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Introduction

Welcome to this edition of the CHUSS Bi-Annual Newsletter. The issue highlights major activities that have unfolded in the college between January and June 2024. It covers major thematic areas of Teaching and Learning, Human Resources, Knowledge transfer and partnerships.

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Over 1300 Graduate During the Mak 74th Graduation Ceremony



A section of undergraduate students jubilating during the Mak 74th Graduation ceremony



A section of UPDF officers who graduated with degrees Defence and Security studies during the Mak 74th Graduation ceremony

At the Mak 74th Graduation ceremony in January 2024, over 1300 undergraduates and around 300 graduate candidates celebrated their academic achievements. Among these were 30 doctoral candidates, 260 Master's, and 45 Post Graduate Diploma recipients.

CHUSS was recognized for its outstanding performance, presenting the highest number of doctoral candidates and delivering the overall best humanities student. Additionally, 85 UPDF officers graduated with Diplomas and degrees in defense and security studies.



Best Performing Undergraduate in Humanities

Mr. Tusubira Silas Wamala graduated with a Bachelor of Chinese and Asian Studies, achieving a CGPA of 4.84 out of 5.0, tying with Atukunda Kevin from the Bachelor of International Business (MUBS). They each received plaques and one million shillings from Makerere University Convocation.

Read more:

<https://news.mak.ac.ug/2024/02/chuss-presents-the-highest-number-of-phds-best-humanities-student-at-the-mak-74th-graduation/>



Mr. Tusubira Silas Wamala displays his plaque

Gerda Henkel PhD Pre-Application Workshop



In March 2024, over 30 participants attended a workshop for the Inter-disciplinary PhD Programme by Research in Historical Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences. The workshop aimed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the application process for ten PhD positions.

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<https://chuss.mak.ac.ug/news/chuss-holds-pre-application-workshop-cohort-2024-gerda-henkel-phd-programme>

HUMAN RESOURCES



CHUSS has over 400 staff members, categorized into academic, administrative, and support roles. The academic ranks include Professors, Associate Professors, Senior Lecturers, Lecturers, and Assistant Lecturers.

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Professors</i>	6	6	12
<i>Associate Professors</i>	15	9	24
<i>Senior Lecturer</i>	35	8	43
<i>Lecturer</i>	61	21	82
<i>Assistant Lecturer</i>	45	26	71
<i>Administrative</i>	5	15	20
<i>Support (Permanent)</i>	25	51	76
<i>Support (Contract)</i>	42	35	77
<i>TOTAL</i>	234	171	405

Assoc. Prof. Hellen Nambalirwa Nkabala Assumes Leadership of CHUSS



Prof. Josephine Ahikire hands over to Assoc. Prof. Hellen Nambalirwa Nkabala

KAMPALA, Uganda – On May 31, 2024, Assoc. Prof. Hellen Nambalirwa Nkabala officially took over as Principal of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUSS) at Makerere University. Outgoing Principal Prof. Josephine Ahikire handed over the instruments of power during the ceremony. Prof. Nkabala pledged a participatory leadership approach and promised to uphold the college's standard of excellence. The event saw attendance from key university officials, including the University Secretary and the Director of Human Resources.

Prominent guests included Prof. Ireeta Tumps, Principal of the College of Natural Sciences; Prof. Sylvia Nanyonga Tamusuza, Head of GAMSU; Prof. Amanda from CEDAT; and members of the Makerere University staff tribunal. Prof. Nkabala's family—her mother, uncle, sister, and spouse Mr. Nkabala—were also present. CHUSS management and staff, including Deputy Principal Dr. Eric Awich, deans, heads of departments, coordinators, and administrative staff, attended the ceremony to witness the transition.

Read more:

<https://chuss.mak.ac.ug/news/prof-josephine-ahikire-hands-over-chuss-leadership-assoc-prof-hellen-nkabala>

STAFF RECOGNITIONS AWARDS

Dr. Spire Ssentongo Wins EU Human Rights Award 2024



Dr. Jimmy Spire Ssentongo was honored with the EU Human Rights Defenders' Award for his courageous efforts in exposing corruption through the #UgandaParliamentExhibition campaign.

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Daily Monitor

<https://www.monitor.co.ug/uganda/news/national/dr-spire-wins-eu-human-rights-award-4610994>

Independent

<https://www.independent.co.ug/spire-wins-eu-human-rights-award-2024/>

Dr. Spire Ssentongo Recognised by EU with Human Rights Defenders Award

New Vision

(https://www.newvision.co.ug/category/news/some-family-members-fear-to-pick-my-calls-mak-NV_187174)

Monitor

(<https://www.monitor.co.ug/uganda/news/national/dr-spire-wins-eu-human-rights-award-4610>)

Independent

(<https://www.independent.co.ug/spire-wins-eu-human-rights-award-2024/>)

When Academics Were Put in the Dock

Observer

(<https://www.observer.ug/viewpoint/72176-when-academics-were-put-in-the-dock>)

Dr. Benon Kigozi Elected Vice President of the African Music Council



DR. BENON KIGOZI

Head of the Department of Performing Arts and Film at the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUSS)



The African Music Council is pleased to announce that Dr. Benon Kigozi has been elected as the **Vice President of the African Music Council** during the AMC General Assembly held in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. This prestigious appointment reflects Dr. Kigozi's extensive contributions to the field, including his notable tenure as President of the Pan African Society for Musical Arts Education (PASMAE) from 2013 to 2018, his role as Board Member at Large for the International Society for Music Education (ISME) from 2016 to 2020, and his current position as Secretary General for the Pan African Society for Musical Arts Education (PASMAE) since 2018. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Kigozi on this remarkable achievement and offer our best wishes as he leads the Society towards even greater accomplishments on the global stage.

Dr Benon Kigozi Given PASMAE Honorary Presidency

Dr Benon Kigozi, a lecturer at Makerere University and Head of Creative Arts at Kampala International School Uganda, is now Honorary President of the Pan African Society for Musical Arts Education (PASMAE), an organization that concerns itself with the promotion of musical arts education throughout Africa.

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New Vision

https://www.newvision.co.ug/category/people/dr-benon-kigozi-given-pasmae-honorary-presi-de-NV_111159

Dr. Cindy Magara's "Tuko Pamoja" Nominated for Best Documentary



"Tuko Pamoja," a docuseries exploring the interconnectedness of Ugandans and East Africans, was nominated for Best Documentary at the Uganda Film Festival. The series, directed by Dr. Cindy Magara, received public recognition and an award from the Kabalega Foundation.

[Read More](#)

<https://softpower.ug/tuko-pamoja-nominated-for-best-documentary-at-uganda-film-festival-2024/>

https://www.theeastafican.co.ke/tea/magazine/tuko-pamoja-the-cultural-identity-of-post-colonial-uganda-4597010#google_vignette

A movie poster for "TUKO PAMOJA (WE ARE ONE)" by Cindy Magara. The poster features a central graphic of a traditional East African pot (matia) with two spears crossed behind it. Surrounding this central image are various national and regional crests. The text "A CINDY MAGARA Film" is prominently displayed. Below the central image, there are three columns of information: "SEGMENTS:", "DATE & TIME:", and "VENUE:". The "SEGMENTS:" column lists various regions and themes. The "DATE & TIME:" column lists specific dates and times for screenings. The "VENUE:" column lists the locations for the screenings. At the bottom, there is information about tickets (50,000/=), payments (Airtel, Merchant Code: 6522403, 584156), and social media links (YouTube, @NyatiMP, @NyatiMotionPictures, Website: www.nyatimotionpictures.com). The bottom of the poster features logos for various partners including MoGSLD, UNCC, CBS, MERE, UBC, VISION GROUP, and nbs.

Professor Gakwandi and Bukenya Recognized

Professors Arthur Gakwandi and Austin Bukenya were honored for their contributions to literature and humanities during their 80th Birthday celebration at Makerere University's Yusuf Lule Auditorium.

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<https://chuss.mak.ac.ug/news/mak-luminaries-call-promotion-humanities-and-literature-uganda%E2%80%99s-education-system-balanced-citizenry>



Mak Honors Two Literary Legends

- [YouTube - Video 1] (https://youtu.be/lpd2l8s_J6Y)
- [YouTube - Video 2] (https://youtu.be/oe5YW_an2vc?si=oQVnbg3v-fC4Pcdt)
- [New Vision]
https://www.newvision.co.ug/category/education/gakwandi-bukunya-call-for-balanced-promotion-NV_185890

Makerere's Prof. Bukunya and Gakwandi Celebrated

- [YouTube - Video 1] (<https://youtu.be/z-UhZlekgyg?si=Zgajf3dWqrnwjLM->)
- [New Vision]
https://www.newvision.co.ug/category/education/makerere-celebrates-literary-titans-gakwandi-NV_185062

CERTL Publication Peer Reviewing Workshop



CHUSS hosted a peer review workshop for the CERTL Publication, aiming to expedite graduate publications and nurture the next generation of academics. The event was funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation.

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<https://chuss.mak.ac.ug/news/chuss-hold-s-pre-application-workshop-cohort-2024-gerda-henkel-phd-programme>

National Convention on Floating Population in Acholi Subregion



Researchers called for government action to address the Aguu phenomenon in the Acholi sub-region, emphasizing the need for social cohesion and implementation of the Juba Peace Agreement.

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<https://chuss.mak.ac.ug/news/chuss-researchers-call-review-rules-acquisition-national-ids-address-aguu-phenomenon-northern-uganda>



Post-War Violence Still Exists in Acholi – Research Indicates

- [YouTube]
(<https://youtu.be/UwCHoqGHRMA>)

Book on Pedagogies for Archival Research for the Global South



CHUSS is curating a book on pedagogies for archival research, supported by the Mellon Foundation. The project aims to build capacity for archival research in the Global South.

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<https://chuss.mak.ac.ug/news/chuss-prepares-book-pedagogies-archival-research-humanities-global-south>

Call for Friendly Policies on Single Motherhood and Parenting



Researchers urge the government to enact policies supporting single mothers and improve children's welfare, highlighting the need for a graduate program on parenting.

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<https://chuss.mak.ac.ug/news/single-mothers-increasing-mak-researchers-call-friendly-policies-parenting-improve-children-welfare>

International Mother Language Day Celebrations



Makerere University celebrated the International Mother Language Day, emphasizing linguistic and cultural diversity. The event included the opening of the Sir Edward Muteesa II Museum.

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<https://chuss.mak.ac.ug/news/mak-celebrates-international-mother-language-day-families-language-experts-and-policy-makers-called>

Africans Urged to Embrace Local Languages

- [YouTube]

(<https://youtu.be/kGNxWOdTIZc>)

5th Capstone Conference at Rotary Peace Center



The 5th Capstone conference showcased social change initiatives by peace fellows, promoting meaningful dialogue and peacebuilding.

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<https://chuss.mak.ac.ug/news/rotary-peace-center-holds-5th-capstone-conference-2024-ugandans-called-embrace-positive-peace>

Strategies to Support COVID Teenage Mothers Back into School



Researchers recommended strategies to support teenage mothers who became pregnant during the COVID-19 lockdown, emphasizing early sexuality education and community campaigns.

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<https://chuss.mak.ac.ug/news/mak-rif-researchers-recommend-strategies-re-entry-teenage-mothers-back-schools>

Researchers Recommend Policies that Support Re-entry of Teenage Mothers to School - [YouTube] (<https://youtu.be/jdyuoiaKqLE?si=CbdOSSIWoztApTrj>)





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CONFERENCE CALL FOR PAPERS

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUSS) at Makerere University invites scholars, archivists, and community practitioners to a conference on the relationship between archiving, memory and method from the Global South. Through a grant from the Mellon Foundation, CHUSS is concluding a three-year project that has studied the intersection of archives with communities, institutions and academia. This international conference will be both a culmination of the project and an opportunity to widen the community of scholars and practitioners working in the field. We seek presentations on the dynamics of archival practice, knowledge and power from the Global South. What are the historical practices of preservation that precede and/or challenge colonial archival knowledge? How do efforts to preserve indigenous knowledge transform that knowledge through the process of archiving? How should scholars productively and ethically engage with archives, not just as existing sites of research but as institutional sites of memory in the making?

THEMATIC AREAS

- Archives and colonial knowledge
- National Archives and state power
- Archiving orality
- Literature and alternative archives
- Archives in museums and curatorial practice
- Community archives
- Performance and intangible archives
- Archives and universities
- Digital archives
- Archival theory
- The politics of archival preservation and access
- Histories of archival institutions
- Memory studies

The conference will be held in-person at Makerere University. Prospective presenters are invited to submit panel, roundtable or individual paper proposals by 18 June 2024 to ammconf@mak.ac.ug.

Keynote Speakers



Prof Nathan Mnjama
(University of Botswana)



Prof Dina Ligaga
(University of the Witwatersrand)



Prof David Luyombya
(Makerere University)



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Closing Date: Monday, July 15th, 2024

Email: ammconf@mak.ac.ug

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