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Articles Published in Refereed Journals

- Mbugua, P., **Mwangi, P.** & Nyamasyo, E. (2025). Investigating the Utilisation of Linguistic Codes in Print and Electronic Media to Raise Cancer Awareness in Kenya (2025). *Journal of Cancer Education* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13187-025-02629-8>
- Wakarindi, P., **Mwangi, P.** & Njoroge, M. (2022). Making it Clearer—Elaboration Strategies in Gikuyu, a Bantu Language. *Journal of Languages, Linguistics and Literary Studies (JLLLS)* Vol.2 No. 4, 2022. ISSN: 2788-4481(Print) 2788-4473 (Online)
- Edinah, G., **Mwangi, P.** & Waweru, M. (2022) Structure of the Determiner Phrase in Ekegusii: A Minimalist Approach. *Asian Journal of Social Science and Management Technology* Vol.4, Issue.3 ISSN: 2313-7410 pp. 159-175
- Ayieko, G. & **Mwangi, P.** (2022) Role of Social Networks, Attitude, and Motivation in Informal Foreign Language Learning: A case Study of the Tourism Industry in Mombasa County, Kenya. *Journal of Communication and Cultural Trends*. Vol 4 No. 1 4(1). <https://doi.org/10.32350/jcct.41.02>
- **Mwangi, P.**, Kiguru, G., Nthiga, P., & Kimuyu, C (2019) Language and Witchcraft as a Trade: Insights from Machakos County, Kenya. *Journal of Organizations* No. 23 (pp 59 – 77) ISSN: 2013-570X; EISSN: 1886-4171. <http://www.revista-rio.org>
- Kiguru, G. and **Mwangi, P.** and Nthiga, P. (2019) Bridging the Distance in Distance E-learning Msingi Journal of the Department of Educational Foundations, Volume 1(Issue 2, 2019) pp. 38-49
- Nthiga, P. Kiguru, G. and **Mwangi, P.** (2019) Adult Education and Development: Lessons from Somaliland. Msingi Journal of the Department of Educational Foundations, Volume 1(Issue 1, 2019) pp. 18-34
- **Mwangi, P.**, and Amateshe M. (2018) “Negotiating Speech Handicap through African Languages.” PAC University Press
- Njoroge, M., **Mwangi, P.**, Ndung’u, R. and Orwenjo, D.(2014). Multilingualism and Education: The Critical Nexus. *Multilingual Education Journal: a Springer Open Journal* <http://www.multilingual-education.com/content/4/1/10>

- **Mwangi, P.,** Njoroge, M. and Mose, E. (2013). Harmonizing the Orthographies of Bantu Languages: The Case of Gikuyu and Ekegusii in Kenya. *The University of Nairobi Journal of Language and Linguistics*. Vol. 3. ISSN: 224-1655
- **Mwangi** (2007) “The Stative Morpheme in Gikuyu: A Lexical Morphology Perspective” *Occasional Papers in Language and Linguistics*. Vol. 3
- **Mwangi** (2007) “[The Adjectival Passive in Gikuyu](#)”. [Chemchemi International Journal of the school of Humanities and Social Sciences](#). Vol.4 No.1
- **Mwangi, P.** (2001) “[The Syntax and Semantics of Morphological Causatives in Central Kenya Bantu](#)”. *South African Journal of African Languages*. No. 4

Referred Learning Modules

- **Mwangi, P.** and Kiguru, G. (2015). *Advanced Theoretical Studies in Grammar*. Nairobi: Kenyatta University Press
- **Mwangi, P.** and Wakarindi, M. (2020). *Syntax*. Nairobi: Kenyatta University Press

Reviewed Conference Papers

- The Place of Communication Skills in the Workplace in Kenya (reviewed by International Journal of the Sociology of Language (IJSL))

Short Communication in Journals

- **Mwangi, P.,** Kiguru, G. and Nthiga, P. (2024). Vignette: Community Initiatives for the Use of Maa in Education in Kenya. In *Multilingual Learning: Assessment, Ideologies and Policies in Sub-Saharan Africa*. Edited by Reily, R., Chimbutane, J.C., Rubagumya, C. and Erling, E.J. Routledge Publishers
- Kiguru, G and **Mwangi, P.** (2021) Message from editors (In the LDS journal)
- Kiguru, G. and **Mwangi, P.** (2019). Message from the guest editors (In the LDS journal)

University Level Scholarly Book

- **Mwangi, P.** (2010) *Morphosyntactic Aspects of the Verb in Gikuyu: A Bantu Language*. Germany :VDM Verlag Dr Muller GmbH& Co. KG:

Tertiary Level Scholarly Books

- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2008) *Distinction English for Primary Teacher Education*. Nairobi :Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (Forthcoming) *The Innovator Communications Level 1 and 2*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau

Book Chapters

- **Mwangi, P.** & Kiguru, G. (2023). The Capacity to Assess and Treat Communication Disabilities in Kenya: Field-based Evidence. In print with Springer.
- **Mwangi, P.,** Kiguru, G. and Nthiga P. (2022) “The witch made me do it!” A speech act analysis of the provocation defence in witch lynching cases in Kenya. In *Language and the Law: Global perspectives in Forensic Linguistics from Africa and beyond. Part III Language As Evidence*. South Africa: Africa Sun Media.
- **Mwangi, P.,** Kiguru, G. and Nthiga Purity (2018). The English Language and the Refugee Identity: Insights from Dadaab Refugee Camps. In *When "Home" Means more than one Country: The Discursive (Re)construction of Identities in Transnational Communities*. Germany: Lincom Europa.
- **Mwangi, P.** (2014). Exploiting our Linguistic Diversity to Promote Oral Skills. In *Multilingualism and Education in Africa: The State of the state of the Art*. London: Cambridge Scholars Publishing

School Textbooks

- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2025) *Top Scholar KJSEA Revision English*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2024) *Top Scholar English Grade 9 Student's Book*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2024) *Top Scholar English Grade 9 Teacher's Book*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2023) *Top Scholar English Grade 8 Student's Book*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2023) *Top Scholar English Grade 8 Teacher's Book*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2022) *Top Scholar English Grade 7 Student's Book*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2022) *Top Scholar English Grade 7 Teacher's Book*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2021) *Visionary English Activities. Grade 6 Learner's Workbook*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2021) *Visionary English Activities. Grade 6 Teacher's Workbook*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2021) *Visionary English Activities. Grade 5 Learner's Workbook*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2021) *Visionary English Activities. Grade 5 Teacher's Workbook*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2021) *Visionary English Activities. Grade 4 Learner's Workbook*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2021) *Visionary English Activities. Grade 4 Teacher's Workbook*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2018)** *Visionary English Literacy Activities. Grade 1 Learner's Workbook*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau

- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2018)** *Visionary English Literacy Activities. Grade 1 Teacher's Book*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2018)** *Visionary English Literacy Activities. Grade 2 Learner's Workbook*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2018)** *Visionary English Literacy Activities. Grade 2 Teacher's Book*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2018)** *Visionary English Literacy Activities. Grade 3 Learner's Workbook*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2018)** *Visionary English Literacy Activities. Grade 3 Teacher's Book*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2017)** *Rwanda Senior 3 English Students' Book*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2017)** *Rwanda Senior 3 English Teacher's Book*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2016)** *Rwanda Senior 2 English Students' Book*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2016)** *Rwanda Senior 2 English Teacher's Book*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. (2016)** *Cry No More*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. (2016)** *Paying the Price*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2015)** *Flying Colours in English Composition for Secondary schools* (2nd ed). Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2014)** *Top Mark KCSE English Questions and Answers*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2013)** *The Joy of Poetry*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2011)** *Flying Colours in English Composition for Secondary schools*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2010)** *Mentor: Life skills Book 5*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2010)** *Mentor: Life skills Book 4*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2006)** *KCSE Revision English*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2005)** *Excelling in English Students' Book 4*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2005)** *Excelling in English Teacher's Guide Book 4*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau

- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2004) *Excelling in English Students' Book 3*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2004) *Excelling in English Teacher's Guide Book 3*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2004) *Excelling in English Students' Book 2*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2004) *Excelling in English Teacher's Guide Book 2*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau:
- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2003) *Excelling in English Students' Book 1*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau
- **Mwangi, P.** et al. (2003) *Excelling in English Teacher's Guide Book 1*. Nairobi: Kenya Literature Bureau

Consultancy and Other Project Reports

- **Research findings report on the project titled:** Transitioning from Academia to Industry: Job Application Letters and Curriculum Vitae as the Weak Link

Non-Reviewed Conference Papers

- The Role of Textbooks in Mother Tongue Education: An Obstacle or an Aid to Learning?

Editorship of a Book or Conference Proceedings

- **Mwangi, P. (2018).** Edited the book: *The Soldier's Legacy*
- **Mwangi, P. (2017).** Edited the conference proceedings of **Seeking Asylum in Kenya**
- **Mwangi, P. et al. (2014)** Edited the book: *Multilingualism and Education in Africa: The State of the State of the Art*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

International Conference Presentations

2025

- July, Rabat, Morocco. **“Communicating Climate Change: a Content Analysis of Selected Coursebooks for Junior School in Kenya.”** Co-authored paper presented at the RC 25 ISA 2025 – “Language and Society” conference
- July, Rabat, Morocco. **“Impact of socio-cultural Discursive Construction of Mental Illness on Diagnosis and Management: Insights from Kenya.”** Co-authored paper presented at the RC 25 ISA 2025 – “Language and Society” conference

2023

- September, Cape Town, South Africa. **“The Discursive Construction of Appeals in a Quasi-Judicial Setting: The Case of Student Disciplinary Processes in a Selected**

University". Co-authored paper presented at the African Legal and Forensic Linguistics conference.

- September, Cape Town, South Africa. **"Prosecuting Predatory Cult Preachers: In Search of Language-Based Evidentiary Thresholds"**. Co-authored paper presented at the African Legal and Forensic Linguistics conference.
- June-July, Melbourne, Australia. **"Hustler" Vs. "Dynasty" Discourse in Kenya: A Herald of Issue-Based-Politics or a New Frontier in Othering"**. Co-authored paper presented at the RC 25 ISA 2023 – "Language and Society" conference
- June-July, Melbourne, Australia. **"Youth Linguaging: A Peek into Their Attitude Towards Sex and Sexuality"**. Co-authored paper presented at the RC 25 ISA 2023 – "Language and Society" conference

2022

- June. Online. **"Interrogating Language as a Social Bridge Extended to Individuals with Developmental Disabilities: A Critical Discourse Analysis Approach."** Co-authored paper presented at the RC 25 ISA 2022 – "Language and Society" conference
- June. Online. **"There is More than Meets the Eye': A Discursive Construction of Conspiracy Theories around COVID-19 by Kenyans on Social Media Platforms."** Co-authored paper presented at the RC 25 ISA 2022 – "Language and Society" conference

2021

- February. Online. "Sacrificing a Woman's Dignity at the Altar of Euphemism: The Portrayal of Women by Panelists Discussing Taboo Topics on Kenyan TV Shows". Paper presented at the RC 25 ISA 2021 – "Language and Society" conference

2019

- September, Warsaw, Poland **"Masters of Backpedalling: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Denials of Own Statements by Kenyan"**. Co-authored paper presented at the RC 25 ISA 2019 – "Language and Society" conference
- September, Warsaw, Poland **"Shifting Language Loyalties among Kenyan Youth: A Sign of Dynamism or a Harbinger of Language Death?"** Co-authored paper presented at the RC 25 ISA 2019 – "Language and Society" conference.
- August, Kampala, Uganda **"Teacher's and Parents' Preparedness for the Competence-based Curriculum in Kenya: Are the Midwives Ready to Delivery the Baby?."** Co-authored paper presented at the PALFA conference.
- August, Eldoret, Kenya **"The Role of Textbooks in Mother Tongue Education: An Obstacle or an Aid to Learning?"** Co-authored paper presented at the LAEA conference.

- July, Blomfontein, South Africa “ An Examination of the Prolonged Laboour in the Formation of Compound Words in Gikuyu” . Paper presented at the ALASA conference.
- July, Blomfontein, South Africa “ Neoliberal Discourse and Language Question in Africa: Challenges and Possibilities”” . Co-authored paper presented at the ALASA conference.

2018

- **July, Toronto, Canada** “Talking about Disability: Gains and Challenges in an African Context”. Co-authored paper presented at the ISA World Congress of Sociology.
- **July, Toronto, Canada** “Hate Speech on Social Media: Uncovering the Crevices where Hate Mongers Hide”. Co-authored paper presented at the ISA World Congress of Sociology.
- **July, Cape Town, South Africa** “Metafunctional Analysis of Gikuyu Clause Complexes of Expansion”. Co-authored paper presented at the ICL20 Conference.
- **June, Tarragona, Spain** “Language and Witchcraft as a Trade: Insights from Machakos County, Kenya”. Co-authored paper presented at: Language at the Work Place Conference.
- **June, Tarragona, Spain** “Communication Skills in the Workplace: The Kenyan Graduates’ Achilles Heel?” Co-authored paper presented at: Language at the Work Place Conference.
- **April, Machakos University, Kenya** “A Comparison of Descriptive English Compositions of Visually Impaired and Sighted Students in Kenyan Secondary Schools”. Co-authored paper presented at the 1st Annual International Conference.

2017

- **August, Abuja, Nigeria** “The Role of Edutainment in Acquiring Early Literacy Skills: Evidence from Kenya”. Co-authored paper presented at the 10th Pan African Literacy for All conference.
- **August, Abuja, Nigeria** “When Basic Words Become Spelling Demons for some Kenyan Pupils: Literacy Sacrificed at the Altar of Dysgraphia”. Co-authored paper presented at the 10th Pan African Literacy for All
- **August, Abuja, Nigeria** “Scaling the Literacy Cliff in an Emergency Context: The Case Learners in the Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya”. Co-authored paper presented at the 10th Pan African Literacy for All conference.
- **August, Abuja, Nigeria** “Reading and Phonics Teaching: A Success Story from Somaliland.” Co-authored paper presented at the 10th Pan African Literacy for All conference.
- **August, Abuja, Nigeria** “Illiteracy is no Defence: A Case for Improving Literacy as a Way of Enhancing Access to Justice in Kenyan Courts.” Co-authored paper presented at the 10th Pan African Literacy for All conference.
- **July, Porto, Portugal** “An Analysis of Metaphors of Incitement and their (In)admissibility in Judicial Proceedings”. Co-authored paper presented at the 13th Biennial Conference of the International Association of Forensic Linguists.

- **July, Porto, Portugal** “The Forked Road to justice: Analysis of Metaphors in ICC Discourse.” Co-authored paper presented at the 13th Biennial Conference of the International Association of Forensic Linguists.
- “The Capacity to Assess and Treat Communication Disabilities in Kenya: Field-based Evidence”. Co-authored paper presented at the 6th East African International conference on communication disability.

2016

- **November, Nairobi, Kenya** “Competence in English as a Gateway to Education in Kenya: An Enabler or a Hindrance for Somali Refugees in Dadaab?” Paper presented at the **Asylum Seekers in Kenya** Conference.
- **August, Accra, Ghana** “Adult and Life-long Learning and Development: Lessons from Somaliland. Co-authored paper presented at the INCEDI International Conference.
- **August, Accra, Ghana** “Bridging the Distance in Distance E-learning: Lessons from Dadaab and Kakuma Refugee Camps in Kenya”. Co-authored paper presented at the INCEDI International Conference.
- **May, Nairobi, Kenya** :Attended an international conference on English and Communication

2015

- **October, Brasilia, Brazil** “Carving Identity from a Nameless Code: The Case of a Secondary School in Nairobi, Kenya”. Presented at the University of Brazil.
- **April, Nairobi, Kenya** “The Pot Calling the Kettle Black? Of the Case of Theses Examiners in a Kenyan Public University”. Presented at Strathmore University during the English for Effective Communication Conference.
- **February, Kenyatta University, Kenya** “The Role of Social Networks in Informal French Language Learning in the Tourism Industry in Mombasa County, Kenya”. Co-authored paper presented at the International Conference on Foreign Languages and Literature in February.

2014

- **August, Kenyatta university, Kenya** “Negotiating Speech Handicap through African languages”. Co-authored paper presented at the International Conference on African Languages and Literatures in the 21st
- **June, Kenyatta University, Kenya** “Predicting Transcription: The Role of Pronunciation and Syllabic Stress. Presented at the Linguistics Circle Seminars, Department of English and Linguistics.
- **February, Nairobi, Kenya** “MOOCs: The Kenyan Experience.” Presented in Nairobi at the Third Pan-Africa Conference on training of Translators, Conference Interpreters and Public Service Interpreters

2013

- **August, Nairobi, Kenya:** “Utilizing Resources in Linguistic Minority Communities to Enhance Acquisition of Literacy Skills among Learners: Evidence from Maasai, Turkana and Nubian Language Groups in Kenya”. Co-authored paper presented at the International Pan Africa Reading for all conference (Colloquium).

2012

- **September, Cambridge, Britain** “Negotiating Language and Cultural Barriers in the Classroom: A Case Study of Migrant Learners in the Daadab Refugee Camp in Kenya, Africa”. Presented the Co-authored paper.

2010

- **July, Nairobi, Kenya** “Exploiting our Linguistic Diversity to Promote Oral Skills”. Presented at the Multilingualism conference held in Kenyatta University.

2001

- **May, Nairobi, Kenya** “Of the Distinction between Inflectional and Derivational Morphemes”. Presented at the Linguistic Circle Seminar (Kenyatta University)

1999

- **July: Pretoria, South Africa,** “The Adjectival Passive in Gikuyu”. Presented at the African Language Association of Southern Africa (ALASA) conference.

1998

- **July: Johannesburg, South Africa,** “The Syntax and Semantics of Morphological Causatives in Central Kenya Bantu Languages”. Presented at the African Language Association of Southern Africa (ALASA) conference.