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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020-current Assistant Professor of Sociology and Gender, Race and Identity, University of Nevada, Reno

2018-2020 Gaius Charles Bolin Fellow in Africana Studies, Williams College

### EDUCATION

**Ph.D.** The University of Texas at Austin, Latin American Studies, May 2020

Dissertation: ‘*Argentina también es afro*’: Black Activists’ Struggles for Visibility, Recognition, and Social Justice in Argentina

Committee: Javier Auyero, Ph.D.; Christen Smith, Ph.D.; Daniel Fridman, Ph.D.; Juliet Hooker, Ph.D.; Marcelo Paixão, Ph.D.

Concentration: Sociology. Doctoral Portfolios: African Diaspora and Women and Gender Studies

**M.A.** University of South Florida, Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies, July 2013

Coursework in Social Sciences, International Study Institute, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2012

**B.A.** University of Pittsburgh, Hispanic Languages and Literatures, December 2010

Certificate in Latin American Studies

Coursework in Language and Social Sciences, University of Havana, Cuba 2010

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Race and ethnicity, Social movements, Migration and citizenship, Black Feminist Theory, African diaspora in Argentina, Afro-Latin American feminisms

### PUBLICATIONS

#### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

**Gayles, P.** 2021. “¿De dónde sos?: (Black) Argentina and the Mechanisms of Maintaining Racial Myths.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 44 (11): 2093-2112.

**Gayles, P.** and M. Muñoz-Muñoz. (revise and resubmit) “Unveiling Latin American White Multiculturalism: Black Women’s Politics in Argentina and Costa Rica.” *Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies*. Special issue on “Whiteness in Latin America,” edited by Hugo Ceron-Anaya, Patricia Pinho, and Ana Ramos-Zaya

**Gayles, P.** (Under review) “¿Qué vendes morena?: Unpacking the Transnational Bodily Territorialization of Black Women.” *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society*.

#### *Book Chapters*

**Gayles, P.** (forthcoming). “Poner el Cuerpo: A Political and Social History of Black Activism in Argentina” in *The Afro-Americas: Ancestral Lands, Policy, and Human Rights from*

*South to North*. Edited by Jennifer Carolina Gómez Menjívar and Héctor Nicolás Ramos Flores. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press.

**Gayles, P.** and D. Ghogomu. 2018. "The Social Economy of Africans and African Descendants in Buenos Aires." Pg. 119-142, in *The Black Social Economy in the Americas: Exploring Diverse Community-based Markets*. Edited by Caroline Hossein. London: Palgrave MacMillan.

Annechiarico M., D. Brazão, **P. Gayles** and D. Ghogomu. 2016. "Argentina is Black, too: Reimagining the Makings of a Nation." Pg. 135-142, in *Sounds and Colours: Argentina*. Edited by Russ Slater. New York/London: Sounds and Colours.

[www.soundsandcolours.com](http://www.soundsandcolours.com)

### ***Manuscripts in Progress***

**Gayles, P.** "Interrogating Collective Emotional Theory through the Black Brazilian Feminist Concept of Dororidade." In preparation for submission to *Women's Studies Quarterly*.

**Gayles, P.** "Ain't I a Woman?": A Black Feminist Toolkit and the Everyday Successes of Racialized Social Movements." In preparation for submission to *Mobilization*.

### **AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

#### ***External Awards and Honors***

- 2018 Gaius Charles Bolin Dissertation Fellowship, Williams College (\$54,000/yr).
- 2018 American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000, declined).
- 2017 Fulbright-Hays, Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship, Argentina (\$42,124, declined).
- 2017 Fulbright IIE, U.S. Open Study Grant, Argentina, (\$10,650).
- 2017 Conference Travel Grant for Lima, Peru. Latin American Studies Association (LASA).
- 2016 Charles W. Hackett Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Achievement in the field of Latin American Studies, Pan American Round Table of Austin (\$2000).
- 2015 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention.
- 2013 Conference Travel Grant, Latin American Studies Association, Ethnicity, Race and Indigenous Peoples Section (ERIP-LASA).
- 2013 Fulbright mtvU Recommendation, National Screening Committee, IIE.

#### ***Internal Awards and Honors***

- 2020 Faculty Data Science Boot Camp, Williams College (\$5000).
- 2019 Faculty Research Seminar Grant, The Oakley Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, Williams College (\$1400).
- 2019 Faculty Writing Roundtable Grant, Office of the Dean of the Faculty, Williams College (\$500).
- 2019 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, Intermediate Portuguese, UT-Austin (\$16,500).
- 2017 International Research Scholarship, International Office, UT-Austin (\$3500).
- 2017 Argentine Studies Program Fieldwork Grant, Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, UT-Austin (\$1250).

- 2016 Tinker Field Research Grant, Institute of Latin American Studies, UT-Austin (\$3500).
- 2016 Student Government Rebecca Carreon Boot Scholarship, for students with need and outstanding service to the university, UT-Austin (\$2000).
- 2015 Tinker Field Research Grant, Institute of Latin American Studies, UT-Austin (\$500).
- 2014 Departmental Recruitment Fellowship, Graduate School, UT-Austin (\$26,800).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Nevada, Reno**

- Introduction to Intersectional Analysis of Identities (Fall 2020, 2021)
- Qualitative Research (Fall 2021)
- Social Movements and Collective Behavior (Spring 2020)
- Social Movements of Gender, Race, and Identity (Spring 2020)

### **Williams College**

- Uncontrollable: Deconstructing Stereotypes of Black Womanhood in the Americas (Spring 2020)
- Afro-Latin American Social Movements (Spring 2019)

### **St. Edwards University**

- Survey of Latin America (Spring 2017)

### **The University of Texas at Austin**

#### *As Graduate Teaching Assistant*

- Solidarity Economy in Latin America - Graduate (Fall 2016; Spring 2017)
- Race and Ethnicity in Latin America - Graduate (Spring 2016)
- Race and Equity in Brazil - Graduate (Fall 2015)
- Intro to Society (Spring 2015)
- Sociology of Sport (Fall 2014)

### **University of South Florida**

- Human Rights in Argentina, Study Abroad Program (Summer 2014; 2015; 2016)
- Spanish, Level I (Spring 2012; Fall 2012)
- Spanish, Level II (Spring 2013; Summer 2013)

## **PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

- 2020 “A Black Feminist Toolkit: Mobilization and Cohesion in Emergent Race-based Social Movements.” *The Roundtable for Black Feminist and Womanist Theory Annual Conference*. November 2020, The Pennsylvania State University.
- 2019 “Invisible Injustice: Feeling Racism through the Affective Power of Race in Argentina.” *Engaging Social Justice for a Better World: 114th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. August 2019, New York, NY.

- 2019 “Poner el Cuerpo: A Political and Social History of Black Activism in Argentina.” *49th Annual Conference of the Association of Black Sociologists*. August 2019, New York, NY.
- 2019 “Black Feminist Capital, Collective Emotional Energy, and the Everyday Successes of Racialized Social Movements” *Nuestra América: Justice and Inclusion: 38th Congress of the Latin American Studies Association*. May 2019, Boston, MA.
- 2018 “Black and Indigenous Participation in Argentina’s Feminist Movement” *The New Black Sociologists: 48th Annual Conference of the Association of Black Sociologists*. August 2018, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 “Ain’t I a Woman?: Transnational Black Feminist Praxis in Argentina’s *Movimiento Negro*.” *Latin American Studies in a Globalized World: 37th Congress of the Latin American Studies Association*. May 2018, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2017 “Let’s Tango: Black Women and the Struggle for Social Transformation in Argentina.” *Diálogos de Saberes: 36th Congress of the Latin American Studies Association*. May 2017, Lima, Peru.
- 2017 “Let’s Tango: Black Women and the Struggle for Social Transformation in Argentina.” *The 19th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference*. Hosted by The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). April, 2017
- 2016 “Re(membering) the Past and Recovering the Present: Black Feminist Responses to Controlling Images in Buenos Aires, Argentina.” *(Un)Soundness of Being: Feminist Approaches to Health and Healing*. 23rd Annual Women's & Gender Studies Graduate Student Conference. The University of Texas at Austin. March 23, 2016.
- 2015 “Maximizing Citizenship with Minimal Representation: An Analysis of Afro-Argentine Civil Society Organizing Strategies,” *Precariedades, exclusiones, emergencias: 34th Congress of the Latin American Studies Association*. May 2015, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2015 “New Challenges for Black Activism in Buenos Aires, Argentina.” *Locating and Connecting Latin America and the African Diaspora*. University of North Carolina. April/May 2015.
- 2013 “Transnational Modernity and Primitive Imagery: The Struggle For Argentina’s Black Soul.” *Tercera Conferencia Etnicidad, Raza Y Pueblos Indígenas En América Latina Y El Caribe*. October 2013, Oaxaca, Mexico.
- 2013 “Rediscovering the Black Soul in Twentieth-Century Argentine Tango and Jazz.” *Graduate Association of Political Scientists, Global Governance & Sustainable Communities Conference*. The University of South Florida. March 2013.
- 2013 “Transnational Modernity and Primitive Imagery: Blackface and ‘White’ Music in 20th Century Argentina.” Poster Presentation. *Intercollegiate Research One Symposium*. University of South Florida. February 2013.

### **INVITED TALKS**

- 2015 Invited Roundtable Discussant. “Exploring Subaltern Epistemologies.” African Epistemologies Conference, UT-Austin. Subaltern Epistemologies Conference, October 23, 2015.
- 2015 Invited Speaker. “From Blackface to Puckerface: The Ramifications of Misrepresenting the Black Female Body.” The University of South Florida, Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean. September 17, 2015.

## **SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE, UNIVERSITY, AND COMMUNITY**

- 2021 Editorial Board. Revista Waslalas. Online <https://waslalas.wordpress.com/>
- 2021 Conference Volunteer, Association of Black Sociologists, 2021 Virtual Conference: Black Capital
- 2021 Reviewer *Gender, Place, and Culture*
- 2020- current Co-chair. Black Studies Working Group. College of Liberal Arts. UNR.
- 2021 Chair. Ad-hoc Committee. Statement on Racism and Bias. Sociology, UNR.
- 2020-2021 Conference Organizer, VI Coloquio Repensar América Latina, University of Costa Rica.
- 2020 Award Judge for Outstanding Graduate Student Scholarship. Graduate Student Association. University of Nevada, Reno.
- 2020 Curriculum Committee. Department of Gender, Race, and Identity. University of Nevada, Reno.
- 2019 “Williams Reads” Faculty Discussion Facilitator for *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid, Williams College Freshman Orientation
- 2019 African Dance Workshop Leader, “Exploring the Arts,” Williams College Freshman Orientation
- 2019 Second Reader, Senior Honors Thesis on Argentine Folklore and Dance, Nicholas Wallach ‘19, Dance Department, Williams College.
- 2019 Panel Organizer: LASA 2019/ Nuestra América: Justice and Inclusion. 38th Congress of the Latin American Studies Association.
- 2017 Conference Organizer, Fifth Annual Conference on Afro-Latin American Studies, Afro-Latin American Studies Group (GEALA), University of Buenos Aires.
- 2016 Search Committee, Student Representative, Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies Director Hiring process, UT-Austin.
- 2016 Conference Chair, the Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association.
- 2015 Panel Chair: LASA 2015/ Precariedades, exclusiones, emergencias. 34th Congress of the Latin American Studies Association.

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- Association of Black Sociologists (ABS).
- American Sociological Association (ASA).
- Afro-Latin American Studies Group (GEALA) at the University of Buenos Aires.
- Latin American Studies Association (LASA).
- Afrodescendants Working Group, Texas Tech University.
- Pacific Sociological Association (PSA)

## **SPECIAL SKILLS AND TRAININGS**

- 2020 Faculty Success Program, College of Liberal Arts, University of Nevada, Reno;
- 2017 Inclusive Classrooms Leadership Certificate, Division of Diversity and Community Engagement (DDCE), UT-Austin.

- 2015 Fundamentals for Teaching Assistants Certificate, Graduate Student Development, UT-Austin.
- 2012 Language Instruction Methods Certificate (Spanish), World Languages, University of South Florida.

**LANGUAGES**

English (native), Spanish (fluent), Portuguese (Advanced-Intermediate)