

## Bible Study Skills Enhanced



*Staff demonstrate some of the mistakes done during Bible study sessions*

"Bible study creates a community and a sense of belonging thus a powerful way to transform lives," this was said by the University Vice-chancellor, Dr. Timothy Wachira during the Bible Study training held at the Nairobi Campus on 27th February, 2017. Dr. Wachira urged the Bible study group leaders to be spiritually disciplined; manage their time well by being in the room on time and finishing the study on time. He called on the leaders to prepare themselves adequately before going for Bible study. "As a leader, one ought to have a genuine heart and be a hard worker," he said adding that listening to others at times may be hard but as a group leader one is required to listen and be friendly to the participants.

During the discussions it emerged that Bible study groups have helped a number of students and staff prepare for the world outside campus life. Some of them have formed Bible study groups in the area of their residence, thanks to the training obtained through bible study sessions at Daystar. Those present were in agreement that Bible

study enhances fellowship and that people get to share and care for one another.

Some participants also got to share their experiences and success stories from their respective Bible study groups. Dr. Chip Kingsbury shared how his Bible study group has gone a notch higher and visits the neighboring schools among them, Lukenya Boys and Lukenya Primary School to evangelize to the students and staff members.

The Vice-chancellor further demonstrated his lesson with the help of some staff members. They demonstrated some of the mistakes done during the Bible study sessions, among them, answering phone calls during the session, few members dominating the discussions and how some people go to the Bible study unprepared. "All these can be avoided when leaders commit themselves to manage the participation by individuals, keeping the discussion focused, cultivating the discipline of time management, dealing with outstanding issues by

doing follow up beyond the normal study group," the Vice Chancellor emphasized.

He mentioned some of the key areas that need kept attention when facilitating a Bible study group: avoid situations where people offend each other; have an eye on relationships and ensure that all

the members participate. Dr. Wachira also called on the leaders to keep an eye on those who are not participating because some of them may be going through issues or some may be having needs that cannot be publicly announced. The staff and students present left the place motivated to start Bible study groups in their areas of residence.



*Vice Chancellor Dr. Timothy Wachira taking staff and students through the Bible Study Leadership Training*

## Daystar Celebrates the Life of Dr. Jon Masso

On Wednesday March 1, 2017 the Daystar University community joined family and friends of the late Dr. Jon Masso, at the Daystar Academic Centre Auditorium at the Nairobi Campus to celebrate his life and legacy.

The afternoon memorial service attracted a huge gathering with the auditorium filled to capacity; a solid testament to a life well lived. Family members led by Michael Masso shared heartfelt and emotional stirred memories of their father. Among the many cherished memories was that of a strong witness of a life devoted to Christ.

Dr. Masso was fondly remembered for his dedication and work ethic. As a lecturer he would provoke his students to what has now become a cherished exhortation, "Fikiria kwanza, fikiria tena" (Think first, think again). Also, many appreciated his unique sense of humor.

On behalf of the Daystar community, the Vice-chancellor thanked the Masso family for giving Daystar a man who was humble and dedicated enough to give his 18 years to Daystar. "Today we can confidently say, here was a missionary who seamlessly integrated into our culture and projected himself not as a missionary but





*Dr. Jon Masso's children sharing memorable moments they had with their father*

as a Christian," testified Dr. Wachira. The Deputy Vice-chancellor Academic Affairs, Rev. Prof James Kombo said of the late Dr. Masso "He was an institutional beacon of Daystar University."

Other tributes were given by the Council Chair Prof. George Krhoda, former Chancellor Dr. Florence Muli-Musiime, Daystar Faculty and staff and Ahadi Alumnus who is also a Daystar staff and Alumnus, Maurice Kioko.

The tribute from the Chairperson of the Nairobi Music Society spoke of Dr. Masso's generous disposition and commitment to the Choir ever since he joined it. The Nairobi Music Society choir, of which he sang tenor, will dedicate their next concert which will be held in May to Dr. Masso.

On Thursday 2nd March 2017, the Daystar community based in Athi river campus gathered at the Amphitheatre for yet another service in honor of Dr. Masso. During the Athi



*Dr. Jon Masso's family, together with friends, faculty and staff in attendance during the memorial*

River service, Michael Masso described his father as a hardworking man who was a Dad to many young boys. The late Jon Masso's children heaped praises on their father as a man of integrity, love and caring to many.

Dr. Martha Kiarie-Makara, Dean, School of Science Engineering and Health remembered her colleague as a mentor, friend and boss. "He was a patient listener, had an arc of solving big problems, ever present, reliable in times of need and a dedicated Christian," she confessed. Dr. Kiarie quoted how the late Dr. Masso bragged to her about physics, "Physics is the power of knowledge." "I look at him as the father of technology in Daystar," she confessed as she encouraged the Daystar community to follow into his footsteps.

Daystar University Student Association (DUSA) President, John Brian Oyaro speaking on behalf of the students body eulogized Dr. Masso as having lived an exemplary life dedicated to serving the Lord, expressed by the love he had for people. "He was kind, intelligent and above all, he showed one can give back to the society," he said.

He is survived by his wife Phylis Masso, four children; Michael Masso, Christi Byerly, Kathryn Pillsbury, Kevin Loewen and 12 grandchildren.

Tributes to the late Dr. Jon Masso from Daystar Alumni can be read at: <https://wordpress.com/stats/day/daystaralumni.wordpress.com>

## Daystar Participates at the 15th Universities' Education Exhibition at CUEA

Daystar University took part in the 15th Universities' education exhibition and discourse which took place at the Catholic University of East Africa (CUEA). The exhibition was officially opened by the Cabinet Secretary for Education Dr. Fred Matiang'i on the 28th of February 2017. Our own Vice-chancellor Dr. Timothy Wachira and the Vice chancellors of other universities were present at the opening ceremony.

In his welcome address, Prof. Justus Mbae, the Vice Chancellor Catholic University who represented private Universities' thanked the Cabinet Secretary Dr. Fred Matiang'i for showing confidence in private universities. He further noted that both public and private universities had one common goal which was to provide the African child with quality education.

Dr. Fred Matiang'i, the cabinet secretary for education, discussed the state of education in Kenya. The CS also noted that there is a lot of politicization in the universities, that dictates how these universities are run. He also notably said that if we had better governance in our universities the cost of education in the country would

probably be slightly lower than what it is today. He said that our country has untapped potential, but governance anarchy is hurting the universities.

Professor Nyaigotti Chacha, Chairman Commission for University Education said that there is a thin line between public and private universities as such, both should offer the same quality and standard of education.

Prof. Some, CEO of the Commission for University Education and the Master of Ceremonies outlined the four approach that constituted the theme of this year's exhibition: Academic discourse by University Vice-chancellors, showcasing of research projects by institutions of higher learning, exhibitions by universities, and finally industries players has the opportunity to exhibit their services and products, and to interact with students to prepare them for employment.

Prof. Mbae commended the Commission of University Education for the just concluded quality audit and he emphasized that it had been long overdue. "The audit was approached with enthusiasm, values and most importantly with innovation," he said.





*Assistant Marketing Officer Mr Sosnes Olindo explains Daystar programs to a visiting student at the Expo*

Prof. Francis Aduor, Vice Chancellor Technical University who represented Public Universities' echoed the remarks of Prof. Justus Mbae emphasizing that, Universities have no other expectation but to give quality education. To be able to interrogate the issue of quality, we have to be ready to challenge ourselves and expose ourselves to the world. The number of universities in the

country is rising fast and in a very short time. This has greatly impacted on the quality of education hence the recent audit by the Commission of University Education.

Faculty and staff from various Schools and departments were at hand to give information to the people who visited the Daystar stand.



*Dr.. Korir from the School of Human and Social Sciences giving information to a prospective parent*

# PLO Lumumba Honors Essay Writing Competition

Fahamu Africa in collaboration with Daystar University held a Pambazuka lecture and award ceremony at the DAC auditorium on Monday 27th February 2017. This competition had been going on for about 3 weeks with students from Athi-River and Nairobi campus being invited to an essay writing competition on emerging issues in their community. It attracted 35 participants from Daystar University.

The guest speaker Prof. PLO Lumumba, a lawyer and the CEO of Kenya School of Law noted that many African youths are looking to the day they will leave their continent because according to them it is the avenue of salvation. "Why is it that our ancestors fought to regain independence in the 50s and 60s, and 50 years later we no longer place premium on this independence? Instead we are seeking to move to the land of the

colonizers." he wondered. "As long as our minds are captured there is no doubt that we shall never benefit this continent," he said.

The Finance and Operations Manager, Fahamu Kenya Mrs. Catherine Muchiri the young citizens are the ones that understand the problems of the continent and our countries better. she felt they are eager and have knowledge and time to push for these matters to be solved.

Present at the event was the Dean School of Communication language and Performing Arts, Prof Levi Obonyo, faculty and staff and students.

The best three competitors received awards while students, and the other participants received certificates of participation.



*Prof. PLO Lumumba (third from left), the Pambazuka team, and Daystar Dean, School of Communication, Prof Levi Obonyo, the HOD Dr. Rosemary Kouwuor, posing with the winners of the Essay competition during the Pambazuka Essay Award*



# IN OTHER NEWS

## Daystar Ethical Review Board gets Approved by NACOSTI.

Daystar Ethical Review Board is now legally approved to review ethical issues in research proposals not only within Daystar but also within the larger academic arena in the country. For Daystar University, this is great achievement and will go a long way in moving the research agenda in the country.

Congratulations to the board members for the many hours of hard work in developing the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).



### MASTER COMMUNICATORS WELFARE ASSOCIATION (MCWA)

Phone No.: 0702390922 Website: [www.mcwa-kenya.com](http://www.mcwa-kenya.com)

## Scholarship! Scholarship! Scholarship!

The Master Communicators Welfare Association (MCWA) is now receiving applications for 2017 scholarships.

### APPLICATION CONDITIONS

The applicant MUST BE: -

1. An MA communication student currently pursuing studies at Daystar University;
2. Enrolled for the January 2017 semester - Please email current invoice to [info@mcwa-kenya.com](mailto:info@mcwa-kenya.com) and copy [alando@daystar.ac.ke](mailto:alando@daystar.ac.ke)
3. At least on their second semester of study – Please email current academic transcript.
4. Have a minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.00 - Please email current academic transcript.
5. The deadline for receiving applications is Friday 10th March 2017

The 4th MCWA scholarship(s) will be awarded on 14th March 2017

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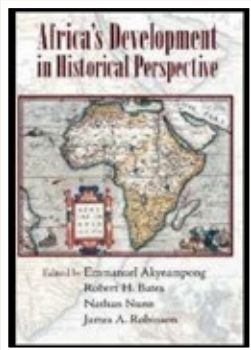
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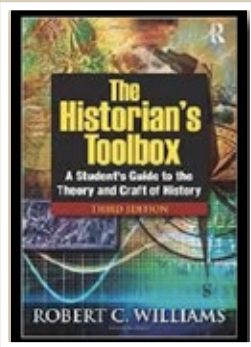
## Newly acquired print books on History



**Africa's Development in Historical Perspective (2014)**

**By Emmanuel Akyeampong**

This edited volume addresses the root causes of Africa's persistent poverty through an investigation of its longue durée history. It interrogates the African past through disease and demography, institutions and governance, African economies and the impact of the export slave trade, colonialism, Africa in the world economy, and culture's influence on accumulation and investment. Several of the chapters take a comparative perspective, placing Africa's developments aside other global patterns. The readership for this book spans from the informed lay reader with an interest in Africa, academics and undergraduate and graduate students, policy makers, and those in the development world.



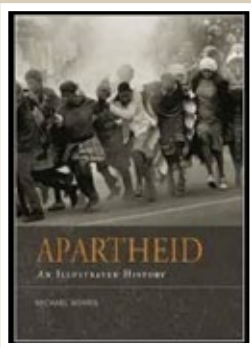
**The Historian's Toolbox: A Student's Guide to the Theory and Craft of History (2012)**

**By Robert C Williams**

Written in an engaging and entertaining style, this widely-used how-to guide introduces readers to the theory, craft, and methods of history and provides a series of tools to help them research and understand the past.

Part I is a stimulating, philosophical introduction to the key elements of history—evidence, narrative, and judgment—that explores how the study and concepts of history have evolved over the centuries.

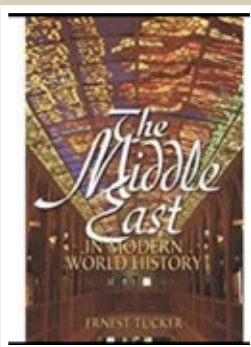
Part II guides readers through the workshop of history. Unlocking the historian's toolbox, the chapters here describe the tricks of the trade, with concrete examples of how to do history. The tools include documents, primary and secondary sources, maps, arguments, bibliographies, chronologies, and many others..



**Apartheid An illustrated history (2011)**

**By Michael Morris**

The thing that looms largest over South Africa's future is South Africa's past - most especially the nearly five decades of division and conflict that marked one of the C20th most infamous social experiments. This book examines the defining experience of modern South Africa's transition from colonialism to democracy. What began in May 1948 as an ambitious project to engineer white supremacy at the expense of the country's black majority spawned 46 years of repressive authoritarianism and bitter resistance, which claimed the lives of thousands and pushed the country to the brink of civil war.



**The Middle East in Modern World History (2012)**

**By Ernest Tucker**

The Middle East in Modern World History focuses on the history of this region over the past 200 years. It examines how global trends during this period shaped the Middle East and how these trends were affected by the regions' development. Three trends from the past two centuries are highlighted:

- The region as a strategic conduit between East and West
- The development of the region's natural resources, especially oil
- The impact of a rapidly globalizing world economy on the Middle East





# Weekly Inspiration

*Dream your dreams with your eyes closed, but live your dreams with your eyes open*

- Unknown -

## Chapel Diary

SEMESTER THEME: SEXUAL PURITY #THESEXAPP

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9)*

### Athi River Campus (ARC)

**Tuesday March 7th, 2017**

Topic: Sexual Addiction

Speaker: DCCC

**Thursday March 9th, 2017**

Small Group Bible Study

**Sunday March 12th, 2017**

Topic: How to flee.

Speaker: Rev. J.M. Musili

### Valley Road Campus (VRC)

**Tuesday March 7th, 2017**

Topic: The Soul of Sex

Speaker: Curtis Reed

**Thursday March 9nd, 2017**

Small Group Bible Study

**Friday March 10th, 2017**

Topic: The Soul of Sex

Speaker: Curtis Reed

## Bereavement

Shalom Daystar

Elia Kiptanui a PR student and her brother Abraham Kiptanui a Music student both in the School of Communication Language & Performing Arts lost their Dad Mr. Peter Kiptanui Chemwor on Tuesday 21st Feb, 2017. The burial will take place this coming Saturday on 4th March, 2017 in their home in Kiboswa village Kisumu.

Let's join Elia and Abraham's family in prayer and material support during this difficult time of loss. Elia can be reached through her number 0708 351571 for more details

