

# MICAH AKUEZUE

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## EDUCATION

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### University of California, Los Angeles

*In Progress*

*Ph.D, Political Science*

Dissertation: “Organized Noise: Agonistic Politics and Democracy in Ancient Athens”

Committee: Giulia Sissa, Robin D.G. Kelley

### University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI)

2010

*B.A., Political Science*

Minor: Moral and Political Philosophy

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND OTHER AWARDS

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### Fellowships

Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, Graduate Division, University of California, Los Angeles, 2016-2017

Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship, Graduate Division, University of California, Los Angeles, 2011-2012

### Grants

University of California Consortium for Black Studies in California, Graduate Research Grant, University of California, Los Angeles, 2018

### Other Awards

Department of Political Science Summer Research Award, University of California, Los Angeles, 2014

Department of Political Science Summer Research Award, University of California, Los Angeles, 2013

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, Graduate Division, University of California, Los Angeles, 2012

## RESEARCH

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### Book Reviews

*The Philosopher’s Quarrel: Rousseau, Hume, and the Limits of Human Understanding*, by Robert Zaretsky and John T. Scott. *Michigan Journal of Political Science*, 2010

### Works in Progress

“Languages of the Unheard’: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Politics as Dissent”

“After 1965: Agonism, Liberalism, and Voting Rights in the Post-Civil Rights Era”

“W.E.B. DuBois and the Greeks”

“Being Black and Talking Black’: Black Leftist Expression as Subversion in Lloyd Brown’s *Iron City*”

“Praise and Blame in Greek Tragedy and Comedy: Aeschylus’ *Oresteia* and Aristophanes’ *Wasps*”

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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### Papers

“Languages of the Unheard’: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Politics as Dissent” Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Austin, TX, January 2019 (invited)

“Agonism, Democracy, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965,” Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Austin, TX, January 2019 (invited)

“Herodotean Dialogues.” Midwestern Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2014

“Herodotus, Philosophy, and the Socratic Tradition.” Midwestern Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2013

### Discussant

“Ancient Poets and Historians” session at the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, January 2019

### Commentaries

Stocking, Charles, “The Problem of Plurality: *Kratos* Under Democracy,” at “Political Cultures, Erotic Cultures: Gendered Politics in Ancient Societies,” Los Angeles, CA, January 2016

## TEACHING

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### Teaching Fields

Political theory, democratic theory, agonism, political violence; race, ethnicity, and politics; American politics, American studies, American history, American cultural history, African-American political thought, Black intellectual history, African-American literature;

### Courses Taught

- 19th Century U.S. History (2018)
- History of Neoliberalism (2017)
- African American Political Thought (2014, 2016)
- Black Experience in Latin America and the Caribbean (2015)
- Ralph Bunche, Crisis Diplomacy, and International Peacekeeping (2014)
- Citizenship and Public Service (2013)
- Introduction to American Politics (2012, 2013, 2016)

## ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE

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### Department

- Graduate Representative, Graduate Admissions Committee, Political Science Graduate Students Association, The University of California, Los Angeles, 2015-2016
- Representative, Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Department of Political Science, The University of Michigan, 2009-2010

### University

- Member, Student Conduct Committee, The University of California Los Angeles, 2013-2016

- Graduate Representative, Undergraduate Council, Graduate Student Association, The University of California Los Angeles, 2012-2013
- Graduate Representative, Academic Freedom Committee, Graduate Student Association, The University of California Los Angeles, 2011-2012

**Field**

- Member, Walker Conference Committee, Undergraduate Political Science Association, Department of Political Science, The University of Michigan, 2009-2010
- Associate Editor, Web Committee, The Michigan Journal of Political Science, Department of Political Science, The University of Michigan, 2009-2010

**Other**

- Vice President, Black Graduate Students Association, University of California, Los Angeles, 2015-2016

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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American Political Science Association  
 Association for Political Theory  
 Midwestern Political Science Association  
 National Conference of Black Political Scientists  
 Western Political Science Association

**LANGUAGES**

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English	Native
Spanish	Intermediate
Ancient Greek	Functional reading with dictionary
Latin	Functional reading with dictionary

**REFERENCES**

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