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EDUCATION

University of Kansas, USA

- PhD Philosophy, expected May 2027
- M.A. Africana and American Studies, expected May 2027
- M.A. Philosophy, 2026
- Graduate Certificate in African Studies, 2024

Study Abroad, University of Kansas

- **Summer 2024** — International Program for Brazilian Language and Culture (ICR Brazil). Coursework: *Race, History and Health in Brazil*. Faculty-led field study on how artificial intelligence intersects race/racism in Brazil.
- **Winter 2025** — University of Kansas. Coursework: *Literature, Arts and Culture in Cuba*. Faculty-led field study on how the U.S. embargo intersects racial inequalities in Cuba.

University of Ibadan, Nigeria — B.A. (Honors) Philosophy, 2021

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION & COMPETENCE

Areas of Specialization (AOS): Political Philosophy of AI; Ethics; Black Studies; Public Policy; Media Studies.

Areas of Competence (AOC): Ethics; Business Ethics; AI Policy; Racism; African American Studies; African Philosophy; Social and Political Philosophy; Critical Philosophy of Technology.

TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Instructor / Graduate Research Assistant | 2023–Present
Department of Philosophy / Center for Cyber-Social Dynamics, University of Kansas

- Developed course syllabi and instructional materials for PHIL 360: Moral Issues in Business, integrating ethical issues related to digital technologies.
- Previously taught Introduction to Philosophy and Introduction to Ethics.
- Manage the Global Africa Philosophy, Technology, and Society Lab at the University of Kansas, coordinating interdisciplinary research initiatives examining the ethical, philosophical, and societal implications of emerging technologies in Africa.

Research Assistant | June–August 2023
Luminate Project, African Center for Media and Information Literacy, Nigeria

- Wrote four weekly research reports on mis/disinformation in digital media before, during, and after the 2023 General Elections in Nigeria.

Classroom Teacher | May 2022–May 2023
ECWA Secondary School, Kaaba, Nigeria

- Delivered Civic Education instruction to 25 secondary school students, fostering critical thinking, civic awareness, and understanding of citizenship and democratic responsibilities.

POLICY REPORTS

Podar, H., Baffour, J. A., **Ajibona, O.**, Klaits, A., Alaiashy, O., Kailash, K. S., Sampath, S., Uddin, P., Haber, E., Soataliyeva, S., & Gitobu, C. (2025). *Bridging the international AI governance divide: Key strategies for including the Global South.* Encode Justice. Report PDF.

DIGITAL HUMANITIES PROJECTS

Lagos Data Center Justice Project: Environmental Digital Humanities and Community Knowledge for Resilient African Cities | Ongoing
Researcher and Project Developer

- Developing an interdisciplinary research project examining the intersections of expanding digital infrastructure, environmental justice, housing, and social inequality in Lagos, Nigeria.
- Investigating the social and environmental implications of data center development, with particular attention to digital justice and urban inequality using digital mapping and databases.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- **European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST) Travel Award** | 2026 — €700 travel award supporting conference participation and presentation of research in science and technology studies.
- **Tinker Field Research Grant** | 2025 — $3,500 research grant supporting fieldwork in Brazil examining artificial intelligence development and its social and political implications.
- **Genova Summer Scholarship Award**, Department of Philosophy, University of Kansas | 2025 — Competitive departmental scholarship supporting graduate study and scholarly development in philosophy.
- **SAGE Study Abroad Award**, University of Kansas | 2024, 2025 — Scholarship supporting international academic study and research experiences.
- **Anita Herzfeld Study Abroad Scholarship Award** | 2024 — Scholarship supporting international educational and research experiences.
- **Applied Humanities Bootcamp Award** | 2024 — Award supporting participation in applied humanities training and professional development.
- **Machine Learning and Intelligence Lab Visiting Scholar Award**, Australian National University | 2024 — Fully funded visiting scholar award supporting participation and research presentation at the Political Philosophy of AI workshop.
- **Federal Government of Nigeria Scholarship Award** | 2021 — National scholarship awarded to support university education in recognition of academic achievement.

PUBLICATIONS & WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Ajao, S., Ajibona, O. O., & Reshef Kera, D. (2026). “Silenced or dormant? Indigenous Yorùbá moral registers in large language models and the occasions that activate them.” [Working manuscript]. *Journal of Pragmatics*.
- Reshef Kera, D., Ajibona, O., Usher, J., Keller, E., & Cohen, A. “Rehearsing Sovereignty: A Synthetic Roundtable as an Instrument for Studying Performed Authority in the AI Cold War.” [Working manuscript].
- Ajibona, O. “Is African Philosophy Racist?” [Working manuscript].
- Ajibona, O. “Structural Police Racism as Institutional Corruption.” [Working manuscript].
- Ajibona, O. (2026). “Against Digital Colonialism.” [Working manuscript].
- Ajibona, O. (2026). “AI, Democracy and Environmental Justice in Africa.” *The Paris Journal on AI & Digital Ethics*. https://doi.org/10.65701/zasvrto7he.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Conceptualizing ‘Global Africa’ in the Age of Digital Technology,” Mid-Atlantic African and African American Studies Conference, Missouri State University, 2026.
- “Beyond Digital Colonialism: AI Nationalism, Sovereignty, and the Misframing of Africa's Technological Future,” 2026 European Association for the Study of Science and Technology, AGH Krakow, Poland, 2026.
- “Beyond Digital Colonialism: Normative Foundations for AI Law and Safety in Africa,” Center for Law and AI Safety Writers Retreat, San Antonio, USA, 2026.
- “AI, Democracy and Environmental Justice in Africa,” Paris Conference on AI and Digital Ethics, École des Mines de Paris, France, 2026.
- “Making Normative Political Philosophy of Computing an African Thing,” Philosophy, Technology and Society Workshop, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, 2025. Workshop website.
- “Against Digital Colonialism,” Workshop on Political Philosophy and AI, Australian National University, 2024.

EVENT MODERATION & ORGANIZATION

- Co-organizer, Philosophy, Technology and Society Workshop, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, May 2025.
- Co-organizer, Kansas Ethics of AI in Africa Virtual Symposium, October 17, 2024.
- Moderator, Navigating Our Digital Worlds: Ethics in the Digital Age, October 1, 2024.

ADVOCACY, COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Graduate Student Member, Global Africa Seminar Series Steering Committee, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas.
- Newsletter & Webmaster, Mid-Atlantic African and African American Studies Conference Board, 2026–2027.
- Co-Founder & Director of Education, Students' Media and Information Literacy Club, Nigeria, 2021–Present.
- PRO, University of Kansas Nigerian Student Association, 2024–2025.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

European Association for the Study of Science and Technology; Mid-Atlantic African and African American Studies Association; UNESCO Media and Information Literacy Alliance.