

ADOM GETACHEW

APPOINTMENTS

Neubauer Family Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, 2016-Present

Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Race Politics and Culture, 2016-Present

Faculty Affiliate, Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory, 2018-Present

Provost Career Enhancement Postdoctoral Scholar, University of Chicago, 2015-2016

EDUCATION

Yale University

- Ph.D. Political Science and African American Studies, 2015
- Dissertation: *The Rise and Fall of Self-Determination: Towards a History of Anti-colonial Worldmaking*
- Dissertation Committee: Seyla Benhabib (chair), Hazel Carby, Karuna Mantena

University of Virginia

- BA Government/Foreign Affairs, with High Honors, and African American Studies, 2009

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Worldmaking after Empire: The Rise and Fall of Self-Determination (Princeton University Press, 2019).

Reviewed in *Ethics and International Affairs*, *Nation*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The New Rambler*, *boundary2* (forthcoming),

Symposia and Critical Exchanges in *Perspectives on Politics*, *H-Diplo*, *Black Perspectives* and *Political Theory* (forthcoming), *Millennium* (forthcoming)

Author meets critics panels at University of Cambridge, the American Political Science Association, the Social Science Historical Association and the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill African Studies Center.

Winner of International Studies Association, Best Theory Book 2019, and the National Council of Black Political Scientists W.E.B. Du Bois Distinguished Book Award 2020

Edited Volume

W.E.B Du Bois's International Writings, edited with Jennifer Pitts (under contract with Cambridge University Press) (Collection of Du Bois's writings from 1900-1950s with a critical introduction.

Articles

“The Limits of Sovereignty as Responsibility,” *Constellations* 26 (June 2019): 225–240.

“Securing Postcolonial Independence: Kwame Nkrumah and the Federal Idea in the Age of Decolonization,” *Ab Imperio* Forum: Political Imaginaries at the End of Empire, no. 3 (December 2018): 89–113.

“Universalism after the Post-Colonial Turn: Interpreting the Haitian Revolution,” *Political Theory* 44 (December 2016): 821–845.

Book Chapters

“The Plantation’s Colonial Modernity in Comparative Perspective,” *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Political Theory*, ed. Leigh Jenco, Murad Idris, and Megan Thomas, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2019).

Reviews and Review Essays

Review of *Theorizing Race in the Americas: Douglass, Sarmiento, Du Bois, and Vasconcelos* by Juliet Hooker, *National Review of Black Politics* 1 (January 2020): 162–165.

Review of *Global Garveyism*, edited by Ronald J. Stephens and Adam Ewing, *Journal of African History* 60 (November 2019): 516–518

“The Problem of Liberal Empire Reconsidered: On Christopher Taylor’s *Empire of Neglect*,” *small axe* 23 (November 2019): 167-177.

Review of *Globalists: The End of Empire and the Birth of Neoliberalism*, by Quinn Slobodian, *H-Diplo Roundtable Review* 20 (March 2019): 5-8, <https://issforum.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XX-27.pdf>

Review of *Colonial Exchanges: Political Theory and the Agency of the Colonized*, ed. Burke Hendrix and Deborah Baumgold, *Perspectives on Politics* 16 (September 2018): 818–19.

“Responsibility Beyond Ethics: Vásquez-Arroyo’s *Political Responsibility*,” *Theory and Event* 21 (July 2018): 753–755.

Review of *Reordering the World: Essays on Liberalism and Empire* by Duncan Bell, *Political Theory* 46 (June 2018): 487–493.

Review of *Freedom as Marronage*, by Neil Roberts, *Journal of Politics* 79 (January 2017): e15–e16.

Other Writing

“A Great Wall to Batter Down,” *London Review of Books* 42, no. 10 (May 21 2020).

“The Private History of Ethiopia’s Wars,” *Boston Review* (February 2020), <http://bostonreview.net/arts-in-society/adom-getachew-maaza-mengiste-shadow-king>

“Reflections on 1960, Year of Africa: Introduction,” special section of the Sunday New York Times (February 9, 2020) <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/02/06/world/africa/africa-independence-year.html>

“A fuller freedom: The Lost Promise of Pan-Africanism,” *Nation* (Fall 2019)

“Holding Ourselves Responsible,” *Boston Review* (September 2019), <https://bostonreview.net/war-security/adom-getachew-holding-ourselves-responsible>

“Nkrumah and the Quest for Independence,” *Dissent* (Summer 2019)

“The Welfare World,” *Boston Review* (November 2018). Online as “When Jamaica led the Postcolonial Fight against Exploitation” (February 2019).

“Portrait of the Worker as a Black Woman: A Review of the National Portrait Gallery’s *The Sweat of their Face: Portraying American Workers*,” *New Labor Forum* (May 2018).

“Reparations and the Recasting of Eric Williams’s *Capitalism and Slavery*,” Social Science Research Council Items Blog (February 2017).

Working Papers

“An Image of the Race: Performing Black Peoplehood in the Age of Garveyism,” under preparation for review

“Democracy and Empire: An Introduction of the Political Thought of W.E.B Du Bois,” with Jennifer Pitts

“Decolonization and Political Theory,” with Karuna Mantena

“The British Imperial Origins of Garveyism,” early stages

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Fellow in Residence, Harvard University, 2019-2020
Neubauer Collegium Grant, “The Global Contours of Black Citizenship” with Jessica Baker and Yanilda González, 2018-2021
University of Chicago Center for International Social Science Research Book Manuscript Workshop Grant, December 2016
Princeton University Society of Fellows, 2015-2018 (Finalist, Interview Declined)
Harvard University Prize Fellowship in Economics, Politics and History, 2015-2018 (Declined)
Stuart Taylor Travel Grant, Department of African-American Studies, Yale University, Summer 2014
Smith Richardson Travel Grant in International History, Yale University, Summer 2014
Visiting Fellow, Institute for Commonwealth Studies, University of London, Summer 2013
MacMillan Center for International Affairs Dissertation Research Grant, Yale University, 2012-2013
Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, 2011-2014
Yale University Center for Trans-cultural Analysis Summer Fellowship, Summer 2010
Sterling Prize Fellowship, Yale University, 2009-2011
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, March 2008
Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, November 2007
Jefferson Scholarship, University of Virginia, 2005-2009

INVITED LECTURES

“The Federal Vision of Eric Williams”
Political Thought Seminar, Oxford University (October 2018)

“Worldmaking after Empire”
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (February 2020)
Florida International University (January 2020)
University of Pennsylvania (February 2019)
Center for Political Research, SciencesPo (October 2018)

“From Principle to Right: Self-Determination in the Age of Decolonization”
Political Philosophy Seminar, London School of Economics (November 2017)
Political Philosophy Colloquium, Princeton University (September 2017)

“The Limits of Sovereignty as Responsibility”
Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory, University of Chicago (May 2017)

“Fragile Universals: The Making of Racial Hierarchy at the League of Nations”
Carter G. Woodson Institute of African and African-American Studies, University of Virginia
Charles Warren Center for American History, Harvard University (April 2016)

SELECTED CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

“Democracy and Empire: An Introduction to Du Bois’s International Thought,” (with Jennifer Pitts), Georgetown University (March 2020).

“An Image of the Race: Performing Black Peoplehood in the Age of Garveyism,” Johns Hopkins University (March 2020)

“The Plantation’s Colonial Modernity in Comparative Perspective,” University of Cambridge Seminars in Political Thought and Intellectual History (April 2019)

“Revisiting the Federalists in the Black Atlantic,” Harvard University Political Theory Workshop (September 2018)

“The Limits of Sovereignty as Responsibility,” Brown Political Philosophy Workshop (September 2018)

“The Plantation in Comparative Perspective,” *Critical Postcolonialities Panel*, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (September 2017)

“Political Economy in the Political theory of Empire,” *Political Economy and/as Political Theory Roundtable*, Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver (April 2017)

“The Limits of Sovereignty as Responsibility,” University of Virginia (April 2017)

“Fragile Universals: The Making of Racial Hierarchy at the League of Nations,” Cornell University Politics, Sandwiches and Comments (PSAC) Workshop (March 2017)

“The Limits of Sovereignty as Responsibility,” Social Science Historical Association, Chicago (November 2016)

“The Federal Moment in the Black Atlantic,” After Empire and Nation Conference, University of Illinois-Chicago (October 2016)

“Wilson and the Politics of International Racial Hierarchy,” *Race and Popular Sovereignty in the American Political Imaginary Roundtable*, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia (September 2016)

“From Principle to Right: The Anti-colonial Reinvention of Self-Determination,” Minnesota Political Theory Colloquium, University of Minnesota (April 2016)

“Realizing Equality: The Welfare World of the New International Economic Order,” *Constellations* Conference, New York (April 2016)

“From Principle to Right: Self-Determination in the Age of Decolonization,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco (September 2015)

“Securing Post-colonial Autonomy: Regional Federations in the Black Atlantic” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco (September 2015)

“The Making of International Hierarchy in the League of Nations,” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas (March 2015)

TEACHING

University of Chicago

African Civilizations I (Fall 2018)
Black Political Thought: The Problem of Freedom (Winter 2017, Winter 2019)
Classics of Social and Political Thought III (Fall 2017)
Colonizations I (Winter 2017)
Global Justice and the Politics of Empire with Jim Wilson (Fall 2017)
The Global Plantation co-taught with Christopher Taylor (Spring 2019)
The Political Thought of W.E.B Du Bois (Winter 2018)
Race and Imperialism in the 20th century (Winter 2018, Winter 2019)

Yale University

Ancient Political Philosophy (as Teaching Fellow, Fall 2011)
Modern Political Philosophy (as Teaching Fellow, Spring 2012)
Race and Imperialism in the 20th Century (as Instructor, Spring 2014)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Research Groups

Race and Capitalism Working Group (Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, University of Chicago, University of Washington Institute for the Study of Inequality and Race and Social Science Research Council)

University Service

Race and Politics search, Department of Political Science (2016, 2018)
Race and Capitalism search, Social Science Division (2018)
Pozen Center for Human Rights Faculty Board (2017-Present)
-Director of Human Rights Practice search advisory committee (2017-2018)
-Graduate Lectureship committee (2018)
Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture Fellowship Selection Committee (2017, 2018)
External Review Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago (2017-2018)
Equity and Inclusion Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago (2016-2017)
Organizer of series, "Racing the International" Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, University of Chicago (2016-2017)

Professional Service

Association for Political Theory Conference Programing committee (2016-2017)
Western Political Science Association Conference Programing committee (2018-2019)
Manuscript review *American Political Science Review*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Theory*, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*
Editorial Board *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
American Historical Association
Conference for the Study of Political Thought
Social Science Historical Association