

Conferences and Seminars

From March 18th to 24th, 2023, representatives from the Department of Language Studies (DLS), namely Dr. Onesmo Nyinondi, Dr. Job W. Mwakapina, and Dr. Hashim Mohamed, participated in two consecutive conferences held in Portland, Oregon, USA. The conferences served as platforms for presenting their research papers.

The first conference, organized by the American Association of Applied Linguistics (AAAL), focused on Applied Linguistics. It took place from March 18th to 21st, 2023, at the Marriott Hotel in Portland. The theme of the AAAL conference revolved around "*Collaborating and Mentoring in Applied Linguistics*." During this event, the DLS members presented findings of an international collaborative research project with Ms. Renee Lynch, a researcher from the University of Washington, USA. Together, they shared their experiences of working on a joint research project at Sokoine University of Agriculture, a Tanzanian university.

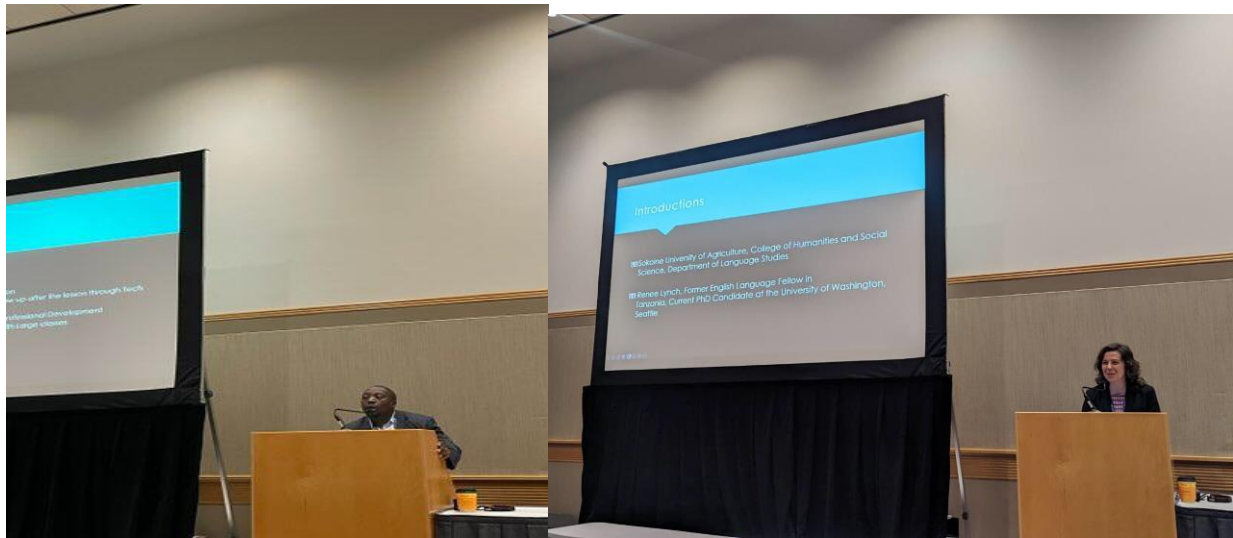


Researchers from DLS and Ms Renee Lynch together with other attendees during AAAL conference roundtable discussion at Marriott Hotel in Portland



From the left, Dr. Nyinondi, Dr. Mwakapina , Prof. Othman Barnawi from a college in Saudi Arabia and Dr. Hashim in a group photo just after a roundtable discussion during the AAAL conference

Following the AAAL conference, the second event focused on English language teaching and was organized by TESOL (Teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages). This conference took place from March 21st to 24th, 2023, at the Oregon Convention Centre in Portland, Oregon. At this conference the researchers presented findings of a study titled: *Adapting CLT for large classes: Coping Strategies for a Language Class in a university in Tanzania*. Generally, the representatives from DLS attended these conferences to present their research papers, collaborate with international researchers, and share their experiences of working on joint projects.



Dr. Mwakapina and Ms Renee presenting the background and a methodological section of their study.



Dr. Nyinondi (in the left photo) and Dr. Hashim presenting the findings of the study during the TESOL conference, at Oregon Convention Centre



The Deputy Secretary of US Department of State (one with necktie) in a group photo with researchers from SUA and other conference attendees. The photo was taken just after a successful presentation delivered by the researchers from SUA during the TESOL conference at Oregon Convention Centre. On the final day of the conference, the Deputy Minister of State graced the event and took part in an award ceremony, honoring outstanding English teachers from various parts of the world. These teachers had demonstrated exceptional excellence and proficiency in their respective roles, contributing significantly to the field of English teaching.