

# LATEEF ADETUNJI ADELEKE

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## RESEARCH INTEREST

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Language Description and Documentation, Natural Language Processing, Grammatical Tone, Morphology, Syntax.

## EDUCATION

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### PhD in Linguistics

University of Rochester

Advisor: Nadine Grimm

2023 – present

### QP1: Negation in Uhami.

Committee Members: Nadine Grimm, Asia Pietraszko, Hannah Sande.

### QP2: An Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) for Uneme.

Committee Members: Agatha Downey and Nadine Grimm.

### Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics (First Class Honors): 4.77/5.0

Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko.

2015 – 2019

### Project: Syntactic and Pragmatic Analysis of Questions in Efunroye Tinubu

Advisor: Simeon Olaogun

## GRANTS/AWARDS

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### Endangered Languages Documentation Programme- IGS1048 (€91,267)

2025 – 2028

Project: Documentation of Uneme Indigenous Iron Technology.

### Donald M. and Janet C. Barnard Fellowship

Recognizes outstanding achievement for one graduate student in engineering or natural science disciplines.

2022

### National Award for Nigeria's Exceptional Fresh Graduates, i-Scholar Initiative

Covered costs for standardized tests (GRE and TOEFL), graduate school application fees, and flight ticket.

### Vice Chancellor's Prize for Overall Best Graduating Student #150,000

2021

Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko, Ondo State (Nigeria).

### Clement Bamiduro's Prize for Overall Best Graduating Student. #100,000

2021

Adekunle Ajasin University.

### Faculty Prize for Best Graduating Student in the Faculty of Arts. #100,000

2021

Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko, Ondo State (Nigeria).

### Dare Akande Vanguard Scholarship. #250,000

2019

Tuition support for exceptional undergraduate students from Okeogun.

### NALLS Tutor of the Year

2019

National Association of Linguistics and Languages Students Association (NALLS), Adekunle Ajasin University.

### Best Student in Okeogun

2019

Progressive Movement of Okeogun. Received Tuition support and a Laptop.

### Winner, Fitrah Review Competition, Poetry Category

2019

### Best Oral Presentation : 2nd National Universities Linguistics Students' Annual Conference

2019

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>MCFG_Parser: A Python Package for Parsing Natural Languages with Multiple Context-Free Grammars (MCFGs)</b> ☀	2024
Project: Developed a Python package that implements an agenda-based parser to efficiently handle complex syntactic structures, including discontinuous categories in human language.	
Advisor: Aron White	
<b>Collaborator, Grammar and Variation Lab, University of Rochester</b>	2023 – present
Ongoing Research: Tense, Aspect, and Polarity Across West African Languages.	
Advisor: Nadine Grimm	
<b>Collaborator, Science in Yoruba</b> ☀	2021 – present
Ongoing Project: Building an Online Archive to Promote STEM Education in Yoruba, and Translating STEM content into Yoruba for secondary school students.	
Director: Taofeek Adebayo	
<b>Research Assistant, Linguistics and Languages Department, Adekunle Ajasin University</b>	2018 – 2019
Data Collection and Corpus Building.	
Advisor: Simeon Olaogun	
<b>Research Assistant, Linguistics and Languages Department, Adekunle Ajasin University</b>	2018 – 2019
<i>Data Collection on the Phonology of Iyino</i>	
Advisor: A.S Ibikunle	
<b>FIELD EXPERIENCE</b> ☀	
• Igasi (Benue-Congo, Nigeria): Conducted fieldwork in Igasi, Ekiti state, Nigeria. August 2022	
• Isua (Edoid, Benue-Congo, Nigeria): Conducted fieldwork in Isua Akoko, Ondo state, Nigeria. January 2019	
• Ekpedo (Edoid, Benue Congo, Nigeria): Conducted fieldwork in Ekpedo, Edo state, Nigeria. February 2019	

## LAB AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Grammar and Variation Lab, University of Rochester
- Member, Fieldsyntax Lab, University of Rochester
- Member, Phonetics and Phonology Lab, University of Rochester

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Teaching Assistant, Linguistics Department, University of Rochester</b>	2025 – present
Course: Linguistic Analysis	
<b>Teaching Assistant, General Studies Unit, Siaka Folorunsho Polytechnic</b>	2022 – 2023
Course: Communication in English	
<b>Tutor, National Association of Linguistics and Languages Students, AAUA</b>	2016 – 2019
Courses: Phonetics, Phonology and Syntax	
<b>Tutor, Faculty of Arts Student Association (FASA), Adekunle Ajasin University.</b>	2016 – 2019
Courses: First year students' courses on communication in English (GST111 & GST122) and Philosophy, Logic, and Human Existence (LIN112)	

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Adeleke, L. & Olaogun, S. (2025) NPI-Licensing: The case of N-kankan in Yoruba. *Ekiti Journal of Language, Literature and Culture* ☀
- Olaogun, S. & Adeleke, L. (2022) A Pragmatic Analysis of Questions in Efunroye Tinubu. *Language Review An International Journal of Linguistics*. 181-184 ☀
- Adeleke, L. & Simeon, O. (2022) Pragmatic Functions of Rhetorical Questions in Efunroye Tinubu. *Journal of Yoruba Studies Association of Nigeria* -222-235 ☀

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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Adeleke, L.A. 2025. "The Morphosyntax of Tense in Uhami". Talk at the 56th Association of Contemporary African Linguistics (ACAL, 56) Conference. University of Minnesota Twin Cities.	05/2025
Adeleke, L.A. 2025. "Two Types of M-Merger: A Case of Tense and Negation in Uhami". Presented at the Research Methods Class, Department of Linguistics, University of Rochester.	05/2025
Adeleke, L.A. 2025. "The Morphosyntax of Tense in Uhami". Presented at the Field Syntax Lab, Department of Linguistics, University of Rochester.	05/2025
Adeleke, L.A. 2025. "Tense and Aspect in Uhami". Presented at the Ph2 Lab, Department of Linguistics, University of Rochester.	03/2025
Adeleke, L.A. 2025. "Negation in Uhami". Presented at the Field Syntax Lab, Department of Linguistics, University of Rochester.	02/2025
Adeleke, L.A. 2019. "Linguistic Landscape of Ijero Local Government of Ekiti State". Presented at the Department of Linguistics and Languages, Adekunle Ajasin University.	2019
Adeleke, L.A. 2019. "Pragmatic Analysis of Inscriptions on vehicles in Ibadan". Paper Presented at the 2nd National Universities Linguistics Students' Annual Conference, held at University of Lagos Nigeria.	2019
Adeleke, L. Simeon, O. 2019. "Pragmatic Functions of Rhetorical Questions in Efunroye Tinubu." 2nd National Universities Linguistics Students' Annual Conference, University of Lagos.	2019

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CERTIFICATIONS**

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Certified Participant, Summer School in Language Science and Technology, Warsaw, Poland	2024
Completed courses in Phonetics and Speech Technology and Natural Language Processing, earning 3.5 ECTS	
Introduction to Programming with python Via edu	2024
NLP- Natural Language Processing with Python Via Udemy	2024
TESOL and TPRS Course (For Language Teachers) Via Udemy	2022
The Melody of English Via Udemy	2022
The Python Programming Via Udemy	2022
Language Documentation and Archiving Training Participated in the 2025 ELDP Training by the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme.	06/2025

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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Editor-in-Chief Dailyinsiderng	02/2023 – 08/2023
Office Assistant, Vice-Chancellor's office, Obafemi Awolowo University	01/2022 – 11/2022

## **LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES**

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Team Lead, Daily Insider	2023
General Secretary, Okeogun People's Award Progressive Movement of Okeogun	2021 – present
Financial Secretary Muslim Corpsers Association of Nigeria	2021 – 2022

<b>Director, Tutorial Committee</b>	2018 – 2019
<i>National Association of Linguistics and Languages Students, Adekunle Ajasin University</i>	
<b>Student Ambassador</b>	2018 – 2019
<i>Poets in Nigeria Initiative</i>	

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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<b>Member, Organizing Committee, Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT34), University of Rochester.</b>	2024
<b>Member, Linguistic Society of America (LSA)</b>	2024 – present
<b>Member, Association of Contemporary African Linguistics</b>	2023 – present
<b>Member, Pragmatic Association of Nigeria</b>	2022 – present
<b>Member, International Association for Translation and Intercultural Studies</b>	2022 – present
<b>Member, International Pragmatic Association</b>	2022 – present
<b>Member, Africa English Language Teacher Association</b>	2022 – present

## SKILLS

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### TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: Python.  
 Annotation: ELAN, FLEX, Praat.  
 Typesetting: LaTeX, Word, Excel, PowerPoint.  
 Corpus Tools: Antconc, Search Engine.

### LANGUAGE SKILLS

Yoruba: Native Speaker.  
 English: Bilingual Proficiency.  
 Nigerian Pidgin: Native Speaker.