

Gidena Mesfin Kebede (PhD)

Professional Career

2006 2007

Lecturer, Mekelle University, Department of English, Mekelle, Ethiopia

- Sophomore English
- Communicative English Skills I
- Communicative English Skills II
- Reading skills

2009/10

Lecturer, Mekelle University, Department of English, Mekelle, Ethiopia

- Communicative English I
- Basic writing skills
- Sophomore English
- Introduction to Geez

2010- March 2012

Lecturer and philology program unit (chairman) at the University of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

- Introduction to Historical linguistics
- Introduction to the structure of Geez- Undergraduate
- Introduction to the structure of Geez with some notes on Arabic- post graduate (MA)
- Subject Area methods for Philology, MA (pedagogy)
- Introduction to Ethiopian Philology for archeology and heritage management students

2012 2017 assistant lecturer at the University of Hamburg

- Syntax, structure course: Tigrinisch (University of Hamburg Department: Asia Africa Institute, SoSe 2012)
- Practical knowledge of an African language: Tigrinya (University of Hamburg Department: Asia Africa Institute, WiSe 2013/14)
- Practical knowledge of an African language: Tigrinya (University of Hamburg Department: Asia Africa Institute, SoSe 2016/17)

2015 2017 Tigrinya interpreter for the German Red Cross

Academic Trainings

1992-1996 Addishehu Elementary School
1996-2000 Addishehu Senior Secondary School
2001-2002 Tilahun Gizaw comprehensive Secondary School

2002- 2006 BEd in English Language Teaching, University of Mekelle -Mekelle, Ethiopia

- Secured the Highest Award of the Department

2007 Higher Diploma in Teacher Education, University of Mekelle- Mekelle, Ethiopia

2007-2009 MA in Philology, University of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

- Secured the Highest Award of the Department

March 2012-October 2016 PhD Scholarship holder at the University of Hamburg

- October 21, 2016 doctoral thesis successfully defended, magna cum laude (1).

Other certificates and training

- A certificate in play Writing, 1998
- A certificate in Music basics, 1999
- Two certificates for participation in regional Poetry Prize (1997 and 1998)
- Certificate of the interpreters work from the German Red Cross.

List of publications and seminar

- Makødda and Solomon in the Eye of Ethiopian Traditional accounts: A Developmental Analysis (2010). Germany: VDM Verlag.
- A Senior Essay entitled t "Assessment of the Comprehension Sections of Grade Nine English Text Book: graded A+
- Language in the Chronicle of Susenyos. Article presented to the third Philo Logical Symposium (2009).
- A teaching material for the course of reading and study skills coauthored with Fesseha Abadi (2007).
- "Between "hødmo" and "dabri": Architecture in oral literature as a corr late of power in Tigray, Ethiopia" in the conference "architectures of power in the Horn of Africa and the Upper Nile basin from ancient times to the present" held from 6-7 July 2012 , University of Hamburg, Asia Africa-Institute [to be published]
- "What is in a name? Contmplation on the use of the term Asmat in Geez literature", in the International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, Dire Dawa, Ethiopia. 29 October-November 2 , 2012.
- What scribbles can tell... in the workshop: "Reconstructing Space and time: Localizing Manuscripts through Paratexts" held from 25-26 October, 2013, University of Hamburg, Center for the study of manuscript cultures in Asia, Africa and Europe
- Notes are the key', in manuscript of the Month 2012 2014 (University of Hamburg, *Sonderforschungsbereich* 950: manuscript cultures in Asia, Africa and Europe).
- Ethiopian *Abənnat* Manuscripts: Language use, Organizational Structure and Orality, PhD thesis, (Online Accessible: <http://ediss.sub.uni-hamburg.de/volltexte/2017/8285/>), 2017.

Awards

- Award of the ESLCE (Ethiopian school Leaving Certificate).
- Award from Mekelle University (Bachelor of Education)
- Award from Addis Ababa University (MA in Geez Philology)
- Doctoral Scholarship from the University of Hamburg

Membership

- A member of the cultural Institute of Tigray
- Member of Philo Logical Society of Ethiopia
- Union of Tigrians in Europe, General Secretary, August 2015-today
- Union of Tigrians in Europe, German Chapter, secretary, August 2015-today
- Chairman of the Ethiopian community in Hamburg and the surrounding 2012- March 2017

Computer skills

Very good computer skills

Languages

Tigrigna (mother tongue), Amharic (mother tongue), English (excellent), Geez (excellent), German (Intermediate)

References:

Professor Dr Alessandro Bausi, University of Hamburg, Asia Africa-Institute, Director of the Hiob Ludolf Center for Ethiopian Studies.

Professor Baye Yimam, Addis Ababa University, Department of Linguistics, Ethiopia.

Professor Orin Gensler, Mekelle University, Department of Linguistics, Ethiopia.