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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Notre Dame

- 2022-Present Assistant Professor/Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Africana Studies.
Concurrent Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science.
Faculty Affiliate, Initiative on Race and Resilience.
Faculty Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies
Faculty Fellow, Klau Institute.
- 2023-Present Research Associate, African Centre for the Study of the United States, Department of Political Sciences, University of Pretoria.
- 2020-2022 Visiting Assistant Teaching Professor/Director of Undergraduate Studies, Africana Studies
- 2017-2018 Burke, Hofman, Kolman Teaching Scholar, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.

Whitman College

- 2018-2020 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Politics.

Mount Holyoke College

- 2015-2017 Consortium for Faculty Diversity (CFD) Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Politics.

EDUCATION

- 2015/2016 Ph.D., Department of African American Studies, Northwestern University.
- 2013 Graduate Certificate in Critical Theory
- 2011 M.A., Department of African American Studies, Northwestern University.
- 2009 M.A., Department of Political Science, Ohio University.
- 2009 M.A., Center for International Studies (African Studies), Ohio University.
- 2005 M.A., Department of English and Theatre Studies, University of Guelph.
- 2001 B.A., Departments of Theatre Studies (Major) and English (Minor), University of Ghana.

RESEARCH

Book

- 2020 Forjwuor, Bernard. *Critique of Political Decolonization*, (Oxford University Press, 2023)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2020 Forjwuor, Bernard. "Colonizing 'Free' Will: A Critique of Political Decolonization in Ghana," *Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory*. Volume 67, Number 164 (Sep 2020): p.48-85.
- 2022 Forjwuor, Bernard. "On a Concept of Black Politics." *Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory*, Volume 69, Number 173 (Dec 2022): p.29-63.

Journal Articles in Progress

- Forjwuor, Bernard. "On Politics of Emancipation: Reading *Ngugi's A Grain of Wheat*."
- Forjwuor, Bernard. "Neoliberal Colonial Obligations: Of Governmentality of Race."
- Forjwuor, Bernard. "Desecuritizing Emancipation: Deracializing International Relations."
- Forjwuor, Bernard. "On Politics of Decolonization: Refashioning Black Politics against the Constituent Specter of Colonialism"

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- 2023-2024 “Ties that Bind South Africa and the US: A Teaching, Research and Outreach Project on Equity, Social Justice, and Social Cohesion,” University of Notre Dame and University of Pretoria – US State Department Research Funded Grant (Co-PI)
- 2023 Faculty Summer Research Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame
- 2022 Faculty Summer Research Grant, Initiative on Race and Resilience, University of Notre Dame
- 2018-2019 Faculty Travel Grants, Whitman College, 2018 and 2019.
- 2017 Kilachand Postdoctoral Associate, Kilachand Honors College, Boston University, (Declined).
- 2016 Faculty Mentoring Grant, Mount Holyoke College.
- 2016 Faculty Research Grant, Mount Holyoke College.
- 2016 Faculty Conference Grant, Mount Holyoke College.
- 2014 Northwestern University Presidential Fellowship (African American Studies Nominee).
- 2012-2015 Graduate Fellow in Legal Studies, Northwestern University, 2012-2015
- 2011 Conference Travel Award, Robert Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies.
- 2011 Graduate Fellow, Roberta Buffett Institute for International and Comparative Studies.
- 2011 African American Studies Graduate Student Conference Grant, Northwestern University.
- 2011 Graduate School Conference Travel Grant, Northwestern University, 2011
- 2011 Program of African Studies (PAS) Graduate Student Travel Grant, Northwestern University
- 2011 Morris Goodman Awards, Program of African Studies, Northwestern University.
- 2011 Buffett Center Graduate Student Dissertation Research Travel Awards.
- 2009-2015 Kofi Annan Fellow, Program of African Studies, Northwestern University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Notre Dame

- 2020-22 “Introduction to Africana Studies”
- 2021/23 “Black Political Thought”
- 2021 “Race in World Politics” (College Seminar)

Whitman College

- 2018-2020 “Race and International Politics”
- 2019 “African Political Thought”
- 2018-2020 “Politics of Decolonization”
- 2018-2019 “Politics of Globalization”
- 2018 “African Politics”
- 2019 “Race Governmentality”
- 2020 “Black Political Thought”

University of Notre Dame

- 2018 “Moreau First Year Experience”

Mount Holyoke College

- 2015-2016 “Black Political Thought”
- 2016 “Race Governance”
- 2016-2017 “Politics of Decolonization”
- 2017 “Imperial Neoliberalism”

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2023 Social Capital and the City Summer Seminar, University of Notre Dame London (Research Participant).
- 2023 “Emma Paninc’s Regenerative Politics Monograph,” Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame (Respondent/Participant)
- 2021 “Decolonizing the Discourse of Colonialism.” Black Political Thought Speaker Series, Queens University, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

- 2017 “Role of Multi-stakeholders in Financing Post 2015 Development Agenda.” (Keynote Address), Seventh Session of Ghana International Model United Nations conference, Accra, Ghana.
- 2015 “On Colonial Neoliberalism.” Five College African Studies Faculty Seminar, Amherst College, Massachusetts.
- 2015 “Decolonizing Liberal Democracy: Of Freedom and its Discontent.” Fifth Annual Radical Democracy Conference, New York City, NY.
- 2015 “Ontology of Colonialism and the Displacement of Teleology.” 39th Annual National Conference of the National Council for Black Studies, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2014 Commentator: “Tenacity of Racism” and “The Idea of Non-racialism” at the Race and the New Order of Theory: A Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston IL.
- 2013 “Democracy, the Anamorphic Signifier: the African Tragedy and the Politics of Decolonization.” Center for African American History – History-Theory Working Group: Two Day Research and Journal Writing Workshop: Race Governance and Black Politics, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
- 2012 “On Politics of Decolonization: Refashioning Black Politics against the Constituent Specter of Colonialism.” Paper presented at the 43rd Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) 40th Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2011 “Tarrying with *the Political*: Rethinking the Intersection of Race/Colonialism and Violence.” Paper presented at the 17th Annual Conference of the International Society for African Philosophy and Studies (ISAPS) conference, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
- 2011 “Anamorphically Black?: Resisting the Gaze, Repositioning the Gaze.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual National Conference, Chicago IL.
- 2010 “[Dis]lodging Territory or a Nostalgic Utopia?: Reimagining Spaces and the Political in Ghana.” Paper presented at the Association of American Geographers Conference (AAG) Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- 2009 “The Margins of Political Consciousness and the Perversion of Citizenship: A Negotiated Democracy in Ghana.” Paper presented at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) 40th Annual Conference, Houston, TX.
- 2008 “Citizenship, Discretion and Voicelessness: The Challenges of Political Representation in Ghana.” Paper presented at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) 39th Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2013-2014 *Program Coordinator*, Undergraduate Admission, the Ohio State University.
- 2011 *Academic Diversity Recruiter*, Graduate School, Northwestern University.
- 2007-2009 *Manuscript Specialist*, Thesis and Dissertation Services, Ohio University.
- 2006-2008 *Writing Tutor*, Ohio University’s Writing Centre.
- 2003 *Editorial Assistant*, *Canadian Theatre Review*, University of Guelph.

SERVICE

- 2013-2014 Representative, Council for Academic Affairs, Ohio State University.
- 2006-2008 Graduate Student Senator, Ohio University Graduate Senate.
- 2004-2005 International Teaching Assistants (IAT) Chair, University of Guelph.
- 2004 Executive Member, University of Guelph Human Right Committee.
- 2004-2005 Member, International Solidarity and Global Justice.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)
- Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora
- African Studies Association
- Association of Political Theory
- International Society for African Philosophy and Studies
- Midwest Political Science Association