

Ada Johnson-Kanu

CONTACT INFORMATION	Department of Political Science University of Kentucky 1629 Patterson Office Tower Lexington, KY 40506	anjohanson-kanu@uky.edu adajohnson-kanu.com (859) 257 4895
ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science University of Kentucky , Lexington, KY Affiliate faculty: African and African American Studies, International studies	2022-
EDUCATION	Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Merced Dissertation: Colonial Legacies in State Building: Bureaucratic Embeddedness, Public Goods Provision, and Public Opinion in Nigeria <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best dissertation in Race and Ethnic Politics 2022 by the REP organized section of American political science association (APSA) M.A. Economics, University of Akron B.A. Economics, University of Akron	2021 2014 2012
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Comparative Politics, Political Economy of Development, Economic History, Africa.	
BOOK PROJECT	Dividing the National Cake: Ethnic Representation and Policy Implementation in the Nigerian Civil Service <i>Manuscript in preparation.</i>	
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	Electoral Accountability and State Violence: The Political Legacy of the Marikana Massacre (with Daniel de Kadt and Melissa Sands). <i>American Political Science Review</i> . 2023	
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	Johnson-Kanu Ada. Historical Origins of Ethnic Representation in the Nigerian Bureaucracy. Broadstreet Blog. 2022. 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	The Historical Roots of Ethnic Representation in the Civil Service. Precolonial States and Development: Evidence from Agriculture in Africa (with Aditya Dasgupta). Ethnic Considerations in Delegating Public Projects Implementation Colonization and the Politics of Belonging in Nigeria. The Health Impact of Access to Food and Drug Information	

EXTERNAL AWARDS	Best Dissertation Award, APSA Race and Ethnic Politics section	2022
	American Political Science Association travel grant	2021
	Adam Smith Fellowship	2020
INTERNAL AWARDS	Department Teaching Award, UC Merced	Summer 2019
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	University of Kentucky:	
	Intro to Comparative Politics	Spring 2024
	African Politics (UG)	Spring 2024
	Political Economy (UG)	Fall 2023
	Comparative Politics Seminar (G)	Fall 2023
	Political Economy (G)	Spring 2023
	University of California, Merced:	
	<i>Instructor of record</i> , African Politics (UG)	Summer 2020
	<i>Teaching Assistant:</i>	
	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	
CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	<u>2024</u>	
	Southern Workshop on Empirical Political Science (SoWEPS) (Panel Chair)	
	Maternity leave	
	<u>2023</u>	
	American Political Science Association (Presenter)	
	Summer Institute on Public Sector Organizational Effectiveness	
	Midwestern Political Science Association (Presenter, Discussant)	
	Kentucky Political Science Association (Presenter, Discussant)	
	<u>2022</u>	
	Maternity leave	
	<u>2021</u>	
	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)	
	<u>2020</u>	
	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)
University of California Africanists 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. Dissertation Committee member

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

Committees, University of Kentucky

Chair, Comparative Politics Comprehensive Exam Committee

2023

Department of Political Science Graduate Committee

2023 - date

Department of Political Science DEI Committee

2022 - 2023

SERVICE TO
DISCIPLINE

Economic Development Section Chair, MPSA annual conference

2025

Best paper published in African Studies Review, awards committee

2024

Mancur Olson Best Dissertation in Political Economy APSA, awards committee

2024

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, Google earth engine, L^AT_EX, Python, QGIS, Qualtrics, R

LANGUAGES

Hausa (Intermediate), Igbo (Native)