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**EDUCATION**

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- 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

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**CERTIFICATES**

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- May 2021 – Present      Google Certificates  
**Project Management**
- Jul 2020                      LinkedIn Learning  
**Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging for All**
- Aug 2017 – Present      University of Kentucky  
**Social Theory**

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**PUBLICATIONS**

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- 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.

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**BOOK REVIEWS**

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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](https://antipodeonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2.-sophonie-bazile_ak.pdf).

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**AWARDS**

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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

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**CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

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**Organizer**

2017 – 2018              Undergraduate Research Paper Competition. *8<sup>th</sup> 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. *30<sup>th</sup> 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. *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." *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." *28<sup>th</sup> 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. *2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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#### **WORKSHOPS**

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

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## WORKSHOPS

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

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## DIVERSITY INITIATIVES

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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.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Aug 2021 – Present **Online Student Support & Community Coordinator.** *Office of Online Programs*.  
University of Louisville, College of Business – Louisville, KY.  
*Duties:* Provide support to students in the Online MBA Program who need access to university resources or are struggling with factors that impact their academic success, such as time management or organizational skills; provide at-risk student intervention for online MBA students, whether academic or personal in nature; design, coordinate, and implement community-building initiatives for students in the Online MBA Program.

- 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

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## EDITORIAL DUTIES

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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.

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## SERVICE

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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.

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**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

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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.

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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2021 – Present              NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising

2021 – Present              Online Learning Consortium

2016 – Present              American Association of Geographers

2015 – Present              Haitian Studies Association

2014 – Present              National Women’s Studies Association