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Joanna received her doctorate in Systematics and Evolution from Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle (Alliance Sorbonne Université) within the doctoral unit ISYEB –UMR 7205, Paris, France in 2014. During her doctorate, her research is concentrated on the origin, taxonomy, evolution and systematics of Ceratopogonidae (Diptera). She joined NDU as a part-time biology instructor in 2015, and was appointed as Assistant Professor in 2024. In addition to that, she serves as the coordinator of the Faculty of Natural and Applied Sciences at the Shouf Campus since 2022. Her research interests include paleontology, comparative anatomy, systematics, evolution and biodiversity, with a larger concentration on fossilized insects from Lebanese, French, Burmese and Chinese amber.

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