

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Peace Benson

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DEGREES

Ph.D. | 2022 – present Linguistics. The University of Kansas

Dr. John Gluckman (Supervisor)

MA | 2022- 2024 Linguistics. The University of Kansas

The Description of Relative Clauses in Dze

Dr. John Gluckman (Supervisor)

Postgraduate Diploma | 2021 Linguistic & Language documentation Theological College of Northern Nigeria (TCNN)

MA | 2015- 2018 English and Linguistics Kenyatta University, Kenya

The Dze (Jenjo) Noun Phrase Structure: An X-bar Perspective

<http://ir-library.ku.ac.ke/handle/123456789/18623>

Dr. Ayieko Gerry (Supervisor)

BA Ed. | 2004-2009 English language University of Maiduguri, Nigeria

Relationships between family environment, academic self-esteem and students' English performance in Federal Government College Maiduguri (Grade A)

Prof. Alice K Musa (Supervisor)

EMPLOYMENT

August 2022 | Graduate Research Assistant

Department of Linguistics the University of Kansas

Dr. John Gluckman (Supervisor)

2019-2022 | Lecturer I

Department of English and Literary Studies

Federal University Wukari, Nigeria

Judith Mgbemena (Chair)

2018-2019 | Assistant Lecturer

Department of English and Literary Studies

Federal University Wukari, Nigeria

Judith Mgbemena (Chair)

2012-2018 | Graduate Assistant

Department of English and Literary Studies

Federal University Wukari, Nigeria
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RESEARCH AWARDS

2026| *Le Comité International Permanent des Linguistes (CIPL) / the Permanent International Committee of Linguists*

2022| Living Tongues Institute for Endangered Languages
Towards the interactive grammar of the Jen language cluster (North-Eastern Nigeria): Documentation, description, and analysis of Mingang Doso and Dza
Co-PI with Alexander Andrason

2019 | TETFUND conference sponsorship for the 35th annual national conference of the English Scholars' Association of Nigeria (ESAN)

2015-| TETFUND sponsored Institutional Based Research Program Co-PI with Christiana Eragbe
The teaching of Literature as a tool for the Development Literary Skills in Wukari

2017 | British Institute in East Africa Lacuna Funds
Anthropological research: focus group discussion, participatory observation in Nairobi and Mombasa, Kenya

2024-2025| Frances Ingemann Award

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Member - Linguistic Society of America (LSA)

Member - Association of Contemporary African Linguistics (ACAL)

Member - English Scholars' Association of Nigeria (ESAN)

SCHOLARLY, CREATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL WORK

Refereed Publications

Benson Peace, Gluckman John, Duncan Philip & Hudson Jamie. (Under review) More Patterns of A'-movement Reflexes (first author)

Hudson Jamie & Benson Peace (Under review). Morphological reflex of A'-movement in Dza (second author)

Benson Peace & Alexander Andrason. (2024) Onomatopoeia in Dza. Onomatopoeia in the World's Languages. Edited by Livia Körtvéryessy and Pavol Štekauer DE Gruyter Mouton (first author)

Alexander Andrason & Benson Peace. (2023) Onomatopoeias in Closely Related Languages: The Case of Mingang Doso and Dza. *Skase Journal of Theoretical Linguistics*. Vol 20 No 2 ISSN 1336-782X <http://www.skase.sk/JTL53index.html>

Benson Peace & Alexander Andrason (2022). A living Grammatical Sketch of Mingang Doso. Living Tongues Institute for Endangered Languages (first author)

- Benson Peace. Hausa and Dzə (Jenjo): The case of an exotic invasive Species. (2020)
In Sule E. Egya, N. J. Dadi-Mamud & Mohammed A. Usman. (Eds), *Studies in Scientific & Cultural Ecology*. pp. 116-127. Sevhage: Makurdi. ISBN: 978-978-58437-1-2
- Benson Peace & Eragbe, Christiana (2020) A Comparative Study of Jenjo and English Syntactic Structures: An X-bar Perspective. *AHYU: A Journal of Language & Literature* Vol. 2 No. 3. pp 1-7. May 2020. ISSN: 2636-5839 (first author)
- Benson Peace (2020). Ideophones in Dzə (Jenjo): An Adamawa Language of Northeastern Nigeria. *Language in Africa* 1(3), pp. 336-352. doi:10.37892/2686-8946-2020-1-3-336-352
- Benson Peace (2020). A Description of Dzə (Jenjo) Nouns and Noun Phrases, an Adamawa Language of Northeastern Nigeria. *Vestnik of Saint Petersburg University. Asian and African Studies*, 2020, vol 12, issue 4 pp. 490-504. <https://doi.org/10.21638/spbu13.2020.402>
- Benson Peace & Gerry O. Ayieko (2019). An X-bar theoretic account of Jenjo Noun Phrases. *Dutsinma Journal of English and Literature*. pp 246-259 Vol. 2. No.1. August, ISSN: 2659-0360 (first author)
- Asiru Hameed Tunde & Benson Peace (2018). The Discourse Strategies and Ideologies in the Inaugural Speeches of Barrister Ibrahim Shehu Shema. *AHYU: A Journal of Language & Literature* pp. Vol. 1 No 2. pp. 120-127. July 2018. ISSN: 2636-5839 (second author)
- Eragbe, Christiana, Kehinde Ogunrinde & Benson Peace (2018) Code-Mixing as a Strategy for Effective Communication and Social Identity. *Madonna Journal of English & Literary Studies* pp. 60-65. Vol. 3. No. 1. ISSN: 0862-8616 (third author)

Conference Presentations

- 2026| (Talk) Polar interrogatives and hybrid prosody in Dzə. Linguistic Association of American Annual Meeting at New Orleans, USA
- 2025| (Talk) Polar question prosody in Dzə: a first look at the Linguistic Association of Southwest (LASSO) in Wichita, USA
- 2025 | (Talk) Agent nominalization in Dzə. The 56th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 56) at University of Minnesota (May 15-17, 2025 in Minnesota, USA
- 2025 | (Talk) Verbal complements in Dzə. The 56th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 56) at University of Minnesota (May 15-17, 2025) in Minnesota, USA with Brakson Ping and Jamie Hudson.

- 2025 | (Talk) Hausa and Dzə: The case of an Exotic Invasive Species revisited. Kansas Africa Studies Center Graduate Research Workshop at the University of Kansas (April 24 2025)
- 2025 | (Poster) More patterns of A'-movement reflexes at LSA 2025 Annual Meeting (January 9-12 2025) with Peace Benson, Philip Duncan, John Gluckman and Jamie Hudson
- 2024 | (Talk) The distribution of resumptive pronouns in Dzə. At the 55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 55) (May 2-4 2024) in Montreal, QC, Canada
- 2024 | (Talk) Morphological reflexes of Ā-movement in Dzə. The 55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 55). (May 2-4 2024) in Montreal, QC, Canada 2024 with Hudson Jamie.
- 2023 | (Talk) A description of relative clause in Dzə at 2nd Adamawa Conference Sept 13-15 Maison de la Recherche - Inalco 2, rue de Lille 75001 Paris (France) with John Gluckman.
- 2023 | (Talk) Contrastive focus and low verb doubling in Dza. The syntax at the vP edge in African languages (SASAL III) at the University of Frankfurt Frankfurt (Germany) Philip T. Duncan & John Gluckman.
- 2019 (Talk) Nigerian English and Sustainable Development: The case of Halita, a Nigerian TV series. The 35th Annual Conference of English Scholars' Association of Nigeria, at National Open University of Nigeria, Abuja, Nigeria.
- 2019 | (Talk) The Grammatical Functions of Jenjo Ideophones. 1st Adamawa Conference at Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany.
https://www.blogs.uni-mainz.de/fb07-adamawa/files/2019/10/Benson_Ideophones.pdf
- 2018 | Hausa and Jenjo: The case of an Exotic Invasive Species. Presented at the Lapai Humboldt Kolleg National Conference, Lapai, Nigeria.

Invited lecture/talk

2026| Nominal syntax in Dzə. University of Kansas Child Language Proseminar

LIST OF COURSES

Undergraduate Courses

- ENG 101: Introduction to English Language, Federal University Wukari, Nigeria.
 ENG 103: Spoken English, Federal University Wukari, Nigeria.
 GST 101: Use of English and communication skills.

ENG 200: The history of English language
ENG 201: Introduction of Syntax and Morphology
ENG 303: Introduction to Applied Linguistics.
ENG 305: English language in Nigeria.
ENG 311: Phonology of English
ENG 403: Discourse analysis

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

2023-2025 | Member, Social Media Management, Department of Linguistics, the University of Kansas.

2024-2025 | Member, Colloquy, Department of Linguistics, the University of Kansas.

OTHER RELEVANT SCHOLARLY, CREATIVE & PROFESSIONAL WORK

Resource Creation for Linguistic Research

2015-Till Date | Compilation and recording of Dzə songs, folktales, ideophones, onomatopoeia, Interjections, stories, phrases, sentences, grammar

2020-Till Date | Documentation of Mingang Doso grammar, folktales, ideophones, Interjection and onomatopoeia

Travels for Community-Engaged Research

2022 | Nigeria: Towards the INTERACTIVE GRAMMAR of the Jen language cluster (Nigeria) Documentation, description, and analysis of Mingang Doso and Dza

Media Appearances

Guest, A Language I Love Is--- podcast hosted by Danny Bate

Episode 35: Dza and Peace Benson

Released May 20th, 2025. Available on Acast, Apple Podcasts, and Spotify.

<https://shows.acast.com/a-language-i-love-is/episodes/dza-and-peace-benson>