

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME Njabo, Kevin Yana	POSITION TITLE Associate Director and Africa Director, Center for Tropical Research, University of California, Los Angeles		
EDUCATION/TRAINING <i>(Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, and include postdoctoral training.)</i>			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Ife, Ile-Ife, Nigeria	B.Sc.	1991	Botany
University of Ibadan, Nigeria	M.Sc.	1994	Plant Ecology
Boston University	Ph.D.	2006	Biology
University of California, Los Angeles	Postdoctoral Fellow	2006-2010	Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

### A. Personal Statement

As Africa Director, I report to the executive director of CTR and supervise research theme leaders. I am part of the senior leadership team primarily responsible for overseeing the center's research portfolio and the ongoing delivery and future development of the International Research and Training Center (IRTC), serving Central Africa. In doing so, I provide content direction and leadership to an existing team in setting the center's core research priorities and in fundraising for research projects providing direct and strategic links to regional and international partners and collaborators. I also provide assurance for all research work and reports carried out in Africa, including proposals, ethical reviews, and research donor reports. In this position, I do over 30% international travels. I also serve on several professional bodies including the Board of Directors of the Society for Conservation Biology and Council Member of the Pan African Ornithological Congress Committee (PAOCC), 2008-2016. My current research interests are in ecology and evolution of emerging tropical diseases

### B. Positions and Honors

2012 – present	Adjunct Assistant Professor, Environmental Health Sciences and Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, University of California, Los Angeles
2010 – present	Associate Director and Africa Director, Center for Tropical Research, University of California, Los Angeles
2008 – 2016	Council Member, Pan African Ornithological Congress Committee (PAOCC)
2006	Adjunct Instructor of Biology, Quincy College, Massachusetts
2003 – 2004	Research Scientist, EarthWatch Institute's Saving the Cameroon Rockfowl Project, Cameroon
1996 – 2001	Assistant Program Development Officer/IBA Officer – Cameroon Biodiversity Conservation Society (BirdLife International in Cameroon). Central African Co-coordinator of the Project 'Wings over Africa'

### C. Selected peer-reviewed publications

- 2016 **Kevin Y Njabo**, Linda Zanontian, Basma N. Sheta, Ahmed Samy Ahmed, Shereen Galal, Rick Paik Schoenberg, Thomas B Smith 2016. Living with avian Flu - Persistence of the H5N1 highly pathogenic avian influenza virus in Egypt *Veterinary Microbiology* 187: 82–92
- 2015 Štěpán Janeček, Michael Bartoš, **Kevin Yana Njabo**. Convergent evolution of Sunbird pollination systems of *Impatiens* species in tropical Africa and hummingbird systems of the New World. *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society*. DOI: 10.1111/bij.12475
- 2015 T. L. Fuller<sup>1</sup>, M. F. Ducatez, **K. Y. Njabo**, E. Couacy-Hymann, T. Chasar, G. L. Aplogan, S. Lao, F. Awoume, A. Téhou, Q. Langeois, S. Krauss, And T. B. Smith. 2014. Avian influenza surveillance in Central and West Africa, 2010-14. *Journal Epidemiology and Infection* 2014 Dec 22:1-8.
- 2014 Brenda Larison, **Kevin Y. Njabo**, Anthony Chasar, Trevon Fuller, Ryan J. Harrigan and Thomas B. Smith. 2014. Spillover of pH1N1 to swine in Cameroon: an investigation of risk factors. *BMC Veterinary Research* 2014, 10:55 DOI: 10.1186/1746-6148-10-55
- 2013 Basma M Sheta, Trevon L Fuller, Brenda Larison, **Kevin Y Njabo**, Ahmed Samy Ahmed, Ryan Harrigan, Anthony Chasar, Soad Abdel Aziz, Abdel-Aziz A Khidr, Mohamed M Elbokl, Lotfy Z Habbak, Thomas B Smith. 2013. Putative human and avian risk factors for avian influenza virus infections in backyard poultry in Egypt. *Veterinary Microbiology* 11/2013; DOI:10.1016/j.vetmic.2013.11.010
- 2013 Trevon L. Fuller, Marius Gilbert, Vincent Martin, Julien Cappelle, Parvize Hosseini, **Kevin Y. Njabo**, Soad Abdel Aziz, Xiangming Xiao, Peter Daszak, and Thomas B. Smith. 2013. Predicting Hotspots for Influenza Virus Reassortment. *Emerging Infectious Diseases* Vol. 19, No. 4, 581-588. [www.cdc.gov/eid](http://www.cdc.gov/eid)
- 2013 **Njabo, K.Y.**, T. B Smith, E. Yohannes. 2013. Feeding habits of *culicine* mosquitoes in the Cameroon lowland forests based on Stable Isotopes and blood meal analyses. *Parasitology and Vector Biology*. Available online at <http://www.academicjournals.org/JPV> ISSN 2141-2510 ©2011 Academic Journals
- 2012 Inci, A., Yildirim, A., **Njabo, K. Y.**, Duzlu, O., Biskin, Z., and Ciloglu, A. Detection and molecular characterization of avian Plasmodium from mosquitoes in central Turkey. *Veterinary Parasitology* 188: 179-184.
- 2011 **Njabo, K. Y.**, T. L. Fuller, A. Chasar, J. P. Pollinger, G. Cattoli, C. Terregino, I. Monne, J-M. Reynes, R. Njouom, and T. B. Smith. Pandemic A/H1N1/2009 influenza virus in swine, Cameroon, 2010. *Veterinary Microbiology* 156: 189-92.
- 2011 **Njabo, K.Y.**, A.J. Cornel, C. Bonneaud, E. Toffelmier, R.N.M. Sehgal, G. Valkiunas, A.F. Russell, and T.B. Smith. Non-specific Patterns of Vector, Host and Avian Malaria Parasite Associations in a Central African Rainforest. *Molecular Ecology* 20: 1049-1061.

### Current Grants

Co-PI: Using geospatial tools to investigate how deforestation affects the transmission of malaria in birds. USAID Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER). Project 4-360. November 2015 to October 2018. \$261,000. PI: Dr Anong Damian, University of Buea, Cameroon