

Ada Johnson-Kanu

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science University of Kentucky , Lexington, KY	2022-
EDUCATION	Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Merced Committee: Jessica Trounstine (Chair) , Aditya Dasgupta , & Daniel de Kadt	2021
	M.A. Economics, University of Akron	2014
	B.A. Economics, University of Akron	2012
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Comparative Politics, Political Economy of Development, Economic History, Africa.	
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	Electoral Accountability and State Violence: The Political Legacy of the Marikana Massacre (with Daniel de Kadt and Melissa Sands). Forthcoming at <i>American Political Science Review</i>	
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	Johnson-Kanu Ada. <i>Origins and Consequences of descriptive representation in the Nigerian Civil Service</i> . APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter. Fall, 2021. Grossman Shelby, Sean Gallagher, Ada Johnson-Kanu, Nicole Wilson, David Thiel. <i>#ZakzakyLifeMatters: An Investigation into a Facebook Operation Linked to the Islamic Movement in Nigeria (TAKEDOWN)</i> . Stanford Internet Observatory. 2020.	
WORKING PAPERS	Ethnic Representation in the Nigerian Civil Service. <i>Under Review</i> Precolonial States and Development: Evidence from Agriculture in Africa (with Aditya Dasgupta). Subnational Authoritarianism in a Hybrid Regime (with Nick Cruz).	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	Colonial Treaties and the Politics of Belonging in Africa Bureaucracy and Conflict Recurrence (with Peter Carey and Benjamin Leo).	
EXTERNAL AWARDS	Best Dissertation in Race and Ethnic Politics section APSA	2022
	Adam Smith Fellowship	2020
	American Political Science Association travel grant	2021
INTERNAL AWARDS	Department Teaching Award, UC Merced	Summer 2019
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	University of Kentucky: Political Economy (G) Political Economy (UG)	Spring 2023 Fall 2023

Comparative Politics Seminar (G) Fall 2023

University of California, Merced:

Instructor, African Politics (UG) Summer 2020

Teaching Assistant:

Introduction to Comparative Politics (UG) Fall 2016

Introduction to International Relations (UG) Spring 2018, Fall 2020

Introduction to American Politics (UG) Fall 2019

Statistical Inference (Economics) (UG) Fall 2017

Intermediate Macroeconomics (Economics) (UG) Summer 2017, Fall 2018

INVITED TALKS
AND WORKSHOPS

University of Wisconsin - Madison, Comparative Politics/Political Economy Colloquium, Spring 2023

Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, Fall 2021

Department of Political Science, Morehouse College, Fall 2021

Business, Government, and International Economy unit, Harvard Business School, Fall 2021

Social Science Division, New York University, Abu Dhabi, Fall 2021

CONFERENCES
AND WORKSHOPS

2023

African Studies Association (Scheduled)

American Political Science Association (Presenter)

Summer Institute on Public Sector Organizational Effectiveness

Midwestern Political Science Association (Presenter, Discussant)

Kentucky Political Science Association (Presenter, Discussant)

2021

American Political Science Association (Presenter)

Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE) (Presenter)

Virtual Historical Political Economy Workshop (Presenter, Discussant)

Minority Politics Online Seminar Series (MPOSS) (Presenter)

2020

American Political Science Association (Presenter)

Midwestern Political Science Association (cancelled due to COVID-19)

Western Political Science Association (cancelled due to COVID-19)

CA Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE) (Presenter)

African Politics Conference Group (APCG) Online Colloquium (Presenter)

UC Africanist's Workshop

2019

Mid West Political Science Association (Presenter, Discussant)

SERVICE TO
DEPARTMENT

Advising:

Benjamin Leo, University of Kentucky. Dissertation committee member

Hannah Cake, University of Kentucky. Sub-field advisor Fall 2023

Obaloluwa Aka, University of Kentucky. Sub-field advisor Fall 2023

Committee Member, University of Kentucky

Department of Political Science Graduate Committee

2023 - date

Department of Political Science DEI Committee

2022 - 2023

SERVICE TO
DISCIPLINE

Co-Organizer African Politics Conference Group Online Colloquium

2023 -

Reviewer:

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Africa Spectrum, African Studies Review

FIELD WORK

Nigeria (2019, 2021, 2023)

TECHNOLOGY AND
SKILLS

ArGIS, L^AT_EX, Python, R, Stata, Qualtrics

LANGUAGES

Hausa (Intermediate), Igbo (Native)