

# OBALOLUWA AYOOLUWA AKA

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## EDUCATION

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### 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

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**Major/Minor Field:** Comparative Politics / Political Methodology

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

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Research Assistant, Afrobarometer**

June 2024 – Aug 2024

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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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

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Member, American Political Science Association

Feb 2025–

Member, African Studies Association

July 2025–

## SKILLS

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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

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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

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

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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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

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Available upon request.