

# Shamsuddeen Hassan Muhammad

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## Experience

- 2020 – . . .    📌 **NLP Researcher, INESC TEC Porto, Portugal**  
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- 2012 – . . .    📌 **Lecturer,**  
Department of Computer Science, Bayero University, Kano–Nigeria.
- 2010 – 2012    📌 **Lecturer,**  
Department of Computer Science, Saadatu Rimi College of Education, Kano State-Nigeria

## Education

- 2023    📌 **Ph.D. Candidate (*awaiting defense*) in Computer Science, University of Porto, Portugal.**  
Thesis title: *Domain-specific and Context-aware Approaches to Sentiment Analysis.*  
Supervisor: [Pavel Bradzil](#)
- 2013    📌 **M.Sc. Computer Science, University of Manchester, UK.**  
Dissertation title: *Error Correcting Codes in Wireless Communication.*  
Supervisor: *Barry Cheetham*
- 2009    📌 **B.Sc. Computer Science, Bayero University, Kano.**

## Teaching Certificates

- 2019    📌 **Teaching in Higher Education, University of Porto, Portugal.**  
Certificate for teaching in higher education.
- 2020    📌 **Certified Instructor, The Carpentries.**  
Certified instructor in teaching foundational computational and data skills to researchers using R and Python programming languages.

## Grants and Awards

### Grants

- 2022    📌 Principal-Investigator: Artificial Intelligence for Education Innovation Research Network in Africa. (40,000 USD)
- 📌 Principal-Investigator: Lacuna Fund 2021 Language Datasets Award: Development of Hate Speech Dataset for African Languages (147,000 USD)
- 📌 Co-Investigator: Lacuna Fund Grant for Developing Nigerian Speech Corpus (120,000 USD)
- 2021    📌 Principal-Investigator: Lacuna Fund 2020 Language Datasets Award. Development of Sentiment Analysis Dataset for African Languages (60,000 USD)
- 📌 Principal-Investigator: Lacuna Fund Grant for SemEval Shared Task. (8,500 USD)

## Grants and Awards (continued)

### Awards

- 2023
- Best Paper Award, AfricaNLP workshop 2023, Kigali Rwanda.
  - IRCAI, Global Top 100 list 2022, international list of AI solutions for reaching the 17 SGDs.
- 2022
- Oracle OCI Award. (50,000 USD)
  - Google exploreCSR Award. (18,000 USD)
  - Google's TensorFlow Award 2022 (7,000 USD)
  - Google Africa Travel Award. (3,000 USD)
  - RStudio Conference Travel Award. (1,500 USD)
  - EMNLP Conference Travel Award. (1,500 USD)
  - Faculty of Science, UPorto, PhD Scholarship Award. (52,000 EURO)
  - Jiangsu University(JSU), China, PhD scholarship, Award (Declined).
- 2018
- Nigerian TetFund Ph.D. Scholarship Award.
  - NITDA MSc Scholarship Award (25,000 USD).
  - Black in AI Travel Award to NeurIPS 2022, Value of Award (1,100 USD)
  - Kano State Govt-Nigeria , Postgraduate Scholarship to Study MSc in Computer Science.
  - Second Best Computer Science Graduating Student Award, Bayero University, Kano-Nigeria

## Research Publications

### Journal Articles

- 1 Brazdil, P., **Muhammad, Shamsuddeen H.**, Oliveira, F., Cordeiro, J., Silva, F., Silvano, P., & Leal, A. (2022). Semi-automatic approaches for exploiting shifter patterns in domain-specific sentiment analysis. *Mathematics*, 10(18). doi:10.3390/math10183232
- 2 Kreutzer, J., Caswell, I., Wang, L., Wahab, A., van Esch, D., Ulzii-Orshikh, N., ... Sikasote, C. et al. (2022). Quality at a glance: An audit of web-crawled multilingual datasets. *Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics*, 10, 50–72. Retrieved from [https://doi.org/10.1162/tac1\\_a\\_00447](https://doi.org/10.1162/tac1_a_00447)
- 3 Adelani, D. I., Abbott, J., Neubig, G., D'souza, D., Kreutzer, J., Lignos, C., ... Osei, S. (2021). MasakhaNER: Named entity recognition for African languages. *Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics*, 9, 1116–1131. doi:10.1162/tac1\_a\_00416
- 4 Ahmad, I. S., Bakar, A. A., Yaakub, M. R., & **Muhammad, Shamsuddeen Hassan.** (2020). A survey on machine learning techniques in movie revenue prediction. *SN Computer Science*, 1(4), 1–14.
- 5 **Muhammad, SH**, Mustapha, A., & Haruna, K. (2016). Massive open online courses: Awareness, adoption, benefits and challenges in sub-saharan africa. *International Journal of ICT and Managemant*, 4(2), 60–68.

### Proceedings

- 1 **Muhammad, Shamsuddeen**, 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 17th international workshop on semantic evaluation (semeval-2023)*, Toronto, Canada. Retrieved from <https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.06845>
- 2 Adelani, D. I., Masiak, M., Azime, I. A., Alabi, J. O., Tonja, A. L., Mwase, C., ... Stenertorp, P. (2023). AfricaNEWS: News topic classification for african languages. In *4th workshop on african natural language processing*. Retrieved from <https://openreview.net/forum?id=sj45chH1F1>

- 3 **Shamsuddeen Hassan Muhammad**, 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 [https://openreview.net/forum?id=EOUUCOWq\\_r](https://openreview.net/forum?id=EOUUCOWq_r)
- 4 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. Retrieved from <https://arxiv.org/abs/2210.10692>
- 5 Aliyu, S., Wajiga, G., Murtala, M., **Shamsuddeen Muhammad**, 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 <https://aclanthology.org/2022.winlp-1.0>
- 6 **Muhammad, Shamsuddeen**, 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 <https://aclanthology.org/2022.winlp-1.0>
- 7 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>
- 8 Abdulmumin, I., Dash, S. R., Dawud, M. A., Parida, S., **Muhammad, Shamsuddeen**, 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>
- 9 **Shamsuddeen Hassan Muhammad**, 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 <https://aclanthology.org/2022.lrec-1.63>
- 10 Abdulmumin, I., Galadanci, B. S., **Hassan Muhammad, Shamsuddeen**, & 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). doi:10.1109/NIGERCON54645.2022.9803137
- 11 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>
- 12 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 <https://openreview.net/forum?id=B0GEqcGV8-5>
- 13 Meyer, J., Adelani, D., Casanova, E., Öktem, A., Whitenack, D., Weber, J., ... **Shamsuddeen Hassan Muhammad**. (2022). Biblets: A large, high-fidelity, multilingual, and uniquely african speech corpus. In H. Ko & J. H. L. Hansen (Eds.), *Interspeech 2022, 23rd annual conference of the international speech communication association, incheon, korea, 18–22 september 2022* (pp. 2383–2387). doi:10.21437/Interspeech.2022-10850

- 14 Brazdil, P., Silvano, P., Silva, F., **Muhammad, Shamsuddeen**, Oliveira, F., Cordeiro, J., & Leal, A. (2021). Extending general sentiment lexicon to specific domains in (semi-)automatic manner. In S. Carvalho & R. R. Souza (Eds.), *Salld-1: Proceedings of the workshop on sentiment analysis & linguistic linked data*, CEUR, Vol. 3064.
- 15 **Shamsuddeen Hassan Muhammad**, Brazdil, P., & Jorge, A. (2020). Incremental approach for automatic generation of domain-specific sentiment lexicon. In *European conference on information retrieval* (pp. 619–623). Springer.

## Preprints

- 1 **Muhammad, Shamsuddeen Hassan**, 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. [doi:10.48550/ARXIV.2302.08956](https://doi.org/10.48550/ARXIV.2302.08956)
- 2 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. [doi:10.48550/ARXIV.2211.05100](https://doi.org/10.48550/ARXIV.2211.05100)

## Under Review

- 1 Aliyu, S., Abdullahi, S., **Shamsuddeen Hassan Muhammad**, Ahmad, I. S., Abdulmumin, I., Yusuf, A., & Lawan, F. (n.d.). *HausaNLP at SemEval-2023 Task 10: Transfer Learning, Synthetic Data and Side-information for Multi-level Sexism Classification*.
- 2 **Muhammad, Shamsudeen Hassan**, Brazdil, P., & Jorge, A. (n.d.). *Combining symbolic and deep learning approaches for sentiment analysis*.
- 3 Parida, S., Abdulmumin, I., **Shamsuddeen Hassan Muhammad**, Bose, A., Kohli, G. S., Ahmad, I. S., ... Kakudi, H. (n.d.). *HaVQA: A dataset for visual question answering and multimodal research in hausa language*.
- 4 **Muhammad, Shamsuddeen Hassan**, Brazdil, P., & Jorge, A. M. (2023). *Leveraging symbolic and deep learning techniques for explainable sentiment analysis*.

## Academic Service

### Organizing Conference

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| 2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Co-Organizer for the, AfricanNLP2023.</li> <li>■ Co-organizer for the "Bird of the Feather: Challenges for Hate Speech Detection in Low-resource African languages and Beyond at EMNLP 2022".</li> <li>■ Co-organizer, AfriSenti-SemEval Shared Task 2023 The First SemEval Shared Task for African Languages.</li> </ul> |
| 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Co-Organizer for the, AfricanNLP2021.</li> </ul>  |
| 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Co-Organizer, SautiYetu AfricanNLP Unconference October 2020.</li> </ul>  |




### Service to the University

- Senate Member, Bayero University, Kano
- University Examination Committe Member, Bayero University, Kano
- BSc Computer Science with Economics course Coordinator Bayero University, Kano


## Academic Service (continued)

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### Courses Taught

- 2021 – · · ·  **Lead TA: Deep Learning at Neuromatch Academy.**  
As a Lead Teaching Assistant for a group of approximately 100 students in a Deep Learning course.
- 2012 – 2017  **Undergraduate courses.**  
Linear Algebra,  
Python Programming,  
Data Mining,  
Data Structure and Algorithm,  
Discrete Mathematics.
- 2012 – 2017  **Postgraduate courses.**  
Research Methods,  
Cloud Computing.




### Supervision

- 2012 – 2018 · · ·  **Undergraduate Supervision.**  
Abdulrasheed Mustapha (Software Engineer at Intuit Inc)  
Saheed A. Salahudeen (Lecturer Kaduna State University)

## Community Engagement

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### Organizing Conference

- 2022  Founder, Arewa Data Science  
A community for empowering marginalized students to reach their full potential in data science.
-  Founder, HausaNLP  
HausaNLP is an open-source community dedicated to advancing natural language processing in the Hausa language, which is the second most widely spoken language in Africa.
-  Active Member of MasakhaneNLP and Black in AI Community.