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EDUCATION

University of Georgia

Ph.D. Student, Political Science and International Affairs, School of Public and International Affairs
Aug 2025 – May 2030

University of Kentucky

Master of Arts in Political Science, May 2025
Thesis: *Harnessing Ethnicity for Effective Leadership: Reimagining Ethnic Politics as an Institutional Asset in Africa*

University of Ibadan

B.Sc. Political Science, First Class Honors (Top 1%), Apr 2016 – Feb 2022

RESEARCH

Major/Minor Field: Comparative Politics / Political Methodology

Research Interests: Political Parties, Elections, Primary Elections, African Politics, African Political Leadership, Political Institutions

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Afrobarometer June 2024 – Aug 2024

HONORS AND AWARDS

Dean's Honors List for Academic Excellence, University of Ibadan 2020–2022
Distinguished Educationist of the Year, Department of Political Science, University of Ibadan 2022

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Member, American Political Science Association Feb 2025–
Member, African Studies Association July 2025–

SKILLS

Research Expertise: Advanced quantitative and qualitative methodologies

Technical Proficiency: Stata, R, SPSS, Microsoft Excel

Communication: Strong written and oral communication

Languages: English (Proficient), Yoruba (Native)

Analytical Thinking: Synthesizing complex data for actionable insights

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Volunteer, AmeriCorps (ServeKentucky), Lexington, KY Sept 2023 – Jan 2024
Graduate Student Congress, University of Kentucky – Member and Volunteer Aug 2023 – May 2025

REVIEW AND JUDGING

Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) 2025
Grand Award Judge, Behavioral and Social Sciences

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Aka, O. A. (2025, April 11). *Benin's youth see gains in education amid persistent economic challenges*. Afrobarometer Dispatch No. 971.

Aka, O. A. (2024, December 23). *Nigeriens seek more government action on climate change*. Afrobarometer Dispatch No. 925.

Aka, O. A. (2024, September 11). *Unemployment tops the list of youth concerns in Congo-Brazzaville*. Afrobarometer Dispatch No. 856.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.