

AWARDS

- 2016 Andrew Mellon Fellowship Writer-In Residency, Rhodes University, South Africa
- 2014 Shortlist Caine Prize for African Writing ('The Gorilla's Apprentice')
- 2012 Shortlist Caine Prize for African Writing ('Urban Zoning')
- 2012 Best Screenplay, co-writer Nairobi Half Life, Kalasha Awards
- 2010 Best Screenplay, Soul Boy, Kalasha Awards
- 2007 Highly Recommended Caine Prize for African Writing ('Treadmill Love')
- 2006 Chevening Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS

Fiction

- *The Applications* (novel in progress)
- *The Cape Cod Bicycle War and Other Youthful Follies* (Short Story Collection) 2017
- 'Urban Zoning' *McSweeneys* (2012)
- 'Treadmill Love' *Imagine Africa* (Archipelago, 2014)
- 'The Red Door' *Caine Prize Anthology* (2014)
- 'The Gorilla's Apprentice' *Granta.com* (2013) and *Kwani? 05* (2008)

Film

- Tana (screenplay) in production
- Nairobi Half-Life, co-writer (screenplay) 2012
- Soul Boy (screenplay) 2010

Non-Fiction

- *The True Story Of David Munyakei* (Kwani Trust, 2008) (serialized in *The Star*)
- 'The Soccer Of Cote D'Ivoire' *Vanity Fair*
- 'How To Eat A Forest' *The Chronic* (Chimurenga, 2015), 'Authority Stealing' *The Chronic* (Chimurenga 2014), 'BuruBuru' *The Chronic* (Chimurenga 2011)
- 'The Rig, the Church, and the Swamp: God, Life, and Work in Southern Louisiana' Iowa International

Writers Programme Anthology 2014

- 'Little Black Man Cake' Heinrich Boll Foundation Publication 2015

Editor

- *PEN Voices Anthology: International Pen Writers Festival*, New York (2015)
- *Imagine 500*, Editor Pan-African Sci Fi Anthology (2015)
- **Kwani Journal:** *Kwani?* 8 (Dec 2015); *Kwani?* 7 (2012); *Kwani?* 6 (2010); *Kwani?* 5 Part 1 and 2 (2010)
- **Chimurenga Chronic:** Associate Editor, Chimurenga Chronic 2011; Chimurenga Chronic 2015
- *Nairobi 24* (Associate Editor) 2011
- *Kenya Burning* (2009)
- *Project Soma* (Kwani Special Issue On Education), Co-Editor, 2011
- Guest Editor, Storymoja Crime Writing Series
- *Kwani?* 4, Co-editor (2008)
- *Kwani?* 3 Co-editor (2006)

FELLOWSHIPS AND RESIDENCIES

- July-August 2016 Andrew Mellon Writing Residency, Rhodes University
- HALD Writing Residency, April 2016
- Writer-In-Residency, Iwalewa House, Bayreuth University, July-August 2015
- Writer-In-Residency Incroci Da Civilita, Ca'Foscara University March 2015
- Writer In Residency, Northumbria University, November, 2014
- City Of Asylum Pittsburgh Writer-In-Residency, March 2011
- Iowa International Writers Fellowship, 2010

INVITED LECTURES

- 'Between Editing and Writing, A Precarious Balance' - Danish Writer's Union (April 2016)
- 'Sites of Creativity: Streets, Salons, Studios, Schools' - Grinnell College (Oct 2015)
- 'The Story Of Kwani: Between A Publishing 'Intervention', a Social Contract, and a Creative Content Provider' - Humboldt University (Oct 2015)
- Bayreuth University (July 2015)
- 'Kwani As Social Contract' - Yale University (April 2015)
- 'On David Munyakei and The Kenyan Dream' - University of Texas (Austin) (May 2015)
- 'Writing Kenya: An Overview' - Bristol University (April 2015)
- Two Lectures: 'What I Write?', 'The Editing Life' - Università Ca' Foscari Venezia (March 2015)
- 'Global Religion and Local Security in East Africa and Challenges to The Nation-State: New Roles For Contemporary Writer Within National Borders' - Università Ca' Foscari Venezia (March 2015)
- Northumbria University (Nov 2014)
- 'Of Creative 'Intervention's' And 'Social Contracts': Looking At Kwani' - University Of Sussex (Keynote Lecture ASUK - Sep 2014)
- 'Writing Kenya' - Cambridge University (2014)
- 'Reviewing Ten Years Of Kwani' - University of Cape Town (2014)
- 'Introducing Kwani' - Harvard University (2013)
- 'What I Write?' - Drexel University (2012)
- 'On Literary Magazines' - Duke University (2012)

LITERARY READINGS, PANELS AND FESTIVAL APPEARANCES

- Copenhagen Library, Copenhagen, Denmark, (April 2016)
- Nordkraft Festival, Aalborg, Denmark, (April 2016)
- International Pen Writers Festival, New York (2015)
- Incroci Da Civilita, Venice, Italy (2015)
- Franschoek Literary Festival, South Africa (2014)
- Open Book Fair, Cape Town (2014)
- Africa Utopia, London (2014)
- Africa Writes, London. (2012-2015)
- Utopia Images, Copenhagen (2012)
- Gothenburg Book Fair, Gothenburg (2012)
- Internazionale Literary Festival, Ferrara, Italy (2012)
- Bard College (2012)

SELECTED MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- ‘Kwani and African Writing’ Informations, Copenhagen, April 2016
- ‘Kwani Litfest On Language’ *The Star*, Nairobi, December 2015
- ‘On Kenyan Writing’ *The Daily Nation*, August 2015
- ‘On African Writing’ BBC 3 London, 2014
- ‘On Kwani’ *The Financial Times*, Nairobi 2013
- ‘On Kenyan Writing,’ National Public Radio, 2013
- ‘On David Munyakei’ Nation T.V 2013

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Judge, Short Story Day Africa, 2015
- Judge, Commonwealth Short Story Competition, November 2011,
- Judge, Commonwealth Literary Prize (Africa Region), 2009,
- Judge, Etisalat Prize For African Literature, 2012