



**Dr. Walle Engedayehu, Head  
Division of Social Work, Behavioral and  
Political Sciences**

## Biography

**Welcome from the Division Head!** The faculty and staff of the Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political Sciences wish to welcome you to our website. The Division is committed to offering quality academic programs while making every effort to engage degree-seeking students in extra-curricular activities in a friendly and nurturing academic environment. We prepare our students for professional and graduate studies even as we train them for careers in urban and regional planning, public policy and administration, international affairs, legal services, law enforcement, social work practice, human services, historic preservation, journalism, archival management, teaching, and counseling. The Division houses the undergraduate degree programs in History, Political Science, Social Work and Sociology; the M.A. in Sociology; and the support areas of Philosophy and Geography. We hope you will plan a visit to meet our faculty and seek advisement for pursuing your degree. Our Division office is located in the Woolfolk Building, Room 102, and the Social Work office is located in the Banks Building, Room 224. If you prefer, you may make an appointment by calling the Division office at 936-261-3200, or the Social Work office at 936-261-1670.

### **Walle Engedayehu, Ph.D. Division Head (2001-Present)**

Dr. Engedayehu joined Prairie View A&M University in 1989 after receiving his Ph.D. in Political Science from Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia. He is currently Associate Professor of Political Science and Head of the Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political Sciences. Dr. Engedayehu's areas of specialization are Comparative Politics, International Relations, and American Politics. His teaching interests include African Politics, U.S. Foreign Policy, Comparative Politics of Developing States, Comparative Politics of European Systems, and Third World Studies. His particular research focus is on issues and conflicts relating to the Horn of Africa and the Middle East. Furthermore, Dr. Engedayehu has an expanding research agenda in the area where political theory and politics of development intersect, which makes developing theory his central area of publication. He has published several articles and a book chapter.

Dr. Engedayehu has been Head of the Division of Social Work, Behavioral & Political Sciences at Prairie View A&M University since 2001 while at the same time directing the Center for International Studies and Research (CISR), an office that

coordinates study abroad programs and promotes research activities with a focus on Africa. During 2001-2008, Dr. Engedayehu served as Managing Editor of *The African Social Science Review*, published by the Center. In addition, Professor Engedayehu serves as a Pre-Law Advisor for students who aspire to enter law school and pursue a career in the legal profession. Prior to his appointment to the position of Division Head, Dr. Engedayehu served as Coordinator of the Political Science Program within the Division from 1995 to 2001. He joined the Division as Assistant Professor of Political Science 1989.

Among highlights of his accomplishments include published works in scholarly journals, book chapters, and grant awards. Dr. Engedayehu was awarded **\$105,370** in 2004 from the U.S. Department of Education's Title III grant to strengthen international studies programs and **\$60,000** from the Hatton Sumners Foundation for Political Science student scholarship in 2000. He was the Co. PI for the **\$64,000** funded U.S. Department of Education's Fulbright-Hays Group Abroad Project in China in 2003, responsible for administrating a federal grant of **\$150,000** from the U.S. Department of Education, which helped establish the Latin American and Caribbean Studies project at PVAMU during 2000-2003. He was also a co-author of two successful grant proposals: \$66,000 received from the U.S. Department of Education's Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad Program in 2000 for a summer institute in Tanzania, and **\$144,000** from the same federal department to establish the African Studies Program at Prairie View A&M University in 1998. Dr. Engedayehu was awarded \$500 for being a Fellow and an inductee into the Texas A&M University System's "The Academy for Educator Development" in 2003. Throughout his tenure at PVAMU, Dr. Engedayehu has received numerous teaching and service awards.

## Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D.**            **Political Science**, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, 1989  
**M.A.I.A.**        **International Affairs**, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 1984  
**B.A.**            **Journalism**, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas, 1977

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Head**, Division of Social Work, Behavioral & Political Sciences, Prairie View A&M University (October 2001-Present)
- **Director**, *Center for International Studies and Research (CISR)*, Prairie View A&M University (2001- Present)
- **Managing Editor**, *African Social Science Review*, Prairie View A&M University (2001- Present)
- **Pre-Law Advisor**, Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political Sciences (2004-Present)
- **Associate Professor of Political Science**, Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political Sciences, Prairie View A&M University (1998- Present).
- **Coordinator of the Political Science Program**, Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political Sciences, Prairie View A&M University (1995-2001).
- **Assistant Professor of Political Science**, Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political Sciences, Prairie View A&M University (1989 – 1998).
- **Adjunct Professor/Instructor**, Division of Social and Health Sciences, Tomball College, Texas (1999-2001).

## RESEARCH/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

### Articles and Published Works

- “Multilateralism in a Unipolar International System: Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East,” in Karen O’Connor et al, *American Government: Continuity and Change* (New York: Pearson Publishing, 2004), pp. 3 – 16.
- Reviewed “New Approaches to State Building in Africa: The Case of Ethiopia’s Ethnic-based Federalism,” in *Studies in Comparative International Development*, Summer, 1997.
- “Ethiopia: The Pitfalls of Ethnic Federalism,” in George Agbango, ed., *Issues and Trends in Contemporary African Politics* (New York: Peter Lang Publishing, Inc., 1997), pp. 191-236
- Edited, “Privatization: Should Penal Services be Privately Owned and Operated?” *The Harris County Star*, Vol. 6, No. 6 (June 1996), pp.15-20.
- “Paul Henze: An Apologist For the Ethiopian Regime,” *Mores*, Vol. 4, No. 15, October 1996.
- Reviewed, “Ethiopia: Failure of Land Reform and Agricultural Crisis” for *Studies in Comparative International Development*, vol. 8 (fall 1995), pp. 45-47.
- “Ethiopia: The Pitfalls of Ethnic Federalism,” *Africa Quarterly*, Vol. 33, No. 1-4, August 1994.
- “Reaction to Ethnic Oligarchy in Ethiopia,” *Mores*, Vol. 2, No. 7, April/May 1994, pp.44-50.
- “Ethiopia: Democracy and the Politics of Ethnicity,” *Africa Today*, Vol. 40, No. 2, 1993, pp.29-52.
- “Internal and External Pressures That Contributed to the Downfall of the Derg in Ethiopia,” *Mores*, Vol. 2, No. 2, October 1993, pp.51-56.

### Grants

- Submitted a proposal in 2007 to the U.S. Department of Education’s Title VI grant to establish a Middle Eastern Studies Program requesting **\$172,809** (Not funded)
- Awarded **\$105,370** in 2004 from the U.S. Department of Education’s Title III grant to strengthen international studies programs through the Center for International Studies and Research at PVAMU
- Submitted a grant proposal in 2003 to the U.S. Department of Education’s Funding for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE) to establish the Pre-Law Institute for Minority Students (Pre-LIMS) at PVAMU, requesting **\$332,541** (Not funded)
- Secured **\$60,000** from the Hatton Summners Foundation that offered scholarship funds to Political Science majors (2000-2002)
- Served as the Co. PI for the **\$64,000** funded U.S. Department of Education’s Fulbright-Hays Group Abroad Project in China in 2003.
- Partnered in a grant proposal in 2002 to the U.S. Department of Education’s Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program, in which I was to serve as Project Director (Not funded)

- ❑ Administered a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of **\$150,000** establishing the Latin American and Caribbean Studies project at PVAMU (2000-2003)
- ❑ Co-authored a grant proposal submitted to the U.S. Department of Education's Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad Program in Tanzania resulting in an award of **\$66,000** for a summer institute that took place in 2000.
- ❑ Principal writer of the final report of the U.S. Dept. of Education's Title VI funding in 2000 for the African Studies Program at PVAMU.
- ❑ Co-authored the grant proposal that brought **\$144,000** from the U.S. Department of Education to establish the African Studies Program at Prairie View A&M University through the Center for International Studies and Research.

## **OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES**

### **Selected Samples of Presentations**

- ❑ "Regional-based Integration Efforts in Africa: The Precursor to a Meaningful and Strong Intra-Continental Union," a lecture presented at St. Louis Community College, November 17, 2006.
- ❑ "Role and Functions of the Center for International Studies and Research at PVAMU," at a special meeting of U.S. Cotton Industry Tour for African Ministers and Ambassadors at Prairie View A&M University, July 21, 2004
- ❑ "*Implications of the 2000 Presidential Election Victory for African Americans: The George Bush Factor*," Black History Month Lecture Series at Prairie View A&M University (2001).
- ❑ "The Root-Causes of Refugee Problems in Africa: The Cases of Somalia, Sudan and Ethiopia," Prairie View A&M University (1993).
- ❑ "An Examination of the Prospects for Multiparty Politics in Ethiopia," at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS), Houston, Texas (1992).
- ❑ "South Africa: Changes in the Apartheid Regime," Prairie View A&M University (1991).
- ❑ "The Policy of Constructive Engagement: A Diplomatic Fiasco for the U.S.," Prairie View A&M University (1989).
- ❑ "The Multinationals in the View of Dependency and Non-Dependency Advocates," Atlanta University (1987).
- ❑ "The Executive Power of Pardon: Constitutional Aspects and Practices in the U.S.," Atlanta University (1987).
- ❑ "An Attitudinal Survey of Black Muslims' Perceptions of Politics, the Political System and Their Role In It: A Case Study of a Black-Muslims Sect in Atlanta," Atlanta University (1986).
- ❑ "An Assessment of Ethiopia's Socio-economic Development in the Aftermath of the 1974 Socialist Revolution," Atlanta University (1985).
- ❑ "A Review of the Dependency Theory as a Framework for the Comparative Analysis of Third World Underdevelopment," Ohio University (1984).
- ❑ "The Role of Multinationals in Kenya," Ohio University (1984).
- ❑ "A Critical Analysis of the Causes of the Downfall of Emperor Haile Selassie's Regime, 1935-1974," Ohio University (1984).

- “The Horn of Africa: The Search for a Lasting Regional Solution to Current and Future Crises,” Ohio University (1984).

### **Selected Samples of Conferences Attended**

- University representative at several meetings aimed at establishing a study abroad consortium among the nine universities of the Texas A&M University System
- University representative at periodic meetings of the Texas International Education Consortium
- Attended every annual SACS\_COC meetings for the last 4 years
- Attended the Law School Admission Council-sponsored Annual Pre-law Advisors’ national Conference in Las Vegas representing PVAMU (October 15-18, 2008)
- Participated in the Advisor Workshop of the Venjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program in Houston, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State (November, 2008)
- Participated in each of the School-University Partnerships conferences sponsored by The Texas A&M University System’s Institute for School-University Partnerships since being inducted as Fellow of the Regents’ Initiative for Excellence in Education (2001- 2004)
- Participated in each Annual Chancellor’s Invitational Conference held every year since being inducted into the Academy for Educator Development (2001-2004)
- Chaired a panel at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists in Richmond, Virginia (March 7-10, 2001).
- Has been in attendance every year since 1989 at each Prairie View A&M University’s Faculty and Professional Staff Conference.

### **SELECTED SAMPLES OF SERVICE AT PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

- Read more than 5 doctoral theses as Member of a dissertation committee, for the College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology starting 2004.
- Member of the **Search Committee for Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (2004)**
- Member of the Tenure and Promotion Committee for the College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology (2003)
- Member of the **College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Grievance Committee (2002-2003)**
- Member of the **Graduate Studies Committee**, College of Arts and Sciences (Since 2002).
- Selected as an **outside dissertation reader** for the new Juvenile Justice Ph.D. program (As of Fall, 2000).
- Appointed as **Academy Fellow** of TAMUS’ Regent’s Academy for Education Development (2001).

## **CURRENT AND PAST MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- ❑ International Studies Association (ISA)
- ❑ National Social Science Association
- ❑ African Studies Association (ASA)
- ❑ Southwestern Social Science Association (SWSSA)
- ❑ American Political Science Association (APSA)
- ❑ National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)
- ❑ Psi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society
- ❑ Ethiopian-American Foundation (EAF)



## **Job Description**

The Head of the Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political Sciences occupies a full-time classified position within the Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences. The Division Head is responsible for managing a diverse and interdisciplinary academic unit, consisting of four degree programs in History, Political Science, Social Work and Sociology, and support areas in Geography and Philosophy. As an administrator of one of the largest academic units in the College, the Division Head not only oversees faculty performance in teaching, research and service, but also assumes the pivotal role of spearheading faculty recruitment; student development; academic program planning and evaluation; management of budget; and administration of grants and funded projects.

## Professional Development

### 2005

- ❖ Participated in Department Chair Workshop sponsored by the American Council on Education in San Diego, California (February, 2005)

### 2006

- ❖ Gave lecture on Regional-based Integration Efforts in Africa: The Precursor to a Meaningful and Strong Intra-Continental Union at St. Louis Community College, St. Louis, Missouri ( November, 2006)
- ❖ Attended SACS-COC Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida (December, 2006)

### 2007

- ❖ Attended the 2007 SACS-COC Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana (December, 2007)

### 2008

- ❖ Attended the Texas International Education Consortium Operating Council Meeting representing the PVAMU in Austin (October 30, 2008)
- ❖ Attended the Law School Admission Council-sponsored Annual Pre-law Advisors' national Conference in Las Vegas representing PVAMU (October 15-18, 2008)
- ❖ Participated in the Advisor Workshop of the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program in Houston, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State (November, 2008)
- ❖ Attended the 2007 SACS-COC Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas (December, 2008)

### 2009

- ❖ Represented PVAMU at TAMU System Study Abroad Consortium At Tarleton State University (February, 2009)
- ❖ Participated as PVAMU representative at the Texas International Education Consortium in Houston (April, 2009)
- ❖ Participated as co-chair of a workshop on Youth Violence: Strategies for Prevention, Intervention and Empowerment, PVAMU (June, 2009)