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EDUCATION

- Aug 2016 – Present University of Kentucky, Doctor of Philosophy
Geography
Research Interests: Black feminist geographies, immigration, diasporic subjectivities, queer theory/studies, geographies of the American South
Advisor: Patricia Ehrkamp
- 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: Thérèse Migraine-George (Chair), Olga Sanmiguel Valderrama, Beth Ash, 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: Sabrina Lampley

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.

HONORSS AND AWARDS

- Aug 2018 – Present 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 Department of Women's, Gender & 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. *8th Annual Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference*. University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY.
- 2016 – 2017 Logistics & Social Media. *Teach-In on the Trump Presidency!* University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY.
- 2015 – 2016 Logistics Committee Chair. *QueerCon! 2016*. Theme: “Social Justice Warriors.” University of Cincinnati. Cincinnati, OH.
- 2010 – 2011 Conference Chair. *30th Annual Model United Nations Conference*. 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. *National Women’s Studies Association*. Baltimore, MD. November.
- 2017 “Black Feminist Epistemology in the Geography Classroom.” Methods, Praxis, and Activism. *Feminist Geography 2017*. 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. *2017 American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. 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.” *2018 American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. New Orleans, LA. April.
- 2018 “Tracing Black Queer Spatialities - #1.” *2018 American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. New Orleans, LA. April.
- 2018 “Political Geographies of Discomfort Feminism and Uncomfortable Intimacy.” *2018 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 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.

INVITED TALKS

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

WORKSHOPS

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2017 – Present **Teaching Assistant (Recitation Instructor)**. *GEO 162: Intro to Global Environmental Issues*.
University of Kentucky – Department of Geography.
A lower level, undergraduate geography course that addressed environmental questions of global importance, including population growth, resource consumption, environmental degradation, biodiversity conservation, toxic contamination and environmental justice.
- 2016 (Spring) **Teaching Assistant (Grader)**. *GEO 221: Immigrant America*.
University of Kentucky – Department of Geography.
A mid-level undergraduate geography course that used a geographic and spatial perspective to introduce students to contemporary immigration to the United States, its origins, adaptation patterns, and long-term effects on American society.

- 2016 (Fall) **Teaching Assistant (Grader).** *ENS 300: Gender and Environment.*
University of Kentucky – Department of Geography.
An upper level, undergraduate environmental studies course that examined how environmental policies aimed at protecting the world’s rich environmental resources and alleviating environmental destruction often have different consequences related to gender, class, race, and caste, and other forms of difference.
- 2015 – 2016 **Graduate Assistant.** *Department of Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Studies.*
University of Cincinnati.
Assisted the Department Head with research on queer migrations, diaspora, and gender studies by conducting online searches for journal articles, agency reports, dissertations, and books and preparing literature reviews.
- 2014 – 2015 **Academic Coach.** *Learning Assistance Center (LAC).*
University of Cincinnati.
Encouraged success-building practices and habits in students in accordance to their unique goals, strengths, and learning styles by helping them to address their time management, effective note-taking, and memorization techniques, motivation, clarifying their career goals, test anxiety, and effective resource utilization on campus.

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.

FREELANCE

- Jun 2018 – Present **Academic Copyeditor and Proofreader.** Upwork.
Copyedit and proofread doctoral dissertations, master’s theses, and grant proposals; copyedit and format bibliographies according to Chicago or APA styles; and proofread interviews and transcriptions.

SERVICE

- May – Jun 2018 **Graduate Student Representative.** Associate Director Search Committee. *Center for Graduate and Professional Diversity Initiatives.* University of Kentucky.
- Apr 2018 – Present **President.** Political Ecology Working Group. University of Kentucky.
- 2017 – Present **Co-Chair.** Space & Sexuality Specialty Group. *American Association of Geographers.*

2017 – Present **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

2017 – Present **Office Assistant.** *Pride Community Services Organization.* Lexington, KY.
Completed general office work such as answering phones, assisting individuals who visit the PCSO office, and maintaining PCSO files and documents.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2016 – Present American Association of Geographers

2015 – Present Haitian Studies Association

2014 – Present National Women’s Studies Association