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Dr Phyllis Kaburise was born in Ghana but is a naturalised New Zealander. She obtained her honours in English from University of Legon, Ghana then went on to do an MEd at the University of East Anglia in Britain. She completed her PhD in English Studies at the University of Pretoria, South Africa.

Phyllis Kaburise started her teaching career in Ghana where she taught English at Aggrey Memorial Secondary School to satisfy the compulsory national service conditions of Ghana. She left for Lesotho, in Southern Africa where she taught English in various secondary schools. After Lesotho, Phyllis Kaburise moved to the island state of Papua New Guinea situated in the Pacific Ocean. There she taught in the University of Papua New Guinea for a year. She then moved to the In-service College where she taught English to practicing teachers as well as artisans. During this period she also had opportunity to go on sabbatical to University of Pennsylvania in the US where she did some research into ESL teaching.

Phyllis Kaburise moved to New Zealand from Papua New Guinea and worked initially at Wellington Polytechnic in the ESL section. When the family moved to Hamilton in the North Island of New Zealand she taught at University of Waikato for many years. On leaving New Zealand, Phyllis Kaburise went to South Africa and took up a position at the University of Venda, in the English Department, teaching both on the English major courses as well as the bridging programmes on offer at the University.

Phyllis Kaburise's main research interests are in language studies particularly, semantics and pragmatics and discourse analysis as well as second language teaching.