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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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, anticipated)
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 in Latin America, Emotions and social movements, Sociology of Race, African diaspora in Argentina, Migration and citizenship, Black Feminist Theory, Afro-Latin American feminisms

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Gayles, P. (Conditionally accepted, revise and resubmit). “¿De dónde sos?: (Black) Argentina and the Mechanisms of Maintaining Racial Myths.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. Draft available.

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*. Draft available.

Book Chapters

Gayles, P. and D. Ghogomu. 2017. “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

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?’: Black Feminist Capital 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

- 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).
- 2013 Graduate ResearchOne Symposium Poster Winner, University of South Florida.
- 2012 Study Abroad Scholarship, Institute for the Study of Latin America, University of South Florida.

2012 Genshaft/Greenbaum President's Study Abroad Scholarship, University of South Florida. (\$2500).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Courses

- 2020 Instructor, Uncontrollable: Deconstructing Stereotypes of Black Womanhood in the Americas (planned for Spring 2020), Africana Studies/Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies, Williams College.
- 2019 Instructor, Afro-Latin American Social Movements, Africana Studies, Williams College.
- 2017 Instructor, Survey of Latin America, Global Studies, St. Edward's University.
- 2015 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Intro to Society, Mark Regnerus, Ph.D. Sociology, UT-Austin.
- 2014 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Sport, Ben Carrington, Ph.D. Sociology, UT-Austin.
- 2014-16 Instructor, Human Rights in Argentina, University of South Florida Summer Study Abroad Program, International Studies Association: Registered Center of the University of London, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2012-13 Instructor, Spanish Levels I and II, World Languages, University of South Florida.

Graduate Courses

- 2016 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Race and Ethnicity in Latin America, Marcelo Paixão, Ph.D. African Diaspora Studies/Latin American Studies, UT-Austin.
- 2016-17 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Solidarity Economy in Latin America, Marcelo Paixão, Ph.D. Latin American Studies, UT-Austin.
- 2015 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Race and Equity in Brazil, Marcelo Paixão, Ph.D. African Diaspora Studies/Latin American Studies, UT-Austin.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2017 Graduate Research Assistant, Laboratory of Ethnic and Racial Inequality in Latin America, Prof. Marcelo Paixão, PhD. UT-Austin.
- 2012/2014 Graduate Intern, Cátedra Libre de Estudios Afroargentinos (Center for Afro-Argentine Studies), Augusto Perez Guarnieri, Lic. Project: "Retumba Tango: Rediscovering the Black Roots of the Tango." Universidad Nacional de La Plata.
- 2011-2012 Research Assistant, Social and Psychological Foundations, Lisa Lopez, Ph.D. Project: "Tools of the Mind: Promoting ELLs' Language, Self-Regulation & School Readiness", National Institute of Health U01 Award. The University of South Florida.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- 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.
- 2012 “Countering Hegemony with Heritage: Afro-Argentines in the History of Tango.” Poster Presentation. University of South Florida International Fair. September 2012.

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

- 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 Berkshire Arts and Technology (BART) Charter School Senior Portfolio Review Panel
- 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 Graduate Student Health Agency Director, Graduate Student Association Executive Committee, UT-Austin.
- 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.
- 2015 Conference Organizer, the Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association.
- 2011 Salud Volunteer Translator, Birmingham Free Clinic, Pittsburgh, PA.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016-2017 Executive Planning Committee: "Black Beyond Borders Afro-Argentine Youth Exchange Program." Partnership of Black Beyond Borders (D.C./NYC) and NGO, Agrupación Xangô (Buenos Aires, Argentina).
- 2016-2017 Graduate Events Coordinator. Human Dimensions of Organizations Department, UT-Austin
- 2016-2019 Program Liaison for the Business Honors Management Summer Program in Buenos Aires, McCombs School of Business, UT-Austin.
- 2014-2017 Assistant Study Abroad Coordinator/ Instructor, International Studies Institute, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Registered Center of the University of London.
- 2012-2013 Graduate Administrative Assistant, Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean, University of South Florida. Tampa, FL.
- 2009-2010 Latin American Studies Intern, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 2018- current Association of Black Sociologists (ABS).
- 2017-current American Sociological Association (ASA).

2016-current Afro-Latin American Studies Group (GEALA) at the University of Buenos Aires.
2013-current Latin American Studies Association (LASA).
2012-current Afrodescendants Working Group, University of South Florida.

SPECIAL SKILLS AND TRAININGS

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)

REFERENCES

[Javier Auyero, Ph.D.](#) (chair)

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