CURRICULUM VITAE

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OBJECTIVE

To merge my enthusiasm with my desire to grow and gain contemporary research experience in sociolinguistics and in teaching a wide variety of learners as well as contribute to the realization of the goals of your institution.

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- ❖ October 2013- present: University of Buea. PhD in Applied Linguistics expected in December 2017. Supervisors: Prof. Ayu'nwi Neba and Dr. Pierpaolo Di Carlo. Thesis: The Sociolinguistic Dynamics of Rural Multilingualism-the case of Lower Fungom. An exploration of rural multilingualism in relation with notions such as polyglossia in a rural linguistically diverse community in Cameroon.
- ❖ October 2008 December 2011: The University of Buea. Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics, University of Buea. Supervisors: Prof. Chia and (then) Dr. Ayu'nwi Neba. Dissertation: Language Choice and Identity Negotiation_ Molyko. Examining the linguistic repertoire and the dynamics involved in language choice and use of individuals in a micro urban linguistically diverse area in Cameroon
- ❖ October 2004 December 2007: The University of Buea. Bachelor of Arts in General Linguistics University of Buea

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ❖ 2012- Present: Instructor: "The Use of English' program". Teaching and assessing the use of English course, a general University requirement, to students of various levels at the University of Buea, Cameroon.
- ❖ 2014- Present: Instructor: The department of Linguistics at the University of Buea. Teaching sociolinguistics courses to 200 and 300 level students.
- ❖ July and August of every year since 2012: Intensive English Language Programme. Teaching the "use of English" to student who have French or Spanish as their L1 but who intend to study at the University of Buea.
- ❖ 2011: Undertook an internship (ten weeks) assisting the Head of Corporate Affairs at Standard Chartered Bank, Douala, Cameroon. Focus was communication within and without the bank.

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WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- ❖ 2017: Yaounde Summer School on African Multilingualisms, August 4-8. Participant. Presented a paper on "Multilingualism without code switching? Data and perspectives from rural Cameroon."
- ❖ 2017: European Conference on African Studies ECAS7, Switzerland June 29-1 July 2017. Participant. Presented a paper titled "English to rebuke, Pidgin to be understood, local languages to feel secure. Old and New language ideologies in rural Cameroon"
- ❖ 2017: A Simo Bobda International Symposium, Yaounde, Cameroon April 5-7. Participant. Presented a paper titled "Multilingualism through a rural lens"

- ❖ 2016: Workshop: African Linguistics School (ALS4) Abidjan, Ivory Coast July 18-29. Presented a paper titled Beyond a Common Code: Cameroon Pidgin English- the Language of the Elite and the Masses
- ❖ 2016: Documentary Linguistics Workshop. University of Buea. Documentary Linguistics-data collection, Management, and Archiving Techniques. Participant
- ❖ 2016: Seminar: Postgraduate Faculty of Arts Seminar- University of Buea. Participant. Language contact and genealogical differentiation: The English Creoles and Pidgins of Africa and the Caribbean. Guest speaker. Dr. Kofi Yakpo, the University of Hong Kong. Participant
- **❖ 2015: KPAAM-CAM Training Program in Meta Data Encoding and Archiving. ALORA-CERDOTOLA, Yaounde November 2 to November 6.** Participant
- **❖ 2014:** Refresher course "New Perspectives on Multilingualism" Catholic University of Cameroon Bamenda. December 8 − 12. Participant
- ❖ 2012: World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL 7), University of Buea, Cameroon. August 20 to 24. Participant
- ❖ 2012: Commonwealth Conference- International Conference on Issues in Post colonial Africa. University of Douala, Cameroon. Title: Language Choice and Identity Negotiation 50 years post independence.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

❖ My main interests are in sociolinguistics. I enjoy teaching and researching on multilingualism, language contact, pidgins and creoles, conversational analysis and second language learning.

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SKILLS AND AWARDS

- Outstanding communication and presentation skills
- ❖ Adaptable to different working conditions, peacemaker and proactive
- ❖ Award for Best postgraduate Applied Linguistics student (12/2011), University of Buea

LANGUAGES

❖ English, written and spoken: Excellent

❖ French, written and spoken: Excellent

❖ Cameroon Pidgin English: Excellent

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HOBBIES

sports, singing, and cooking

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REFERENCES

- Prof. Ayu'nwi Neba University of Buea, Cameroon anfusi@yahoo.com
- Dr. Pierpaolo Di Carlo University at Buffalo, USA pierpaolodicarlo@gmail.com