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### Education

PhD, Performance Studies Department, New York University  
Dissertation: Revelations: The Choreographies of Alvin Ailey  
MA, Liberal Studies, City College of New York  
Thesis Topic: Towards A Political Economy of Dance  
BA, Music Composition and Theater Studies, Yale College, New Haven, CT

### Fellowships and Honors

"Bessie" Award Nomination, "soundz at the back of my head"	2020
Outstanding Artist, North Carolina Governor's Commendation	2019
Stanford Humanities Fellowship (declined)	2019
Outstanding Research in Dance Award, Dance Studies Association	2017
Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Washington University in St. Louis	2015
Martin Luther King, Jr./Cesar Chávez/Rosa Parks Visiting Professorship University of Michigan	2013
National Performance Network Creation Grant for <i>Queer Theory!</i>	2005
"Best of the New" for Moves Across the Water, <i>Boston Globe</i> Ideas	2005
National Endowment for the Arts/Theatre Communications Group Directing Fellowship Semifinalist	2000
Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Residency	1999

### Recent Grants

Mellon Foundation "Geographies of Black Social Dance" 500k, PI	2023
Kenan Institute for the Arts "Black Ballet Research Collective" 15k, PI	2023
NU Race Justice Collaborative "Abstract Black Affective Evidentiary" 14k, PI	2023

### Academic Positions

2023-	Visiting Faculty, Dance Division, Juilliard School
2022-	Full Professor, Theatre and Performance Studies, Northwestern University
2011-2020	Full Professor, African and African American Studies/Dance, Duke University
2010	Visiting Professor, Department of Dance, University of Nice, France
2008-2010	Visiting Professor, Theater Studies and African American Studies, Yale University
2008	Visiting Professor, Hampshire College, Dance Department
1997-2011	Asst, Assoc., Full Professor, Music Theater Arts, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2005-2013	Core Faculty, American Dance Festival/Hollins University MFA Program
2014, 2002	Visiting Professor, Departments of Drama and Dance, Stanford University
2000	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Performance Studies, New York University
1998-2002	Visiting Instructor, Fordham College, School of Humanities

### Nonacademic Positions

2024	Faculty, Bennington College Low-Residency European Platform
2024	Faculty, P.A.R.T.S., Brussels, Belgium
2021	Faculty, SNDO, Amsterdam
2018-2024	Faculty, University of the Arts European Platform
2015, 2018	Faculty, ImPulsTanz Festival, Vienna, Austria
2014-2105	Faculty, NEW WAVES Festival, Haiti and Trinidad
2011-2014	President, Society of Dance History Scholars
2014	Faculty, Shanghai Theater Institute Winter Intensive

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2012- Co-Convenor, Collegium for African Diaspora Dance  
2005-2013 Co-Convenor, Choreography and Corporeality Working Group, IFTR  
2005- Book Reviewer, CHOICE Academic Publications  
2002- Artistic Director, SLIPPAGE:Performance|Culture|Technology  
1994 - 2004 Archivist, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

#### Publications: Books

Dance History(s): Imagination as a Form of Study. Co-editor with Annie B. Parson, Dancing Foxes and Wesleyan University Press 2024.

The Routledge Companion to African American Theatre and Performance. Co-editor with Kathy A. Perkins, Sandra L. Richards, and Renée Alexander Craft. Routledge, 2018.

Choreography and Corporeality: Relay in Motion. Co-editor with Philipa Rothfield. Palgrave, 2016.

Black Performance Theory: An Anthology of Critical Readings. Co-editor with Anita Gonzalez, Duke University Press, 2014.

Dancing Revelations: Alvin Ailey's Embodiment of African American Culture. Oxford University Press, 2004. **The book received the de la Torre Bueno Prize for outstanding publication in Dance, 2004.**

Dancing Many Drums: Excavations in African American Dance, editor. Wisconsin University Press, 2002. **The book received the CHOICE award for Outstanding Academic Publication, 2003, and the 2003 Errol Hill Award presented by the American Society for Theater Research.**

#### Publications: Edited Journals

"Assembly, Gathering, and Being with Dance" co-edited with Jasmine Johnson and Eric Mullis. Dance Research Journal 55:2 August 2023.

"Social Choreography in the Digital: where bodies might" co-edited with Al Evangelista. Chats: Conversations Across the Field of Dance Studies Dance Studies Association, Spring 2023.

"Black Moves: New Research in Black Dance Studies" co-edited with Tara Aisha Willis. The Black Scholar 46:1, Spring 2016.

"Black Dance Inside Out/Outside In" co-edited with Takiyah Nur Amin, Conversations Across the Field of Dance Studies Dance Studies Association, Fall 2016.

#### Publications: Chapters in Books

"Duetting Strangers" in Let's Not Get Used to This Place Meg Stuart/Damaged Goods edited by Julie De Meester, Astrid Kaminski, Jeroen Versetelee, Brussels, Damaged Goods, 2024, pp 304-309.

"Moving Outside the Race: African American Dance Artistry Before Civil Rights" in Border Crissongs: Exile and American Modern Dance edited by Ninotchka Bennahum and Rena Heinrich, New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, 2024, pp 208-219.

"The Small Things Add Up" in Being Black in the Ivory: Truth Telling About Racism in Higher Education edited by Shardé M. Davis, University of North Carolina Press, 2024, pp 175-177.

"Dance On" in Black Art and Aesthetics: Relationalities, Interiorities, Reckonings edited by Michael Kelly and Monique Roelofs, Bloomsbury, 2024, pp 313-322.

"Ballet's Ever-Present Presence" in Antiracism in Ballet Teaching edited by Kate Mattingly and Iyun Ashani Harrison, Routledge, 2024, pp 155-163.

"Further Reflections on Dance and Technology" in Contemporary Dance Lighting: The Poetry and the Nitty-Gritty edited by Carol M. Press and Vickie J. Scott, Routledge, 2023, pp 94-96.

"Introduction to Research in Dance Studies: Dance as a Humanity" in Dance Research Methodologies: Ethics, Orientations, and Practices edited by Rosemary Candelario and Matthew Henly, Routledge, 2023, pp 107-113.

"Entanglement and Choreopolitical Thought" in Politics as Public Art: The Aesthetics of Political Organizing and Social Movements edited by Martin Zebracki and Z. Zane McNeill, Routledge, 2022, pp 135-137.

"Breaking In My House: Popular Dance, Gender Identities, and Postracial Empathies" in The Oxford Handbook of Hip Hop Dance Studies edited by Mary Fogarty and Imani Kai Johnson, Oxford

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- University Press, 2022, pp 243-259.
- "This Stage Is Not A Safe Space" in Dancing Transnational Feminisms: Ananya Dance Theatre and the Art of Social Justice University of Washington Press, 2022, pp 185-201.
- "The Race of Contemporary Ballet: Interpellations of Africanist Aesthetics" in The Oxford Handbook of Contemporary Ballet edited by Kathrina Farrugia-Kriel and Jill Nunes Jensen, Oxford University Press, 2021, pp 562-580.
- "Resisting the Universal: Black Dance, Aesthetics, and the Afterlives of Slavery" in The Bloomsbury Handbook of Dance and Philosophy edited by Rebecca L Farinas and Julie C. Van Camp, 2021, pp 263-271.
- "Caring for Black Corporealities: Experimental Black Performance" in The Methuen Companion to Performance Art edited by Bertie Ferdman and Jovana Stokic, Methuen Drama, 2020, pp 93–103.
- "Foreword" in Narratives in Black British Dance: Embodied Practices edited by Adesola Akinleye, Palgrave MacMillan, 2019, pp vii-x.
- "The *Bantaba!* Initiation of Purpose" in Hot Feet and Social Change: African Dance and Diaspora Communities edited by Kariam Welsh, Esailama G. A. Diouf, and Yvonne Daniel, University of Illinois Press, 2019, pp vii-x.
- "Reach, Robot: AfroFuturist Technologies" by Grisha Coleman and Thomas F. DeFrantz in We Travel the Space Ways: Black Imagination, Fragments, and Diffractions edited by Henriette Gunkel and kara lynch, transcript, Verlag, 2019, pp 53-69.
- "What is Black Dance? What Can It Do?" in Thinking Through Theatre and Performance edited by Maaike Bleeker, Adrian Kear, Joe Kelleher, and Heike Roms, Methuen Drama, 2019, pp 87-99. **The essay received the 2020 Selma Jeanne Cohen Prize from the American Society for Aesthetics.**
- "Dancing the Interface: Improvisation in Zones of Virtual Exchange" in The Oxford Handbook of Improvisation and Dance edited by Videa L. Midgelow, Oxford University Press, 2019, pp 497-511.
- "Dancing the Museum" in Curating Live Arts: Critical Perspectives, Essays, and Conversations on Theory and Practice edited by Dena Davida, Jane Gabriels, Veronique Hudon and Marc Pronovost, Berghahn Press, 2019, pp 89-100.
- "*Them*: Recombinant Aesthetics of Restaging Experimental Performance" in The Sentient Archive: Bodies, Performance, and Memory edited by Bill Bissell and Linda Caruso Haviland, Wesleyan University Press, 2018, p 268-292.
- "I Can't Breathe" in Imagined Theatres: Writing for a Theoretical Stage edited by Daniel Sack, Routledge, 2017, pp 110-112.
- "Queer Dance in Three Acts" in Queer Dance: Meanings & Makings edited by Clare Croft, Oxford University Press, 2017, pp 169-178.
- "Switch: Queer Social Dance, Political Leadership, and Black Popular Culture" in The Oxford Handbook of Dance and Politics edited by Rebekah J. Kowal, Gerald Siegmund and Randy Martin, Oxford University Press, 2017, pp 477-498.
- "Afrofuturist Remains: A Speculative Rendering of Social Dance Futures v2.0" in Choreography and Corporeality: Relay in Motion edited by Thomas F. DeFrantz and Philipa Rothfield, Palgrave, 2016, pp 209-222.
- "Improvisando as Trocas Sociais: Usos e Desusos da Dança Social Afro-Americana" in Caminhos da Pesquisa em Dança: Interculturalidade e Diásporas edited by Rita Ribeiro Voss, PROExC, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, 2016, pp 16-35.
- "Black Dance After Race" in The Oxford Handbook of Dance and Ethnicity edited by Anthony Shay and Barbara Sellers-Young, Oxford University Press, 2016, pp 706-724.
- "Improvising Social Exchange: African American Social Dance" in The Oxford Handbook of Critical Improvisation Studies, vol. 1 edited by George Lewis and Benjamin Piekut, Oxford University Press, 2016, pp 330-338.
- "Hip Hop Habitus v.2.0" in Black Performance Theory: An Anthology of Critical Readings edited by Thomas F. DeFrantz and Anita Gonzalez, Duke University Press, 2014, pp 223 – 242.

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- "Hip Hop in Hollywood: Encounter, Community, Resistance" The Oxford Handbook of Dance and the Popular Screen edited by Melissa Blanco-Borelli, Oxford, 2014, pp. 113-131.
- "Unchecked Popularity: Neoliberal Circulations of Black Social Dance" in Neoliberalism and Global Theatres: Performance Permutations edited by Lara Nielson and Patricia Ybarra, Palgrave Macmillan, 2012, pp. 128-140.
- "Popular Dances of the 1920 and Early '30s: From Animal Dance Crazes to the Lindy Hop" and "Popular African American Dance of the 1950s and '60s" Ain't Nothing Like The Real Thing: How the Apollo Theater Shaped American Entertainment, Richard Carlin and Kinshasha Holman Conwill, editors, National Museum of African American History and Culture, 2010, pp 66-70 and 182-186.
- "Donald Byrd: Re/Making 'Beauty'" in Dance Discourses: Keywords in Dance Research, Susanne Franco and Marina Nordera, editors, Routledge, 2007, pp 221-235.
- "Hip Hop Sexualities" in Handbook of the New Sexuality Studies, Steven Seidman, Chet Meeks, Nancy Fischer, editors, New York: Routledge Press, 2006, pp 303-308.
- "The Black Beat Made Visible: Body Power in Hip Hop Dance" in Of the Presence of the Body: Essays on Dance and Performance Theory, Andre Lepecki, editor, Middletown, CT: Wesleyan University Press, 2004, pp. 64-81.
- "African American Dance: A Complex History" in Dancing Many Drums: Excavations in African American Dance, Thomas DeFrantz, editor, Wisconsin University Press, 2002, pp. 3-35.
- "Ballet in Black: Louis Johnson and Vernacular Humor" in Dancing Bodies, Living Histories: New Writings about Dance and Culture Lisa Doolittle and Anne Flynn, editors, Banff: Banff Press, 2000, pp. 178-195.
- "To Make Black Bodies Strange: Social Protest in Concert Dance of the Black Arts Movement" in African American Performance: A Sourcebook, AnneMarie Bean, editor, New York: Routledge, 1999, pp. 83-93.
- "Stoned Soul Picnic: Alvin Ailey and the Struggle to Define Official Black Culture" in Soul: Black Power, Politics, and Pleasure, Monique Guillory and Richard C. Green, editors, New York: NYU Press, 1998, pp. 216-227.
- "Simmering Passivity: The Black Male Body in Concert Dance" in Moving Words: New Directions in Dance Criticism, Gay Morris, editor, New York: Routledge, 1996, pp. 107-121.

#### Publications: Articles in Journals

- "Intermediality and Queer African American Improvisation: Dianne McIntyre, Sounds in Motion" Theatre Research International (2021) 46 (2): 115-127.
- "dancing among the watery folds" liquid blackness: journal of aesthetics and black studies, (2021) 5 (1): 107-117.
- "soundz at the back of my head" Theater (2020) 50(3): 68-83.
- "New Dialogues: The Intersection of Dance and Technology" Black Dance A Contemporary Voice (2019) Pawlet Brooks, editor, pp 40-49.
- "The Future Has Always Been Black" Contact Quarterly (2019) 45(1): 34-40.
- "White Privilege" Theater (2018) 48(3): 23-37.
- "Reggie Wilson in Conversation with Thomas F. DeFrantz" Danspace Platform Praying Grounds: Blackness, Churches, and Downtown Dance, Reggie Wilson, Lydia Bell, and Kristin Juarez, editors, Danspace Project, 2018, pp 150-167.
- "Identifying the Endgame" Theater (2017) 47(1): 3-15.
- "I Am Black (you have to be willing to not know)" Theater (2017) 47(2): 9-21.
- "Bone-Breaking, Black Social Dance, and Queer Corporeal Orature" The Black Scholar 46:1, Spring 2016, pp 66-74.
- "Talking Black Dance" with Takiyah Amin, Conversations Across the Field of Dance Studies Fall, 2016, pp 3-6.
- "Theorizing Connectivities: African American Women in Concert Dance" Journal of Pan African Studies, Volume 4, Number 6, September 2011, pp 56-74.
- "Performing The Breaks: African American Aesthetic Structures" Theater, Volume 40, no. 1 January,

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2010, pp 31-37.

"Movement in the Age of Globalization: A Panel." Theater, Volume 40, no. 1 January 2010, pp 39-45.

"Composite Bodies of Dance: The Repertory of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater" Theatre Journal 57, December, 2005, pp 659-678

"African American Dance: Philosophy, Aesthetics, and 'Beauty'" TOPOI, Vol. 24., No. 1, January, 2005, pp 93-102.

"Believe the Hype! Hype Williams and Afro-Futurist Filmmaking." Refractory, A Journal of Entertainment Media, Vol. 4, 2003, <http://blogs.arts.unimelb.edu.au/refractory/2003/08/27/believe-the-hype-hype-williams-and-afrofuturist-filmmaking-thomas-f-defrantz/>.

"Blacking Queer Dance" Dance Research Journal, Vol. 34 No. 2, Winter 2002, pp 102-105.

"Being Savion Glover: Translocation, Black Masculinity, and Hip Hop Tap Dance" Discourses in Dance, Ramsay Burt and Susan Leigh Foster, editors, Vol. 1, No. 1, Fall, 2002, pp. 17-28.

"Black Bodies Dancing Black Culture: Black Atlantic Transformations" in Embodying Liberation: The Black Body in American Dance, Alison Goeller and Dorothea Fischer-Hornung, editors, ForeCaast, Vol. 4, (2001), pp. 11-16.

#### Publications: Miscellany

"Black Sensibilities – Contemporary Dance of an African Diaspora" in Dance Arts – Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Practices. Kirsi Monni, Riikka Laakso & Hanna Järvinen eds., online January 2024 at <https://disco.teak.fi/tanssin-historia/en/>.

"Happiness is Happiness when Shared" Zine lead artist Edisa Weeks, December, 2023.

"Training Beyond" Performance Research 25:8 (2023) pp 176-177.

"Calculating Black Joy" Program Essay, This Is A Formation lead artist jumatatu m. poe, February, 2019.

"Black Social Dance" Concept and Narration, permanent installation, Smithsonian Museum for African American Culture, Washington, DC, opened 2016.

"the complex path to 21st century black live art" Program Essay, Parallels in Black, edited by Ishmael Houston-Jones, Dancespace Projects, February, 2012.

#### Productions

##### *re-Orientations*

Conception, Performance – 4 Performers, Improvised Assembly, 70 minutes  
Opening Night May 16, 2024, Links Hall, Chicago IL

##### *They Do Not Know Harlem*

Choreography Consultant, World Premiere Production, Playmakers Repertory, Chapel Hill, NC, Opening Night March 3, 2023

##### *Blackbox*

Director, World Premiere Production, University of Riverside, CA play by Rickerby Hinds, Opening Night October 4, 2023

##### *White Privilege*

Script, Performance – 2 Performer live-processing sound interface designed and executed by Quran Karriem. 60 minutes

Created 2018 for American Realness Festival; performed at Wirtz Theater Chicago and George Town University, 2022; UC Riverside 2018; von der Hayden Theater Durham NC 2021; SNDO, Amsterdam, 2021

"I Am Black (you have to be willing to not know)"

Script, Performance – 50 minutes

Created 2016 for American Realness Festival; performed at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver BC, 2024; Wirtz Theater Chicago, 2022; von der Hayden Theater

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Durham NC 2021; SICK Festival UK Tour 2017; Bull City Black Theater Festival 2017.

*soundz at the back of my head*

Conception, Direction, Performance – 4 Performer live-processing interface: 55 minutes  
January, 2020, Commissioned by Gibney NYC Dance  
**This work was nominated for a 2020 Bessie Award for Outstanding Sound Design.**

*Southern Oracle: We Will Dance The Roof Off*

Conception, Direction, Performance – 7 Performer live-processing sound interface: 45 minutes  
September 2019, Commissioned by the North Carolina Museum of Art

*Home Made Me: Nina Simone, Tryon NC*

Conception, Direction, Performance – 6 Performer live-processing visual interface: 45 minutes  
August 2019, Commissioned by the North Carolina Museum of Art

*reVERSE-gesture-reVIEW*

Conception, Direction – 3 Performer live-processing capture interface: 45 minutes  
January, 2017, Nasher Museum of the Arts, Durham (Commission)  
April 2018, UNC – Chapel Hill Swain Hall, PROCESS Series  
November, 2019 – Cucalorus Festival, Wilmington, NC

*fastDANCEpast*

Conception, Direction, Performance – 7 Performer Green-Screen invention; 50 minutes  
March, 2016, Detroit Institute of the Arts, Detroit, MI  
November 2016, Crystal Bridges Art Museum, Bentonville, AK

*CANE*

Conception, Direction – 4 Performer Embedded Projection invention; 50 minutes  
March, 2015, Fayetteville, North Carolina  
December, 2013, Columbia, South Carolina  
April, 2013, Durham, North Carolina  
March, 2009, Cambridge, Massachusetts

*Monk's Mood: A Performance Meditation on the Life and Music of Thelonious Monk*

Conception, Direction, Performance – Solo Performance with embedded stage technologies; 48 minutes  
November 2012 Princeton University  
December 2009 Joyce SOHO, New York  
October 2009 University of Nebraska, Nebraska  
March 2008 New London, Connecticut  
January 2008 Capetown, South Africa  
April 2005 Providence, Rhode Island  
March 2005 Cambridge, Massachusetts  
October 2002 Stanford University, Palo Alto California

Additional Productions

August, 2014 *where did I think I was going? [moving into signal]* World Premiere, Durham, NC, Concept and Choreography, Performance

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October, 2013 past-carry-forward Dance Theatre of Harlem, World Premiere Washington DC, Dramaturg and Musical Score

September, 2013 Theory-ography 4.5: we [still] queer here World Premiere University of Michigan, Direction, Author, and Performer

2006-2008 Queer Theory! An Academic Travesty, World Premiere, Boston Center for the Arts, Author and Director, co-production of SLIPPAGE and The Theater Offensive, Boston; co-commissioned by the Flynn Center for the Arts; performances at Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA; Flynn Center for the Arts, Burlington, VT; Keynote Performance, UCLA Queer Theory Conference, Los Angeles, CA.

November, 2006 New York Divided: Slavery and the Civil War, Theatrical Director and Choreographer, New York Historical Society

September, 2006 The Man in My Head, Librettist, Featured Presentation, New York Musical Theater Festival, New York

January, 2006 The House Music Project, concept and choreography, University of Texas at Dallas

November, 2005 Sleeping Beauty Notebook, Production Dramaturg, Workshop Production, Spectrum Dance Theater, Seattle, WA; World Premiere, Dance Theatre Workshop, New York, Production Named "One of Year's Ten Best for 2005" by the New York Times

March, 2004 Ennobling Nonna, World Premiere, Director, Kresge Little Theater, Cambridge, MA

April, 2003 Of Thee I Sing, Director and Choreographer, Emerson Stage, Boston, MA

October, 2001 Ancestrais, Director, Kresge Little Theater, Cambridge, MA

January, 2001 ClimActs!, Director and Choreographer, Theatre Offensive, Boston, MA

March, 2000 An Evening with Rachel Tension, Director, Arts and Media Conference Keynote Presentation, Cambridge, MA

March, 2000 Patria! Director, Ballet Hispanico of New York

February, 1999 Pure Polyester, Original Musical, Director/Choreographer, Theatre Offensive, Boston, MA

January, 1999 One Size Fits All, Director New Play Reading Series, Rickerby Hinds, Playwright, Geva Theatre, Rochester, NY,

January, 1999 Rough Crossing by Tom Stoppard; Choreographer, Mark Cuddy, Director, Geva Theatre, Rochester, NY

October, 1998 Moon Over Dark Street Choreographer, Kim Mancuso, Director, Pilgrim Theatre, Boston, MA

October, 1998 Maricela de la Luz Lights Up the World by Jose Rivera, Co-Director with Brenda Cotto-Escalera, Emerson Majestic Theater, Boston, MA

May, 1998 Famous Orpheus by OyamO, Assistant Director, Mark Cuddy, Director, Garth Fagan, Choreographer

July 1998 Paul Robeson, All American by Ossie Davis, Associate Director and Choreographer, Theaterworks/ USA, New York

April, 1998 Crossing Borders Lecture Demonstration, Writer/Director, Ballet Hispanico, New York, NY

June, 1997 On The Town Directing Resident, George C. Wolfe, Director, New York Shakespeare Festival, New York, NY

#### Selected Keynote Presentations

July 11, 2024 "my black garden: growing Black aesthetics as justice" MO.CO.PANACÉE Museum of Contemporary Art, Montpellier, France

February 26, 2024 "Let's Go Outside: Dancing Beyond the Institution." Wiels Museum of Contemporary Art, Brussels, Belgium

February 2, 2024 "Let's Go Outside: Dancing Beyond the Institution." Institute for Dance Studies,

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University of Toronto

January 18, 2024 "DTH, Black Excellence, and the Commons of Color" University of Utah, Salt Lake City

April 8, 2023 "Hip Hop History: The Diaspora Speaks." Rennie Harris University, Online

April 1, 2023 "Amazing Grace: Rethinking Ballet and the Human." Mississippi State University

October 10, 2023 "Danced to Deliverance: Black Structures of Form Animating Dance," American Bodies Symposium, Columbia College Chicago Dance Symposium

February 23, 2023 "Playing the Changes: Corporeal Orature and Black Aesthetic Liveliness," Mind the Body: Creativity, Improvisation, and Play in Philosophy & Dance, University of Utah, Salt Lake City

January 13, 2023 "Performance, Technology, Race, and Afrofuturist Desires," JOYCE/NYU Symposium Getting Closer to Dance, New York, NY

November 4, 2022 "Dance On," Five Colleges Dance Lecture, Amherst, MA

April 1, 2022 "Tap Dance" Global Roots of Appalachian Mountain Dance, Boone NC

January 29, 2022 "Hip Hop as History: The Diaspora Speaks" Rennie Harris University, Online

March 27, 2021 "Black Trans Queer Dance," Queer Triangle Conference, Durham NC.

November 8, 2019 "Dancing the AfroFuture."Re:Generations 2019 Conference, Manchester, UK

November 16, 2019 "Queering the Somatic" Symposium, Middlesex University

September 27, 2019 Keynote Speaker, "Interdisciplinarity and the Arts." University of Ohio Academic Leaders

September 14, 2019 Juror, ANTI International Festival for Live Art, Kuopio, Finland.

June 21, 2019 "Hip Hop: The Black Beat Made Visible." Urban Moves, Dansens Hus, Oslo, Norway.

November 4, 2016 "Asked and Answered: Black Social Dance and its Musics" American Musicological Society Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada

March 31, 2015 "Black Beauty: Contemporary Performance, Africanist Aesthetics" UNESP International Colloquium, Sao Paolo, Brazil

March 21, 2015 "Hip Hop in My House" Cornell University

April 22, 2014 "Black Dance After Race" University of California, Santa Barbara

November 28, 2013 "Black Dance and Mobilization" Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance, Jerusalem, Israel

October 2, 2013 "Dance and the African Diaspora" Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil

September 12, 2013 "Hip Hop Dance and Political Empowerment" Hannover, Germany, Roundtable Keynote

April 12, 2013 "I Am Here and I Am Real: Dancing Blackness, Negotiating Black Subjectivity" UT Austin

January 26, 2013 "Dancing Black" Alabama Dance Festival

March 17, 2012 "Africanist Aesthetics" Thinkdance Philadelphia

March 15, 2012 "Breaking Ground: Critical Dialogues in Sound and Motion" UC Berkeley

November 19, 2011 "Stakes of Collaborative Interventions in the Field" Congress of Research on Dance, Philadelphia, PA

November 6, 2010 "Theorizing Connectivities: African American Women in Concert Dance" Korea Society of Dance 25<sup>th</sup> International Academic Symposium, Seoul, Korea

October 23, 2010 "Continuously Rich: Legacies of Black Women in American Dance" Keynote Address, University of Minnesota Symposium, Minneapolis, Minnesota

June, 2009 Global Perspectives on Dance Pedagogy Research and Practice, CORD Conference, De Montfort University, Leicester, UK

June, 2007 "Conversation XIV" SDHS Conference, Centre National de la Danse, Pantin, France

April, 2004 "Black Beauty" Dance Under Construction Conference, University of Riverside,

November, 2003 "Donald Byrd: Re/Making Beauty" Centre National de la Danse

July, 2003 "The Sonic Logic of Cultural Production: Hip Hop Beats, Bodies and Bass" Sonic



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Logics: Hip Hop” Sonic Synergies: Creative Cultures, University of South  
Australia  
June, 2002 Institution Building, Blackness, and Beauty” SDHS Conference, Philadelphia, PA  
October, 2001 "Being Savion Glover: Black Masculinity and Hip Hop Tap" Congress on  
Research in Dance Annual Conference, New York, NY  
June, 2001 "Blacking Queer Dance" Society of Dance History Scholars Annual Conference,  
Baltimore, MD

#### Invited Guest Lectures and Public Presentations

Public Lecture “Moving Outside the Race: African American Dance Before Civil Rights”  
University of California, Santa Barbara, January 26 2024.  
Public Lecture “Transmission and Understanding” Tate Modern Museum, London, UK, June 28,  
2023.  
Public Lecture “How We Do: Black Dance Praxis” Wesleyan University, Webinar, November 18,  
2022.  
Respondent “Dancing the Cage” American Society for Aesthetics Conference, Portland, OR  
November 17, 2022  
Public Lecture "The Affordances of Blackface" Duke University Franklin Humanities Institute,  
November 11, 2022.  
Public Lecture “Blurring the Background: Black Performance as Political Ontology” in Sofia,  
Bulgaria; Belgrade, Serbia; Skopje, North Macedonia, during US – Balkans Artist  
Exchange, October, 2022.  
Performer *The Collapsing Duets* Kathy Westwater, choreographer, Snug Harbor Cultural  
Center, Staten Island, August 20, 2022.  
Public Discussant *The Commos of Color* TanzKongress 2022, Mainz, Germany, June 19 2022.  
Performer *Strange Fruit* Donald Byrd, choreographer, Spectrum Dance Theater, Peak  
Performances, February 2022  
Public Discussant “Performative Scholarship and Social Change” University of Florida Press  
Webinar, April 13, 2022.  
Guest *Coastline*, WHQR Public Radio, Rachel Lewis Hilburn, May 19, 2021.  
Event Interlocutor DanceAfrica 2021 Choreographers’ Conversation, BAM, May 19, 2021.  
Research Presentation Faculty of Education's Guest Lecture Series, Royal Academy of Dance, May 12,  
2021  
Featured Speaker “Black Performance: Post-Doc Circle,” University of the Arts, Helsinki, April 16,  
2021.  
Workshop Facilitator “Queer Kinethics,” Oberlin College, April 15, 2021.  
Workshop Facilitator “Somatic Survival Strategies,” School for Contemporary Dance and Thought,  
March 19-21, 2021.  
Event Interlocutor “Bodies at Risk” UMass Beyond the Proscenium, March 13, 2021.  
Public Respondent “Spotlight: Cara Hagan Dance Films,” Hayti Film Festival, March 1, 2021.  
Participant “Tribute to Sally Banes,” New York Public Library, February 26, 2021.  
Facilitator “Black & LGBTQ+ at Duke - A Journey in Resilience and Progress,” February 25,  
2021.  
Public Discussant “Activism Through Dance,” Steps Beyond Foundation, February 21, 2021.  
Public Lecture “Black Thought In Motion,” Our Dance Democracy 2, February 11, 2021.  
Facilitator Dance Faculty Retreat, Spelman College, January 29, 2021.  
Facilitator Dance Faculty Retreat, Loyola Marymount University, January 5, 2021.  
Faculty Bates Dance Festival, Virtual, “Making Tomorrow: Dancing the Worlds We Want  
to Be,” January 4-8, 2021.  
Public Discussant “Beauty, Identity, and Ballet in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Re-Imagining Ballet.” New York  
Armory, December 15, 2019  
Public Discussant “Alonzo King: Artist.” Rubenstein Arts Center, Durham, November 11

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- Public Discussant Faculty "A Byrd's Eye View." Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, October 5-6 Bates Dance Festival, Bates College, ME, "Pedagogies for Dance in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," July 22-26, 2019
- Public Lecture "Race-ing Postmodern Dance" Nasher Museum of Art, Accumulations: Exploring the Legacies of Trisha Brown October 29, 2016
- Public Lecture "Alvin Ailey and the Offstage Spectres of Black Death" CUNY / Dancespace Project Platform October 27, 2016
- Public Moderator "Talking the Walk" Interview with Jawolle Willa Jo Zollar, Rhode Island School of Design, February 27, 2016
- Public Lecture "SWITCH: The Dancing Body of the State, Queer Social Dance and Black Popular Culture" Brown University Rhythm of Change Festival, February 25, 2016
- Public Respondent "#Black Movement Matters: Dance, Hip Hop and Social Justice" John Hope Franklin Center October 21, 2015
- Co-Curator "afroFUTUREqu###" performance festival with niv Acosta, JACK, Brooklyn NYC October 15-18, 2015
- Public Moderator Apollo Live Wire "Hip-Hop Dance Theater: How We Get Down Now" Apollo Theater, NYC October 17, 2015
- Public Respondent "[UN]W.R.A.P.: No Boundaries" University of Colorado, Boulder, September 19, 2015
- Public Lecture "Black Social Dance" Washington University at St. Louis, September 25, 2015
- Public Talk "John Parks: Movement Pioneer" Artistry in Rhythm Conference, Miami Dade College, March 26, 2015
- Public Interview "Ruptured Silence: Racist Signals and Signs" Dissecting Inequality conference, Duke University, March 24, 2015
- Public Interview "Ronald K. Brown and Jason Moran" Duke Performances/ADF, February 17, 2015
- Public Lecture "BoneBreaking" Duke University, February 13, 2015
- Public Respondent "Embodying History Through Movement" Duke University, January 27, 2015
- Public Lecture "Dancing the Museum" Stanford University, October 7, 2014
- Public Lecture "Black Dance After Race" University of Surrey, May 14, 2014
- Public Lecture "Race, Dance, and Art: Kyle Abraham and Thomas F. DeFrantz" University of California, Santa Barbara, April 23, 2014
- Symposium Participant "The Fictions of Writing Dance: Black Gesture and Time" Northwestern University, April 19, 2014
- Public Lecture "Alvin Ailey and Ballet" North Carolina School of the Arts, Winston-Salem, NC, October 17, 2011
- Skype Lecture "Outsiders In: Transnational Views of Dance in Singapore" New Asian Imaginations, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore, September 20, 2011
- Public Lecture "Afro-Futurist Remains" Dance Technology and Circulations of the Social, MIT, April 23, 2011
- Public Lecture "Composite Bodies of Dance: Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater" Wheaton College, Norton, MA, April 5, 2011
- Public Lecture "Dancing Revelations: Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater" Lied Center for the Arts, Lincoln, NE, March 8, 2011
- Lecture "Unchecked Popularity: Neoliberal Circulations of Black Dance" Northwestern University Department of Performance Studies, February 23, 2011
- Public Lecture "Continuously Rich: Legacies of Black Women in American Dance" Knowing Dance More Series, University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA, February 16, 2011
- Public Lecture "SLIPPAGE and Dance Technologies" Fisher College, Boston, October 20, 2010
- Public Lecture "Routes to Repertory: Alvin Ailey and the Transformation of American Dance" University of the Arts, Philadelphia October 19, 2010
- Public Lecture "Kake Walks and Dance Competitions: Race and Performance in American

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Public Lecture "Popular Culture" University of Vermont, October 4, 2010  
Public Lecture "The Rhythm of Change" African Performance Weekend 2010, Brown University, March 5, 2010  
Public Lecture "Enlivening Theories of Dance: Global Circulations of Popular Aesthetics" The Department of Dance Theatre, Silesian Dance Theatre, State Theatre School of Krakow, Understanding Dance Conference, Bytom, Poland, November 19, 2009  
Public Lecture "The Return of Ulysses" Jacob's Pillow Pillowtalk, August 19, 2009  
Moderator "Roll Call" Movement Research Spring Festival, New York, April, 2009  
Public Lecture "Performing a Persistent Past: Dance, Memory and Cultural (Re)Production" The 2009 Charles Davis Memorial Lecture. May 2009  
Public Lecture "Performing The Breaks: African American Aesthetic Structures" World Performance Project at Yale, January, 2009  
Panelist "Katherine Dunham 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration" Stalwart Originality: New Traditions in Black Performance, Williams College, February, 2009  
Moderator "Movement in the Age of Globalization" panel with Yasmeen Godder, Opiyo Okach, Yvonne Rainer, Yale University Art Gallery, November, 2008  
Lecturer "Hip Hop Habitus" Princeton University, October, 2008  
Co-Curator "Hip Hop Generation Next" Dancing in the Streets, Red Hook Brooklyn, June, 2008  
Panelist "Art and Social Justice" Race, Space, and Memory Symposium, Connecticut College, March, 2008  
Panelist "Blackface Minstrelsy: The TV of the 19th Century" New York Historical Society, May, 2007  
Panelist "Physical Intelligence," Boston CyberArts Festival, March, 2007  
Artist Residency Stalwart Originality: New Traditions in Black Performance, Williams College, May, 2007  
Public Lecture "Hip Hop Dance," Firstworks Providence, RI, October, 2005  
Public Lecture "Moves Across the Waters: Tap and Hip Hop" MIT - Singapore Distance Education Link-Up, September, 2004  
Public Lecture "Balanchine On Broadway: Babes in Arms, Cabin in the Sky, House of Flowers" Lincoln Center Film Festival, September, 2004  
Invited Panelist Red Rhythms: Native American Dance, University of California, Riverside, May, 2004  
Public Lecture "Alvin Ailey" National Museum of Dance, Saratoga Springs, May, 2004  
Public Lecture "Hip Hop 101: B[Jack] to the Future" Ohio University, October, 2003  
Public Lecture "Believe the Hype! Hype Williams and Afro-Futurist Filmmaking" Spectacle, Rhythm & Eschatology: A Symposium, University of Melbourne, July 2003  
Public Lecture "Children's Work: Tap Prodigies" National Museum of Dance, Saratoga Springs, NY, July, 2003  
Public Lecture "Black Art/White Campus: The Chalk Outline Effect" Critical Differences series, University of Minnesota, April, 2003  
Public Lecture "Dance of the Harlem Renaissance: The Lindy Hop" Stanford University, March, 2002  
Invited Lecture "Postcolonial Dancing Bodies" University of Minnesota, March, 2002  
Public Lecture "Alvin Ailey's Revelations" Emory College, February, 2002  
Invited Lecture "Savion Glover and Hip Hop Tap Dance" University of California, Riverside, January, 2002  
Invited Panelist "Dance Preservation" Meadows Award Ceremony, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, October, 2001  
Invited Lecture "Alvin Ailey's Feast of Ashes" Dance Studies in the World, Swedish Biennial of Dance, Umea, Sweden, March, 2001  
Public Lecture "The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and the Embodiment of African American Culture" University of Michigan, January, 2001

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Public Lecture	"Alvin Ailey's Revelations: Of Time and Transformations" Barnard College, January, 2001
Lecture	"Saying Grace: Spirituality and Black Concert Dance" Stanford University, Palo Alto, January, 2001
Public Lecture	"Alvin Ailey's Revelations and the Embodiment of Black Modernism" African Diaspora in the Ancient and New Worlds: Conscience and Imagination, Equipe Diaspora de l'Institut d'Anglais Charles V Université, Paris, France, October 2000
Lecture/Demo	"Monk's Mood: A Case Study." Intersections II Conference, New World Theater, Amherst, MA., September, 2000
Public Lecture	"African Americans in Ballet" University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, September, 1999
Moderator	"Donald Byrd's Jazz Train" Guggenheim Museum Works and Process Program, New York, June, 1998 Panel discussion with Donald Byrd, Geri Allen, Vernon Reid, Max Roach
Public Lecture	"Donald McKayle's Humanism" Lincoln Center Out-of-Doors Panel, New York, NY, August, 1998
Public Lecture	"Dance and the Power of the Dream" Martin Luther King, Jr. Series, Duke University, Durham, NC, January, 1998
Public Lecture	"Alvin Ailey's Embodiment of African American Culture" National Museum of Dance, Saratoga Springs, NY, November, 1997
Panelist	"New Critical Voices" New York Library for the Performing Arts, February 20, 1997

Service to the Field

2014-2021	Dance USA Trustee, Awards Committee Member
2011-2014	President, Society of Dance History Scholars

Choreography and Corporeality Working Group Convenor, FIRT

July 2013	Barcelona, Spain
July, 2012	Santiago, Chile
July, 2010	Munich, Germany
July, 2009	Lisbon, Portugal
July, 2008	Seoul, South Korea
August, 2006	Helsinki, Finland
July, 2005	Baltimore, USA
January, 2003	Jaipur India

Black Performance Theory Working Group Convenor

April, 2023	Northwestern University
May, 2019	Arizona State University
May, 2017	Washington University at St. Louis
May, 2015	New York University
May, 2013	University of Texas, Austin
May, 2011	University of California, Santa Barbara
May, 2009	Yale University
May, 2007	Northwestern University
March, 2006	Williams College
April, 2004	University of Minnesota
May, 2003	University of California, Riverside
May, 2002	Stanford University
February, 2000	Duke University

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Collegium for African Diaspora Dance Conference Convenor

February 2024	Duke University
February 2022	Duke University
February 2020	Duke University
February 2018	Duke University
February 2016	Duke University
February 2014	Duke University
April 2012	Duke University (Founding Meeting)

Additional Conferences and Working Groups Convened

October 2022	Curating for Communities of Color, DSA Conference, Vancouver
May 2022	Make Black Live Art! Chicago, IL
June 2020	Curating for Communities of Color, Online
June 2018	Curating for Communities of Color, Montreal Canada
June 2016	Curating for Communities of Color, Duke University
June 2015	Curating for Communities of Color, Duke University
November 2008	CORD Conference, Hollins University (Conference Co-Chair)
January, 2008	American Dance Festival January Intensive, New York
December, 2000	"Hip Hop 2k" Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn, New York,

Professional Activities

Workshop Direction	"Jazz-New Orleans and Place" UpRooted Festival, New York, August 16, 2024
Workshop Direction	"glitch dance" P.A.R.T.S. MA program workshop, Brussels, February 26-March 1, 2024
Workshop Direction	"glitch dance" MELT at Movement Research, New York, January 15-19, 2024
Moderator	"The Rite of Spring" New York Armory December 3, 2023
Co-Convenor	"Abstract Black:Affective Evidentiary" Working Group Symposium convened with Ryan Doheny, NU Music, including 8 Chicago-based artists October 2, 2023
Convenor	"Dancing a Black Social" Twelve invited artists symposium October 13-15, 2023
Program Review	University of Virginia Theatre and Dance Department, September 3-5, 2023
Program Review	Fayetteville State College Performing Arts Department, April 13-14, 2023
Performance	"...lonely 1" San Francisco FRESH Festival, 20 minute performance project, CounterPulse Theater, San Francisco March 17, 18 2023
Workshop Director	"movingneareachother" San Francisco FRESH Festival, March 11-18, 2023
Adjudicator	American College Dance Festival Southwest, Arizona State University, March 2023
Choreographer	"wipeout" Northwestern University March 2023
Director	"Blackbox" by Rickerby Hinds. New Play Reading, Ford's Theater, Washington DC, January 2023
Artist Exchange	US-Balkans Exchange Tour, Sofia, Bulgaria; Belgrade, Serbia; Skopje, North Macedonia, October 2022
Working Group	"How To Dance A Politic" Dance Studies Association, Vancouver, CA, October 2022
Presentation	"This Stage is Not Safe: Ananya Dance Theatre Book Launch" Online, April 2022
Paper Presentation	"AI4A Cosmo Ubuntu" Pennsylvania State University, Online, March 2022
MFA Advisement	J'Sun Howard, University of Michigan Thesis Concert, March 2022
Adjudicator	American College Dance Festival Midwest, University of Milwaukee, March 2022
Choreographer	"nothing is possible" Northwestern University March, 2022
Workshop Direction	dancing the end of the world MELT at Movement Research, Online, March, 2022
Interviewee	"Alvin Ailey" Oti Mabuse's Dancing Legends, BBC4 Arts podcast, published 26 January 2022

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Choreographer	"...this is what I want ..." University of Iowa, October, 2021
Adjudicator	American College Dance Festival West [Virtual] March 2021
Workshop Direction	making*queering*dancing MELT at Movement Research, January 18-22, 2021
Adjudicator	American College Dance Festival West Chester University of Pennsylvania, March 2018
Choreography	"...how could I have known?" Connecticut College, December 2017
Choreography	"...but are we good now?" Columbia College Chicago, December 2016
Paper Presentation	"The Race of Contemporary Ballet: Interpellations of Africanist Aesthetics" Contemporary Ballet: Exchanges, Connections and Directions, Barnard College, May 21, 2016
Participant	Dance and Technology Panel, @DanceNYC Symposium, Feb 28, 2016
Choreography	"tell me a secret" Tap Repertory Choreography, Washington University in St. Louis, December 2015
Artist Residency	Columbia College Chicago, April 27-May 1, 2015
Diss. Committee	"Perú Negro: Choreographing and Performing Afro-Peruvian Identity, 1969 to the Present," Luis Paredes, SUNY Albany, 2015
Public Response	"Politics of Performance" HWL Writ Large Duke University March 25, 2015
Diss. Committee	"Choreographies of Community: Familias and its impact in the South Bronx," Jane Gabriels, Concordia University, 2015
Workshop	"Black Dance After Race" New Waves International Workshop, Port Au Prince and Jacmel, Haiti, 17-24 July 2014
Invited Faculty	"Dance Studies In and Of the Academy" Mellon Studies Summer Seminar, Stanford University, 23-27 June 2014
Adjudicator	American College Dance Festival Association, Mankato, State University, Mankato MN, March, 2013
Moderator	"On The Grid: Teaching and Researching in the Digital Age" Black Thought 2.0 Conference, Duke University, Durham, NC 7 April 2012
Adjudicator	American College Dance Festival Association, Grand Valley State University, March, 2012
Participant	Performance Technology Workshop, EMPAC, RPI, August, 2010
Adjudicator	American College Dance Festival Association, Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA, March, 2010
Guest Artist	Department of Dance, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, February 2010
Paper Presentation	"SLIPPAGE: Performance Culture Technology Projects" American Theater in Higher Education Annual Conference, New York, August, 2009
Interviewer	"Fresh Print: Mary Hinkson Jackson" American Theater in Higher Education Annual Conference, New York, August, 2009
Co-Curator	"Hip Hop Generation NEXT: International Circulations" Dancing in the Streets/Lincoln Center Out of Doors, August, 2009
Adjudicator	American College Dance Festival Association, University of Minnesota, March, 2009
Paper Presentation	"Hip Hop Habitus: v. 1" American Society for Theater Research Conference, Boston, MA, November 2008
Paper Presentation	"Celebrating The Black Tradition in American Dance: Richard Long" SDHS Conference, Skidmore College, July, 2008
Adjudicator	American College Dance Festival Association, Connecticut College, February, 2008
Panelist	Dance Panel, Alpert Award in the Arts, 2007
Paper Presentation	"Forces of Nature: Practicing Black Diaspora" Visualizing Africa Conference, Ohio University, March, 2007
Paper Presentation	"Indigenous Diasporas" SDHS Conference, Banff Center, June, 2006
Moderator	The A.W.A.R.D. Show!, Neta Dance Company, Joyce Soho, February, 2006
Artistic Residency	University of Texas at Dallas, January, 2006

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Paper Presentation "Diasporic Encounters: Dancing through Shifting Terrains of Identity" American Studies Association Conference, Atlanta GA, November, 2005

Paper Presentation "Black Breath: Gospel Music and Translocation," Performance Studies International Conference, Brown University, March, 2005

Panelist Dance Division, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C., July, 2004

Paper Presentation "Abdel Salaam and Home-Grown African Beauty" Movement Re/volution Conference, University of Florida at Gainesville, February, 2004

Moderator American Studies Conference, Hartford, CT, October, 2003

Paper Presentation "Ulysses Dove and Concert Dance in the Africanist Grain" SDHS Conference, University of Limerick, Ireland, June, 2003

Paper Presentation "Queer Beauty" FIRT conference, Jaipur India, January, 2003

Paper Presentation "Black Beauty" FIRT, Amsterdam, July 2002

Presentation "The Quality of Gesture" Electronic Arts Seminar, Foster City, CA, October, 2001

Consultant "Donald Byrd-EI Camino Community College Project," El Camino, California, November, 2000

Moderator "Artist in the World, World in the Artist: Katherine Dunham" American Studies Conference, Detroit, MI, October, 2000

Consultant "Free to Dance" PBS Documentary on African American Dance, 1997-2000

Paper Presentation "Class is in Session: Lauryn Hill's Miseducation" Performance Studies Conference, ASU, March 2000

Guest Artist University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Taught technique classes, participated in media events, Classroom lectures, September, 1999

Diss. Committee "Dancing in Queer Clubland" Fiona Buckland, Department of Performance Studies, NYU, May, 1999

Panelist "Out in Academia" Discussion, Department of Women's Studies, MIT, April, 1999

Moderator "Dancing Queerly" Society of Dance History Scholars Conference, Eugene, Oregon, June, 1998

Program Committee Society of Dance History Scholars 1998 Conference, Eugene, OR

Consultant "A Hymn for Alvin Ailey" PBS Television Program, 1999

Consultant "Alvin Ailey" Public Service Announcement, WPIX, New York, NY, 1998

Moderator "Performance Studies and Film Studies" Ford Foundation Conference of Scholars, Washington, D.C., October, 1997

Paper Presentation "The [Black] Beat Made Visible: Hip Hop Dance and Body Power Performance Studies Conference, Atlanta, GA, April, 1997

Paper Presentation "White Audiences for Black Spirituals" Ford Foundation Conference of Fellows, Irvine, CA, October, 1996

Paper Presentation "De-Sexing the Dancing Black Body: Alvin Ailey and the Construction of Gender" Congress on Research in Dance Special Topics Conference "African American Dance: Researching A Complex History" University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 1996.

Panelist Massachusetts Cultural Council Dance Grants, March, 1996

Paper Presentation "Revelations: Alvin Ailey's Embodiment of African American Culture" Performance Studies Conference, Evanston, Illinois, March, 1996

Paper Presentation "The Folk Architecture of Alvin Ailey's Choreography" Conference of Research on Dance Conference, Miami, Florida, November, 1995

Desk Reader National Institute to Preserve American Dance, Cycle II Grant Applications, 1995

MFA Theses Directed, University of the Arts Mobile Architecture in Dance Program

2023 Yayoi Kambara "What Dance Affords Us"

2023 Pape Ibrahima N'diaye Kaolack "Ndaga at the Border"

2022 Erick Montes "Cuerpo Esoterico"

2022 SoKo mcintosh pedzisai jerahuni "The Architecture of Blackness"

2022 Aguibou Bougobali SANOU "Dancing Soul"

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2022 Dinita Clark "Be Yourself, Just Like That!"  
2021 Cicely A. Kelly "Le Corps de la Femme Noire"  
2021 Ushindi Niwetu "Re/membering Bamboula, Embodying Home"  
2021 Melvin Sutton "The Art of Blackness"  
2021 Kyle "JustSole" Clark "The Clark Method: Street Dance Pedagogy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"  
2021 Abigail Crain "to consider instead (room for dancing)"  
2019 James McGinn "working objects"  
2019 Meredith Rainey "Black Male Beauty in conversation with the Classical Ballet Aesthetic"  
2019 Heidi Cruz-Austin "Dark Counterpoise: The Emerging Neoteric Black Feminine Archetype"  
2019 Jennifer Nugent "Hand and Transfer"

MFA Theses Directed, ADF/Hollins University MFA Program

2006 Neta Pulvermacher "Gotta Go"  
2006 Stafford Berry "Mumia/ Homeland Security"  
2007 Ruth Andrien "Becoming"  
2007 Sarah Skaggs "Dances for Airports"  
2007 Amanda Loulaki "In Progress"  
2008 Dana Caspersen "Rolling: How We Burn"  
2008 Elise Knudson "Third Life"  
2009 Makeda Thomas "Freshwater"  
2009 Tymberly Canale "SNOW: a study"  
2009 Iyun Harrison "Falling In It"  
2009 Meghan McLyman "Last on Harbour Drive"  
2009 G. Alex Smith "Relinquish: The Intermediary of Knowing and Being"  
2010 Margaret Morrison "Queer Vaudeville: An Intersection Of Race, Gender, History, And Sexuality In Tap Dance"  
2010 Tessa Chandler "Making Statements, Practicing Questions, Inscribing Memories"  
2010 Dahlia Butler "8-Minute Meditations"  
2010 Arnold Quintane "Repetition Obsession"  
2011 Rosalynde LeBlanc Loo "Plainspoken"  
2011 James Morrow "The Breaking Point"  
2011 Helen Pickett "CONNECTION: Directing Toward Presence"  
2011 Dana Ruttenberg "Present Absent"  
2011 Solveig Santillano "Faces of Trafficking"  
2012 Gaspard Louis "Souke/Shake"  
2012 Patrick Mueller "This Is My Statue: a discussion of and reflection on *Salon Romantik, op.1 v.4: now they have left me, I sleep in your embrace*"  
2012 Rustin Van Katwyck "Remembering Ralph"  
2013 Dawn Bazemore "Boundless"  
2013 David Cesler "Why Do We Lift?"

PhD Direction

2024 Thomas Presto, "Anansis Web- Entanglements Without Tripping"  
Artistic Research Ph.D. fellowship, Ostfold University College  
2023 Quran Karriem, "From Error to Event: Decision in the Age of Generative Aesthetics"; Computational Media Arts and Culture, Duke University



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### Editorial Boards

2013 - The Journal of Dance, Movement and Spiritualities, Bristol, UK  
2012 - Dance Research Journal of Korea, Seoul, Korea  
2012 - The Black Scholar (Advisory Board) Seattle, WA, USA  
2011 - Choreographic Practices, Bristol, UK  
2009 - Popular Entertainment Studies, Newcastle, Australia

### Citations

Expert Interview The School That Camille A. Brown Built - New York Times Sept 2, 2020  
Expert Interview "Can Dance Make a Just America?" New York Times Nov 29, 2019  
Expert Interview "In Search of Fred Astaire" BBC2 Special, Broadcast 2017  
Expert Interview "Festivalbonanza, New York" Norsk Shakespeare Theater Tidsskrift 2-3, 2016  
Expert Interview "The March on Washington Fifty Years Later" WUNC 91.5, August, 2013  
Expert Interview "Dance Crazes" WNYC 93.9. May 1, 2012  
Expert Interview "Warrior Woman: Shani Collins Embodies the Spirit of Ronald K. Brown's Evidence - And Then Some" by Eva Yaa Asantewa, Dance Magazine, October, 2008  
  
Expert Interview "Bahia's Vibrant Culture Shines in the Dances of Bale Folclorico" by Rebecca Ostriker, Boston Globe October 21, 2004  
  
Expert Interview "Black American Dance" BBC, June, 2003  
Expert Interview "Gus Solomons, Jr. At MIT" WGBH "Greater Boston Arts," Nov 2002  
Expert Interview "Rennie Harris Rome and Jewels" WGBH "Greater Boston Arts," Nov 2000  
Creative Profile "Monk's Mood" Feature Interview, Boston Herald, December 3, 1999  
Artist Profile "The Black Voice," Canadian Public Radio, September, 1999  
Artist Profile WGBH "Greater Boston Arts," March, 1999 as Director of "Pure PolyEsther"  
Expert Interview BBC World Radio "Alvin Ailey" Broadcast December 24, 1998

### Recent Presses and Manuscript Reviews

Oxford University Press  
University of Illinois Press  
Duke University Press  
Bloomsbury Press  
University of Florida Press  
University of Michigan Press

### Book Jacket Endorsements

2024 Kinetic California: Dancing Funk & Disco Era Kinships by Naomi Macalalad Bragin, University of Michigan Press  
2024 Race and the Forms of Knowledge: Technique, Identity, and Place in Artistic Research by Ben Spatz, Northwestern University Press  
2023 The Persistence of Dance: Choreography as Concept and Material in Contemporary Art by Erin Brannigan, University of Michigan Press  
2023 Shaping Dance Canons: Criticism, Aesthetics, and Equity by Kate Mattingly, University Press of Florida  
2023 Behind the Screen: Tap Dance, Race, and Invisibility During Hollywood's Golden Age by Brynn W.. Shiovitz, Oxford University Press.  
2021 Baring Unbearable Sensualities: Hip Hop Dance, Bodies, Race, and Power by Rosemarie A. Roberts, Wesleyan University Press  
2021 Shifting Cultural Power: Case Studies and Questions in Performance by Hope Mohr, University of Akron Press  
2021 Between Breaks: The Jazz Tradition and Black Vernacular Dance by Christi Jay Wells, Oxford University Press

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- 2020 The Wisdom of the Body: What Embodied Cognition Can Teach Us about Learning, Human Development, and Ourselves by Erik Shonstrom, Rowman & Littlefield
- 2020 Perpetual Motion: Dance, Digital Cultures, and the Common by Harmony Bench, University of Minnesota Press
- 2019 Valuing Dance: Commodities and Gifts in Motion by Susan Leigh Foster, Oxford University Press
- 2018 Dancing in Blackness: A Memoir by Halifu Osumare, University Press of Florida
- 2018 Consuming Dance: Choreography and Advertising by Colleen T. Dunagan, Oxford University Press
- 2016 Blacktino Queer Performance edited by E. Patrick Johnson and Ramón H. Rivera-Servera, Duke University Press
- 2016 Contemporary Directions in Asian American Dance edited by Yutian Wong, University of Wisconsin Press
- 2015 Dramaturgy in Motion: At Work on Dance and Movement Performance by Katherine Profeta, University of Wisconsin Press
- 2015 Dancers as Diplomats: American Choreography in Cultural Exchange by Clare Croft, Oxford University Press
- 2013 Engaging Bodies: The Politics and Poetics of Corporeality by Ann Cooper Albright, Wesleyan University Press
- 2012 Multimedia Performance edited by Rosemary Klich and Edward Scheer, Palgrave McMillan
- 2011 Afro-Mexico: Dancing Between Myth and Reality by Anita González, University of Texas Press
- 2011 Debating Sex and Gender by Georgia Warnke, Oxford University Press
- 2010 Tap Dancing America A Cultural History by Constance Valis Hill, Oxford University Press
- 2008 Choreographing the Folk: The Dance Stagings of Zora Neal Hurston, by Anthea Kraut, University of Minnesota Press
- 2008 Further Steps 2: Fourteen Choreographers on What's the RAGE in Modern Dance by Constance Kreemer, Routledge
- 2007 A Queer History of the Ballet by Peter Stoneley, Routledge
- 2005 Kaiso! Writings by and About Katherine Dunham edited by VeVe A. Clark and Sara E. Johnson, University of Wisconsin Press
- 2004 Modern Dance, Negro Dance: Race in Motion by Susan Manning, University of Minnesota Press

#### Affiliations

Board of Trustees, Hayti Cultural Center, Durham, NC 2019-  
Dance/USA Board of Trustees, Awards Committee, 2015-2021  
American Society for Aesthetics  
Collegium for African Diaspora Dance, Founding Director  
International Federation for Theater Research (FIRT)  
Editorial Board, Board of Directors, Society of Dance History Scholars, 1996-2005  
American Studies Association  
International Association of Blacks in Dance  
Drama League of New York  
Theatre Communications Group - Non-Traditional Casting Project  
Dance Critics Association  
Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers