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EDUCATION

2020	The University of Maroua – Cameroon, Doctorat/Ph.D. Major. History First Class Honors
2013	The University of Ngaoundéré – Cameroon, Master of Arts Major. History Upper Second Class Honors
2010	The University of Ngaoundéré – Cameroon, Bachelor of Arts Major. History Lower Second Class Honors

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2023 – 2024	The University of Geneva, School of Social Sciences, Switzerland Postdoctoral Fellow
2021 – Present	The University of Maroua, Higher Teachers' Training College, Cameroon Lecturer
2017 – 2020	The University of Maroua, Higher Teachers' Training College, Cameroon <i>Attaché Temporaire d'Enseignement et de Recherche</i> – ATER

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Politic, Religion, Toponymy and Identities

THEMATICS

Tokombéré, Mandara Highlands, Northern Cameroon

AREAS

Mountain Dwellers (Mada, Muyang, Zulgo)

SOCIETIES

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

- 2023 “Encadrement des gens d'en bas et développement social : héritage de Jean-Marc Ela à Tokombéré”
In Anatole Fogou et François Wassouni (Eds). *L'Afrique de Cheikh Anta Diop, Frantz Fanon et Jean Marc Ela* (pp. 323 – 341). Yaoundé, Cameroun : L'Harmattan Cameroun. [ISBN-13: 978-2140484926](#)
- 2022 “Alphabétisation et conscientisation des “gens d'en bas’ à Tokombéré (1970 – 1984)”
In Célestin Monga (Ed). *Jean-Marc Ela : Éthique et esthétique de la compassion* (pp. 211 – 222). Paris, France : Karthala. [ISBN-13: 978-2384090051](#)

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2023 “Neotponymy, Appropriation of Space and Youth Political Expression in Tokombéré, Northern Cameroon (1970 – 2011)”
Journal of Asian and African Studies, 58(3): 322 – 337
[DOI: 10.1177/00219096211063815](#)
- 2022 “Catholic Missionary Work and ‘Political’ Support: The Tokombéré Youth Centre since 1974”
Africa Spectrum, 57(3): 282 – 300
[DOI: 10.1177/00020397221112437](#)
- 2022 “Rupture coloniale, pouvoir des mots et vocabulaire politique des subalternes à Tokombéré (Nord Cameroun)”
Canadian Journal of African Studies, 56(3): 617 – 636
[DOI: 10.1080/00083968.2021.1963791](#)

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

“If You make these People Literate, You are undressing Me’: The Legacy of Jean – Marc Ela to Tokombéré Subalterns since 1984”
Exchange (To revise and resubmit)

“Youth, Associational Life and Civic Engagement in Northern Cameroon”
Journal of African Cultural Studies (To revise and resubmit)

“Youth Commitment in Public Space in Northern Cameroon: Comic Imagination and Grotesque Representation of Power in Tokombéré”
Journal of Contemporary African Studies (Awaiting First Evaluation)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

AWARDS

- 2022 “Catholic Missionary Work and ‘Political’ Support: The Tokombéré Youth Centre since 1974”
North American Association of Scholars on Cameroon – NAASC Outstanding Article Prize
NAASC/ ASA Caucus – Piscataway NJ, United States of America.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2023 – 2024 Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship – FCS/ESKAS
42,000 CHF
University of Geneva, Switzerland.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCES

- 2023 “Colonial Library, Endogenous Memories and Identities in ‘Mandara Highlands’”
Conference paper at Annual Meeting Canadian Association of African Studies – CAAS : “African Reckonings and Futures”
York University – Toronto ON, Canada.
- 2023 “Popular Songs and Women Mountain Dwellers’ Perception of Democracy in Mandara Highlands, Cameroon”
Conference paper at IFG 8 Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa – MIASA: “Increasing Women’s Political Presence in West Africa”
MIASA, University of Ghana – Legon, Ghana.
- 2022 “‘Voice of the Voiceless’: Kudumbar Newspaper and Political Expression of Youth in Tokombéré (Northern Cameroon)”
Conference paper at 4th Biennial Conference of African Studies Association of Africa – ASAA: “Africa and the Human: Old questions, New Imaginaries”
HUMA, University of Cape Town – Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2021 “‘I’m Angry because I don’t have a Husband’ : Popular Songs by Women in Northern Cameroon”
Conference paper at 64th Annual Meeting African Studies Association – ASA : “Re-centering Africa: Resistance and Renewal in a World beyond COVID-19”
Virtual Event.
- 2021 “‘Kudumbar’. Space and power in the Northern Cameroon”
Conference paper at Annual Meeting Canadian Association of African Studies – CAAS : “Achieving Ubuntu: Reframing Equity, Partnership and Social Change”
Virtual Event.
- 2017 “Colonial Rupture, Power of Words and Political Enunciation in Tokombéré (Northern Cameroon)”
Conference paper at 17th Annual Africa Conference: “Rupturing Colonial Legacies: Colonialisms and Decolonizations in Africa and the African Diaspora”
Department of History, University of Texas – Austin TX, United States of America.
- 2016 “Toponymy, Symbolic Appropriation of Space and Youth Political Expression in Tokombéré (1970 – 2011)”
Conference paper at 4th Rencontre des Études Africaines en France: “Afriques cosmopolitiques”
Institut des Langues et des Civilisations Orientales – Paris, France.

WORKSHOPS

- 2023 “Geographical Pre-eminence and Toponymic Wrangle in Mandara Highlands, Cameroon”
The Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa Publishing Workshop
MIASA, University of Ghana – Legon, Ghana

- 2023 “Place Making/Naming, Political Hegemony and Cultural Goods in Mandara Highlands (Northern Cameroon)”
1st International Seminar: “Why Place Naming Matter: Inclusiveness, globality and Disputed Territorial Identities”
UNESCO Chair “Naming the World”, University of Geneva – Geneva, Switzerland
- 2022 “Youth, Associational Life and Civic Engagement in Northern Cameroon”
Writing Workshop paper at Journal Work Academy
HUMA, University of Cape Town – Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2021 “Literacy and the Process of Subalterns’ Conscientization in Tokombéré by Jean-Marc Ela (1970 – 1984)”
Edited Book Workshop paper at Harvard University – Kennedy School of Government: “Jean-Marc Ela: Éthique et esthétique de la compassion”
Kennedy School of Government, University of Harvard – Cambridge MA, United States of America.

STUDY DAYS

- 2020 “Evangelical Extracts and Political Messages: Analysis of the Tokombéré Youth Week Theme’s (1991 – 2011)”
Paper presented at Department of History Study Day: “Paysage religieux camerounais: histoire, diversité et gouvernance”
Higher Teachers’ Training College, The University of Maroua – Maroua, Cameroon.
- 2013 “Youth Involvement in Public Space: Comic Imagination and Grotesque Representation of Power in Tokombéré (1980 – 2011)”
Paper presented at CEIBA Study Day: “Culture orale africaine et transmission: enjeux et perspectives”
CEIBA, The University of Yaoundé I – Yaoundé, Cameroon.

TALKS

- 2023 “‘If You Make this People Literate, You are undressing me !’ : The Legacy of Jean–Marc Ela to Tokombéré Subalterns since 1984”
Paper presented at First Monthly Coffee Talk
Higher Teachers’ Training College, The University of Maroua – Maroua, Cameroon.

COURSES TAUGHT*UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL*

HIP 113	Ancient Africa and Cameroon
HIP 213	Ancient Greece and Rome: Powers and Societies
ECP 211	Education to Citizenship : States, Nation and Fatherland
ECP 321	Education to Citizenship : The Constitution of Cameroon
HIP 421	Christianity and Islam: Roots, Expansion and Changes in Africa and Cameroon
HIP 514	Classroom Management : Lesson planning and Students’ Assessment

GRADUATE LEVEL

HIS 111	African Epistemology and Historiography
HIS 211	Ancient Civilisations of Cameroon and Africa
ECS 211	Education to Citizenship: Governance and International Cooperation
HIS 322	Borders, Spaces and Strategic Challenges

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND ACADEMIC SERVICES*MEMBERSHIP*

ASA	African Studies Association Piscataway – New Jersey, United States of America
CAAS	Canadian Association of African Studies Ottawa – Ontario, Canada
GAL	Geneva Africa Lab Geneva – Geneva, Switzerland
GIRHA	Groupe Interdisciplinaire de Recherche en Histoire de l'Afrique Montréal – Québec, Canada
NAASC	North American Association of Scholars on Cameroon Piscataway – New Jersey, United States of America

AD-HOC REVIEWER

ASR	African Studies Review (2)
JACS	Journal of African Cultural Studies (1)
JAAS	Journal of Asian and African Studies (1)
JH	Journal of History (2)
JWH	Journal of Women's History (1)
ORE	Oxford Research Encyclopaedia of African History (1)

HIGHER TEACHER'S TRAINING COLLEGE – THE UNIVERSITY OF MAROUA

2019 October	Undergraduate Review Board: French Language and Literature Member
2019 February	Profiling Committee for Students in Professional Doctorate in Education Member
2018 & 2019 October	HTTC Entrance Exam Desk Member
2018, 2019 & 2021 June	HTTC Department of History Graduation Committee Member
2018 October	Graduate Review Board: Physics and Chemistry Member

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY – THE UNIVERSITY OF MAROUA

2022 June	Conference on Islamic Protest, Terrorism and [In] Security in Africa – IPTSA 2022 Member of the Organizing Team
2020 January	Workshop on Digital Pedagogy for History Facilitator
2020 February	Study Day Planning Committee: “Cameroon Religious Scene: History, Diversity and Governance” Member
2019 December	Project on Digitalization of Archives – Stage III Researcher and Rapporteur
2019 January	Study Day on: “Which method should be applied to teaching of History and Geography in Cameroon in the Competency-based Approach era?” Rapporteur

LANGUAGE SKILLS

French (native speaker), English (fluent), Spanish (reading).