


## Daystar University Faculty Profile

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LEAH JEROP KOMEN ( PhD)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">University of East London, Docklands campus, United Kingdom, MA Development Communication (Daystar University), BA Communication (Daystar University)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.O Box 8484-00200 <b>NAIROBI.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><a href="mailto:ledavid2002@gmail.com">Email: ledavid2002@gmail.com</a></u> ,Cell Phone: +254722461396</p> <p>Office contacts Box 44400 -00100 Nairobi Email <u><a href="mailto:lkomen@daystar.ac.ke">lkomen@daystar.ac.ke</a></u> Tel +254709 972359</p>
<p><b>Job Title and Responsibilities:</b></p>	<p>Deputy Director Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Act as Director Research when the Director is away</li> <li>• Assure quality of theses</li> <li>• Organize and conduct trainings for thesis supervisors, postgraduate students and editors</li> <li>• Edit and post all faculty and students researches on the website</li> <li>• Draft and update policies that would facilitate the flourishing of the Centre</li> <li>• Edit and follow up on all publications to ensure that they are published in a timely manner</li> <li>• Review all proposals submitted to the Centre for funding</li> <li>• Attend the following meetings; Senate, Academic division board, Ethics Board, Postgraduate Bureau, Research Committee</li> <li>• Perform any other job as delegated from the Director</li> </ul> <p>Teaching Development communication courses both at Masters &amp; Doctoral levels</p>
<p><b>Biography:</b></p>	<p>I have been a teacher of Music and English at various international schools among them: Netherlands school, The Nairobi Japanese School and the Swedish school here in Kenya (2008-2010). Later on Joined Daysar as an adjunct in 2008. I left for my Doctoral studies and later returned to teach at Daystar University where I have been to date.</p>

I have skills in teaching for transformation and have a postgraduate Diploma in Education with an emphasize on the learner centered approach.

I have presented several academic papers that have led to collaboration in research with Colleagues in both Europe and US. My recent work is on the use of mobile telephony among rural women in Western Kenya that is in collaboration with a professor from Nanyang Tech University in Singapore

It is through such international settings that I was appointed a member of the International Communication Association (ICA) as a membership & Internationalization committee for 3 years ending 2020

I am also an appointed member of the international association of media, communication research (IAMCR) clearing house that is tasked with making public statements on behalf of the IAMCR. I have recently been appointed an IAMCR Ambassador in charge of Africa.

As my contribution to the society I have written a book titled: The Delight of worship: Communicating through praise and worship found here:

<https://www.amazon.com/Delight-Worship-Communicating-Through-Praise/dp/1491888601>

I have also recorded 40 songs in 4 albums: Bwana Anasema, Ameniweka Huru, Berurot and Thank you Holy spirit –available on youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o262cNi3ytU&t=56s>

**Academic Qualifications:**

<i>Academic qualifications</i>	<i>Year of award</i>	<i>Institutions</i>	<i>Theses title</i>
<i>PhD in New Media &amp; Development</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>University of East London (2011-2014)</i>	<i>Mobile assemblages and Maendeleo in Rural Kenya: Case of Marakwet, Kenya</i>
<i>MA Development Communication</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>Daystar University (2006-2008)</i>	<i>Adoption of Furrow Technology in Marakwet: A Case study of Tot Irrigation scheme, Kenya</i>
<i>BA Community</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>Daystar</i>	

	<i>Development(Integrated)</i>		<i>University (2003-2006)</i>	
	<i>Diploma</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>Daystar University (2001-2003)</i>	
	<i>Postgraduate certificate in higher education training</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>Daystar</i>	
<b>Research Interests:</b>	My research interests include: the domestication of communication technologies in Sub-Saharan Africa and how human-technology and context interrelationships form part of social assemblages that intersect with development			
<b>Publications:</b>	<p><i>Journal articles</i></p> <p>Komen, L.J. (2020). “My Mobile Phone, My Life: Deconstructing Development (Maendeleo) and Gender Narratives among the Marakwet in Kenya.” <i>Ada: A Journal of Gender, New Media, and Technology</i>, no. 16. 10.5399/uo/ada.2020.00.0.</p> <p>Komen, L. J (2020). Engaging the disengaged: Examining the domestication of mobile telephony among older adults in Trans-Nzoia and Bungoma Counties in Western Kenya. <i>Journal of Development and Communication Studies</i>, 7(1):24-34. <a href="https://doi.org/10.4314/jdcs.v7i1-2.2">https://doi.org/10.4314/jdcs.v7i1-2.2</a></p> <p>Nganda, J.M., <b>Komen, L.J</b> and Mbogoh, B., (2020). Perception of HIV/AIDS infection and its effect on condom use among the youth of Kenya’s Kibera Slum. <i>Journal of Development and Communication Studies</i>, 7(1): 35-46 <a href="https://doi.org/10.4314/jdcs.v7i1-2.3">https://doi.org/10.4314/jdcs.v7i1-2.3</a></p> <p>Kisiangani, F., Gachari, R and Komen, L. J., (2019). Challenges of Communicating Cancer Screening awareness and uptake in Bungoma County, Kenya. <i>Networking Knowledge: Journal of the MeCCSA Postgraduate Network</i>, 12(2),36-54. <a href="https://doi.org/10.31165/nk.2018.112.537">https://doi.org/10.31165/nk.2018.112.537</a></p> <p>Komen, L.J. (2017). Mobile telephony and copresence in Marakwet, Kenya. <i>Journal of Development and Communication Studies</i>, 5(1): 44-55. <a href="https://dx.doi.org/10.4314/jdcs.v5i1.3">https://dx.doi.org/10.4314/jdcs.v5i1.3</a></p>			

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<http://erepo.usiu.ac.ke/handle/11732/1/discover?query=KOMEN+&submit=Go>

Komen, L. (2014). Mobile assemblages and *Maendeleo* in rural Kenya; A case of Marakwet. PhD dissertation. University of East London, School of Arts and Digital Industries, UK: Available at: <http://roar.uel.ac.uk/4182/>

### **Books**

1. The Delight of worship: Communicating through praise and worship found here: <https://www.amazon.com/Delight-Worship-Communicating-Through-Praise/dp/1491888601>

### ***Invited presentations***

1. The Inaugural African Parliamentary researchers Conference Held between 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2019 at Crowne Plaza, Kenya: ***Presented a paper titled: Leveraging ICTS for Research & Decision-making.***
2. 2017 Edition of the International Association for Media and Communication Research Conference held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia July 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Presented a paper titled: ***Challenges of African scholars and early career researchers at the IAMCR closing ceremony panel***
3. 67<sup>th</sup> Annual conference of the International communication Association Held at San Diego between may 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. ***presented a paper titled : M-Learning: Appropriating Social Media for pedagogy in Africa.***

### ***Professional workshops attended***

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DIES proGRANT proposal writing for Research Grants training a three section training course held in 2016 <b>-funded by DAAD</b></li> <li>2. DIES proGRANT Alumni workshop on Teaching Approaches in higher education held between 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2017 at Cologne University, Germany-<b>Funded by DAAD</b></li> </ol>
<b>Classes I teach:</b>	<p><i>I teach postgraduate courses below</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Theories of Development Communication</li> <li>2. Seminar in Development and Health Campaigns</li> <li>3. Risk Communication</li> <li>4. Programme Monitoring and Evaluation</li> <li>5. Media and Christianity</li> </ol>
<b>Academic service</b>	<p><b>Reviewer:</b> Mobile Media Communications Journal of the Sage  <b>Reviewer:</b> Kenyatta University, Grant Proposals  <b>External examiner:</b> University of Ghana &amp; University of Fort Hare South Africa  <b>Ambassador:</b> International Association of Media, Communication and Research (IAMCR)  Member of International communication association (ICA)-serving as a member of the Membership &amp; Internationalization committee of the ICA</p>
<b>Research &amp; Postgraduate Supervision</b>	<p>Have supervised over 22 Masters Students successfully and a further 15 as the co-supervisor, some who have started their doctoral studies, in Kenya and abroad  PhD Theses supervision ongoing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evonne Mwangale, a Doctoral student at Daystar University, pursuing a PhD in Development Communication on ,’ Mentor mother technique: the novel interpersonal communication approach to curbing mother to child transmission of HIV/AIDS in Homabay, Kenya’(awaiting examination)</li> <li>2. Hillary Kiprop , a Doctoral student at University of Nairobi, pursuing a PhD ‘Role of indigenous knowledge in climate change adaptation: a case study of the Marakwet community of Kenya’.(on-going)</li> </ol>

<b>Professional Development Programs</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proposal writing (DAAD, 2016)</li> <li>2. DIES/CREST Online Training Course for Supervisors of Doctoral Candidates at African Universities from 2020/05/04 to 2020/09/30</li> </ol>
<b>Other relevant links:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ResearchGate, Google scholar, Academia-edu ,</li> <li>• International communication association(ICA)</li> <li>• International association of media communication and research (IAMCR)</li> <li>• East Africa communication Association(EACA)</li> <li>• Communication for Development (C4D) Network.</li> </ul>
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