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WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

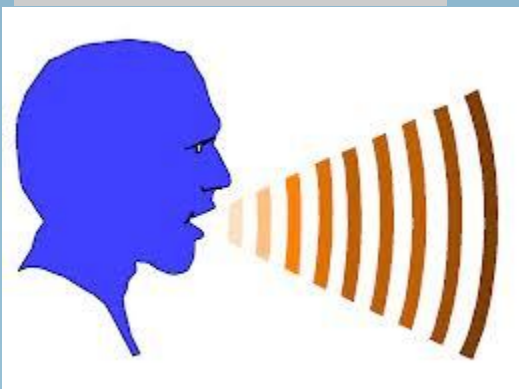


Welcome to the Department of Linguistics and Languages Newsletter. Our department is unique because it hosts a number of language areas e.g Arabic, Kiswahili, German, English Chinese and African Language. We are a department that not only conducts academic research in the above mentioned languages but we also have a host of lecturers who are engaged in writing fiction.

Feel welcome to our newsletter and I hope you will enjoy it!

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What is.....



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Some Senior members of the Department



Prof. Kyalo Wamitila



Prof. Mohammed Abdulaziz



Prof. Okoth-Okombo(r)



Prof. Sa Diquan



Prof. Kithaka wa Mberia

Who is this Linguist?



- A. Roman Jakobson
- B. David Crystal
- C. Edward Sapir
- D. Noam Chomsky



Word from the Editor

Asalaam aleykum,

Welcome to our first edition of *Ndimi*. The Chairman already did this but as the Editor of the newsletter, I need to equally tell you *karibu!* In addition, he has mentioned a number of languages taught in our department. I will reiterate this. Our primary goal is to understand the nature of these languages in general: What distinguishes human language from other animal communication systems? What features are common to all human languages?..how are the modes of linguistic communication (speech, writing, sign language of the deaf) related to other types of human behavior?

Our department houses scholars who are giants in Swahili fiction and in subsequent issues, we will know more about them. This current issue highlights some senior scholars from the department, exchange programmes, new PhDs and some recent publication.

Enjoy!

Dr. Tom Olali

Exchange Programmes



Dr. Olali with Swahili Swahili Students at Tianjin Normal University.



The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Magoha (l), Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs) Prof. Mbeche (m) and Dr. Olali at Tianjin Normal University.



Oral English Class

Graduation



Dr. Jane Wambui recently obtained her PhD from The University of Waikato, New Zealand. Congrats doc!

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Publications

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If questions like these intrigue you, you could be a born linguist. That's 'linguist' meaning 'someone who practices linguistics', of course, not 'someone who speaks a lot of languages fluently'. Linguistics is the science of language. It is the subject whose practitioners devote their energy to understanding why human language is the way it is. They study the history, acquisition, structure, and use of as many languages as possible. There are currently about 6,000 languages to choose from!

Fiction

1. **Msururu wa Usaliti-Mwenda Mbatiah(2012)**
2. **Harufu ya Mapera-Prof.Wamitila(2012)**
3. **Lulu ya Maisha-Prof.Habwe(2013)**
4. **Chози Langu-Dr. Mogambi(2012)**
5. **Watu wa Gehenna-Olali (2012)**

Non-Fiction

1. **Performing Arts in Lamu(2012)-Tom Olali**

