Bloom Ström (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)

WORK/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2019-2020: Visiting Scholar, Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Sciences, Pomona University College, California, USA.

- Taught a field methods class on the Bukusu language
- Worked on collaborative scholarly projects.

2013- Present: Senior Lecturer, Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages, Moi University.

- Teaching undergraduate and post graduate students
- Supervising undergraduate projects and postgraduate theses
- Collaborating with colleagues and students in linguistic research
- Helping in reviewing and developing departmental curricula

2007- 2013: Lecturer, Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages, Moi University

- Taught undergraduate and post graduate students
- Supervised undergraduate projects and postgraduate theses

2011: Post-doctoral Associate, Department of Linguistics, Rutgers, The state university of New Jersey, USA.

- Was the native speaker consultant for Lubukusu on the afranaph project responsible for the Lubukusu Case file in relation to filling in questionnaires, identifying and documenting patterns of anaphora.
- Collaborated with undergraduate and postgraduate students in data collection
- Elicited Lubukusu data on selected aspects with Faculty members and co-authored papers on these aspects.

2001-2007: Tutorial Fellow, Department of Linguistics & Foreign Languages, Moi University

- Taught undergraduate students.
- Participated in departmental activities

1998-2001: Tutor, Eregi Teachers Training College.

- Trained student teachers in both content and methods of teaching English as a second language.

1994-1995: Graduate Teacher, Vagina Secondary School.

- Taught English and Literature

PUBLICATIONS

Book (under review)

1. **Sikuku Justine & Michael Diercks**. 2022. *Object Marking in Bukusu: At the interface of pragmatics and syntax*. LanguageScience Press.

Refereed Book Chapters

2. **Sikuku Justine**, 2022a. Subject and Object marking in Bantu, Jochen Zeller, Lutz Marten, Nancy Kula and Ellen Hurst (eds), *The Oxford Guide to the Bantu Languages*: London: OUP.
3. **Sikuku Justine**, 2022b. Reflexive and Reciprocal Marking in Bantu, Hannah Gibson, Rozenn Guerois, Lutz Marten and Eva-Marie Bloom Ström (eds) *Current Approaches to Morphosyntactic Variation in Bantu* with, London: OUP.
4. Safir Ken, Mark Baker and **Justine Sikuku**. 2020. Actual Clauses in Lubukusu, in: *African Languages in Time and Space: A Festschrift in Honour of Professor Akinbiyi Akinlabi*, Eno-Abasi Urua, Francis Egbokhare, Olūşeyẹ Adéşolá, Harrison Adeniyi (eds). Ibadan: Zenith Bookhouse Ltd.
5. **Sikuku, Justine & Joseph Wanyonyi**. 2018. On the Nature of Possession in Keiyo, in: *Nilo-Saharan Issues and Perspectives*, Helga Schroder & Prisca Jerono (eds). Koln: Rudiger Koppe Verlag. https://www.koeppe.de/titel_nilo-saharan-issues-and-perspectives
6. **Sikuku Justine**. 2008. Diversity in unity: From GB to Minimalism: A case of Kiswahili. in, Naomi Shitemi, Nathan Ogechi and Kenneth Simala. Eds. *Nadharia Katika Taaluma ya Kiswahili na Lugha za Kiafrika*, Eldoret: Moi University Press.

Refereed Journals/ Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings

7. **Sikuku Justine** and Michael Diercks. 2021a. Object Marking in Lubukusu: Information Structure in the Verb Phrase. To Appear: *The proceedings of the 50th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*. Contemporary African Linguistics, Language Science Press.
8. **Sikuku Justine**, Michael Diercks, & Michael Marlo. 2018. Pragmatic Effects of Clitic Doubling: Two Kinds of Object Markers in Lubukusu. *Linguistic Variation*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 18 (2):359-429.
9. Baker, Mark, Ken Safir, and **Justine Sikuku**. 2013a. Complex Anaphora in Lubukusu. In Selected Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Conference on African Linguistics, ed. Olanike Ola Orié and Karen W. Sanders, 196-206. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project. www.lingref.com, document #2968. ISBN 978-1-57473-460-7
10. Baker Mark, Ken Safir, and **Justine Sikuku**. 2013b. On the Categories of Clausal Constituents in Lubukusu and Limits to their Selection. *Journal of African Languages and Linguistics*. Ed. Ameka Felix, 122-141. De Gruyter.
11. Baker Mark, Ken Safir and **Sikuku Justine**. 2012. Sources of (A)symmetry in Bantu Double Object Constructions. In Nathan Arnett & Ryan Bennett. Eds. *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 54-64*: Somerville: Cascadilla Project Proceedings. ISBN 978-1-57473-454-6

Online Publications

12. Sikuku, Justine M. (2012). Comparing reflexive and object marking in Lubukusu. In Ken Safir. ed. Afranaph Website at <http://www.africananaphora.rutgers.edu>
13. Safir Ken and **Justine Sikuku**. 2011. Lubukusu Anaphora Sketch. In Ken Safir, ed., Afranaph Website, <http://www.africananaphora.rutgers.edu/>

PRESENTATIONS

Conference/ Workshop presentations

1. **Sikuku, Justine.** 2021a. Empirical Knowledge on Gendered Practices and Norms: Knowledges Research Project. Moi ACC Gender Workshop, Sirikwa hotel, July 29-30.
2. **Sikuku, Justine.** 2021b. Dedicated and Adopted Pragmatic Markers in Lubukusu. LAEA 2 virtual conference. August 12-13.
3. **Sikuku, Justine** and Michael Diercks. 2020a. Grammatical Information Structure in the Lubukusu Verb Phrase. Talk given at the University of California, Los Angeles on March 3, 2020.
4. **Sikuku, Justine** and Michael Diercks. 2020b. Information Structure in the Verb Phrase. Poster presented at the Southern California Annual Meeting on Syntax at Pomona College, November 2, 2019.
5. **Sikuku, Justine** and Michael Diercks. 2020c. Object Marking and Information Structure in Lubukusu and related Luyia. Talk given at the University of California, San Diego on February 10, 2020.
6. Diercks, Michael, **Justine Sikuku**, Kang Liu, and David Langa. 2019. Afranaph sister project (in development): Object marking. Talk presented at the 3rd Afranaph Project Development Workshop at Georgetown University, Dec 13-14 2019.
7. **Sikuku Justine**, Ken Safir and Joseph Wanyonyi. 2019. Actual Clauses in Bantu. Talk presented at the 3rd Afranaph Project Development Workshop at Georgetown University, Dec 13-14 2019.
8. **Sikuku Justine.** 2019. Actual Clauses in Eastern African Languages. A talk presented at the LAEA conference at Moi University, August 1st -2nd, 2019.
9. **Sikuku Justine** and Hellen Wanyonyi. 2019. The language of *Lubiito* among the Bukusu. A talk presented at the LAEA conference at Moi University, August 1st -2nd, 2019.
10. **Sikuku Justine.** Object Marking Domains and the Classification of Bantu Languages. Presented at Bantu 6 Conference, University of Helsinki, Finland (20th-23rd June 2016).
11. **Sikuku Justine.** On the Nature of Possessive Constructions in Keiyo. Presented at the Nilo Saharan Conference (NISA), University of Nairobi (August 2015)
12. **Sikuku Justine** and Michael Diercks. Object Clitics in Bantu Languages. Presented at The Department of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley (19th March 2015)
13. Michael Diercks and **Justine Sikuku.** Pragmatic Constraints on the Syntax of Object Marking in Lubukusu. Presented at ACAL46, Eugene, Oregon (26th-28th March, 2015).
14. **Sikuku Justine.** Possessive Constructions in African Languages: Presented at Afranaph Workshop II, Rutgers University NJ USA (13th-14th December 2013).
15. **Sikuku Justine.** Comparing Reflexive and Object marking in Lubukusu. Presented at WOCAL7 Buea University, Cameroon (20th-24th August 2012).
16. Safir Ken and **Justine Sikuku.** Actual Clauses in Lubukusu and the theory of clausal complementation. Presented at WOCAL7 Buea University, Cameroon (20th-24th August 2012).
17. **Sikuku Justine**, Ken Safir and Mark Baker. Subject Agreement and Antecedent Agreement in Lubukusu. Presented at WOCAL7 Buea University, Cameroon (20th-24th August 2012).
18. Baker Mark, Ken Safir and **Justine Sikuku.** Sources of (A)symmetry in Bantu Double Object Constructions. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL): University of California Santa Cruz, (April 14, 2012).
19. Baker Mark and **Justine Sikuku.** On Some Asymmetries in a Symmetrical Object Language. 43rd American Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 43): Tulane University, (March 16, 2012).
20. **Sikuku Justine** and Ken Safir. Complex Anaphora in Lubukusu. 43rd American

Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 43): Tulane University, (March 16, 2012).

21. **Sikuku Justine** and Michael Diercks. Object Marking as Incorporation. B4ntu Conference. Berlin Germany, (April 7 2011).
22. **Sikuku Justine**. An Examination of Anaphoric Relations in Selected African Languages. Rutgers University, (10th – 11th December 2010)
23. Carstens Vicki, Michael Diercks, Loyiso Mletshe, Juvénal Ndayiragije, and **Justine Sikuku**. DP Positions in African Languages. Rutgers University. (10th – 11th December 2010).
24. Carstens Vicki, Michael Diercks, Loyiso Mletshe, Luis López Juvénal Ndayiragije, and **Justine Sikuku**. Situating the subject in Bantu. Rutgers University.(10th – 11th December 2010)
25. **Sikuku Justine**. Affix Formation as a Process of Lexical Reduction In LuBukusu. University of Cologne. (17th -21st August 2009).
26. **Sikuku Justine**. Patterns of Anaphora in LuBukusu. University of Nairobi, (15th October, 2008).
27. **Sikuku Justine**. Diversity in Unity: From GB to Minimalism: A case of Kiswahili. Sirikwa – Eldoret. (24th – 26th November 2005).

Invited Talks

- a) **Sikuku Justine** and Michael Diercks. Object Marking in Lubukusu as Pronominal Incorporation. STAR Talk. Rutgers University, NJ, (October 21st 2011).
- b) **Sikuku Justine**. The Minimalist Program: Derivation by Phase (DbP) Version with Illustrations from LuBukusu and Kiswahili: Linguistics seminar series University of Nairobi, (9th June, 2011)

DEPARTMENTAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Duties/Responsibilities

2017- Present: External Examiner, Kibabii University

2020- Present: External Examiner, University of Nairobi

2020- Present: Chair, Departmental Graduate Committee

2019- Present: President, The Language Association of Eastern Africa

2013- 2018: HOD, Linguistics and Foreign Languages

2012-2013: Deputy Chair, Departmental Post-graduate committee.

2009-2013: Chair, Privately Sponsored Students Departmental Committee.

2008- 2011: Treasurer, Departmental Staff Welfare Committee.

2010: Acting HOD (for six months)

2008- 2010: Member, Faculty Admissions Committee.

2001- 2003: Chair, Departmental undergraduate Courses Committee.

2001- 2003: Departmental Exams Coordinator.

Seminars/workshops organized

2021-Present: Several seminars and workshops for the Moi ACC Knowledges RS

2012: Several post-graduate and Staff seminars.

2011: Seminar presentation on Multiple Negation in African Languages by Prof. Van Der

Auwera Johan, University of Antwerp. February, 7th.

2009: Seminar on Agreeing with Subjects in LuBukusu: Examining Complementizer

Agreement by Prof. Michael Diercks, Georgetown University. September, 11th.

2006: a) Workshop on Tone Marking in African Languages: Focus on LuBukusu by Prof.

Marlo Michael, University of Michigan. August 17th.

b) Seminar on Investigating Verb Tone in Bantu: Focus on LuLuhya by MarloMichael,

University of Michigan. June 8th.

Thesis Supervision/Examination

- **Supervision Mphil (Linguistics)**

1. 'The Morphosyntax of Kipsigis Verb Phrase'. Bii John Kibet. (2006 – 2009)
2. 'Phonological Aspects of Plural Marking in Keiyo' Chelimo Andrew. (2006 – 2009)
3. 'An analysis of Deixis in Lubukusu: A semantic/Pragmatic Approach' Chemiati Nyongesa Isaac (2009- 2012)
4. 'The Structure of Lubukusu Noun Phrase: A Minimalist Analysis' Ndalila Henry (2010 – 2013)
5. The Morphosyntax of the Keiyo Verb: A Mirror Principle Approach. Sitienei Jepkoech Nancy (2010- 2014)
6. The DP in Naandi. Priscilla Jeptoo (2012- 2014)
7. The Argument Structure of the Kipsigis Verb. Judith Randich (2012-2015)
8. Types of Errors in Students' English Compositions at KCSE. Salim Wanyama (2017-2020)
9. Kipsigis NP. Augustine Bett (2016-2021)
10. Aspects of Keiyo Morphosyntax. Miriam Chepkos (2018-2021)

- **Supervision Ph.D (Linguistics)**

11. Naandi Word Order and Clause Structure. Priscilla Jeptoo. Moi University (2015-present)
12. Word Order in Kipsigis. Kibet Bii. Moi University (2014-present)
13. Aspects of Endo-Marakwet Morphophonology. Chelimo Andrew. Moi University (2012-2016).
14. Exploring Regional Varieties of English Spoken in Kenya: Intonational Variation. Billian Otundo. Bayreuth University, Germany (2012- 2015)
15. Professional and Lay Interactants' Use of Language to Construct and Negotiate Identities in Legal Contexts. Emmanuel Satia, Moi University, Kenya (2014-2017)
16. Gikuyu Noun Polysemy. Florence Gathoni Gachugi, Moi University, Kenya (2017- Present)
17. Construction of Bukusu Ethnic Identity in Social Media. Henry Ndalila, Moi University, Kenya (2018-Present)

- **Thesis Examination**

18. 'Pro- drop in LuBukusu: A Government and Binding Approach'. ELIZABETH KHAEMBA. MPHIL. 2008 Moi University
19. Representation of Childhood in David Gian Maillu's Children Fiction" DIANA MUNYAO –MPHIL. 2013. Moi University
20. "Uchanganuzi wa Lugha Ya Matatu Nchini Kenya: Mtazamo wa Kiuamali" GETOGORO, ALI ISAAC. MPHIL. 2013 Moi University
21. "Uchanganuzi wa Lugha ya Amani na Maridhiano katika Muziki Nchini Kenya. PHILIPNDEMO MATARA . MPHIL 2013. Moi University
22. "Uchanganuzi wa Utambuzi wa Utata Katika Sintaksia: Uchunguzi wa Kinandi" MUGE, TECLA NGISIREI – MPHIL. 2014 Moi University
23. "Umilisi Lugha Kimawasiliano katika Matumizi ya Kiswahili Miongoni mwa Wanyore" OPIJAH ALLAN LENNOX - DPHIL. 2014. Moi University
24. "Phonological Adaptation of English Loanwords in Lukabras" KHAECHA MUKULO LOICE. MA. 2015. Moi University
25. "The Effect of Television Advertisement on Junk food consumption among Teenagers" RUTH W. WAMORO. MA. 2016. Moi University
26. "Word order in the Kiswahili clause: A minimalist perspective" BASILIO GICHOB I MUNGANIA. PHD. 2017 University of Nairobi
27. "Luwanga Morphophonemics: An Optimality Theoretic Account" AURA VIOLET ESHITEMI. PHD. 2019 Pwani University.
28. "(Re)Construction of Linguistic Agency in the Confirmation Hearing of the Kenyan Case One at The International Criminal Court" ESTHER WANGUI KIMANI. PHD. 2021 Moi University.
29. "Language Use in Facebook Healthcare Content Marketing in Selected Countries" REVOCATUS K. MILLAMBO. MA. 2021. Moi University.

Teaching

Undergraduate courses: Introduction to Morphology and Syntax, Introduction to English Phonetics and Phonology, English Morphology, The Structure of Modern English Sentence, Advances in the Description of Modern English Grammar, Practical English Stylistics, Theories of Syntax, The Art of Writing, Communication Skills, Theories of communication, Business English, Language Acquisition, Development of English, Language in the media, Introduction to the study of language

Postgraduate Courses: Proposal Writing, Syntax and Morphology.

PROFESIONAL TRAINING

August 2014: CARTA Training Makerere University, Uganda

- Research Grant Proposal Writing skills
- Postgraduate Thesis Supervision skills

AWARDS AND HONOURS

1995 – 1998: Moi University Partial Scholarship to study M.Phil in Linguistics

(Approximately 160,000Ksh)

2006-2010: Moi University Staff Development Scholarship to study PhD in Linguistics at

The University of Nairobi (approximately 150,000 Ksh)

RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANTS

2021: ACC Knowledges Research Grant (\$ 30000)

2019:

- a) NRF LAEA Conference fund (\$2000);
- b) Afranaph Project Sponsorship for Afranaph Development workshop III at Georgetown University, USA (\$2400)
- c) Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, Pomona College, California, USA and Robert Efron Lectureship in Linguistics and Cognitive Science Fellowship (\$20000)

2016: Conference travel grant from FINCEAL (Finland) for Bantu 6 at the University of Helsinki (\$2500)

2013: Afranaph Project Sponsorship of approximately \$2400 for Afranaph Development Workshop II at Rutgers University. (December 2013)

2012: Conference travel grant from Afranaph for WOCAL 7 (approximately \$2000)

2011: Rutgers University Postdoctoral sponsorship worth \$20,000 (August through November)

2010: Afranaph Project Sponsorship of approximately \$2400 for Afranaph Development Workshop I at Rutgers University. (December 2010)

2009 : Moi University Deans' Committee Grant of 100,000Ksh for WOCAL- 6 Cologne.

MEMBERSHIPS

- The Language Association of Eastern Africa (LAEA)
- Association of Contemporary African Linguistics (ACAL)