

## **PONSIANO SAWAKA KANIJO**

### **Instructor in Linguistics specializing in African Languages**

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### **POSITIONS**

- 2019– **University of Dar es Salaam (MUCE)**  
Lecturer in Linguistics specializing in African languages, November 2019–present
- 2018 **Gothenburg, Sweden**  
Doctoral representative in the HDR (Humanistiska doktorandrådet)
- 2012 **University of Dar es Salaam (MUCE)**  
Assistant Lecturer in Linguistics, December 2012 – October 2019
- 2014 **University of Dar es Salaam (MUCE)**  
Head, Public Relation Unit, 2014 – 2015
- 2014 **University of Dar es Salaam (MUCE)**  
Member, Mkwawa Newsletter Editorial Board, 2014 – 2015
- 2014 **MUCE SACCOS**  
Member of the Auditing Committee, 2014 – 2015
- 2010 **University of Dar es Salaam (MUCE)**  
Tutorial Assistant in Linguistics, 2010 – 2012
- 2010 **UDASA - MUCE**  
English Proofreader of Newsletter and Assembly proceedings texts, 2010 – 2010
- 2004 **Jitegemee (JKT) High School**  
Student class representative, 2004-2007
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### **EDUCATION**

- 2019 **University of Gothenburg, Sweden**  
PhD, African languages  
Dissertation: **Aspectual classes of verbs in Nyamwezi**  
Supervisors: Laura Downing, Malin Petzell and Thera Crane  
Committee: Leora Bar-el (Opponent) Östen Dahl; Evie Coussé; Lotta Aunio  
(Examination committee); Nadja Zorikhina Nilsson (Alternate)
- 2012 **University of Dar es Salaam**  
M.A., Linguistics
- 2009 **University of Dar es Salaam**  
Bachelor of Arts with Education (teaching subject: Linguistics and Swahili)
- 2006 **Jitegemee High School**  
Secondary Education (advanced level)
- 2003 **Uchama Secondary School**  
Secondary Education (ordinary level)
- 1999 **Kitongo Primary School**  
Primary Education
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## OTHER TRAINING

- 2017 Visiting student, University of Helsinki  
To discuss lexical aspect semantics in African languages and participating in the fieldwork on semantics of verbs
- 2017 Tutorial workshop on acceptability task: its design and interpretation  
Faculty of Arts of Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic
- 2015 Training workshop on usage of *Turn-it-in* Anti-Plagiarism Software  
organized by MUCE
- 2010 Workshop on Integrating Gender Responsive Pedagogy, in high learning institutions  
organized by MUCE in collaboration with FAWE
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## AWARDS, GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2019 **Swedish Research Council**  
Grant to investigate valency-decreasing verbal morphology in a group of six under-analysed Bantu languages in collaboration with Malin Petzell, Leora Bar-EL and Sebastian Dom
- 2016 **Adlerbertska stipendier, Donationsnämndens stipendier, the Helge Ax:son Johnsons stiftelse and the Wilhelm och Martina Lundgrens Vetenskapsfond**  
Funding to travel to Tanzania to conduct fieldwork and attend various conferences through my PhD
- 2015 **Department of languages and literature scholarship**  
Scholarship to pursue PhD in African languages at the university of Gothenburg
- 2006 **Certificate of excellence for outstanding performance in English language**  
presented by Jitegemee (JKI) High School
- 2015 **Best worker in the Public Relation Unit, Audit Unit and Legal Unit,**  
Presented by MUCE.
- 2010 **SIDA/SAREC Scholarship through Language of Tanzania Project (LOT)**  
Scholarship to pursue M.A., Linguistics at the University of Da es Salaam.
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## PUBLICATIONS

### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLE

- 2017 **Code-Switching and code-mixing errors among Swahili-Bilinguals in Tanzania.**  
*Kiswahili: Journal of the Institute of Kiswahili Studies*, Vol. 80, 90-99. DSM: UDSM.
- 2019 **The interactions of -ø-...-ile with aspectual classes in Nyamwezi.** *Selected papers from the 47th Annual Conference on African Linguistics.* 281–308.
- 2019 **Evidential strategies in Nyamwezi.** To appear in *The semantics of verbal morphology in under-described languages*, ed. by Malin Petzell, Leora Bar-el, & Aunio Lotta (Eds.), Studia Orientalia Electronica.

### MANUSCRIPT (SUBMITTED AND IN PREPARATION)

- Submitted. Kanijo, Ponsiano Sawaka & Mreta, Abel. **The adaptation of Swahili-borrowed nouns into Nyamwezi.**
- In prep. **The robustness of the aspectual classes proposed by Botne and Kershner in Nyamwezi.** (Tentative title)
- In prep. **Limits of standard diagnostic tests for aspectual classes in Nyamwezi.** (Tentative title)
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## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

#### Presented

- 3/2018 **Ongoing change in the grammar of Swahili.** Presented with Eva-Marie Bloom Ström at Grammatikfestivalen, Gothenburg, Sweden.
- 11/2017 **Aspectual classification of verbs in Nyamwezi.** *The Faculty of Arts Doctoral Conference*, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.
- 6/2017 **Interaction of -ile form with different types of verbs.** *Semantics of Verbal Morphology in Under-described Languages Workshop*, University of Gothenburg.
- 4/2017 **-ile form in Nyamwezi.** *1<sup>st</sup> International Edition of the Conference Linguistic Prague (LP 2017)*, Faculty of Arts of Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic.
- 3/2017 **The semantics of - $\phi$ -...-ile in Nyamwezi.** *48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 48)*, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA.

#### Attended

- 2018 **Reconstructing proto-Bantu grammar**  
Ghent University, Finland
- 2015 **Grammaticalization meets Construction Grammar Workshop.**  
University of Gothenburg.

#### Poster presentation

- 6/2016 **Basic and extended functions of tense and aspect formatives of Nyamwezi.**  
*International Conference on Bantu Languages (Bantu 6)*, Helsinki, Finland.

### DISCUSSION ATTENDED

- 4/2016 **Africa the misunderstood continent.** Discussion Pub at Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenburg, Sweden.

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## FIELDWORK IN TANZANIA

- Exploring the perfective/imperfective distinction in East Ruvu (ER) languages**  
July 2019 (Morogoro, Tanzania)
- Investigating aspectual classes of verbs in Nyamwezi**  
June – August 2016; 2017; 2018 (Tabora, Tanzania) (fieldworks in connection to my PhD thesis)
- Investigating aspectual classes of verbs in East Ruvu (ER) languages**  
June 2018 (Morogoro, Tanzania)

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## TEACHING AND ADVISING

### TEACHING

- Spring 2017 Developing and taught an introduction course to Swahili  
Gothenburg, Sweden
- March 2017 Visited University of Helsinki and taught an introduction course to Swahili with  
Lota Aunio

M.A. COMMITTEE

Ruth Raharimanantsoa, University of Gothenburg

Thesis title: *The prosody of tense marking in Teke-Eboo* (B70). Defense date: 8 June 2017.

Role: Opponent

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### **SERVICE**

#### **ORGANIZING CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP**

2017 *Semantics of Verbal Morphology in Under-described Languages Workshop*, University of Gothenburg, 2–3 June.

2017 *Semantics of Africa, Asian and Austronesian Languages Workshop* (TripeA 4), University of Gothenburg, 9–11 June

#### **AD-HOC REVIEWING**

Fieldwork: methods and theory (FMT1)

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### **SKILLS AND LANGUAGES**

Native: Swahili

Fluent: English

Proficiency: Nyamwezi and Sukuma

Research: Nyamwezi

Computer: MS Office Suite, Adobe Suite, Praat

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### **INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Sports (football and running), Social networking, music, learning new things and travelling