**MSAFIRI RANGE OTONYA**

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**EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION.**

2019- Present **The University of Mississippi**, Masters in Modern Languages, Major in Applied Linguistics + TESOL.

2014-2017 **The** **University of Dar-es-Salaam**, Bachelor of Arts (Education) with **honor**, Major in Swahili and literature, **1st Class** G.P.A

**OTHER COURSES AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS.**

Spring, 2019 -Africa in the Global system, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

- American pronunciation, Writing center: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA.

-Syntax, Linguistic Department: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA.

5th -9th December, 2018- Fulbright enrichment program, Washington DC, USA.

Fall, 2018 - Introduction to African, African American, and Diaspora Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

-African American Politics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

04th -8th August, 2018- Fulbright Orientation, University of Notre Dame, USA.

**WORKING EXPERIENCES**

**TEACHING**

2019-Present Swahili Graduate Assistant, The University of Mississippi.

2018- 2019 Swahili Assistant Professor, (Fulbright Teaching Assistant Program)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA.

2018- 2019 Online Swahili tutor at tutorhunt.com

([https://www.tutorhunt.com/users/8230448126792/)](https://www.tutorhunt.com/)

2017- 2018 Swahili teacher at Girango high school

2016- Literature Teacher at Mwanza secondary school

2014-2015 Swahili Teacher at Katuru secondary school.

**RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP**

2019-Present Graduate Research Assistant, Linguistics, The University of Mississippi.

**CULTURAL AMBASSADORIAL**

2019-Present Tanzanian cultural ambassador, Mississippi, United States of America.

2018-2019 Tanzanian cultural ambassador, North Carolina, United States of America.

**TRANSLATION$INTERPRETATION**

2017-Present Freelancer, English-Swahili Translator, Afrolingo Company, South Africa

09/2017-11/2017 English-Swahili Interpreter at Samaoda Foundation.

07/02/2017-Present English-Swahili Translator at TranslationDirectory.Com

([www.translationdirectory.com/translators/english\_swahili/msafiri\_otonya.php)](http://www.translationdirectory.com/translators/english_swahili/msafiri_otonya.php)

**MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKING**

22/07/2018 Motivational speech to Tai secondary school students, about the relationship between commitments and success.

17/07/2018 Motivational speech to Rutabo High School students, about realizing and fighting for their dreams to success “everything is possible”

**VOLUNTEERING**

16-17/09/2018 Volunteering at Hurricane Florence Evacuation Center in Chapel Hill to assist American Red Cross and Save the Children in Swahili language translation for refugees from Congo.

2017-2018- Donation campaigner for orphanage centers in Tanzania.

2015-2017- Creating awareness and sensitization on East Africa Integration process, East Africa Community Youth Club Tanzania (**EACYC**). Tanzania.

**MEMBERSHIP**

2019-Present African and Caribbean Student Association, The University of Mississippi.

2018-Present CHAUKIDU (Chama cha Ukuzaji na Uenezaji wa Kiswahili Duniani)

2018-Present South East African Languages & Literature Forum

2018-Present African Languages Teachers Association.

**LEADERSHIP**

2019-Present President, Swahili Club, The University of Mississippi, USA.

2016-2017 President, University of Dar es Salaam Student Teachers Association (UDSTA)

2015-2016 Minister of Education, East Africa Community Youth Club Tanzania (UDSM)

2013-2014 Head Prefect, Rutabo High School

2012-2013 Environmental, Health, and Sanitation prefect, Rutabo high School

2012-2013 General Secretary, Anti-corruption club, Rutabo high School

2009-2011 Academic Prefect, Tai secondary school

2004-2005 Head Boy at Queen of Shirati Primary School.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

6th December, 2018 -Acknowledgement from the assistant secretary, Department of State, Bureau of education and cultural affairs, for volunteering with American Red Cross during the Hurricane Florence disasters.

6th August, 2018- Congratulation letter from the president of the United States of America, Donald Trump, for being selected in the Department of state exchange program.

2018-2019 Fulbright foreign language teaching assistantship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA.

2017- -Published at UDSM Mdigrii newsletter 3 as one among eight **top students** in the College of Humanities (CoHU), at The University of Dar-es-Salaam. (www.cohu.udsm.ac.tz >newsletter>003>Page number 28)

-Degree of **honor** from the University of Dar es Salam.

2014-2016 -Certificate of recognition for support and awareness creation and sensitization on East Africa **Integration** process, East Africa Community Youth Club.

2012-2014 -Certificate of the **top Student** in Academics at Rutabo High School.

2012-2014 -Certificate of an active **anti-corruption activist**, Rutabo high School.

**LANGUAGES.**

English (Fluent), Kiswahili (Native), Luo (Native)

**REFEREES.**

Available on request