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## **Employment History**

2017 - · · · Lecturer,

Department of Computer Science, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna-Nigeria.

2014 – 2015 **Teacher** 

Intercontinental Schools, Kano-Nigeria.

2013 – 2014 **Teacher**,

Al-Ikhlas Private School, Jos-Nigeria.

### **Education**

Jan. 2023 Ph.D. Computer Science, Bayero University, Kano.

Thesis title: Domain-Aware Self-Learning and Synthetic Data Transfer for Efficient Back-Translation in Low Resource Neural Machine Translation.

Jan. 2017 M.Sc. IT Security, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, UK.

Dissertation title: Web Application Security Analysis.

Apr. 2013 **B.Sc. Computer Science, Bayero University, Kano**.

Project title: Plagiarism Checker, File Comparer and Project Library Software.

2008 WASSCE, College of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Jos Plateau State.

2002 Primary School Leaving Certificate, St. Anne's Private School Jos Plateau State.

## **Research Publications**

### **Journal Articles**

- **Abdulmumin**, **I.**, Galadanci, B. S., & Aliyu, G. (2021). Tag-less back-translation. *Machine Translation*, 35(4), 519−549. **6** doi:10.1007/s10590-021-09284-y
- Abdulmumin, I., Galadanci, B. S., Isah, A., Kakudi, H. A., & Sinan, I. I. (2021). A hybrid approach for improved low resource neural machine translation using monolingual data. *Engineering Letters*, 29(4), 1478–1493. Retrieved from % http://www.engineeringletters.com/issues%5C\_v29/issue%5C\_4/EL% 5C\_29%5C\_4%5C\_21.pdf

#### **Books and Chapters**

- Abdulmumin, I., Galadanci, B. S., Ahmad, I. S., & Abdullahi, R. I. (2021). Data selection as an alternative to quality estimation in self-learning for low resource neural machine translation. In O. Gervasi, B. Murgante, S. Misra, C. Garau, I. Blečić, D. Taniar, ... C. M. Torre (Eds.), Computational science and its applications iccsa 2021 (pp. 311–326). 6 doi:10.1007/978-3-030-87013-3\_24
- Abdulmumin, I., Galadanci, B. S., & Isa, A. (2021). Enhanced back-translation for low resource neural machine translation using self-training. In S. Misra & B. Muhammad-Bello (Eds.), *Information and communication technology and applications* (pp. 355–371). 6 doi:10.1007/978-3-030-69143-1\_28

## **Conference Proceedings**

- Adelani, D. I., Masiak, M., Azime, I. A., Alabi, J., Tonja, A. L., Mwase, C., ... Stenetorp, P. (2023). Masakhanews: News topic classification for african languages. In *Proceedings of the 13th international joint conference on natural language processing and the 3rd conference of the asia-pacific chapter of the association for computational linguistics* (pp. 144–159). Nusa Dua, Bali: Association for Computational Linguistics. Retrieved from <code>%</code> https://aclanthology.org/2023.ijcnlp-long.10
- Aliyu, S. M., **Abdulmumin**, **I.**, Muhammad, S. H., Ahmad, I. S., Salahudeen, S. A., Yusuf, A., & Lawan, F. I. (2023). HausaNLP at SemEval-2023 task 10: Transfer learning, synthetic data and side-information for multi-level sexism classification. In *Proceedings of the the 17th international workshop on semantic evaluation (semeval-2023) (pp. 1983–1987). Toronto, Canada: Association for Computational Linguistics. Retrieved from 6 https://aclanthology.org/2023.semeval-1.273*
- Muhammad, S. H., **Abdulmumin**, **I.**, Yimam, S. M., Adelani, D. I., Ahmad, I. S., Ousidhoum, N., ... Ruder, S. (2023). SemEval-2023 task 12: Sentiment analysis for African languages (AfriSenti-SemEval). In *Proceedings of the the 17th international workshop on semantic evaluation (semeval-2023)* (pp. 2319–2337). Toronto, Canada: Association for Computational Linguistics. Retrieved from **6** https://aclanthology.org/2023.semeval-1.315
- Parida, S., **Abdulmumin**, **I.**, Muhammad, S. H., Bose, A., Kohli, G. S., Ahmad, I. S., ... Kakudi, H. (2023). HaVQA: A dataset for visual question answering and multimodal research in Hausa language. In *Findings of the association for computational linguistics: Acl 2023* (pp. 10162–10183). Toronto, Canada: Association for Computational Linguistics. Retrieved from **6** https://aclanthology.org/2023.findings-acl.646
- Adelani, D. I., Masiak, M., Azime, I. A., Alabi, J. O., Tonja, A. L., Mwase, C., ... Stenetorp, P. (2023). AfricaNEWS: News topic classification for african languages. In 4th Workshop on African Natural Language Processing. Retrieved from 6 https://openreview.net/forum?id=sj45chH1F1
- Muhammad, S. H., Yimam, S. M., **Abdulmumin**, **I.**, Ahmad, I. S., Adelani, D. I., Ruder, S., ... Imam, A. A. (2023). Afrisenti-semeval: Sentiment analysis for low-resource african languages using twitter dataset. In *Task proposals for the 17th international workshop on semantic evaluation*. Retrieved from **9** https://openreview.net/forum?id=EOUUCOwOq\_r
- **Abdulmumin**, **I.**, Beukman, M., Alabi, J., Emezue, C. C., Chimoto, E., Adewumi, T., ... Gwadabe, T. (2022). Separating grains from the chaff: Using data filtering to improve multilingual translation for low-resourced african languages. In *Proceedings of the seventh conference on machine translation* (pp. 1001–1014). Abu Dhabi: Association for Computational Linguistics.
- Adelani, D. I., Neubig, G., Ruder, S., Rijhwani, S., Beukman, M., Palen-Michel, C., ... Klakow, D. (2022). MasakhaNER 2.0: Africa-centric Transfer Learning for Named Entity Recognition. In *Proceedings of the 2022 conference on empirical methods in natural language processing* (pp. 4488–4508). Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates: Association for Computational Linguistics. Retrieved from https://aclanthology.org/2022.emnlp-main.298
- Aliyu, S., Wajiga, G., Murtala, M., Muhammad, S., **Abdulmumin**, **I.**, & Ahmad, I. (2022). Herdphobia: A dataset for hate speech detection against fulani herdsmen in nigeria. In *Proceedings of the sixth workshop on widening natural language processing*, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates: Association for Computational Linguistics. Retrieved from **6** https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.15262
- Muhammad, S., Brazdil, P., & **Abdulmumin**, **I.** (2022). Domain-specific lexicon-based sentiment analysis using contextual shifter patterns. In *Proceedings of the sixth workshop on widening natural language processing*, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates: Association for Computational Linguistics. Retrieved from <a href="https://aclanthology.org/2022.winlp-1.0">https://aclanthology.org/2022.winlp-1.0</a>
- Adelani, D., Alabi, J., Fan, A., Kreutzer, J., Shen, X., Reid, M., ... Manthalu, S. (2022). A few thousand translations go a long way! leveraging pre-trained models for African news translation. In *Proceedings of the 2022 conference of the north american chapter of the association for computational linguistics: Human*

- *language technologies* (pp. 3053–3070). Seattle, United States: Association for Computational Linguistics. Retrieved from ₱ https://aclanthology.org/2022.naacl-main.223
- Abdulmumin, I., Dash, S. R., Dawud, M. A., Parida, S., Muhammad, S., Ahmad, I. S., ... Bello, B. S. (2022). Hausa visual genome: A dataset for multi-modal english to hausa machine translation. In *Proceedings of the language resources and evaluation conference* (pp. 6471–6479). Marseille, France: European Language Resources Association. Retrieved from https://aclanthology.org/2022.lrec-1.694
- Muhammad, S. H., Adelani, D. I., Ruder, S., Ahmad, I. S., **Abdulmumin**, **I.**, Bello, B. S., ... Brazdil, P. (2022). Naijasenti: A nigerian twitter sentiment corpus for multilingual sentiment analysis. In *Proceedings of the language resources and evaluation conference* (pp. 590–602). Marseille, France: European Language Resources Association. Retrieved from **6** https://aclanthology.org/2022.lrec-1.63
- **Abdulmumin**, I., Galadanci, B. S., Hassan Muhammad, S., & Aliyu, G. (2022). Quantity vs. quality of monolingual source data in automatic text translation: Can it be too little if it is too good? In 2022 ieee nigeria 4th international conference on disruptive technologies for sustainable development (nigercon) (pp. 1–5). 6 doi:10.1109/NIGERCON54645.2022.9803137
- Emezue, C. C., Nigatu, H. H., Thinwa, C., Louis, L., **Abdulmumin**, **I.**, Oyerinde, S. G., ... Samuel, O. (2022). The african stopwords project: Curating stopwords for african languages. In *3rd workshop on african natural language processing*. Retrieved from **6** https://openreview.net/forum?id=B0GEqcGV8-5
- Ibrahim, R. A., & **Abdulmumin**, **I.** (2022). NECAT-CLWE: A simple but efficient parallel data generation approach for unsupervised and semi-supervised neural machine translation. In *3rd workshop on african natural language processing*. Retrieved from **6** https://openreview.net/forum?id=ruW4c9fNLZ5
- Abdulmumin, I., & Galadanci, B. S. (2019). Hauwe: Hausa words embedding for natural language processing. In 2019 2nd international conference of the ieee nigeria computer chapter, nigeriacomputconf 2019, Zaria, Kaduna-Nigeria. Retrieved from 6 http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8949674/

## **Preprints**

- Muhammad, S. H., **Abdulmumin**, **I.**, Ayele, A. A., Ousidhoum, N., Adelani, D. I., Yimam, S. M., ... Arthur, S. (2023). AfriSenti: A Twitter Sentiment Analysis Benchmark for African Languages. Odoi:10.48550/ARXIV.2302.08956
- Scao, T. L., Fan, A., Akiki, C., Pavlick, E., Ilić, S., Hesslow, D., ... Wolf, T. (2022). BLOOM: A 176B-Parameter Open-Access Multilingual Language Model. Odo: 10.48550/ARXIV. 2211.05100

## **Skills**

Languages **Hausa**: Native.

**English**: Strong reading, writing and speaking competency. **Nigerian Pidgin**: Reading, writing and speaking competency.

Coding Java, PHP, Python, C++, sql, LTEX.

Databases Mysql.

Misc. Academic research, teaching, training, consultation, LaTeX typesetting and publishing.

# Miscellaneous Experience

## **Awards and Achievements**

Co-Investigator: Artificial Intelligence for Education Innovation Research Network in Africa. (40,000 USD)

Co-Investigator: Google exploreCSR Award. (18,000 USD)

## Miscellaneous Experience (continued)

- Co-Investigator: Lacuna Fund 2021 Language Datasets Award. (147,000 USD)
- Co-Investigator: Oracle OCI Award. (50,000 USD)
- Beneficiary: Google Africa Travel Grants. (3,000 USD)
- 2021 Co-Investigator: Lacuna Fund 2020 Language Datasets Award. (60,000 USD)
- Scholar: National Information Technology Development Education Fund Ph.D. Scholarship Award.
- Scholar: National Information Technology Development Education Fund M.Sc. Scholarship Award.
- Beneficiary: Emerging Markets Telecommunications Services Limited (Etisalat) Indigene Award for Excellence.

#### Certification

- Mathematics for Machine Learning: Multivariate Calculus. Awarded by Coursera.

  thttps://www.cousera.org/account/accomplishments/certificate/JBZ4RBRZ2VSC
  - Mathematics for Machine Learning: Linear Algebra. Awarded by Coursera.

    https://www.cousera.org/account/accomplishments/certificate/
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#### **Teamwork and Collaboration with Others**

- **Co-organizer, Tutor & Mentor**: Google #exploreCSR-Arewa DataScience 2023 Fellowship.
  - **Co-organizer**: SemEval 2024 Task 1, title: "Semantic Textual Relatedness for African and Asian Low Resource Languages".
  - Co-organizer: Large Scale Multilingual African Track at the WMT 2023.
  - **Experimental Lead**: Machine Translation, Lacuna Funded Decolonise Science Project.
- **Co-organizer**: "Bird of the Feather Workshop—Challenges for Hate Speech Detection in Low-resource African languages and Beyond at EMNLP 2022".
  - Co-Lead: Hausa Visual Question Answering Project (completed, submitted to ACL 2023).
  - **Co-organizer & Technical Lead**: SemEval 2023 Task 12, title: "AfriSenti-SemEval: Sentiment Analysis for Low-resource African Languages using Twitter Dataset".
  - **Co-investigator & Project Manager**: Creation of language resource, title: "AfriHate: Hate and Offensive Speech Dataset for African Languages". (Lacuna 2021 Grant)
  - Collaborator & Technical Lead: Ndyuka Translate Automatic Translation System for Ndyuka, Pamaka & Aluku to/from English and French.
  - **Project Lead**: MasaKhane submission to the WMT22 Large-scale Multilingual African track (completed, published).
  - Researcher & Collaborator: MasakhaNER 2.0: Curating named-entity recognition datasets for African languages.
  - **Researcher & Collaborator**: LAFAND-MT: Curating machine translation datasets for African languages.
  - Researcher & Collaborator: African stopwords project.
- Project Lead: Hausa Visual Genome: A Dataset for Multi-Modal English to Hausa Machine Translation (completed, published).
  - **Project Manager**: Corpus, Sentiment, and Hate Speech Lexicon for Major Nigerian Languages, Lacuna Language 2020 Funded Project (completed, published).

## Miscellaneous Experience (continued)

Project Lead: HauWE: Hausa Words Embedding for Natural Language Processing (completed, published).

#### **Conferences/Summits Attended**

- Author: The 61st Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics, Toronto, 9-14 July 2023
  - Author: The 17th International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation (SemEval-2023), Toronto, 9-14 July 2023
- - Panelist: Meetup on Low Resource Machine Translation, 21 October 2022
  - Participant, Speaker & Workshop Presenter: Deep Learning Indaba 2022, Tunis, 21-26 August 2022
  - Author: 13th Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC 2022), Marseille, 20-25 June 2022
  - **Author**: 4th International Conference on Disruptive Technologies for Sustainable Development, Abuja, 17-19 May 2022
  - Author & Program Committee Member: 2022 AficaNLP Workshop, Virtual, 25 April 2022
- Author: International Conference on Computing and Advances in Information Technology (ICCAIT 2021), Zaria, Nigeria, November 15 17.
  - **Participant**: ODI Summit 2021 Data <> People, hosted by The Open Data Institute, Virtual, November 2.
  - Author: International Conference on Computational Science and its Applications (ICCSA 2021), Cagliari, Italy, September 13 16.
- 2020 Author: International Conference on Information and Communication Technology and its Applications (ICTA 2020), Minna, Nigeria, November 24 26.
- Author: 2nd International Conference of the IEEE Nigeria Computer Chapter (IEEEnig-ComputConf'19), Zaria, Nigeria, October 14 17.

#### **Professional Affiliation**

2020 – · · · Member, International Association of Engineers

2022 - · · · Member, European COST Action LITHME (Language in the Human Machine Era, WGs 1 & 6)

#### Peer-Reviewed For

- SemEval 2024 Task Proposals
- International Conference on Computing and Advances in Information Technology (IC-CAIT)
- IEEE/ACM Transactions on Audio, Speech, and Language Processing
- SN Computer Science
- PLOS ONE

#### References

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