

Ada Johnson-Kanu

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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 on Race and Ethnic Politics 2022 by the REP organized section of the American Political Science Association (APSA). M.A. Economics, University of Akron B.A. Economics, University of Akron	2021 2014 2012
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Bureaucracy/Civil Service, Ethnicity, Colonialism, Africa (particularly Nigeria)	
BOOK PROJECTS	Sharing the National Cake: Ethnic Representation and Competition in the Nigerian Federal Civil Service <i>Manuscript in Progress</i>	
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	de Kadt, Daniel , Ada Johnson-Kanu, and Melissa Sands (2024). State Violence, Party Formation, and Electoral Accountability: The political legacy of the Marikana massacre. American Political Science Review , 118(2), 563-583. [Lead article] Impact factor: 5.9	
WORKING PAPERS	The Historical Roots of Ethnic Representation in the Civil Service. Precolonial States and Development: Evidence from Agriculture in Africa. (with Aditya Dasgupta). The Effects of Fuel Subsidy Removal on Nigerians. <i>Under review</i> The Health Impact of Access to Food and Drug Information. <i>Under review</i>	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	Do Elections Improve Service Delivery? Evidence from Local Governments in Nigeria. (with Nick Cruz) Colonization and the Politics of Belonging in Africa	
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	Johnson-Kanu Ada. Historical Origins of Ethnic Representation in the Nigerian Bureaucracy. Broadstreet Blog. 2022.	

Johnson-Kanu Ada. Origins and consequences of descriptive representation in the Nigerian Civil Service. APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter. Fall, 2021.

Grossman Shelby, Sean Gallagher, Ada Johnson-Kanu, Nicole Wilson, David Thiel. #ZakzakyLifeMatters: An Investigation into a Facebook Operation Linked to the Islamic Movement in Nigeria (TAKEDOWN). Stanford Internet Observatory, 2020.

EXTERNAL AWARDS	Best Dissertation Award, APSA Race and Ethnic Politics section	2022
INTERNAL AWARDS	Department Teaching Award, UC Merced	Summer 2019
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	University of Kentucky: Introduction to Comparative Politics S2024, S2025, F2025, S2026 African Politics (UG) S2024, S2025 African Politics (G) S2026 Political Economy (G) S2023 Comparative Politics Seminar (G) F2023, F2025 University of California, Merced: <i>Instructor of record</i> , African Politics (UG) Su2020 <i>Teaching Assistant:</i> Introduction to Comparative Politics (UG) F2016 Introduction to International Relations (UG) S2018, F2020 Introduction to American Politics (UG) F2019 Statistical Inference (Economics) (UG) F2017 Intermediate Macroeconomics (Economics) (UG) Su2017, F2018	
INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS	Category, Hierarchy, and Cooperation Workshop, Santa Fe Institute, Spring 2025 University of Wisconsin - Madison, Comparative Politics/Political Economy Colloquium, Spring 2023	
CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	<u>2025</u> : American Political Science Association (Presenter, Discussant, Scheduled), Southern Workshop on Empirical Political Science (SoWEPS) (Panel Chair), Midwest Political Science Association (Presenter, Discussant) <u>2024</u> : SoWEPS (Panel Chair) <u>2023</u> : American Political Science Association (Presenter), Summer Institute on Public Sector Organizational Effectiveness, Midwest Political Science Association (Presenter, Discussant), Kentucky Political Science Association (Presenter, Discussant) <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), Midwest 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: Midwest Political Science Association (Presenter, Discussant)	
SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT	Organizer: African Politics Reading/Research Group	2025 -
	Advising: University of Kentucky Hannah Cake, Dissertation Committee member 2024 - Benjamin Leo, Dissertation Committee member 2023 - 2025 Yinka Adenuga, subfield advisor Fall 2025 Faith Awah, subfield advisor Fall 2025 Sullivan Edeani, subfield advisor Fall 2025 Obaloluwa Aka, subfield advisor Fall 2023	
	Committees: University of Kentucky Department of Political Science Graduate Committee 2023 - Chair, Comparative Politics Comprehensive Exam Committee 2023 Department of Political Science DEI Committee 2022 - 2023	
SERVICE TO DISCIPLINE	Co-Convener SoWEPS 8	Spring 2025
	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: <i>American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Africa Spectrum, African Studies Review, National Science Foundation</i>	
FIELD WORK	Nigeria (2019, 2021, 2023)	
TECHNOLOGY AND SKILLS	L ^A T _E X, Python, QGIS, Qualtrics, R	
LANGUAGES	Hausa (Intermediate), Igbo (Native)	