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David O. Fiki-George teaches French language and literature in the Department of French, Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria. My main research interests are the French Novel and French Theatre from 17th to 21st centuries, Systemic Functional Linguistics and Higher Education in Africa. I am currently conducting research on the application of Systemic Functional Linguistics to the teaching of French Literary texts in Anglophone Africa.

CURRENT RESEARCH

Topic	Methodology	Application
Application of Guy de Maupassant's novella to the teaching of French as a foreign language in Anglophone Africa.	Systemic Functional Linguistics. Functional language analysis offers practical strategies for supporting students' engagement with text through detailed analysis of language and accompanying discussion about the meanings of the language patterns. This approach provides a way of talking about language that enables teachers and students to recognize language patterns that are typical and functional in the texts of different content areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bring out a meaning-based grammar for talking about language itself in systematic ways that can help students engage in principled interpretation of literary texts. - Illustrate how key themes in a literary work can be brought to the foreground through systematic analysis of language at different levels –graphology, word, grammar and rhetorical organization. - Improve the quality of instruction and to enhance the acquisition of appropriate skills and competence among learners of French in Anglophone Africa.

UKZN main Publications

Past Researches

1. Fiki-George D.O.(2009), "Higher Education in Nigeria and China", Paper presented at the Northeast Normal University, Changchun, China. 25th November – 15th December.
2. Fiki-George D.O (2010) ".Exploration of Oral Storytelling as a Tool of Language Teaching in Nigerian Schools", Paper presented at the 37th International Systemic Functional Conference, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, 19th to 23rd July.
3. Fiki-George D.O(2011) ".Exploration of sentence patterns in Maupassant's short stories: La parure", Paper presented at the 38th International Systemic Functiona Conference, Faculty of Letters, University of Lisbon, Portugal, 25th to 29th July.
4. OBIEJE, Doris L., and D. O. Fiki-George, (2011) "A Functional Approach to English for Academic Purpose (EAP) programmes in Nigerian Universities: The case of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria" Paper presented at the 38th International Systemic Functional Conference, Faculty of Letters, University of Lisbon, Portugal, 25th to 29th July.
5. + 9 other publications since 2008

Future Interests

1. 21st century French literature with special focus on Amelie Nothomb
2. Systemic functional linguistics
3. Discourse analysis
4. The role and use of functional grammar in the teaching of French
5. Higher Education (French) in Anglophone Africa

Extra Interests

Reading and jogging