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| <b>EDUCATION</b> |
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Ph.D., Ecology and Evolutionary Biology,  
University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.                      2022

M.S., Zoology,  
University of Yaoundé 1, Yaoundé, Cameroon. 2011

B.S., Animal Biology,  
University of Yaoundé 1, Yaoundé, Cameroon. 2007

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| <b>TEACHING EXPERIENCE</b> |
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August 2025 – Present, Assistant Professor, East Texas A&M University

August 2022 – August 2024, Postdoctoral Research Assistant, University of Florida

August 2016 – July 2024, Research/Teaching Assistant, University of Kansas

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| <b>PUBLICATIONS</b> |
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Arroyo-Lambaer, D., Scheinberg, L. A., Vindum, J. V., **Tapondjou, W. P.**, Davidson, M. G., Chapman, H., & Blackburn, D. C. 2025. The amphibians and reptiles of Ngel Nyaki Forest Reserve on the Mambilla Plateau of eastern Nigeria. African Journal of Herpetology, 74(2), 290-319.

- Kameni N.\*, M., **Tapondjou, W.**, Conradie, W. 2024. Phylogenetic placement of Mt Bamboutos endemic skink, *Trachylepis mekuana* (Chirio and Ineich, 2001). *Acta Herpetologica*.
- Kameni N.\*, M. M., Yuan, F. L., Gonwouo, L. N., **Tapondjou N., W. P.**, Allen, K. E., Fomena, A., Tsang, T. P. N. 2023. Range contractions and reduced body mass predicted for endemic skinks of the Cameroon Volcanic Line with future Warming. *Diversity and Distributions*. 29(8), 1052-1063.
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- Machado-Stredel, F., Freeman, B., Jiménez-García, D., Cobos, M.E., Nuñez-Penichet, C., Jiménez, L., Komp, E., Perktas, U., Khalighifar, A., Ingenloff, K., **Tapondjou N., W.P.**, de Silva, T., Fernando, S., Osorio-Olvera, L., Townsend, P. 2022. On the potential of documenting decadal-scale avifaunal change from before-and-after comparisons of museum and observational data across North America. *Avian Research*, 13(1), 100005.
- Allen, K.E., Greenbaum, E., Hime, P., **Tapondjou N., W.P.**, Sterkhova, V., Kusamba, C., Rodel, M., Penner, J., Peterson, T., Brown, R. 2021. Rivers, not refugia, drove diversification in arboreal, sub-Saharan African snakes. *Ecology and Evolution*, 11(11), 6133–6152.
- Greenbaum, E., Allen, K., Vaughan, E., Pauwels, O., Van Wallach, Kusamba, C., Muninga, W., Mwenebatu, A., Mali, F., Badjedjea, G., Penner, J., Rödel, M., Rivera, J., Sterkhova, V., Grant Johnson, G., **Tapondjou N., W.P.** & Brown, R. 2021. Night stalkers from above: A monograph of *Toxicodryas* tree snakes (Squamata: Colubridae) with a description of two new cryptic species from Central Africa. *Zootaxa*, 4965(1), 1–44.
- Allen, K., **Tapondjou N., W.P.**, Freeman, B., Cooper, J., Brown, R., Peterson, T. Modelling potential Pleistocene habitat corridors between Afromontane Forest regions. 2021. *Biodiversity and Conservation*. 30(8–9), 2361–2375.
- Tchasse, A. M. F., Doherty-Bone, T. M., Kameni\*, M. M., **Tapondjou N., W. P.**, Tamesse, J. L., & Gonwouo, N. L. 2019. What is driving declines of montane endemic amphibians? New insights from Mount Bamboutos, Cameroon. *Oryx*, 55(1), 23–33.
- Allen, K.E., **Tapondjou N., W.P.**, Greenbaum, E., Welton, L.J., Bauer, A.M. 2019. High levels of hidden phylogenetic structure within central and west African *Trachylepis* skinks. *Salamandra*, 55(4), 231–241.

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2024 Distinguished Postdoc Mentor Award. University of Florida Postdoctoral Affairs.
- 2020 The University of Kansas, Biodiversity Institute Panorama Grant: \$1,000

2020 Graduate student research award/Society of Systematic Biology (SSB) Award: \$1,800

2019 University of Kansas chancellor's doctoral fellowship: \$25,000

2019 The University of Kansas, Graduate student travel Fund: \$800

2019 The University of Kansas, Biodiversity Institute Panorama Grant: \$1,000

2018 The University of Kansas, Biodiversity Institute Panorama Grant: \$1,000

2017 Conservation Action Research Network, Congo Basin Conservation Grant, : \$4,700

2017 The University of Kansas, Biodiversity Institute Panorama Grant: \$1,000

2015 Conservation Action Research Network, Congo Basin Conservation Grant: \$4,450

2014 Idea Wild Grant material \$1,120

2014 Rufford Small Grant: \$8,700