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EDUCATION

- Aug 2016 – Present University of Kentucky, Doctor of Philosophy
Geography
Research Interests: Black geographies, Haitian geographies, feminist geopolitics, temporalities, chronopolitics, queer theory, geographies of the American South
Committee: Dr. Patricia Ehrkamp (Chair), Dr. Rich Schein, Dr. Jack Giesecking, Dr. Priscilla McCutcheon, Dr. Cristina Alcalde
- Apr 2016 University of Cincinnati, Master of Arts
Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Studies
Thesis: “Dykeaspora: Subject Formation of Queer Haitian Women in the U.S. Diaspora”
Committee: Dr. Thérèse Migraine-George (Chair), Dr. Olga Sanmiguel Valderrama, Dr. Beth Ash, Dr. Erin Durban-Albrecht
- May 2011 Bethune-Cookman University, Bachelor of Arts
International Studies/Affairs
Senior Thesis: “Exploitation of Female Migrant Domestic Workers under the Kafalah System in the Gulf Cooperation Council States”
Advisor: Dr. Sabrina Lampley

CERTIFICATES

- Jul 2020 LinkedIn Learning
Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging for All
- Aug 2017 – Present University of Kentucky
Social Theory

PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 Bazile, Sophonie. “Memories from the Dykeaspora.” Special issue, *Women & Performance: a journal of feminist theory* 27 (2): 235-246. doi: 10.1080/0740770X.2017.1315226.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2019 Review of *Black on Both Sides: A Racial History of Trans Identity*, by C. Riley Snorton. Book Review Symposium: Queer Geographies, *Antipode: A Radical Journal of*

Geography, 1-5. https://antipodeonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2.-sophonie-bazile_ak.pdf.

AWARDS

2021	Society of Collegiate Leadership and Achievement
2019	Dept. of Geography Research Fellowship
2019 – 2019	Inclusive Pedagogies Graduate Learning Community
2017	Graduate and Professional Student LGBTQ* Research Grant
2017	CDG Professional Development Fund Award
2017	Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership and Honor Society
2016	Dept. of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Graduate Student of the Year Award
2016	Golden Key International Honour Society
2015	Taft Research Center Graduate Enrichment Award
2015	Commission on the Status of Women Travel Award
2015	Taft Research Center Graduate Summer Fellowship Award
2014	University of Cincinnati Graduate Incentive Award

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Organizer

2017 – 2018	Undergraduate Research Paper Competition. <i>8th Annual Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference</i> . University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY.
2016 – 2017	Logistics & Social Media. <i>Teach-In on the Trump Presidency!</i> University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY.
2015 – 2016	Logistics Committee Chair. <i>QueerCon! 2016</i> . Theme: “Social Justice Warriors.” University of Cincinnati. Cincinnati, OH.
2010 – 2011	Conference Chair. <i>30th Annual Model United Nations Conference</i> . Theme: “The Elimination of Social Barriers against Women.” Bethune-Cookman University. Daytona Beach, FL.

Paper Presentations

2017	“Black Collective Memory and Black Geographies.” Black Spatial Intimacies. <i>National Women’s Studies Association</i> . Baltimore, MD. November.
2017	“Black Feminist Epistemology in the Geography Classroom.” Methods, Praxis, and Activism. <i>Feminist Geography 2017</i> . Chapel Hill, NC. May.
2017	“Race & Queer Rurality: Black Queers in the U.S. Rural South.” The Visible and Invisible in Rural Communities I: Group Identity and Constructions of Place. <i>American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting</i> . Boston, MA. April.

2015 "Dykeaspora: Queer Haitian Women Creating their Own Spaces." Underground Performances and Discrete Productions. *National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference*. Milwaukee, WI. November.

2015 "Dykeaspora: Queer Haitian Women in the U.S." Trans*Hybridity. *Trans Writ Large: Writing Difference Graduate Student Conference*. Cincinnati, OH. March.

Panel Contributions

2018 "Decolonization Epistemologies: Black Women Creating Space Between the Words." *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. New Orleans, LA. April.

2018 "Tracing Black Queer Spatialities - #1." *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. New Orleans, LA. April.

2018 "Political Geographies of Discomfort Feminism and Uncomfortable Intimacy." *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. New Orleans, LA. April.

2017 "N'ap Mache Ansanm (We Are Walking Together): A roundtable to conceptualize transnational and trans-disciplinary alliances for the futures of liberated Haitians." *28th Annual Haitian Studies Association Conference*. New Orleans, LA. November.

2011 "Exploitation of Female Migrant Domestic Workers under the Kafalah System in the Gulf Cooperation Council States." Domestic Abuse: International Perspectives. *2nd Annual Mary McLeod Bethune Women's Conference*. Bethune-Cookman University. Daytona Beach, FL. April.

Moderated Sessions

2018 "Undergraduate Research Paper Symposium." *8th Annual Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference*. University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY. February.

2017 "Perspectives on Community and Resistance: Performing Solidarity Work in Marginalized Communities." *Kentucky Gender & Women's Studies Conference*. University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY. September.

WORKSHOPS

2015 For Lack of Better Words: Labeling and Signifying Non-Normative Identities in U.S. Academia. University of Cincinnati. Cincinnati, OH.

WORKSHOPS

2018 "Dykeaspora: Queer Haitian Women in the U.S. Diaspora." Office of LGBTQ* Resources. *Lunch & Learn*. University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY. February.

DIVERSITY INITIATIVES

- Aug 2020 – May 2021 **Research Assistant.** *Center for Equality and Social Justice (CESJ).*
University of Kentucky – Lexington, KY
Duties: Design undergraduate course on race/racism and education at the University of Kentucky; co-design a shadowing program for undergraduate students of color and high school students of color; co-create a workshop on diversity and inclusion for faculty members at the University of Kentucky; create flyers to promote CESJ events; and launch and manage CESJ's Microsoft Teams account.
- May 2018 – June 2018 **Graduate Student Representative.** Associate Director Search Committee.
Center for Graduate and Professional Diversity Initiatives.
University of Kentucky – Lexington, KY.
Duties: Review potential candidate applications; review and edit questions for phone interviews; conduct phone interviews; review and edit questions for in-person interviews; and recommend/vote for the best qualified candidate.
- Aug 2017 – Apr 2019 **Co-Chair.** Sexuality and Space Specialty Group (SXSSG).
American Association of Geographers (AAG).
Duties: Organize the SXSSG pre-conference; organize specialty group sessions at AAG; Maintain SXSSG WordPress site; promote SXSSG AAG events on social media, including Twitter and Facebook; and coordinate SXSSG student paper competition.
- Aug 2015 – Apr 2016 **Graduate Student Representative .** Faculty Search Committee.
Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies
University of Cincinnati – Cincinnati, OH.
Duties: Review draft of faculty position requirements and recommend changes; review potential candidate applications; review and edit questions for in-person interviews; share list of potential candidates to graduate students in the department; and recommend/vote for the best qualified candidate.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Jan 2021 – May 2021 **Primary Instructor.** *A&S 330: Understanding Racism in Education.*
University of Kentucky – Lexington, KY.
Duties: Co-design course with the Director and Assistant Director of the CESJ; draft syllabus and outline course descriptions, objectives, requirements, assignments, and readings; design Canvas course page and upload all required documents/readings for students; outline weekly lessons plans for Spring 2021 semester; and design tutoring component of the course with representative from Harrison Elementary School.

- Jan 2020 – May 2020 **Teaching Assistant (Recitation Instructor).** *GEO 261: Global Dynamics of Health and Disease.*
University of Kentucky – Lexington, KY.
Duties: Design weekly lesson plans for 3 recitation sections with 20-25 students each; co-author and proctor exams for a total class size of 120-150 students; confer with students to solve disputes with course work or professor/TA; provide students with constructive feedback on how to improve their writing, including syntax, grammar, and punctuation; maintain record of students' coursework and grades via Canvas and/or Microsoft Excel; and submit final grades to the Registrar's Office.
- Aug 2017 – Dec 2018 **Teaching Assistant (Recitation Instructor).** *GEO 162: Intro to Global Environmental Issues.*
University of Kentucky – Lexington, KY.
Duties: Design weekly lesson plans for 3 recitation sections with 18-25 students each; proctor exams for a total class size of 120-130 students; provide students with constructive feedback on how to improve their writing; maintain a record of students' coursework, grades, and attendance via Canvas and/or Microsoft Excel; and submit final grades to the Registrar's Office.
- Jan 2017 – May 2017 **Teaching Assistant (Grader).** *GEO 221: Immigrant America.*
University of Kentucky – Lexington, KY.
Duties: Grade weekly assignments for 45-50 students; maintain a record of students' coursework, grades, and attendance via Canvas and/or Microsoft Excel; proctor exams; and provide students with constructive feedback on how to improve their writing, including syntax, grammar, and punctuation.
- Aug 2016 – Dec 2016 **Teaching Assistant (Grader).** *ENS 300: Gender and Environment.*
University of Kentucky – Lexington, KY.
Duties: Grade weekly assignments for 40-45 students; maintain a record of students' coursework, grades, and attendance via Canvas and/or Microsoft Excel; proctor exams; and provide students with constructive feedback on how to improve their writing, including syntax, grammar, and punctuation.
- Aug 2015 – May 2016 **Graduate Assistant.** *Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies.*
University of Cincinnati – Cincinnati, OH.
Duties: Collect research on queer migrations, diaspora, and gender studies; conduct online searches for journal articles, agency reports, dissertations, and books; and draft literature review.
- Aug 2014 – Dec 2015 **Academic Coach .** *Learning Assistance Center.*
University of Cincinnati – Cincinnati, OH.
Duties: Taught success-building practices and habits in students in accordance with their unique goals, strengths, and learning styles; practice time management skills, effective notetaking, memorization techniques, motivation, and test anxiety tips with students; and inform students about campus resources specific to their academic circumstances

EDITORIAL DUTIES

2017 – 2018 **Co-Editor-in-Chief.** *disClosure: A Journal of Social of Theory*, Issue 27: Archives. Edited by Sophonie Bazile, Christine Woodward, and Zach Griffith. University of Kentucky.
Duties: Create and publicize the call for papers on social media, including Twitter and Facebook; lead editorial collective to review submissions, copyedit, and determine issue layout; conduct final review and final edits of submissions; determine organization of submissions in journal issue; and co-author introduction/acknowledgement for journal issue.

SERVICE

May – Jun 2018 **Graduate Student Representative.** Associate Director Search Committee. *Center for Graduate and Professional Diversity Initiatives*. University of Kentucky.

2018 – 2019 **President.** *Political Ecology Working Group*. University of Kentucky.

2017 – 2019 **Co-Chair.** Space & Sexuality Specialty Group. *American Association of Geographers*.

2017 – 2019 **Graduate Student Representative.** Black Geographies Specialty Group. *American Association of Geographers*.

Jan – Apr 2017 **Interim Vice President.** *Graduate Student Congress*. University of Kentucky.

2016 – 2017 **Recorder.** Geography Graduate Student Union. *Department of Geography*. University of Kentucky.

2015 – 2016 **Graduate Student Representative.** Faculty Search Committee. *Department of Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies*. University of Cincinnati.

2009 – 2011 **Founder & Editor.** *The Rhodes Social Sciences Newsletter*. School of Social Sciences. Bethune-Cookman University.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Sep 2017 – Aug 2018 **Office Assistant.** *Pride Community Services Organization (PCSO)*. Lexington, Kentucky.
Duties: Answer phones and assist callers; greet and assist individuals who visit the PCSO office; organize local resource contact directory for LGBTQ people; and Maintain PCSO table at annual Lexington Pride Parade.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2016 – Present	American Association of Geographers
2015 – Present	Haitian Studies Association
2014 – Present	National Women’s Studies Association