

EZRAH AHARONE BIO AND SPEAKER SHEET



Professor, Author, and Experience in Africa

Born and raised in New Jersey, Ezra Aharone is a 1980 graduate of Hampton University. He is a professor of political science at Delaware State University (DSU), a scholar of sovereign studies, and author of 3 political books whose syndicated op-eds and opinion pieces have appeared worldwide in over 200 publications, including *The New York Times*. Aharone's philosophy and worldview encapsulates 35 years of international experience living and working in West Africa, where he is also a political and business consultant with relationships that span from presidents to everyday people.

Originality of Concepts and Approach to Speaking

As an author and public intellectual, Aharone's originality of thought has been paralleled to Carter G. Woodson. Unlike speakers who are unrelatable to today's youth or who recite partisan scripts for applause, Aharone advocates what he calls "a new and necessary reconceptualization of freedom and democracy that lies beyond the boundaries of two-party politics." His solution-oriented insights are known to deconstruct complex issues in ways that make America and the world easier to understand, while distinguishing the human failings of Black America from systemic flaws of Americanization.

As such, his 3-pronged approach to public speaking comprises a global range and balance of political, economic, cultural, and spiritual topics, aimed to:

1. Address both the sources and solutions to structural inequities and injustices of race
2. Consign more "problem-solving accountability" to Black institutions
3. Advance the worldwide interests and intellectual culture of Black/African people in the process

National and International Audiences

Aharone's consulting, media, and speaking engagements cover an array of audiences that include: the United Nations • Economic Community of West African States • Economic Commission for Africa • University of Ghana, Legon • African government ministries and embassies • METRO TV, Ghana • GBC TV, Ghana • ORTB TV, Benin • RTI TV, Ivory Coast • BRIC TV, Brooklyn NY • U.S. Congressional Black Caucus • NAACP • Schomburg Center • National Black Caucus of State Legislators • Association of Black Psychologists • Carruthers Center • Unification Theological Seminary • National Council for Black Studies • National Basketball Association • business roundtables • nonprofit and public-private groups

University Experience and Academic Credits

At DSU since 2012, Professor Aharone teaches "African-American Experiences up to 1865" and "African-American Experiences from 1865." Both courses expose students to critical thinking about the confluences of factors that shaped/shapes the conditions of Black America. He also teaches "Global Societies" which analyzes the ever-evolving interfacings of nations and humanity. He is an academic advisor to several student organizations. He is a contributing scholar to the collegiate textbook *Freedom On My Mind* (White, Bay, and Martin Jr., 2016). He is cited among "Notable Alumni" of Hampton University in *Historically Black Colleges and Universities* (Alphonso W. Knight Sr., 2014).

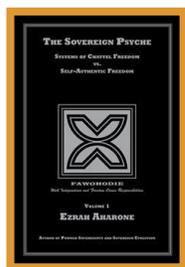
Seminal Research and Book Publishing

While issues of sovereignty pervade world headlines, the field of sovereign studies is largely overlooked by Black scholars, even though "sovereignty is the highest instrument of power through which systems of government and society are ordered." Aharone's volumes of academic writings stand alone as a contemporary body of work that applies the concept of sovereignty as a 500-year lens of interpretation to examine the historical plight and future potential of Black/African people. His research is central to understanding today's world, since modern motives of sovereignty trace to the 1640s, which incubated today's hierarchy of lopsided power and development among nations and ethnicities. His books have been premiums for fundraising on WBAI, NY and WPFW, Washington DC.

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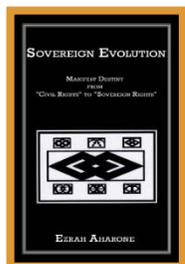
- His first book *Pawned Sovereignty: Sharpened Black Perspectives on Americanization, Africa, War and Reparations*, was lauded in 2003 in *Rolling Out Magazine* as “a collector’s item, alongside Frances Cress Welsing’s *Isis Papers* and Carter G. Woodson’s *Mis-Education of the Negro*.”
- His second book *Sovereign Evolution: Manifest Destiny from Civil Rights to Sovereign Rights* was rated “24th Best Black Book of 2009” in *Inside Black Hollywood Magazine*.
- His third book *The Sovereign Psyche: Systems of Chattel Freedom vs. Self-Authentic Freedom* was published in spring 2016. Aharone’s originality of thought, coupled with his international experience provides unique frames of references that give his books uncommon distinction.

Synopsis of Books



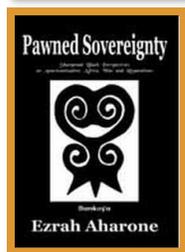
The Sovereign Psyche

The Sovereign Psyche is not just the title of the book, but also the driving intellect and willpower necessary to materialize "self-authentic freedom" as opposed to "chattel freedom." Chattel freedom is when the value of a people is predicated upon the extent to which they serve the interests and institutions of others. As such, this work asserts that there is no such thing as intellectual or institutional equality. Genuine solutions to Black-related issues therefore entail what African Americans intellectually and institutionally do for ourselves and self-worth. If "Black Lives Matter" we must channel the end-use of our intellect and institutions to prove it, as this work shows.



Sovereign Evolution

From emancipation to segregation to integration – from Tubman to King to Obama – the freedom of African Americans emerged from a continuum of political and psychological evolutions. To advance this progression, Sovereign Evolution re-declares freedom and equality in 21st-century terms, using sovereign principles to self-interpret and self-define the future direction of African Americans. The evolutionary consciousness which the book details is indispensable for fortifying Black interests upon Obama’s completion of office.



Pawned Sovereignty

Pawned Sovereignty presents an enlarged political and ideological scope on America, Africa, and world affairs which adds new dimensions to contemporary discourse on democracy. It carves into the heart of perceptions about the functions of government, while redressing racial issues that neither time nor legislation has resolved since 1865. Since conventional democratic remedies have shortfalls, the book identifies latent sources of Black/African strengths that can be leveraged into bona-fide vehicles for progress and self-development.

Among his Original Speaking Topics are:

- Redefining Black Life and Leadership with 21st-Century Standards
- 101 Things All Black Youths Should Know
- Why the 13th Amendment Should be Abolished
- Freedom is a Moving Target . . . Don’t Get Left Behind!
- Empires of the Mind: Why Intellect is More Valuable than Gold
- Controlling the “Strategic End-Use” of Intellect and Institutions
- Facts, Fictions, and the Future of Voting, Equality, and Democracy
- Globalism, Terrorism, and Politicized Religion
- Chattel Freedom vs. Self-Authentic Freedom
- Both/And: Being *both* “African” and “American” without Contradictions
- Viewing the World Beyond Democratic and Republican Theories
- From Thomas Jefferson to Donald Trump: Does American Democracy Cause or Cure Racism?

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