

Prof Monica Chibita: From teacher of English to Professor of journalism

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Monica B Chibita, the Dean, Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communication, Uganda Christian University is now a Professor. She becomes the second Professor of Journalism in Uganda, after Prof Goretti Linda Nassanga of Makerere University.

Prof Chibita delivered her inaugural professorial lecture on Friday, under the theme, “Between freedom and regulation: Reflections on Uganda’s Communication landscape.”

Late last year, as she finalised research and publications that would later contribute to her Professorial appointment, Chibita shared her journey with Clare Muhindo.

33 years ago, Chibita, was just a 23-year-old with nothing but the love for teaching to her name. After graduating from Makerere University with a Bachelor of Arts in Education, all she wanted was to teach English and Literature.

Perhaps if someone told her that she would be a Professor of Mass Communication one day, Chibita would brush it off as a joke.

“For a long time, I wanted to be a teacher. In my S.6 vacation, I taught at Mt. St. Mary’s College, Namagunga. I loved teaching and working with young people. But journalism was not on my radar at all until I was exposed to it by Dr Francis Kidubuka, who was the Head of Literature Department at Makerere University at the time,” she says.