


# Daystar University Staff Profile Template

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<b>1. Name:</b>	<b>Regina Muthoni Gachari</b> <b>Senior Lecturer in Literature</b>
<b>2. Passport photo:</b>	 A passport-style photograph of Regina Muthoni Gachari, a woman with short dark hair, wearing glasses and a red and white patterned top. The photo is framed by a green border.
<b>3. Job Title and Responsibilities:</b>	Senior Lecturer in Literature Teaching Literature, Reading & Writing courses to undergraduates and Doctoral Colloquium to PhD students in Communication School of Communication Department of Language & Performing Arts
<b>4. Biography (About Me):</b>	I have been an English Language and Literature teacher in three high schools where I was also the head of English department. I was also an in-service tutor of English in a programme run by the British Council (1990-1991) in Kitui District. Besides teaching in Daystar, I have coordinated ENG 111 (Advanced Reading) course coordinator and ENG 112 (Advanced Writing) course coordinator in 2000 and 2001 respectively. Other departmental duties included Departmental Time-Table officer(1999), Departmental Secretary (1998-2000), Departmental Examinations officer (2001-2002) Faculty in-charge of library – recommending books for Language and Literature Department(2000), Resource person for the English Resource Room and Language Laboratory (2001-2002) and Department Exams officer (2005-2006). I have also done administrative duties as Acting HOD Dept.of Language & Literature (2001, 2006) and February 2010 in Language & Performing Arts) and a substantive Head of Humanities Department (2006-2009), Acting Dean, Faculty of Arts (June-July 2007)

During my tenure as HOD Humanities I was engaged in Academic Leadership of the following programmes:

- Curriculum Development: B.Ed. in Early Childhood Education
  - Curriculum development: BA in KISWAHILI
  - Curriculum Development: BA in French
  - Curriculum Development: BA in Technical and Professional Communication (TPC).
  - Curriculum Development: BA in Geography
  - Curriculum Development: BA in History
- \*All the above programmes were approved by the Commission for Higher Education (CHE) and are running.

I am also a member of Daystar University Ethics Review Board (ERB), full member of Kenya Oral Literature Association (KOLA). I was Editorial Advisor: Output, A Biannual Publication of Daystar University (2008) and currently Reviewer, African Journal of Clinical Psychology, Daystar University.

I was the Daystar University Representative for “*The Bantu Initiative 2000-2001*” (A summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) whose major object was to develop a dictionary for Bantu Speakers.

I have been a Leader, Small Christian Group in Daystar bible study programme from 2006 to date. I also serve the community through my church as an elder (PCEA Sukari) and in various other capacities, for instance, I was the founding patron of Teens’ ministry, patron of the women’s ministry, founding patron of housing SACCO and also the chief executive of the church (referred as Session Clerk)

<b>5. Academic Qualifications:</b>	<i>Academic Qualification</i>	<i>Year of Award</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Thesis Title</i>
	PhD- Literature	2012	Kenyatta University (2009-2012)	<i>A Gender Analysis of KCSE Literature Textbooks(1999-2009)</i>
	<i>MA in English Studies (Literature)</i>	1996	Oxford Brookes University, (UK) (1994-1996)	<i>A Woman's Dilemma: Marriage and Career in African Women's Literature</i>
	B. Ed ((English Language and Literature)	1986	Kenyatta University (1983-1986)	
	Certificate in Guidance and counseling in the local church and community	2007	Daystar University	
<b>6. Research Interests:</b>	Gender issues in Literature, African women's writing, Writing and Reading			
<b>7. Publications:</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Articles in Refereed Journals</b></p> <p>Gachari, R.M. ( 2002). Crafting Democratic Memory: The Question of Dilemma and Choice for Women in Kenyan Oral Narratives. In <i>FABULA: Journal of Folktale Studies</i>, 43 Band Heft ½, 85-93.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Articles in other Academic Journals</b></p> <p>Gachari , R.M. (1998). A woman's Dilemma: Marriage and Career in African Women's Literature. In <i>Perspectives: An Academic Journal of Daystar University</i>, 2 (2), 41-51.</p> <p>Gachari R.M. &amp; Oladipo R.M. (2005). Promoting Reading as a means of improving proficiency in English among students in tertiary</p>			

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

#### **Book Chapters**

Gachari, R. M. (2018). *High school students perception of gender in selected KCSE literature set books in From Asmara 2000 to Nairobi 2014: Trends in African Languages and Literatures* ( p. 328-343). Kenyatta University Press ISBN:978-9966-54-100-0

Gachari, R.M. (2015). *Rhythm of the silent song: Celebrating Kenya's liberation heroines* in Proceedings of 2014/2015 DeKUT African Liberation Conferences on MAU MAU and other African heroes (102-108). Mau Mau Education Committee (MMEC). ISBN:978-9966-083-63-0

Gachari R.M. & Oladipo R.M. (2010). *Reading habits among continuing education students: Challenges and prospects*. In F. Miya & P. Mageto (Eds.). *Developing continuing education in Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya*. Daystar University.

Gachari, R. (2012). *I want you to know*. In Ndivo L. and Musonye M.M. (Eds.). *Heart to heart: Reflective poetry from Africa*. Daystar University.

Gachari, R. (2012). Tit for tat. In Ndivo and Musonye, M.M. (Eds.) *Heart to heart: Reflective poetry from Africa*. Daystar University.

Gachari, M. (2012). A walk down the street. In Ndivo, L. and Musonye, M.M. (Eds.) *Heart to heart: Reflective poetry from Africa*. Daystar University.

Gachari, M. (2012). Women of Africa. In Ndivo, L. and Musonye, M.M. (Eds.). *Heart to heart; Reflective poetry from Africa*. Daystar University.

Gachari, M. (2012). Saintly march. In Ndivo, L. and Musonye, M.M. (Eds.). *Heart to heart: Reflective poetry from Africa*. Daystar University.

Gachari, M. (2012). 'Mheshimiwa'. In Ndivo, L. and Musonye, M.M. (Eds.). *Heart to heart: Reflective poetry from Africa*. Daystar University.

Gachari, M. 2012). Valentine's day. In Ndivo, L. and Musonye, M.M. (Eds.). *Heart to heart: Reflective poetry from Africa*. Daystar university.

#### **Seminar and Conference 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 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2000.

2. University Seminar: Paper titled "*Integration of Faith and Learning in Teaching Literature*". Daystar University 21<sup>st</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 27-28<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> December 2013
10. International conference on African Liberation entitled: 'Rhythm of the silent song: Celebrating Kenya's Liberation Heroines held at DeKUT University 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014
11. International conference African Languages and Literatures in the 21<sup>ST</sup> Century paper entitled: "High School Students' Perception of Gender as Portrayed in Literature Text books" held at Kenyatta University 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> August 2014.
12. International conference African Languages and Literatures in the 21<sup>ST</sup> Century paper entitled: "The Social Context of Greetings in African Languages: The example of Yoruba, Kikuyu and Kiembu' held at Kenyatta University 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> August 2014.
13. ICA Regional conference, paper titled 'Aspects of Oral Literature in the Media' held at Daystar University, Kenya 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2016.
14. ICA International conference and Research Workshop "Representation of Oral Literature in the Kenyan Media held at

Uganda Martyrs Christian University, Entebbe, Uganda 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

15. Raising Their Voices: Women's Quest For Freedom And Identity In African Women's Writing: African Languages and Literature International Conference on 13th - 15th June, 2018, Gaborone, Botswana
16. International Mother-Language Conference : How Indigenous African languages bring out gender roles: Examples from Gikuyu, Kiambu & Kikamba languages, Conference held at Kenyatta University Kitui campus on 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019
17. Challenges facing the Language Policy of Mother Language as a Medium of Instruction in Lower Primary Schools in Kenya Conference held at Kenyatta University Kitui campus on 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### **Conferences/Seminars/Workshops Participation**

1. *African Christian Writers Conference, held at Daystar University on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2003*
2. 3<sup>rd</sup> "Association of Third World Studies Conference (ATWS)" held on 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2002 at Panafric Hotel, Nairobi.
3. Faculty Development Seminar on "Quality of Testing and Evaluation in University Education",  
Held on March 20<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> at Daystar University - Participant
4. Seminar on *Technical Writing* held on 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2002 at Daystar University.
5. Faculty Workshop on "Setting and Marking of Examinations" held on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2003 at Daystar University.
6. Seminar on "Faith and Learning" held on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2000 at Safari Beach Hotel Mombasa
7. ICHE Nairobi Workshop on Integrated Learning held at Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology (NEGST) on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2006
8. Mainstreaming and integrating HIV and AIDS in the curriculum workshop held in Gracia Hotel, Yaya Centre 20 – 21 Oct 2006
9. Workshop on Risk Management Feb 2007, Gracia Gardens, Nairobi
10. ICHE Nairobi Workshop on Integrated Learning held at Evangelical Graduate School of Theology (NEGST) on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2007
11. Seminar on Integration of Faith and Learning 'Can Faith be Taught' held in Daystar University, December 2008
12. Senate / Management Seminar on 'Living the Daystar Dream' held at the Sun N Sand Resort, Mombasa, from 2<sup>nd</sup> August to 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2008

	<p>13. Continuing Education Conference held at The Panafric Hotel, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>, December, 2008</p> <p>14. Youth Empowerment Programme Workshop held at the Deliverance Church, Eastleigh, 16<sup>th</sup> January- 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2009 Facilitator on “Reading and Writing Skills”</p> <p>15. Training Workshop on Oral Literature Research organized by Kenya Oral Literature Association (KOLA) at the University of Nairobi Research Station-Diani- Mombasa 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2009</p> <p>16. 2011 International Health and Development Communication Conference, June 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at The Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.</p> <p>17. African scholars and the plight of the African child, 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at the Sarova Panafric Hotel, Nairobi.</p> <p>18. Daystar University Research Colloquium, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011 AD 3 Daystar University.</p> <p>19. Church Eldership Training at PCEA Lay Training Centre, 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012.</p> <p>20. Daystar University Research Colloquium, 27-28<sup>th</sup> March 2013 held at Gracia Gardens, Nairobi.</p> <p>21. BIO ETHICS TRAINING at KAVI-Institute of Clinical Research, University of Nairobi from 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August 2014</p>
<p><b>8. Classes you teach:</b></p>	<p><i>PhD Colloquium</i>  <i>Supervision of MA students in Communication</i>  <i>Literature, writing and Reading courses for undergraduates</i></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant links:</b></p>	
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