

Dr Saidu Bangura – Summary and complete CV



Dr Saidu Bangura has been an Assistant Professor at the University of Cabo Verde from 2016 to date. He lectures in the English Studies Course, Faculty of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, where he has directed the Masters in English Studies: Linguistics and English Language Teaching, a new academic program he helped build at the University of Cabo Verde. He has also coordinated Languages and Literature in the Scientific Council of the university from 2019 to 2024. Dr. Saidu Bangura is presently the Vice President/Vice Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, University of Cabo Verde. Before joining the University of Cabo Verde, he taught English as a Foreign Language at Pedro Gomes Secondary School, Praia, from 2000 to 2007; English for Specific Purposes at the Jean Piaget University of Cabo Verde, Praia, a private university, from 2005 to 2007, as a part-time lecturer. From 2009 to 2016, Dr. Bangura was full time Assistant Professor at the Jean Piaget University of Cabo Verde where he promoted and coordinated the Translation and Intercultural Studies Course, a program he helped build, and served as Director/Dean of the Science and Technology Unit, from August 1, 2012, to April 30, 2014. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and Linguistics from Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, and a PhD in Translation, Communication and Culture with a specialty in English Linguistics from the University of Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Spain. Aside from his academic interests and busy schedule, Dr Saidu Bangura is the President of the General Assembly of the Platform for African Communities in Cabo Verde, an NGO that congregates 16 African Community Associations. The Platform for African Communities fights for and promotes the rights of all African migrants in Cabo Verde. As a founding member of Grassroots Action for National Development (GRAND), a registered NGO in Sierra Leone, and as part of his contribution to Sierra Leone, Dr Bangura has moderated Webinars and Public Discussions on burning issues in Sierra Leone: Health, Decentralization, Gender, and Police-Civilian relationships. Apart from his academic research and publications, Dr Bangura has published poems (in English, Portuguese, and Cabo Verdean Creole) in newspapers, academic books, and poetry anthologies. He has two anthologies of poems to be published by mid next year: *A Bit of Me: A Fragment of Hope* and *From the 'Province of Freedom' to the Enigmas of Nowheresville*.

Dr Bangura speaks five languages fluently: Temne, Sierra Leone Krio, English, Cabo Verdean Creole and Portuguese, and can understand Spanish very well, and has intermediate communicate skills in Spanish.

He is a Regional Expert in Translation – International Translation Consultant. His most recent consultancy job was with UNIDO – April to July 2023.

Dr Bangura is a member of the Editorial Board of The African Studies and Research Forum Book Series: <https://www.springer.com/series/17300>

He is also a member of the Editorial Board of *The Journal of Sierra Leone Studies*: <http://thejournalofsierraleonestudies.com/>

He is a father of three children: an adult son, and twelve-year-old twin daughters.

Dr Bangura is hardworking, dynamic, selfless, and a game changer.

Curriculum Vitae of Dr Saidu Bangura

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Universidade de Cabo Verde,
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Nationalities: Sierra Leonean and Cabo Verdean.

Education

Ph.D. (English (Socio)-Linguistics). Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Canary Islands, Spain. (Thesis title: “**A Roadmap to Sierra Leone English: A Sociohistorical and Ecological Perspective**”). Defended 1st February 2016. (Under transformation into a book) http://acceda.ulpgc.es/bitstream/10553/17690/3/0724891_00000_0000.pdf
DEA/MA (English Philology). ULPGC, Canary Islands, Spain. September 2009.
BA (English & Linguistics), Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, Freetown, Sierra Leone. December 1998.

Academic/Research Interests:

Sociolinguistics - Postcolonial/World Englishes: Sierra Leone English and other English varieties in West Africa.

Contact Linguistics: Pidgins and Creoles in West Africa – English and Portuguese based.

Educational Linguistics: Language Planning and Policy – the language(s) of Instruction in Creole-speaking West African countries/The Place of African languages in Education in West Africa.

Literature: African Literature-in-English with a focus on Sierra Leone.

Consultancy - Regional Expert in Translation – International Translation Consultant

Links

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Current research topics to appear as papers in peer review journals or book chapters: October 2024 – September 2025.

- Four Poems (“The refugee in me”, “If you must”, “The inside outsider” and “Hyphenated” for *African Literature Today* 43 under LITERARY SUPPLEMENT (Guest Editor: Ernest Cole) (**submitted; under review**)
- “Deneocoloniality and African Languages in Education: Cabo Verde a case study” to appear in *Deneocoloniality Transcending Decoloniality* edited by Abdul Karim Bangura. (**Submitted**)
- Cabo Verde at Fifty: Between Linguistic In-Dependence and Political Independence. *Que Vadis?* (**to be presented** in July 2025 at a Conference at the University of Évora, Portugal)
- “Landscape of Memories or Landscape of Vulnerabilities? A ‘Socioliterature’ Reading of Oumar Farouk Sesay’s *Landscape of Memories*”. (**Writing in progress**)

- “Literary Memoirs of the Sierra Leone Rebel War: Historicizing Memory, Resistance and Resilience in *Landscape of Memories* and *When Mosquitoes Come Marching In* (**Writing in progress**)
- *The Fictionalization of the Rebel War in Sierra Leone: Memory, Vulnerability and Resistance* (**A monograph project under construction**)

Professional Experience

October 2016 to date. Assistant Professor, English Studies, Universidade de Cabo Verde, Praia, Santiago Island.

2009/10 to September 2016. Assistant Professor and Course Coordinator (**Translation and Intercultural Studies**), Universidade Jean Piaget de Cabo Verde.

TOEFL Administrator: PBT (A200) 2009–2013; iBT (STN14226A: 2013- 2016).

SAT Coordinator/TOEFL Administrator. 76723. Universidade de Cabo Verde

August 1, 2012, to April 30, 2014: Director/Dean, Science and Technology Unit, Universidade Jean Piaget de Cabo Verde. (This Academic Unit directed 6 graduate and 2 Postgraduate Courses).

2014/15. Part time Lecturer: English Studies, Universidade de Cabo Verde.

2010/11 to 2012/13. Part-time Lecturer and Coordinator. English for International Relations and Diplomacy. Instituto Superior de Ciências Jurídicas e Sociais, Fazenda, Praia, Cabo Verde.

2009 - 2011. Teacher. English Language Institute, Praia. Cabo Verde.

2009-10. Part-time Assistant Professor. (Introduction to Literature & Literature of English-Speaking Countries I, II & III). Universidade de Cabo Verde, Praia, Cabo Verde.

2008-09. Lecturer & Researcher (English & Creole Studies). Universidade de Santiago, Assomada, Cabo Verde.

2005-2007; 2008-09. Part-time Lecturer (English I, II & III). Universidade Jean Piaget de Cabo Verde, Praia, Cabo Verde.

2000-2007. Teacher (English as a Foreign Language). Escola Secundaria Pedro Gomes, ASA, Praia, Cabo Verde.

1998-99. Part-time Lecturer (Temne – one of the indigenous languages of Sierra Leone). Freetown Teachers College, Jui, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

1998-99. Teacher (English & Literature). Senior Secondary School & Advanced Level. Methodist Boys’ High School, Kissy Mess-Mess, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Language Proficiency

Language	Written	Oral	Reading	Listening
Temne	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Krio	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Cabo Verdean	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Portuguese	Very Good	Very Good	Excellent	Excellent
Spanish	Good	Good	Very Good	Very Good
French	Elementary	Elementary	Good	Good

Publications

Book

Bangura, S. (**In press**). *A Bit of Me: A Fragment of Hope* (A Collection of Poems). Palmarejo Grande, Praia: ISE Digital Media.

Book chapters

Yakpo. Kofi, **Saidu Bangura** and Malcolm Awadajin Finney. (**In press**). English and Krio in Sierra Leone. In Hickey, Raymond, and Kate Burridge (eds) *New Cambridge History of the English Language Volume VI: English in Africa, Asia, Australasia and the Pacific*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Bangura, S. 2025. The female condition in the novels of Aminatta Forna In Ernest Cole and Mohamed Kamara (editors), *The Literature of Contemporary Sierra Leone: Trauma, Resilience, and Creativity*. James Currey Press, pp. 59-74.

Bangura, S. 2021. Literary Perspective. In Bangura, A. K. (ed.). *Black Lives Matter vs. All Lives Matter: A Multidisciplinary Primer*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books/Rowman and Littlefield Publishing Group. Pp 41-59.

May 2010. Cape Verdean in Education: A linguistic and human right with Marlyse Baptista and Inês Brito in B. Migge, I. Léglise and A. Bartens, eds. *Creoles in Education: An appraisal of current programs and projects*, Amsterdam and Philadelphia: John Benjamins, 2010, pp. 273-296.

Journal Articles

Yakpo. Kofi and **Saidu Bangura (In Press)**. Sierra Leone: A linchpin of Western Hemisphere Englishes (Submitted to *English Today* 24-Nov-2023, under **Manuscript ID ENG-2023-0156**).

August 2018. “Cabo Verde e o “Comboio” da Integração Regional Africana: A Aposta na Qualificação Como Passaporte Para o “Vagão” da Frente” / “Cabo Verde and the “Train” of African Regional Integration: The Commitment on Qualification as a Passport towards the Leading “Wagon”” with Odair Barros-Varela In *Africology: The Journal of Pan African Studies*, vol.11, no.10 (www.jpnafrican.org), pp 1-6.

Poems:

Bangura, S. 2024. Two poems – “The sunrise of a new dawn” and “For a patriotic voice” In *Let Her Be: An Anthology of Poems on Women's Sexual Health and Rights* edited by Oumar Farouk Sesay and Elizabeth L. A. Kamara. Freetown: SLWS. pp 35-38
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0CVBC2TTG>

January 2022: Two poems - ‘Hello Africa, *Sawubona*’ and ‘The dispossessed dispossessing’: In *Paradise on Earth Volume Two* edited by Stefan Bohdan / Third Eye Butterfly Press. Pp.641-646. <https://thirdeyebutterflypress.com>
Library of Congress Control Number: 2021908998
ISBN: 9798743797097
<https://www.paperturn-view.com/?pid=MjE211944&fbclid=IwAR0qJLvoS1S30raihS4F7UzSBVX-GMg2oTUYW2q22wimYGfG-K7MPcTXYrc>

July 2021: Cabo Verde

<https://expressodasilhas.cv/cultura/2021/07/05/cabo-verde/75560>

2019. Cidade Velha (a poem in Portuguese) In Nima I. Spigolon - Claudia M. Wanderley - Débora Mazza (Orgs.) *POR ENTRE AS ÁGUAS DO ATLÂNTICO: projetos, processos e experiências internacionais de pró-mobilidade internacional atravessando e sendo atravessados por Brasil e Cabo Verde*. (pages 11-12) Uberlândia / Minas Gerais: Navegando Publicações

https://56e818b2-2c0c-44d1-8359-cc162f8a5934.filesusr.com/ugd/35e7c6_cba3892f656244d5869b49a2d46bae2b.pdf

2019. Txoru silensiadu txoradu (a poem in Cabo Verdean Creole) In Nima I. Spigolon – Claudia M. Wanderley - Débora Mazza (Orgs.) *POR ENTRE AS ÁGUAS DO ATLÂNTICO: projetos, processos e experiências internacionais de pró-mobilidade internacional atravessando e sendo atravessados por Brasil e Cabo Verde*. (pages 13-14) Uberlândia / Minas Gerais: Navegando Publicações

https://56e818b2-2c0c-44d1-8359-cc162f8a5934.filesusr.com/ugd/35e7c6_cba3892f656244d5869b49a2d46bae2b.pdf

Translation:

2020: “Cases, Courtrooms and Covid-19 in Cape Verde: A Judge's View”, A Translation from Portuguese to English –

<https://www.africanwomeninlaw.com/post/cases-courtrooms-and-covid-19-in-cape-verde-a-judge-s-view>

October – December 2015. (A Translation) “The Mysteries of Calheta de São Martinho” with Ana Paula Lopes, Gisele Simone Andrade, Junior Barbosa and Milton Jorge Rocha in *Cabo Verde*, Edition No. 7, (Tourism in Fantastic Islands), Praia: A Nação, 2015, pp 22-31.

Scholarly Presentations

June 20, 2024: “The Political Economy of the English Language in a Globalizing World”, Mindelo, Universidade de Cabo Verde.

<https://unicv.edu.cv/pt/component/jevents/evento/895?Itemid=0&highlight=WyJzYWlk dSIsImJhbmd1cmEiLCJzYWlk dSBiYW5ndXJhI00=>

May 15, 2024: “The (Mis)(Re)Presentation of Women in Selected African Literary Texts”. Praia, Universidade de Cabo Verde.

<https://unicv.edu.cv/pt/component/jevents/evento/859?Itemid=0&highlight=WyJzYWlk dSIsImJhbmd1cmEiLCJzYWlk dSBiYW5ndXJhI00=>

May 8, 2024: “The Spread of English in West Africa: A View from Sierra Leone”. Praia, Universidade de Cabo Verde.

<https://unicv.edu.cv/pt/component/jevents/evento/858?Itemid=0&highlight=WyJzYWlk dSIsImJhbmd1cmEiLCJzYWlk dSBiYW5ndXJhI00=>

November 10-11, 2022: “Language-in-education for African Development: Cape Verdean, the missing link in language learning in Cabo Verde” presented at **Centro de Estudos Africanos, University of Porto** at the conference: National - But Unofficial - Languages in Africa: To Know Them in Order to Conserve and Value Them.

<https://africanos.eu/index.php/en/news/item/502-national-but-unofficial-languages-in-africa-to-know-them-in-order-to-convert-and-value-them>

May 2022. The female condition in the novels of Aminatta Forna. Presented at the 47th African Literature Association Conference.

<https://conference.africanlit.org/2022-conference-program>

February 2022: “Língua Kauberdianu na ensinu-. Um diretu umanu, linguistiku, pulitiku y iekonomiku” a paper presented at **2º Ciclo de Conferências sobre Investigação Atual sobre a Língua Cabo-verdiana - Promovendo a educação linguística em contexto de contacto em Cabo Verde**, Universidade de Cabo Verde.

May 2019: “The triple creole paradox in two West Atlantic Creoles: A comparative analysis of the morphosyntax of Krio and Cape Verdean”, a paper presented at **1º Ciclo de Conferências sobre Investigação Atual sobre a Língua Cabo-verdiana - Promovendo a educação linguística em contexto de contacto em Cabo Verde**, Universidade de Cabo Verde.

April 2014: “Cabo Verde: um país com origem e vocação multicultural e multilíngue” - GEPEJA - Fórum: Cabo Verde e Brasil: (primeiras) aproximações: Faculdade de Educação Universidade Estadual de Campinas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBJVhsyPIk0>

March 2014: “A língua cabo-verdiana no contexto histórico-cultural: caminho para o futuro”. a paper presented at the “3ª Semana da Cultura Digital de Campinas e Região”, Universidade Estadual de Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil.
http://cameraweb.ccuec.unicamp.br/watch_video.php?v=W9273A8Y92MN

Awards & Research Fellowships

March 2015 (30 days). IATEXT, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain, under the supervision of Professor Alicia Rodríguez Álvarez.
<http://www.iatext.ulpgc.es/inicio/archives/03-2015>

March – April 2014 (40 days): Universidade Estadual de Campinas, São Paulo, Brasil Programa Pró-Mobilidade Internacional CAPES/AULP (Edital 33/2012): *“Brasil e Cabo Verde, limites e possibilidades de pesquisa entre países, sob a perspectiva do Multilinguismo no Mundo Digital: web indígena, bibliotecas digitais e educação aberta”*.

September 2011. Coimbra Group Grant for Young African Researchers under the supervision of Professor John A. Holm, Faculdade de Letras, Universidade de Coimbra, Portugal.

Presentations: Communication in International Conferences

July 2010. “Continuum and Variation in Cape Verdean Creole” co-authored with Marlyse Baptista (Univ. of Michigan), Eric Brown (Univ. of Michigan) and Emanuel de Pina (Univ. de Cabo Verde), Paris, France.

August 2009. “Cape Verdean: A (West) Atlantic Creole?” A draft of a paper presented at the joint conference of the *Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics (SPCL)* and the *Associação de Crioulos de Base Lexical Portuguesa e Espanhola (ACBLPE)* at the University of Cologne, Germany.

April 2009. “Nigerian Pidgin English and Sierra Leone Krio: Varieties of the same language?” A draft of a paper presented at the Eighth Creolistics Workshop. University of Giessen, Germany.

June 2006. Mesa Redonda: “As línguas de instrução nos países crioulo-falantes de África”. ACBLPE, Universidade de Coimbra.

Talks & Seminars Delivered

April 8, 2014: “Cabo Verde: um país com origem e vocação multicultural e multilíngue” at the conference “Cabo Verde e Brasil: (primeiras) aproximações”, Faculty of Education, State University of Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil.

April 3, 2014: “Língua, Educação e Sociedade: uma abordagem transdisciplinar” to students of the discipline ‘EL774 Estágio Supervisionado 1’, Faculty of Education, State University of Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil.

March 27, 2014: “A língua cabo-verdiana no contexto histórico-cultural: caminho para o futuro” presented at the “3ª Semana da Cultura Digital de Campinas e Região”, Universidade Estadual de Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil.
(http://cameraweb.ccuec.unicamp.br/watch_video.php?v=W9273A8Y92MN)

February 2011: “Cape Verdean Creole and Sierra Leonean Krio: A Morphosyntactic Comparison”. Universidade Jean Piaget de Cabo Verde, Praia.

Other Professional Activities

Editorial Board Member: The African Studies and Research Forum Book Series:
<https://www.springer.com/series/17300>

Editorial Board Member since 2016: *The Journal of Sierra Leone Studies* -
<http://thejournalofsierraleonestudies.com/>

Staff Member of the African Institute for International Reporting since 2019:
<https://theaiir.org/> or <https://theaiir.org/our-team/>

Contributing Writer: *The Sierra Leone Telegraph* –
<https://www.thesierraleonetelegraph.com/?s=saidu%20bangura>

Referees

- Professor Alicia Rodríguez Álvarez. IATEXT, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Las Palmas, Spain. (my Ph.D. Supervisor).
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