**Bio**

Wendell Nii Laryea Adjetey hails from Accra, Ghana, by way of Toronto, Canada. His lineal ancestors, left La (modern day Ghana) after a quasi-civil war circa 1690. They subsequently founded Teshie, the once heavily-armed garrison town that withstood the repeated incursions and cataclysmic shockwaves of the trans-Atlantic Slave Trade on the Guinea Coast. Born in Teshie, Wendell’s paternal and maternal patrilineal ancestral war clans are Atrekɔr We and Nii Ablɔrh Adjei We, respectively.

He is a doctoral candidate in the Departments of History and African American Studies at Yale University, where he holds numerous awards and prizes, including the Felix G. Evangelist, Douglass R. Bomeisler, Falk Foundation, and Edla J. McPherson Fellowships.

He is also a Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholar, and a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada Doctoral Fellow. Wendell has over ten years of experience working in community development, and social and public policy at the municipal, provincial, and federal levels. Before commencing doctoral studies, he worked for three years as a case manager on a multi-million dollar, federally-funded, University of Toronto-evaluated youth gang prevention and intervention project in north Toronto. Wendell continues to champion access to quality education for impoverished students, and promotes peace-building and inter-ethnic dialogue in sub-Saharan Africa.

He is a board member of the Inspirit Foundation, a national organization that promotes pluralism and citizenship through impact investing and supports young change agents in Canada. He also serves on the board of the Tujenge Africa Foundation, a U.S.-based 501(c)(3) that identifies, trains, and incubates some of the brightest young women and men for post-secondary education and civic leadership in Central Africa.

Wendell earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Toronto. A past Visiting Scholar and Senior Resident Fellow at Massey College (University of Toronto), he is SHASS Pre-Doctoral Fellow and Visiting Scholar at MIT.

**Research**

His dissertation, tentatively entitled “From the North Star to the Black Star: African North Americans and the Search for a Homeland in Canada, 1919 to 1985,” illuminates the cross-border migrations and examines the human and civil rights activism of African-descended peoples. His dissertation also uncovers the counter-subversion tactics that the Canadian and U.S. security and intelligence apparatus deployed to undermine black citizenship.

**Teaching**

Guest Lecturer Instructor, Quebec and Canada, 1791 to Present **2015 – Present**

* Facilitate seminars; provide detailed feedback on written work

Yale University Teaching Fellow, The Civil War and Reconstruction Era **Winter** **2015**

* Facilitate reading discussion in two sections; provided detailed feedback on written work

Lead Instructor, Yale Young Global Scholars **Summer 2015**

* Taught seminars in Politics, Law, and Economics; and International Affairs and Security
* Designed a curriculum and delivered 15 seminars on topics as far ranging as Dollar

Diplomacy and John Locke and Property Rights to the Haitian Revolution, the Monroe

Doctrine, and the U.S. Civil Rights Movement

* Mentored students and provided critical feedback on written assignments

**Lectures**

Ethnic and Pluralism Studies Conference, 2017

The Fire Next Time: The 1967 Detroit Uprising in the Canadian Imagination (forthcoming)

Massey College Black History Month Address, February 2017

[Why We Must Celebrate Black History Month in Canada](https://www.dropbox.com/s/ct4e24mz7zabkn7/20170210_185229.mp4?dl=0)

British Methodist Episcopal Church Black History Month Keynote Address

The Gift of History and the Burden of Greatness (attached)

Reconciling the Fruits of Citizenship

[YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_28ZzEUrQI)

**Essays**

Adjetey, Wendell. “Shedding Our False Sense of Virtue,” *The Walrus*, 3 August 2017.

[Shedding Our False Sense of Virtue](https://thewalrus.ca/confronting-canadas-violent-side/)

**Interviews/Media**

(What’s the best way to embed these?)

Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

[Correcting the Record on the Civil Rights Movement in Canada](http://gsas.yale.edu/news/correcting-record-civil-rights-movement-canada)

Fathers’ Day 2016

[Tasha Kheiriddin Show](https://omny.fm/shows/tasha-kheiriddin/fathers-day-part-i-wendell-adjetey-yale-phd-candid)

Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition

[Slavery and its Legacies Podcast](http://glc.yale.edu/SlaveryanditsLegacies/episodes/WendellAdjetey)

or @ [soundcloud](https://soundcloud.com/yaleuniversity/slavery-and-its-legacies-wendell-adjetey-on-draft-resisters-the-cold-war-underground-railroad-and-the-enduring-myth-of-canada)

CBC Metro Morning

[The History of Black Activism in Canada](http://www.cbc.ca/listen/shows/metro-morning/segment/12800123)

CBC Metro Morning (forthcoming)

CBC Canada Day

[Canada’s Lesser Known History](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9WhPZ9vzg3GWmc1c0l0RVdGOG8/view)

Black Experience Project

[theblackexperienceproject.ca](https://www.theblackexperienceproject.ca/) or [Vimeo](https://vimeo.com/226503372)