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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022- **Assistant Professor, University of Louisville**
Department of Political Science
- 2021-2022 **Rising Scholar Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Virginia**
Department of Politics (Mentor: Lawrie Balfour)
- 2017-2018 **Visiting Scholar, St. Louis University**
Department of Philosophy

EDUCATION

- 2021 **Ph.D., Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst**
Fields: Contemporary Social and Political Theory; History of Political Thought
Dissertation: *Thinking with Black Lives Matter: Towards a Critical Theory of Racial Capitalism*

Co-Winner of the American Political Science Association's Leo Strauss Award for Best Dissertation in Political Philosophy (2022)
- 2015 **M.A., Liberal Studies, The Graduate Center, City University of New York**
- 2012 **B.A., Philosophy, Wesleyan University, CT**

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2021 Issar, S. "Theorizing 'Racial/Colonial Primitive Accumulation': Settler Colonialism, Slavery, and Racial Capitalism." *Race & Class*, 63(1), 23-50.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0306396821996273>
- 2021 Issar, S. "Listening to Black Lives Matter: Racial Capitalism and the Critique of Neoliberalism." *Contemporary Political Theory*, 20(1), 48-71.
<https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-020-00399-0> (Online First: April 2020)

Book Chapters

- 2021 **Issar, S., Brown, R., McMahon, J.** "Rosa Luxemburg and the Primitive Accumulation of Whiteness." In J.A. Gordon & D. Cornell (Eds.), *Creolizing Rosa Luxemburg* (343-370). Rowman & Littlefield International.

Invited Review Essay

2023 Issar, S. "Agrarian Labor, Property, and Locke: Fashioning a Transnational Political Theory of Colonization." *Political Theory* (50th Anniversary Special Issue; Forthcoming)

Invited Book Reviews

2022 Issar, S. "Unsettling the Politics of Race: A Review of Kevin Bruyneel's *Settler Memory*." *Theory & Event*, 25(4), 954-958.

2018 Issar, S. "Class, Race, and Marxism by David R. Roediger." *The Black Scholar*, 48(4), 75-78.

Interviews

2020 **Issar, S.**, Padlioni Jr., J. "'To Address Black Suffering is to Destroy the World': An Interview with Frank B. Wilderson, III on *Afropessimism*." *Interfere: Journal for Critical Thought and Radical Politics*, 1(1), 92-113.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Monograph

Issar, S. *Theorizing Racial Capitalism in the Era of Black Lives Matter* (in preparation; book manuscript workshop held at University of Virginia in June 2022. Participants: Lisa Lowe, Keeanga-Yamhata Taylor, Kevin Bruyneel, Lawrie Balfour, and Kevin Duong)

Articles

Issar, S. "The Two Bhagats: The Fraught Politics of Race and Caste in the Interwar Period"

Issar, S. "Conceptualizing Abolition-Democracy: From Reconstruction to Neoliberalism"

Issar, S. "Rethinking the Racial Contract"

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Louisville

American Political Thought (Fall 2022)

Race, Empire, and the Struggle for American Democracy (Fall 2022)

University of Virginia

Race, Empire, and the Struggle for American Democracy (Spring 2022)

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

The Politics of Black Lives Matter (Fall 2020, online)

Nationalism, Ethnicity, and Identity in Politics (Winter 2020-2021, Summer 2019, Winter 2018-2019, Spring 2018, all online)

Washington University in St. Louis

Theoretical Foundations of the Movement for Black Lives (Spring 2021 & Fall 2020, both online due to Covid-19)

St. Louis University

Theoretical Foundations of the Movement for Black Lives (Fall 2020, online due to Covid-19; Fall 2018)

Harris-Stowe State University

Political Theory (Spring 2020)

Teaching Interests

Ancient, modern, and contemporary political theory; Black and Indigenous political thought; race, empire, and the struggle for American democracy; politics of race, caste, and inequality

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS

- 2022 Co-Winner, American Political Science Association's Leo Strauss Award for Best Dissertation in Political Philosophy
- 2020 Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
- 2020 Conference Support Funding (\$350), Race and Capitalism Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago
- 2019 Conference Support Funding (£900), University of Brighton, UK, and International Consortium of Critical Theory Programs
- 2019 Political Science International Conference Travel Grant (\$500), UMass Amherst
- 2018 Workshop Support Funding (\$400), "Subversive Theories of the Political" Workshop, The Academy of Global Humanities and Critical Theory
- 2018 Travel Grant (\$200), American Political Science Association
- 2018 Conference Support Funding (\$350), Race and Capitalism Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago
- 2018 Selected Winter School Participant (~ €1750), "Inherited Inequality and the Formation of the Modern World," University of Göttingen, Germany
- 2017-2020 Political Science Summer Research and Writing Grant (\$10,000), UMass Amherst
- 2015-2021 Fellow, The Amherst Program in Critical Theory

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 "Analyzing Contemporary Racial Capitalism: Financialization, Property, and Racial/Colonial Expropriation," Department of African and African American Studies, Washington University in St. Louis (October 6)

- 2022 “Stretching *Black Marxism*,” Presentation for colloquium, “Black Marxism 40 years on: Current and Interdisciplinary Engagement with Cedric J. Robinson,” Department of Global Histories, Cultures, and Politics, University of Bologna, Italy (April 21, online)
- 2022 “Racial Capitalism: A History of the Present,” Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (March 15)
- 2022 “Towards a Structural Understanding of Anti-Black Racism,” Black History Month Lecture Series, University of Virginia’s College at Wise (February 28)
- 2021 “Conceptualizing the Triad: Settler Colonialism, Anti-Blackness, and Capitalist Exploitation,” Presentation in Settler Colonialism and Multiculturalism course, University of Virginia (November 2, online due to Covid-19)
- 2021 “Mapping the Logics of Contemporary Racial Capitalism,” Recent Work on Race and Ethnicity in Contemporary Politics Lecture Series, Reed College (October 27, online due to Covid-19)
- 2021 “Rosa Luxemburg and the Primitive Accumulation of Whiteness,” Creolizing Rosa Luxemburg panel, Rosa Luxemburg at 150: Revisiting Her Radical Life and Legacy, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Berlin, Germany (March 5, online due to Covid-19)
- 2020 “Listening to Black Lives Matter: Racial Capitalism and the Critique of Neoliberalism,” Presentation in Marx and Marxism course, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota Twin Cities (November 16, online due to Covid-19)
- 2020 “Reflecting on Black Lives Matter: Visions of Abolition-Democracy,” Center for Ethics, University of Toronto (June 23, online due to Covid-19)
- 2019 “What is Capitalism?” Presentation in Radical Design: Making Civic Experiences, Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts, Washington University in S. Louis (January 28)
- 2018 “Understanding Capitalism,” Presentation in Radical Design: Making Civic Experiences, Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts, Washington University in St. Louis (September 26)

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICPATION

Papers Presented

- 2022 “Mapping the Logics of Contemporary Racial Capitalism: Financialization, Property, and Racial/Colonial Expropriation,” UVA Political Theory Colloquium (April 22)
- 2021 “Reproducing Racial Domination: Financial Expropriation, the Great Recession, and the Covid-19 Crisis,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (September 30-October 3)

- 2020 “Rosa Luxemburg and the Primitive Accumulation of Whiteness” (co-authored), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (September 10-13)
- 2020 “Democratize Now! The Movement for Black Lives’s Fight Against Racial Capitalism,” Race and Capitalism Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago (February 28)
- 2019 “Rethinking Primitive Accumulation with Black Lives Matter,” Workshop on Politics, Ethics, and Society, Washington University in St. Louis (April 26)
- 2019 “Theorizing ‘Racialized Primitive Accumulation,’” “Critical Theories in a Global Context” Conference, University of Brighton, UK (January 23-25)
- 2018 “Rethinking Primitive Accumulation with Black Lives Matter,” “Subversive Theories of the Political” Workshop, Colorado College (October 25-26)
- 2018 “The Primitive Accumulation of Whiteness: Catalyzing Racial Capitalism” (co-authored), Association for Political Theory Annual Conference (October 18-20)
- 2018 “Moving Beyond the ‘Imperial’ and ‘Neoliberal’ Turn in Political Theory,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (August 30-September 2)
- 2018 “Theorizing Racial Capitalism in the Era of Black Lives Matter,” Race and Capitalism Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago (May 18)
- 2018 “Listening to Black Lives Matter: Racial Capitalism and Critiques of Neoliberalism,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (March 29-31)
- 2017 “Listening to Black Lives Matter: Racial Capitalism and Critiques of Neoliberalism,” Abolish Border Imperialism Conference (October 6-8)
- 2016 “Decolonizing Liberal Metaphysics,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (March 24-26)

Roundtables Organized

- 2022 “On Racial Capitalism,” (co-organized with Lucas Pinheiro) American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (September 15-18)
- 2019 “Teaching Climate Change Radically,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (April 18-20)

Roundtable Participation

- 2019 “Theorizing Racial Capitalism,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (April 18-20)
- 2018 “Teaching White Supremacy: Pedagogical Reflections After Charlottesville,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (March 29-31)

Discussant

2019 “Why Not Uncivil Disobedience?” by William Scheuerman, Workshop on Politics, Ethics, and Society, Washington University in St. Louis (September 27)

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

2018-present Co-Host, Always Already Podcast: A Critical Theory Podcast

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2022- Graduate Studies Committee

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2022- Member, Special Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the Association for Political Theory

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*; *Contemporary Political Theory*; *Constellations*; *Economy and Society*; *Emancipations*; *Radical Philosophy Review*; *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change*; *Souls*

LANGUAGES

English (native); Hindi (native); Bengali (proficient); German (beginner)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
Western Political Science Association
Association for Political Theory

REFERENCES

Available upon request