

USIU-Africa's Spoken Arts and Debate Society (SADS) wins two titles at the Pan African Universities Debate Championship (PAUDC)

By Precious Wangu

Recently, the Spoken Arts and Debate Society made its debut at the annual Pan African Universities Debate Championship (PAUDC) which was held online. The Championship brought together participants from various African countries who took part in the week-long virtual event. USIU-Africa was represented by the SADS Debate team, led by Chantelle Mukabi (SADS Chair) and Kagia Samuel (SADS Vice-Chair). The four debate teams included: Chantelle Mukabi & Kagia Samuel, Jeremiah Kashaka & Bienvenu Faraja, Louis Gitu & Chut Giet, and Shalom Kimani & Fresher Diana. In addition to competing, the Society was also able to field some of its members to take part in the adjudication of the event. They included



Stecy Atieno Onyango (SADS PR Officer), Faith Nekoye Musumba (Former Public Speaking Vice-Chair) and Lucy Njeri Irungu (Former Public Speaking Member).

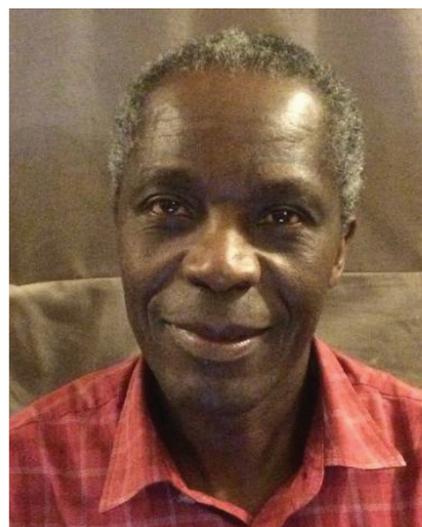
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Promotion of faculty to the positions of Professor and Associate Professor

By the Department of Academic Affairs

Recently, four members of USIU-Africa's faculty were promoted to the positions of Professor and Associate Professor, following the conclusion of a rigorous interview process conducted by members of both Faculty and Staff. Below are the profiles of the newly promoted faculty.

Prof. Kennedy Mkutu



Dr. Kennedy Mkutu has been promoted to the position of Professor in the department of International Relations. He holds a PhD from the University of Bradford's Department of Peace Studies, and has been at USIU-Africa since 2010. His scholarly work in the Greater Horn of Africa has focused on pastoralist conflict, small arms, new resource conflicts, impacts of mega-development projects in pastoralist areas, terrorism, urban crime and violence and security governance. He was one of the founders of the crime and violence prevention training, which has trained a pool of state and non-state practitioners in several Kenyan counties. He is currently a consultant for the World Bank on conflict sensitivity in development.

Prof. Peter Kiriri



Dr. Peter Kiriri is a Professor of Marketing at the Chandaria School of Business. He holds a Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) from Southern Cross University, NSW Australia. Prof. Kiriri is a Chartered Marketer with the Chartered Institute of Marketing, UK. Prior to joining academia, Prof. Kiriri had extensive industry work experience in retail marketing with Procter and Gamble (P&G) EA Ltd and Caltex/Chevron Oil. He is also a management consultant in the areas of Marketing, Strategy and Corporate Governance with a bias in the water and sanitation sector, financial sector as well as the logistics sector. He is a non-Executive Director of a financial institution regulated by the Central Bank of Kenya where he serves as the Chair of the Business Development and Strategy Board Committee. Prof. Kiriri's research interests are focused on a broad range of topics related to Consumer Behavior, Health Service Delivery as well as Work Integrated Learning approaches. He serves as an external examiner for several universities, in addition to serving as a resource person for the Commission for University Education.

Dr. James Ngari



Dr. James Karimi Ngari has been promoted to the position of Associate Professor - Management. He holds Doctor of Philosophy in Human Resource Management, Master of Business Administration in Finance and Bachelor of Business Administration in Human Resource Management.

Dr. Karimi has over fourteen years' experience in teaching at University level in the fields of Business Administration and Management and related areas. He joined the Chandaria School of Business in 2014 as an Assistant Professor of Management. He has been an external examiner for Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Kirinyaga University, Mt Kenya University among others.

He has been engaged in extensive research work that culminated in publishing journal articles in peer reviewed journals and presented papers in local and international conferences. He is a full member of the Institute of Human Resource Management of Kenya, and a Practicing HR professional, a peer reviewer of Association Business and Emerging Markets. Dr. Karimi has valuable industry consultancy experience in the fields of Human Resource Management and Business Management.

Dr. Joseph Nyanoti



Dr Joseph Nyamanga Nyanoti has been a lecturer in the Journalism & Corporate Communication Department since 2008, when he began working as adjunct faculty, which culminated in him becoming a full time member of faculty in 2010. He holds a PhD in the Sociology of Communication from the University of Nairobi. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Master of Arts in Communication Studies, and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Mass Communication from the University of Nairobi. He worked in Kenya's leading newspapers (the Kenya Times, The Standard, and Nation Media Group) for 17 years before moving into academics. As an accomplished editor and photographer, Dr. Nyanoti has been USIU-Africa's Yearbook Faculty Advisor for the past 11 years. He also sits in a number of University-wide committees, including Quality Assurance. Dr. Nyanoti has published papers in international peer-reviewed journals and book chapters in various areas of communication research. He has also presented papers in local and international conferences. He is a member of the Kenya Editors' Guild (KEG), the International Communication Association (ICA), and the International Association of Media & Communication Research (IAMCR).

NEWS IN BRIEF

USIU-Africa professor named as the Associate Editor of Memory & Cognition, a leading international journal by the Psychonomic Society

By CTW team



Dr. Dana Basnight Brown, Associate Professor of Psychology at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences was recently named as an Associate Editor of the Memory and Cognition Journal, one of the flagship journals of the prestigious Psychonomic Society, the premier cognitive science society. [Read more >](#)

Student Affairs Department hosts virtual orientation for incoming freshmen

By CTW team



The Spring (January) 2021 virtual Undergraduate orientation was held at the beginning of the semester to take the incoming class of freshmen through the basics of what was required of them to excel at USIU-Africa.

Speaking during the opening session, Associate Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Munyae Mulinge noted that the orientation sessions were an opportunity for students to connect with their future classmates, prepare for academic and non-academic life, and learn to navigate campus prior to starting their classes.

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Upcoming events

Stakeholder Roundtable for the Gender Sensitive Policy Implications of COVID-19 on Youth Agripreneurship-

Thursday January 28, 2021.



Decision- Focused Impact Evaluation (DFE) training for media practitioners-

Wednesday, January 27 to Friday, January 29, 2021.



Decision- Focused Impact Evaluation (DFE) training for policymakers-

February 2 to Thursday, February 4, 2021.

