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EDUCATION

PhD, Multidisciplinary Art, Media & Design — CGPA 4.0/4.0

Northeastern University, Boston, MA (2023–Present)

MSc, Mass Communication — CGPA 4.29/5.0

Bayero University, Kano (2017–2023)

BSc, Mass Communication — Second Class Upper (CGPA 4.03/5.0)

Bayero University, Kano (2011–2015)

Diploma, Mass Communication — Upper Credit

Kwara State College of Arabic & Islamic Legal Studies (2008–2010)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Platform Governance & Trust and Safety; Online Hate Speech & Real-World Harm; Moderation in Low-Resource Linguistic Environments; Media Ecology & Sociotechnical Systems; Digital Politics & Election Communication; Global South Digital Publics; Strategic Communication & Public Relations.

DISSERTATION (IN PROGRESS)

Title: “Naija no they carry last”: Algorithm Resistance and the Spatial-Temporal Spread of Hate Speech in Nigerian Digital Space

This dissertation examines how Nigerian users resist, adapt to, and are misrecognized by platform moderation systems, and how these dynamics shape the spatial-temporal spread of hate speech across digital and offline contexts.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Ridwanullah, A. O., & Villar, M. E. (2025). Strategic Communication and Peace-Promotion in a Nigerian Conflict Zone. *Communication Studies*, 1–25.

<https://doi/10.1080/10510974.2025.2544833>

Ridwanullah, A. O., Sule, S. Y., Usman, B., & Abdulsalam, L. U. (2025). Politicization of Hate and Weaponization of Twitter/X in a Polarized Digital Space in Nigeria. *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 60(5), 3350–3370. <https://doi/10.1177/00219096241230500>

Sule, Y. S. & Ridwanullah, A. O. (2023). The evolution of strategic communication: Practices and reflections in Nigeria. *Public Relations Review*. Vol. 49, Issue 2.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pubrev.2023.102323>

Usman, B., Msughter, A. E. & Ridwanullah, O. A. (2022). Social Media Literacy: Fake News Consumption and Perception of Covid-19 in Nigeria. *Cogent Arts & Humanities*, 9:1. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23311983.2022.2138011>.

Abdulhameed, O. R. & Bala, R. A. (2022). Media convergence and the change in media content production and distribution in Nigeria. *Journal of Media, Culture and Communication*. Vol: 02, No. 04. <http://journal.hmjournals.com/index.php/JMCC>.

Sule, Y. S. & Abdulhameed, O. R. (2021). Media convergence: prospects and challenges for public relations practice in Nigeria. *American Journal of Multidisciplinary Research in Africa*. Vol. 1(3), pp. 1-8.

Abdulhameed, R. (2021). Analysis of machine sensing of hate speech on Twitter in Nigeria. *Journal of Media, Culture and Communication(JMCC) ISSN:2799-1245*, 1(01), 1–17. <https://doi.org/10.55529/jaimlnn.11.28.44>

Conference Presentations

- Ridwanullah, O. A. (2024). Politicization of hate speech on social media and backsliding of democracy in Nigeria. African Day Conference Spring, 2024. Organised by McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, University of Massachusetts, Boston.
- Ridwanullah, O. A. (2023). Online Speech and Offline Action: Explicating the Nexus Between Hate Speech on Twitter and the Prevalence of Hate Crime Offline in America. A paper presented at the College of Arts, Media, and Design, Northeastern University, Boston.

Manuscripts Under Review

- Ridwanullah, O. A. (N.D). Election Cycles as Contingent Catalysts: Online Hate Speech and Offline Violence in Nigeria, 2015–2019. *Communication Studies*.
- Ridwanullah, O. A. & Clark, M. (N.D). Provocative Worldmaking and intersectionality among northern Nigeria Female TikTokers. *Information, Communication and Society*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Public Speaking
Northeastern University, Boston (2025–Present)

Research Assistant
Northeastern University, Boston (2023–2025)

Lecturer / Faculty — Mass Communication
Skyline University Nigeria (2021–2023)

Lecturer
Federal College of Education, Kano (2017–2021)

Teaching Assistant
Bayero University Kano (2017)

ADMINISTRATIVE & ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

Head of Department, Mass Communication — Skyline University Nigeria (2021–2023)
- Led academic and administrative operations, achieved program accreditation, established radio/TV studios, produced departmental publications, and supervised internships and student projects.

MEDIA & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Reporter, Herald.ng (2016)
- Reporter, Jigawa Broadcasting Corporation (2015–2016)
- Computer Analyst, Editorial CDS (NYSC) (2015–2016)
- Layout Editor, Bayero Beacon Newspaper (2015)
- Reporter, Herald Newspaper Ilorin (2009)
- Assistant Editor, The Unity Magazine (2012–2014)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)

National Communication Association

Associate Member, Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (ANIPR)

Association of Communication Scholars and Researchers of Nigeria

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Twitter/X API (data collection, corpus construction, keyword & hashtag querying); Content analysis at scale; Dataset coding & codebook development; Research design; Academic writing.

REFERENCES

Prof. Maria Elena Villar— CAMD, Northeastern University,
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Prof. Meredith Clark — Hussman School of Journalism and Media, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,
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