

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Educational Background

Ph.D. was earned in 1974 from State University of New York at Buffalo
The dissertation was in medial and urban anthropology

MA was earned in 1970 from State University of New York at Buffalo State College
The Master's project was in psychiatric anthropology

BA was earned in 1969 from State University of New York at Buffalo State College
The areas of concentration were cultural anthropology and linguistics
Senior project in linguistics was on Ilocano, a Malayo-Polynesian language of the Philippines

Courses which I have developed and teach

ANT 102: Introduction to ethnological analysis
ANT 305: Peoples of Africa
ANT 307: Urban anthropology
ANT 315W: Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology
ANT 411: African family

A statement about my teaching

One major reason why I became an anthropologist was to discover similarities and uniqueness about peoples of the world, their nations and their cultures. Anthropology as a comparative science provides this opportunity to anyone who wants to explore possible explanations for observed similarities and diversities among world cultures. I therefore urge my students to always look for similarities and diversities and to search for explanations for such similarities and uniqueness. I discourage my students to stay away from using misnomers, demeaning and offensive language in writing about any community of people around the world.

My research experience

I have carried out applied research in the United States and in Kenya. In Nairobi, Kenya, I carried out monitoring and evaluation research in Dandora Housing Estate for the low

income people. I also carried out feasibility research in Malindi north in coastal Kenya for a rural settlement scheme.

My continuing research

My current research is of hologeistic [worldwide] nature. Using George Peter Murdock's data bases I am rearranging sample nations into language clusters to highlight cultural characteristics that are observed within such linguistic groupings of nations. I also create data bases from the United Nations annual publications about social characteristics of modern nations. In addition I have used data from Barbara Grimes' **Ethnologue: Languages of the world**, to highlight linguistic characteristics within world language clusters. I am also working on kinship terms in world languages to show similarities in kinship rules among world language clusters. Finally, I am working on indigenous and modern African nations for similar reasons.

Results of my continuing research

The products of my continuing research are compiles in two manuscripts of book size length title:

George Peter Murdock's Contributions to Understanding of World nations and their cultures

World Ethnographic Notes

I use these manuscripts in my teaching. From these manuscripts I show students how to write mathematical statements to describe distribution of observed characteristics per language cluster and or per geographical region. I show them how to draw conclusions based on descriptive statics, and I also show them how to formulate and test hypotheses using such measures as Tendency statistics, Yule's Q, Chi square and Pearson's correlation coefficient.

Publications:

Chilungu, Simeon Waliaula

1989 Marriage, Family and Kinship Ties in Africa

In: **African Continuities/L'Heritage African**. Edited by Simeon Waliaula

Chilungu and Sada Niang'

Toronto: Terebi

Chilungu, Simeon W.

1989 Introduction to **African Continuities/L'Heritage African**. Edited by Simeon W.

Chilungu and Sada Niang'

Toronto: Terebi

Chilungu, Simeon W.

1984 *Alternative Ethnologie Aus Der Dritten Welt*.

In: **Ethnologie als Sozialwissenschaft**. Edited by Von Ernst Wilhelm Muller,
Rene Konig, Klaus-Peter Koepping and Paul Drechsel
Westdeutscher Verlag

Chilungu, Simeon W.

1976 *Issues In the Ethics of Research Method: An Interpretation of the Anglo-American
Perspective*

Current Anthropology, 17: 451-467, 475-481

SPECIAL PROJECT:

Chilungu, Simeon W.

1977 **Magarini Settlement Scheme: A Sociological Survey**

Nairobi: Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi

IN PREPARATION

Chilungu, Simeon W.

2006 **Peoples of Africa: Their Nations and Their Languages**

Department of Anthropology: Buffalo State College

In this document I use maps as well as quantitative techniques to show and analyze social and linguistic characteristics of indigenous and modern African nations. Indigenous nations are grouped into genetic linguistic affinities to show patterns of similar social and linguistic traits. Such traits are then compared and contrasted with those traits brought to Africa by colonizing nations.