


Daystar University Staff Profile for Regina Muthoni Gachari

1. Name:	<i>Dr. Regina Muthoni Gachari</i> <i>Senior Lecturer in Literature</i>
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3. Job Title and Responsibilities:	<p>Senior Lecturer in Literature in Language and Performing Arts department School of Communication Teaching Language and Literature courses, Doctoral Colloquium and Supervision of Postgraduate students Currently, Acting Head of LPA department (Dec 2019 – Mid Feb 2020)</p>
4. Biography	<p>I have taught Language and Literature in three secondary schools in Kenya where I also served as head of English, Patron of Young Christian Students and House Mistress. I was also a tutor of English in In-Service courses organized by the British Council for teachers of English in Kitui District (1987-1990).</p> <p>At Daystar university I have taught Language and Literature courses to undergraduate students. I have also taught research writing at Masters Level, Doctoral colloquium to PhD students and also supervised masters' students.</p> <p>Administratively, I have also served as Head of Humanities department. During my tenure, I offered leadership in the development of curriculum programmes such as Revision of Bachelor of Education (B.Ed Arts), development of B.Ed . in Early Childhood Education, BA in KISWAHILI, BA in French, BA in Technical and Professional</p>

	<p>Communication (TPC), BA in Geography and BA in History. All the above programmes were approved by Commission for Higher Education (CHE)</p> <p>During various times, I have also acted as the Dean, Faculty of Arts and Director, Research, Publications and Consultancy.</p> <p>In partnership with lecturers in my department and other universities, I run workshops on Academic Writing.</p> <p>I am a full member of Kenya Oral Literature Association (KOLA)</p> <p>I am a member of <i>Daystar University Ethics and Review Board</i>, a Reviewer of <i>African Journal of Clinical Psychology</i>, Daystar University and the forthcoming <i>Journal of Communication</i>, Daystar University. I have also served in the Editorial board of Output, A Biannual Publication of Daystar University.</p> <p>From 2006 to date I have been a leader of Small Christian Group for bible study in the university.</p> <p>At the community level, I serve as an elder at PCEA Sukari Parish where I have been the patron of Teens, Youth and women's ministries. I have also served as the Session Clerk (the chief executive of the church). Currently I am the patron, Audit committee, Missions & Evangelism and Widows and Widowers ministries.</p> <p>I am also involved in a number of women's organizations.</p>
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5. Academic Qualifications:	<i>Academic Award</i>	<i>Year of award</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Thesis title</i>
	<i>Ph.D Literature</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>Kenyatta university (2009-2012)</i>	<i>A gender analysis of KCSE Literature texts</i>
	<i>MA- English Studies</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>Oxford Brookes University, UK (1994-1996)</i>	<i>The African Woman's Dilemma: Marriage and Career in African Women's Writing</i>
	<i>B.Ed – (Language & Literature)</i>	<i>1986</i>	<i>Kenyatta University ((1983-1986)</i>	
	Certificate in Guidance and Counseling in the local church and community (2007) at Daystar university			
6. Research Interests:	<p>1. <i>Gender issues in Literature with a focus on Women's writing</i> A hand book of gender terminologies: A self sponsored on- going project with Prof Wangari Mwai , USIU</p> <p>2. Writing & language issues: Forthcoming Chapters in book</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regina Gachari, Jane Kinuthia & Brenda Wambua “Parental Engagement In School And Educational Programmes For Immigrant Learners” in <i>Handbook of Research on Diversity and Social Justice in Higher Education 2019, to be published by IGI Global</i> Brenda Wambua, Regina Gachari & Jane Kinuthia “Supporting Second Language Learners in Higher Education in Handbook of Research---<i>Handbook of Research on Bridging Family-Teacher Relationships for ELL and Immigrant Students</i> 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Conference paper</i> Jane Kinuthia, Regina Gachari & Brenda Wambua “Language and Power Relations in Selected Marriage Ceremonies’ Songs among the Agikuyu and Akamba Communities” to be presented at the International Mother Language Day (IMLD) Conference 2020: Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST), Kenya 19th – 21st February 2020
7. Publications:	<p>Book</p> <p><i>Gender Representation in Kenya Secondary Schools Literature Textbooks</i> (2019). LAP Lambert Academic Publishing ISBN 978-620-0-27341-3</p> <p>Chapter in book</p> <p>Gachari R.M. & Oladipo R.M. (2010). Reading habits among continuing education students: Challenges and prospects. In F. Miya & P. Mageto (Eds.). <i>Developing continuing education in Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya</i>. Daystar University.</p> <p>Gachari, R.M. (2015). Rhythm of the silent song: Celebrating Kenya’s liberation heroines. In DeKUT African Liberation Conference Proceedings ISBN 996683630 (2015 Ed.)</p> <p>Gachari R.M. (2018). High School Students Perception of Gender in Selected KCSE Literature Textbooks, In From Asmara 2000 to Nairobi 2014: Trends in African Languages and Literatures. (Eds). Ndungo C.M., Mwita, I.C., Ngugi, P.M.Y., Makokha, J.S. & Ngugi, D. Institute of African Studies, Kenyatta University, Kenya.</p> <p>Kisiangani, F., Gachari, R.M. & Komen, L. (2019). Challenges of Communicating Cervical Cancer Screening Awareness and Uptake in Bungoma County, Kenya. <i>Networking Knowledge: Journal of the MeCCSA Postgraduate Network</i>. Vol. 12No 2. Standard Issue.</p> <p>Poems in the anthology <i>Heart to heart: Reflective poetry from Africa</i>. Daystar University. (Eds). Ndivo L. and Musonye M.M. (Eds.)(2012)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I want you to know</i> <i>Tit for tat</i> • <i>A walk down the street.</i> • <i>Women of Africa</i> • <i>Saintly march.</i> • <i>‘Mheshimiwa’</i> • <i>Valentine’s day.</i>

Refereed Journal Articles

Gachari, R.M. (2002). Crafting Democratic Memory: The Question of Dilemma and Choice for Women in Kenyan Oral Narratives. In *FABULA: Journal of Folktale Studies*, 43 Band Heft ½, 85-93.

Articles in other journals

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Gachari , R.M. (1998). A woman's Dilemma: Marriage and Career in African Women's Literature. In *Perspectives: An Academic Journal of Daystar University*, 2 (2), 41-51.

Gachari R..M. & Oladipo R.M. (2005). Promoting Reading as a means of improving proficiency in English among students in tertiary institutions. In *PERSPECTIVES: An Academic Journal of Daystar University*, 1(1) 90-103.

Gachari R.M. & Oladipo R.M. (2007). Encouraging Women's Participation in Political Leadership to Create Gender Equity in Kenya. In *Perspectives: An Academic Journal of Daystar University*, 1 (2) 40-52.

Gachari, R.M. (2008). The Role of Art in Serving Mankind. In Perspectives, An Academic Journal of Daystar University, 1(1)22-39

Gachari, R.M. (2015). Rhythm of the silent song: Celebrating Kenya's liberation

heroines. In DeKUT African Liberation Conference Proceedings ISBN 996683630 (2015 Ed.)

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Conference and seminar Papers

1. International Conference Paper titled “*Crafting Democratic Memory: The Question of Dilemma and Choice for Women in Kenyan Oral Narratives*”. International Society for Folk Narrative Research Conference (ISFNR), held at Kenyatta University on 17th to 22nd July 2000.
2. University Seminar: Paper titled “*Integration of Faith and Learning in Teaching Literature*”. Daystar University 21st October 2001.
3. Departmental Seminar Paper titled “*A woman’s Dilemma: Marriage and Career in African Women’s Literature*. 1999
4. The LCC annual Interdisciplinary Conference paper titled “Encouraging a Reading Culture among Students in Higher Institutions of Learning in the Era of Globalisation, held on 30th October to 1st November 2003 at Thompson Falls Hotel, Nyahururu, Kenya.
5. International Conference paper titled “Using Cartoons to Enhance Women’s Participation in Political Leadership”. Gracia Hotel, Yaya Centre, Nairobi, 18th to 20th August, 2006
6. Conference paper titled “*Leisure Reading Habits of Continuing Education Students: Challenges and Prospects.*” Presented at a Continuing Education Conference held at The Panafric Hotel, Nairobi. 1st – 2nd December, 2008.
7. Colloquium paper entitled “A Gender Analysis of Selected KCSE Literature Textbooks”. Presented at Daystar University Research Colloquium held at Daystar University on 9th December 2011.
8. Colloquium paper entitled “An investigation into Daystar University students’ writing skills”. Presented at Daystar University Research Colloquium held at Gracia Gardens, Nairobi on 27-28th March 2013
9. International conference paper entitled:” The role of women in Kenya’s liberation struggle”. Presented at International conference on Liberation Movements held at Karatina university 5th-6th December 2013
10. International conference on African Liberation entitled: ‘Rhythm of the silent song: Celebrating Kenya’s Liberation Heroines held at DeKUT University 19th – 21st February 2014
11. International conference African Languages and Literatures in the 21ST Century paper entitled: “High School Students’ Perception of Gender as Portrayed in Literature Text books” held at Kenyatta University 6th-8th August 2014.
12. International conference African Languages and Literatures in the 21ST Century paper entitled:”The Social Context of Greetings in African Languages: The example of Yoruba, Kikuyu and Kiembu’ held at Kenyatta University 6th-8th August 2014.

	<p>13. English for effective communication Conference held at Strathmore University April 16th – 17th 2015 An investigation into Daystar University students’ writing skills”.</p> <p>14. English for effective communication Conference held at Strathmore University 19th – 20th May 2016 Reading habits of English teachers</p> <p>15. ICA Regional conference, paper titled ‘Aspects of Oral Literature in the Media’ held at Daystar University, Kenya 19th – 21st October, 2016.</p> <p>16. ICA International conference and Research Workshop “Representation of Oral Literature in the Kenyan Media held at Uganda Martyrs Christian University, Entebbe, Uganda 24th – 26th October 2017.</p> <p>17. 4th Conference of the Department of African Languages and Literature. Paper titled ‘Raising Their Voices: Women’s Quest for Freedom and Identity in African Women’s Writing’ held at the University of Botswana, 13th-16th June 2018.</p> <p>18. Paper, Panel & Roundtable Proposal Biennial Conference. Paper titled ‘Faith Based Educational Institutions Psychosocial & gender support for preventing sexuality crisis among youth in Kenya Secondary Schools’ presented at The African Association for the Study of Religions (AASR) in Lusaka, Zambia 1-4 August 2018</p> <p>19. International Mother Language Conference, Paper entitled ‘How indigenous languages bring out gender roles and subordinate women held at Kenyatta University, Kitui Campus, 20th-22nd February 2019.</p>
8. Classes you teach:	<p><i>Undergraduate courses</i> <i>Advanced writing, Advanced reading, Appreciation of literature, Modern African poetry, African Literature, Stylistics, Major trends in World literature, Shakespeare</i></p> <p><i>Postgraduate</i> <i>Doctoral colloquium</i></p>
9. Other relevant links:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For example, ResearchGate, Google scholar, etc.
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