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Biographical Information

Date of birth: May 05, 1979

Citizenship: USA

Positions

09/2017-CURRENT ADJUNCT ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, St. John's University - Queens,
Department of Language and Literature, New York.

04/2024-CURRENT Consultant at Research Foundation at CUNY, New York.

01/2017 -01/2018 ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF LINGUISTICS, Montclair State University -
Montclair, New Jersey.

09/2006 – 01/2012 TEACHING ASSISTANT, New York University – Department of Linguistics,
New York

- Spring 2010, Historical Linguistics, with John Costello.
- Fall 2009, Language, with Anna Szabolcsi.
- Spring 2008, Human and Animal Communication, with Ray Dougherty.

Education

01/2012 **New York University - New York | Ph.D. in
Linguistics**

Thesis Title: Grammar of Shupamem.

Thesis Committee: Christopher Collins (chair),

01/2012 Anna Szabolcsi, Richard Kayne, Gregory
Guy, John Costello, Ray Dougherty and Jeff
Good.

**New York University - New York | GSAS
Teaching and Learning Program**

06/2009 Teaching and Learning Certificate Program,
Level I and II.

01/2010 **The Center for International Humanitarian
Cooperation - Fordham University**

International Diploma in Humanitarian
Assistance.

University of New York - New York | Master of Arts — Linguistics

01/2005 Thesis Title: Deriving Greenberg Universal 20.
Thesis committee: Chris Collins (chair),
Richard Kayne, Ray Dougherty.

Université de Yaoundé 1 (Cameroun) - Yaoundé | Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies (DEA) en Linguistique

01/2003 Thesis Title: Une Analyse Minimaliste et Dérivationnelle de la Morphosyntaxe du Shupamem.
Thesis committee: Edmond Biloa (chair),
Jean Jacques Marie Essono, Pius Tamanji,
Philip Mutaka, Gratiana Ndamnsa.

Université de Yaoundé - Yaoundé | Maîtrise de linguistique générale

01/2001 Thesis Title: La Syntaxe du Yemba.
Thesis Committee: Edmond Biloa (chair),
Jean Jacques Marie Essono, Pius Tamanji,
Ndamnsa Gratiana.

Université de Yaoundé - Yaoundé | Licence de linguistique générale

Fellowships

2022 Residency Fellowship at the Library of the US Congress between July 1-july 20, 2022.
2011 Max Talmey Prize, New York University Department of Linguistics, Fieldwork Dissertation Grant.
2006 – 2012 MacCracken Fellowship, New York University. Tuition, fees, and stipend for graduate study.

Media Appearances

Voice of America: L'Amérique et vous : Le débat présidentiel, 06/28/2024,
<https://www.voafrique.com/a/7655513.html>

Voice of America: Abdoulaye Laziz Nchare in New York, 01/15/2019,
<https://www.voafrique.com/a/4744302.html>

Papers and Publications

Book

2006 Biloa, Edmond, Abdoulaye Laziz Nchare and Achile Fossi, Jim. *La grammaire minimaliste de Noam Chomsky*, Cameroon University Press.

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- 2024 Absence of Clausal Islands in Shupamem with Hagay Schurr, Jason Kandybowicz, Tysean Bucknor, Xiaomeng Ma, Magdalena Markowska, Armando Tapia. *Languages* 2024, 9(1), 7; <https://doi.org/10.3390/languages9010007> (registering DOI).
- 2022 Integrated Appositive Relative Clauses in Shupamem with Jason Kandybowicz in *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, 41 (2):1-23. 2022. [Volume 41, Issue 2 | Natural Language & Linguistic Theory \(springer.com\)](#)
- 2021 On the Absence of (Certain) Islands in Shupamem, Tysean Bucknor, Xiaomeng Ma, Magdalena Markowska, Abdoulaye Laziz Nchare, Hagay Schurr, Armando Tapia, Annual Conference on African Linguistics 51-52, University of Florida.
- 2019 Gender Dynamics in Shupamem, Paper presented at the Celebration of International Mother Language Day, New York City
- 2014 Licensing silent structure: the spatial prepositions of Shupamem, Arhonto Terzi, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, 32, 2, 2014. [Licensing silent structure: the spatial prepositions of Shupamem | Natural Language & Linguistic Theory \(springer.com\)](#)
- 2011 The Morphosyntax of Agreement in Shupamem and Greenberg's Universal 20, NYU Working Papers in Linguistics (NYUWPL), 3, 136-198, http://linguistics.as.nyu.edu/edu/docs/IO/13775/NYUWPL_vol_3_Nchare.pdf/.
- 2010 Lexicalizing structure crosscategorially, Arhonto Terzi, GLOW-in-ASIA III, Beijing
- 2008 The Syntax of Focus and verb doubling in Shupamem, Christopher Collins, Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), ACAL 2008, University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign-Chicago).
- 2008 Spatial Expressions in Shupamem, Arontho Terzi, Proceedings of the Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), ACAL 2008, University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign-Chicago).

Professional Presentations

Conference Talks

- 2024 Abdoulaye Laziz Nchare and Hagay Schurr. [Consolidating Literacy and Language Development Programs in Schools Serving Students of African Origins in New York City](#). Poster presented at the RISLUS Research Forum 2024, The CUNY Graduate Center, New-York. October 18th, 2024.
- 2024 Abdoulaye Laziz Nchare. [Language Contact and Codeswitching in Cameroon](#). Talk presented at the RISLUS Research Forum 2024, The CUNY Graduate Center, New-York. October 18th, 2024.
- 2022 The Bamum traditional Religion at the cross-roads of Islam, and Christianity. Annual Symposium for the Residency Fellowship at the Library of the US Congress between July 1-july 20, 2022.
- 2021 On the Absence of (Certain) Islands in Shupamem, Tysean Bucknor, Xiaomeng Ma, Magdalena Markowska, Abdoulaye Laziz Nchare, Hagay Schurr, Armando Tapia, Annual Conference on African Linguistics 51-52, University of Florida.

2021 Integrative Relative Clauses in Shupamem, Jason Kandybowicz & Abdoulaye Laziz Nchare, Annual Conference on African Linguistics 51-52, University of Florida. [ACAL 51-52 Shupamem RCs Talk \(ufl.edu\)](#)

2008 The Syntax of Focus and verb doubling in Shupamem, Christopher Collins, Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), ACAL 2008, University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign-Chicago).

2008 Spatial Expressions in Shupamem, Arontho Terzi, Proceedings of the Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), ACAL 2008, University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign-Chicago).

2008 Deriving Greenberg Universal 20 in Shupamem Noun Phrase, Abdoulaye Laziz Nchare, Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), ACAL 2008, University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign-Chicago).

Teaching

Linguistics and French Classes at St. John's University

- Spring 2024, LAC 1000, Language & Culture – France, 14570, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Spring 2024, ANT 1000, Language and Culture: Anthropology, 14579, Department of Anthropology, St. John's University.
- Spring 2024, ANT 1000, Language and Culture: Anthropology, 15329, Department of Anthropology, St. John's University.
- Fall 2023, ANT 1000, Anthropology, 1000-120, Sociology and Anthropology Department, St. John's University.
- Fall 2023, FRE 1010, French 1010: Level I, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Fall 2023, LAC 1000, LAC 1000: Language and Culture, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Spring 2022, LAC 1000, LAC 1000: Language and Culture, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Spring 2022, FRE 3550, French 3550: French Civilization, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Spring 2022, FRE 1010C, French 1010C: Language and Culture, Department and Literature, St. John's University.
- Fall 2021, LAC 1000, LAC 1000 (Italian): Language and Culture, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Fall 2021, FRE 1020, French 1020: Language and Culture, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University
- Spring 2021, FRE 1010C, French 1010C: Language and Culture, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Spring 2021, LAC 1000, LAC 1000: Language and Culture, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Fall 2020, FRE 1010C, French 1010C: Level II, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.

- Fall 2020, LAC 1000, LAC 1000: Language and Culture, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Spring 2020, FRE 3550, FRENCH 3550: French Civilization, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Spring 2020, LAC 1000, LAC 1000: Language and Culture, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Fall 2019, FRE 1010C, Masterpieces of French Literature I, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Fall 2019, LAC 1000, LAC 1000: Language and Culture, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Fall 2019, FRE 1020C, French 1020C: Level II, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Spring 2019, ANT 1000, Introduction to Anthropology: Language and Culture, Sociology and Anthropology Department, St. John's University.
- Spring 2019, SOC 200, Global Poverty, Sociology and Anthropology Department, St. John's University
- Spring 2019, FRE 1020C, French 1020C: French Level II, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University
- Spring 2019, LAC 1010C, LAC 1010C: Language and Culture, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Fall 2018, ANT 250, African Cultures, Sociology and Anthropology Department, St. John's University.
- Fall 2018, LAC 1000, LAC 1000: Language & Culture, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Spring 2017, LAC 1000, LAC 1000: Language & Culture, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Spring 2017, FRE 3550, French 3550: French Civilization, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Spring 2017, FRE 1020C, French 1020C: French Level II, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Fall 2017, LAC 1000, LAC 1000: Language & Culture, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.
- Fall 2017, FRE 1020C, French 1020C: French Level II, Department of Language and Literature, St. John's University.

Graduate Student Consultant

- 2021, Magdalena Markowska, The Graduate Center, City of New York, Tonal system of Shupamem.
- 2021, Hagay Schurr, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, Status of Islands in Shupamem (Title TBD) (QP2).
- 2021, Armando Tapia, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, The Syntax of Serial Verb Constructions in Shupamem (QP2).

Professional Associations, Service and Consulting

Member, Fulbright Student Program Campus Endorsement Committee, Graduate Admissions Assistance Program (G.A.A.P), Office of the Provost, 2024-2025.

Member, J. K. Watson Fellowship selection committee, St. John's University, 2024-2025
Member, J. K. Watson Fellowship selection committee, St. John's University, 2023-2024
Member, J. K. Watson Fellowship selection committee, St. John's University, 2022-2023
Member, J. K. Watson Fellowship selection committee, St. John's University, 2021-2022
Member, J. K. Watson Fellowship selection committee, St. John's University, 2020-2021
Member, J.K. Watson Fellowship selection committee, St. John's University, 2019-2020
Member, J.K. Watson Fellowship selection committee, St. John's University, 2018-2019
Member, Advisory Board at New York University Office of International Students and Scholars, 2006–2012
Editor of Journal of African Languages and Linguistics, De Gruyter, 2021.
Consultant at SSWL (Syntactic and Semantic Structures of the World's Languages) database directed by Hilda Judith Koopman.
Chief Consultant on Woodard's Bamum Project: [Learn Bamum](#)

Technology Skills

- Microsoft Windows
- Macintosh OS X
- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Internet and e-mail packages
- WordPerfect
- Power Media Plus
- Blackboard
- Canvas
- MS Office
- Adobe Framemaker
- Matlab
- Online Teaching on Webex and Zoom

Language Training and Skills

- Shupamom, Native speaker.
- French, Native speaker.
- English, Excellent (Oral and written).
- German, Reading knowledge (Fair oral and written communication).
- Arabic, Reading knowledge (Fair oral and written communication).
- Pidgin English, Fluent.
- Camfranglais, Native speaker.
- Medumba (Grassfield Bantu, Cameroon), Fieldwork experience, 2010-2011.
- Yemba (Grassfield Bantu, Cameroon), Fieldwork experience, 2002.

Language Proficiency

French



Native/ Bilingual

German:



Professional

English



Native/ Bilingual

Shupamem



Native/ Bilingual

Camfranglais

Native/ Bilingual

Cameroon Pidgin English

Limited

References

References available upon request