

Short CV

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Peter Wasamba is a Professor of African Literature at the University of Nairobi and Lecturer of International Law, with over 20 years of research and teaching experience at university level. He has served as a university manager for 11 years: as the Chairman, Department of Literature (3 y), Associate Dean (4 y) and thereafter, Dean, Faculty of Arts (4 y). He is an international scholar involved in research and exchange collaborations in Africa, Asia, Europe and America. Wasamba's research interest is on Oral Literature, Law and Human Rights.

Career breaks

None

Five main publications

1. Wasamba, Peter, *Contemporary Oral Literature Fieldwork: A Researcher's Guide*. University of Nairobi Press, 2015. ISBN 978-9966-792-53-2. pp. 300.
2. Wasamba Peter, "Conservation for Sustainable Development: The Unexplored Potential of Kenyan Folklore," In: Peter Wasamba et.al. Eds. *Our Narratives our Landscapes: Relationship between Creativity and Environmental Conservation* (Nairobi: Kenya Oral Literature Association, 2006) 11-18.
3. Wasamba, Peter & Ben Sihanya, "What do they get for their Sweat: Rethinking Compensation for Artists in Poor Cash-based Economies," *Journal of African Cultures*. SOAS. Vol. 24, No. 2, December 2012, 171–183. <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13696815.2012.732303>
4. Wasamba Peter, "The Concept of Heroism in Samburu Moran Ethos", *Journal of African Languages and Cultural Studies*. SOAS. Vol. 21, No. 2, December 2009, 145 – 158.
5. Wasamba Peter, "Centring the De-Voiced: Rethinking Personhood in Oral Literature Field Research." *The Nairobi Journal of Literature*, University of Nairobi. No. 6 (2010).

Other scientific output and impact

EDUCATION PROFILE

- Ph.D. (Literature) (2002, University of Nairobi)
- LLM. (International Law) (2018, University of Nairobi)
- M.A. Literature (1998, University of Nairobi)
- LLB. (2017, University of Nairobi)
- B.A. Literature (1994, University of Nairobi)
- KACE (1989, AFSHE); KCE (1983, Chianda High School); CPE (1979, Lieta Primary School)

ACADEMIC CAREER

- Professor of Literature (from 2016 to date): University of Nairobi.
- Lecturer of Law (from 2018 to date): University of Nairobi.
- Associate Professor of Literature (2010 - 2016): University of Nairobi.
- Snr. Lecturer, Dept. of Literature (2006 to 2010): University of Nairobi.
- Lecturer, Dept. of Literature (2000 – 2007): University of Nairobi.

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- Freelance Journalist (1994 – 1997): The Standard Newspaper
- Development Communication Assist. (1993-1994) Christian Children's Fund

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT

- Trained University Manager (2015-2016): Attended and completed DAAD sponsored International Dean's Course (in Germany, Ghana and Ethiopia).
- Intellectual Property Rights Expert (2000– 2009): Attended and completed a number of trainings in Intellectual Property and Copyright Management through support from WIPO, UNESCO and IFFRO in Oslo, Kampala, Harare, Dar es Salaam, and Windhoek.
- Trained Educator: Trained in Pedagogy and certified as qualified teacher (University of Nairobi, 2015).

AWARDS OF DISTINCTION/PEER RECOGNITION

- DAAD Senior Researchers Fellowship: Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany (May – July 2019) and Hamburg University, Germany (April-July 2012).
- DAAD Junior Researchers' Fellowship: University of Hamburg, Germany (April – July 2007).
- Visiting Researcher to the Republic of Korea (March – April 2012): Won a research grant to conduct fieldwork in Seoul Metropolis, South Korea with Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS).
- Visiting Scholar to USA (2008, 2009): Guest Lecturer, University of North Carolina (UNC) Chapel Hill.
- Deans Committee Research Grant (2006 – 2008): Funded by the University of Nairobi to conduct research on how the digital technology can be applied in oral literature research.
- University of Nairobi Scholarship to pursue PhD course in Literature (1999 – 2001).
- University of Nairobi Scholarship to pursue MA course in Literature (1995 – 1998).

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION (INTERNATIONAL)

I am currently serving the following universities as an External examiner in Department of English: University of Ghana-Legon and University of Cape Coast, Ghana; University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe; University of South Africa (UNISA), RSA; Uganda Christian University, Uganda.

PROMOTING STUDENTS INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

- o SONU Leaders Visits to Soka University, Japan in 2013, 2015 and 2018.
- o Students' DAAD Sponsored visit to Germany: students and staff exchange visit to Hamburg University (2015) and awarded a DAAD scholarship to take a group of students on a visit to Humboldt University Berlin and University of Paderbon (12 – 22 June 2019).
- o University of Nairobi - Korea Students Exchange programme: coordinator of student exchange between Korea and UoN.
- o Students' Exchange: supporting students from Japan, Ghana, USA, Belgium and Germany.

PROCEEDINGS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

Keynote Papers

- Wasamba Peter, "The Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) in the Age of Disruptions: Boon or Bane?" Keynote Paper, Makerere Humanities and Social Sciences Symposium. 4 – 7 March 2018 Makerere University, Kampala.
- Wasamba, Peter, "Orality, Fieldwork and Textual production in the 21st Century." Keynote paper, International Conference on "Performing Traditions, Travelling Narratives, Living the Diaspora," 7 – 12 December 2016, Hamburg University, Germany.

Other Conferences/Workshops/Presentations

- "Research in Africa: Future Directions of Research, Scholarship and Funding in Africa," Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Studies (STIAS), RSA, 21-23 October 2019.
- "Literature, Law and Human Rights in Africa", Humboldt University, Germany, 23 June 2020.
- "Performing Postproverbials: Transformations and Modernities in African Studies", University of Ibadan, Nigeria. (19 – 22 February, 2018)
- "Trends in the Oral Genres of the Digo of Kenya," the African Literature Association (ALA) International Conference, Bayreuth, Germany, 5 June 2015.
- "Going beyond Data Collection in Ethnography: Options for Bridging the Gap between Researchers and Archivists," Mohammed V. University, Rabat, Morocco, 11 – 16 December 2013.