

Black Political Thought

Departments of Political Studies and Philosophy



Dalitso Ruwe

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
via Zoom

Dr. Dalitso Ruwe is currently a Post-Doc Fellow with the Extending New Narratives in the History of Philosophy at the University of Guelph. He is currently working on a monograph titled “Ontological Sovereignty: Black Philosophy & the Quest of Freedom in the Age of Slavery.” The monograph gives an account of the intellectual history of 17th-21st centuries Black thought on the injustices of African enslavement in the western world. Dr. Ruwe’s research focuses on the Intellectual History of Africana Philosophy, Anti-colonialism, Africana Legal History, Hip Hop Philosophy, Black Male Studies and Black Philosophies of Education.

Madalitso Zililo Phiri

Monday, June 14, 2021 | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
via Zoom



Dr. Madalitso Zililo Phiri, a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study, University of Johannesburg (UJ), South Africa, is a critical Black Studies scholar of political economy of development, social policy, historical sociology, and Black Radical Thought. He is a Pan-Africanist: Malawian citizen by birth, a South African permanent resident, with a transnational upbringing having lived in Mozambique for over ten years. Phiri pursues a research program of three complementary lines of inquiry: comparative social policy in South Africa and Brazil, race and the political economy of development in Africa, and Black Radical Thought. He is currently working on a book manuscript that builds on his doctoral thesis tentatively entitled ‘The Colour of Inequality in South Africa and Brazil: Making Sense of Transformative Social Policy’ under contract with Brill Academic Press. He recently published a book chapter entitled ‘History of Racial Capitalism in Africa: Violence, Ideology and Practice’, in the Palgrave Handbook of African Political Economy (2020). Phiri’s other publications include book chapters, refereed journal articles and policy briefs in the Journal of Southern African Studies (JSAS), Africa Insight, Black Agenda Review, African Journal of Conflict Resolution (AJCR), Innovation and Development, and the South African Journal of International Affairs (SAJIA). Phiri earned his Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) in Sociology from the University of South Africa (UNISA); a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Development Studies, Bachelor of Social Science (Honours) in International Relations and Bachelor of Social Science in Politics and Sociology, all from the University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa. He is a three time Fellow (2014-2017), through the US-based Social Science Research Council, and the Carnegie Corporation of New York.



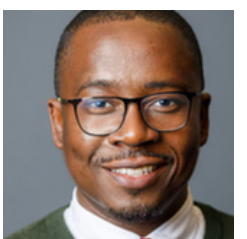
Ndumiso Dladla

Tuesday, June 15, 2021 | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
via Zoom

Dr. Ndumiso Dladla is a Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of South Africa. He completed his PhD at the University of Pretoria in 2021, with a dissertation entitled “‘Not yet Ubuntu: Towards an African Critical Philosophy of Race’. Although he has only just completed his doctorate, he has taught philosophy and published a monograph and ten articles or book chapters covering the fields of Black historiography, African social, legal and political philosophy since 2012. His work draws on a critical study of Western legal and political philosophy as well as a comparative study of Black political thought. His monograph, Here is a Table (2018/revised 2020) examines the effects of colonialism and white supremacy on subjectivity and meaning in South Africa. It is widely read and taught in courses on African philosophy and politics, and has been part of the strategic planning and goals for the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Dr. Dladla's interest in working at Queen's arises in part from his recognition of shared legacies of colonialism and of the silencing of indigenous voices and philosophy. He has taught courses in African Philosophy, African Ethics and Politics, and Environmental Ethics.

Bernard Forjwuor

Thursday, June 17, 2021 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
via Zoom



Dr. Bernard Forjwuor is a visiting assistant teaching professor of Africana studies at the University of Notre Dame. Prior to that he was a visiting assistant professor of politics at Whitman College. His research and teaching focus on black political thought, postcolonial political theory, decolonial theory, critical democratic theory, and critical race theory. Currently, Forjwuor is completing a book manuscript entitled, Critique of Political Decolonization, which interrogates ways the colonial, by folding acts of self-governance/self-determination into the mechanisms of its undertakings, pre-determines liberal democratic outcomes in postcolonial Africa/Ghana.



Frank Aragbonfoh Abumere

Friday, June 18, 2021 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
via Zoom

Dr. Frank Aragbonfoh Abumere is a philosopher and political scientist who specializes in ethics, political philosophy/political theory and international politics. His research interests include identity politics and race relations, human rights and minority rights, social justice and global justice, African political theory and postcolonial theory, African politics and African diaspora politics, and international political theory and normative international theory. His latest work (forthcoming) is “The Basic Structure of the African State”, in African Political and Economic Philosophy, eds. Ephraim Essien et al., Oxford University Press. He is currently a visiting professor at the Centre for Studies in Ethics and Politics, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University (Milan) and Arrupe Jesuit University (Harare). Prior to visiting San Raffaele University and Arrupe Jesuit University, he was a Senior Fellow at St Anthony’s College (University of Oxford), an Academic Visitor at African Studies Centre, Oxford School of Global and Area Studies (University of Oxford) and a Visiting Research Fellow at the Department of International History, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He was also the leader of the Global South research group at the Department of Philosophy, The Arctic University of Norway, and a Lecturer (Assistant Professor) at the Department of Philosophy, Ebonyi State University, Nigeria.