

# EMMA EBOWE

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## EDUCATION

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### Harvard University

*September 2019 - November 2025*

MA in Government

PhD in Government, secondary in African & African-American Studies

Dissertation: *Intimately Bound: Injustice and the Foster System*

*Awarded Best Dissertation on a topic of Gender and Politics, Harvard University*

### McGill University

*December 2018*

BA in Political Science & German Studies

Minor in Economics

*First Class, Joint Honours*

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### William & Mary

*September 2025 - Present*

Assistant Professor of Government & Africana Studies

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Black political theory, feminist theory, theories of justice, social movements, democratic theory, the state, institutions, reparations, and applied ethics.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Journal Articles*

“Injustice, Relational Violence, and the Foster System.”

*American Journal of Political Science*, forthcoming.

“Redistricting Reforms Reduce Gerrymandering by Constraining Partisan Actors.”

*American Political Science Review*, forthcoming.

with Cory McCartan, Christopher T. Kenny, Tyler Simko, Michael Y. Zhao, and Kosuke Imai.

### *Working Papers*

“Silencing Black Women in the Foster System.” *Working draft*.

“Domestic Violence, Structural Injustice, and the Foster System.” *Working draft*.

“How should universities engage with the direct descendants of those enslaved by its faculty, staff, and leaders?” *Working draft*.

with Christopher Hopson and Danielle Allen.

## CONFERENCES & TALKS

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“Silencing Black Women in the Foster System”

**William & Mary Africana Studies Ubuntu Speaker Series**, Talk (2026)  
**American Political Science Association**, Panel presentation (2026)

“Injustice, Relational Violence, and the Foster System”

**Princeton Race, Ethnicity, & Identity in Politics Speaker Series**, Invited talk (2025)  
**Philosophy, Politics & Economics Society London Conference**, Panel presentation (2025)  
**Harvard Political Theory Workshop**, Presenter (2024)  
**Harvard Race and Ethnic Politics Workshop**, Presenter (2024)  
**American Political Science Association**, Dissertation Workshop (2024)  
**Safra Center for Ethics**, Graduate Fellows Workshop, Presenter (2023)

“The Legacy of Slavery and the Ivory Tower: Reparative Engagement and the Obligations of Universities Towards Direct Descendants of Enslaved People”

**Safra Center for Ethics**, Ethics Monday, Co-presenter with Christopher Hopson (2024)

“From Republican to Bipartisan Gerrymandering: Comparing Partisan Bias in Congressional Redistricting Cycles from 2010 to 2020”

**Society for Political Methodology**, Annual Meeting, Poster Presentation (2024)

“Democratic Loneliness and the Politics of Belonging”

**Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy**, Presenter (2022)  
**Harvard Graduate Political Theory Workshop**, Presenter (2021)

“**Hakunetsu Kyoshitsu**”, *NHK*, Televised Discussions (2022-2023)

*Nationally broadcast multi-part debate series on democracy and gender equality.*

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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### *Fellowships*

Dwight D. Eisenhower/ Clifford Roberts Graduate Fellowship  
*Eisenhower Institute at Gettysburg College, 2025-2026*

Harvard Griffin GSAS Dissertation Completion Fellowship  
*Harvard University, 2024-2025*

Graduate Fellow in Ethics, Edmond & Lily Safra Center for Ethics  
*Harvard University, 2023-2024*

Democracy Doctoral Fellow, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation (*Declined*)  
*Harvard Kennedy School, 2023-2024*

James M. and Cathleen D. Stone PhD Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy  
*Harvard Kennedy School, 2020-2021*

Policy and Data Science Fellow, Center for Social and Cultural Data Science  
*McGill University, 2018*

Research Group on Constitutional Studies Student Fellow  
*McGill University, 2018*

## ***Awards & Grants***

Best Dissertation on a topic of Gender and Politics (2026)

*Dissertation Award, Harvard University.*

Social Equity and Health Equity Stipend Award (2025)

*Awarded to three Harvard PhD students in the social sciences writing dissertations related to social equity or health equity.*

Institute for Quantitative Social Science Grant, Harvard University (2024)

*Awarded in support of external research presentation.*

Society for Political Methodology Travel Award (2024)

*Awarded in support of external research presentation.*

Race and Ethnic Politics Research Award, Department of Government, Harvard University (2023-2024)

*Awarded to support research in women and politics and race, ethnicity, migration and politics.*

Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

*Awarded on the basis of student feedback by the Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning.*

Stone PhD Research Fund (2020-2021)

*Awarded with the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration fellowship.*

Saul & Freda Frankel Prize (2019)

*Awarded to a graduating Honours or first-year MA McGill student for an outstanding research paper in the "history of ideas." Thesis: Theodor Adorno & a Postcolonial Universal History.*

Research Group on Constitutional Studies Writing Prize (2019)

*For an outstanding research paper in political thought by a McGill University Arts undergraduate.*

Ambassador for Germany Book Prize (2018)

*Awarded for excellence in German Studies at McGill University.*

Ambassador for Switzerland Book Prize (2018)

*Awarded for excellence in German by a non-native German speaker at McGill University.*

## **TEACHING**

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### ***Instructor***

Africana Studies 205: Introduction to Africana Studies (Spring 2026)

Govt 402: Justice and the Family (Fall 2025)

### ***Teaching Fellow***

Gov 1041/ DPI 247: Justice by Means of Democracy, Professor Danielle Allen (Spring 2023)

Gov 10: Foundations of Political Theory, Professor Eric Beerbohm (Spring 2022)

Gen Ed 1041: How Did We Get Here? From Slavery to #MeToo, Dr. Linda Chavers (Fall 2021)

### ***Senior Thesis Advising***

Advisor for joint thesis in History & Literature and Government.

*Harvard College, 2022-2023*

Advisor for award-winning joint thesis in African and African American Studies and Government.

*Harvard College, 2023-2024*

## ***Academic Advising***

Concentration advisor for all students majoring and minoring in political science in Quincy House.  
*Harvard College, 2021-present*

Concentration advisor for students majoring and minoring in political science in Leverett House.  
*Harvard College, 2021-2022*

## **SERVICE AND COMMUNITIES**

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Finance Committee

*College of William & Mary, 2025-2026*

Curriculum Committee

*College of William & Mary, 2025-2026*

Certificate in Africana Studies Committee

*College of William & Mary, 2025-2026*

Faculty of Arts Civil Discourse Advisory Group

*Harvard University, 2024-2025*

Government Department Curriculum Committee Member

*Harvard University, 2023-2025*

Co-coordinator, Black Political Thought Project Reading Group

*Harvard University, 2023-2024*

Conference Assistant, "Struggles in/ over/ against the State" Workshop

*Harvard University, 2024*

Government Department Peer Student Mentor

*Harvard University, 2021-2022, 2023-2024*

Resident tutor and mentor at Quincy House in Consent, Advocacy and Relationships Education, and BGLTQ advocacy

*Harvard College, 2021-present*

McGill's Students' Nightline, Vice-President External, Treasurer, and Volunteer for student-run mental health support phone line

*McGill University, 2016-2018*

## **OTHER RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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Archival research assistant for Professor Katrina Forrester, Government Department

*Harvard University, 2022-2023*

German translation research assistant for Professor Michael Rosen, Government Department

*Harvard University, 2020-2021*

Political theory research assistant for Professor Jacob T. Levy

*McGill University, 2017-2018*

Digital Humanities research assistant for Professor Andrew Piper

*McGill University, 2018*

Buisness and technical analyst, Accenture plc.

*London, UK, 2014-2015*

## AFFILIATIONS

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American Political Science Association

Association for Political Theory

Association for Global Political Thought, Harvard University

Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University

Center for European Studies, Harvard University

Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University

Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, Harvard Kennedy School

Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University

Society for Political Methodology

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology