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EMPLOYMENT

University at Buffalo – State University of New York

Director of Graduate Dance 2019 – present
Associate Director of Graduate Studies 2019 - present
Assistant Professor of Dance Studies 2015 – present

Vassar College

Interdisciplinary Arts Coordinator 2014 – 2015

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh – Pittsburgh, PA

Ph.D. Theatre Arts 2014
Special Option in Choreography, Certificate in Cultural Studies

University at Buffalo – State University of New York – Buffalo, NY

M.A. English 2009

St. Olaf College – Northfield, MN

B.A. Dance and English 2008

AWARDS, HONORS, *External*

& FELLOWSHIPS

Dance Research Fellowship, New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, 2021
Publication Subvention Award, American Theatre & Drama Society, 2021
Andrew W. Mellon School of Theater and Performance Research, Harvard University,
2021
Brooks McNamara Publishing Subvention Award, American Society for Theatre
Research, 2020
Faculty Research Award, American Theatre & Drama Society, 2019
Targeted Research Area Grant, American Society for Theatre Research, 2018
Selma Jeanne Cohen Conference Presentation Award, American Society for
Theatre Research, 2016
David Keller Travel Grant, American Society for Theatre Research, 2016
Gerald Kahan Scholar's Prize, American Society for Theatre Research, 2013
Helen Krich Chinoy Dissertation Research Fellowship, American Society for
Theatre Research, 2013
Graduate Fellow, American Theatre and Drama Society, 2013

Internal

Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Leave, 2020
College of Arts & Sciences Julian Park Publication Subvention Award, 2020
United University Professions Individual Development Award, 2020
University at Buffalo Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy Research Grant, 2019
United University Professions Individual Development Award, 2019
University at Buffalo Humanities Institute Fellowship, 2019
United University Professions Individual Development Award, 2016
Nominee, Distinguished Dissertation Award, Council of Graduate Schools, 2015
Andrew Mellon Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2013
Nominee, Elizabeth Baranger Award for Excellence in Teaching, University at Pittsburgh, 2012, 2011
Summer Research Fellowship, University at Pittsburgh, 2012

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Democracy Moving: Bill T. Jones, Contemporary American Performance, and the Racial Past. University of Michigan Press. January 2022.

Articles

"'Myself, Dancing': Choreographies of Black Womanhood in US Dance and History." *Dance Research Journal*, forthcoming August 2021. Peer-reviewed.

"Allergies, Allegiances, and Authenticity: Bill T. Jones's Choreography for Broadway." *Studies in Musical Theatre*, Vol. 13, No. 1, Spring 2019. 23-36. Peer-reviewed.

"Normalizing Disruption: Advocating for Reproductive Health in Academia." With Adanma Onyedike Barton, Meredith Conti, and Kristi Good. *Theatre Topics*. Vol. 29, No. 1, March 2019. 59-70.

"Sound in Motion: Bill T. Jones Repurposes John Cage." *Critical Stages*, special issue edited by Johannes Birringer. Issue 16, December 2017.
<http://www.critical-stages.org/16/sound-in-motion-bill-t-jones-repurposes-john-cage/>

"Counterfactual Moving in Bill T. Jones's *Last Supper at Uncle Tom's Cabin/The Promised Land*." *Theatre Survey*. Vol. 56, No. 2, May 2015. 166-186. Peer-reviewed.

"History is Distance: Metaphor, Meaning, and Performance in *Serenade/The Proposition*." *The Journal of American Drama and Theatre*, Vol. 26, No. 3, Winter 2014. Non-paginated. Peer-reviewed.

"Queens 'Campin'" Onstage: Performing Queerness in Mae West's 'Gay Plays.'" *Theatre Journal*, Vol. 64, No. 4, December 2012. 513-532. Peer-reviewed.

Gerald Kahan Scholar's Prize Recipient 2013
American Society for Theatre Research

"Embodying the Undiscussable: Documentary Methodology in Bill T. Jones's *Still/Here* and the Culture Wars." *Studies in Musical Theatre*, Vol. 5, No. 3, Winter 2011. 297-304. Peer-reviewed.

Book Contributions

"Innovations and Postmodern Styles in Musical Theatre." *Dance in Musical Theatre: A History of the Body in Movement*, eds. Dustyn Martincich and Phoebe Rumsey. Bloomsbury, forthcoming 2023. Peer-reviewed.

"Bill T. Jones." *50 Key Figures in Queer US Theatre*, eds. Jimmy Noriega and Jordan Schildcrout. Routledge, forthcoming 2022.

"New Women and Girls of Today in Motion: The 'Strenuous Claspings' of Tango Teas." *Performing the Progressive Era: Immigration, Urbanism, and Nationalism on Stage, 1890-1920*, eds. Max Schulman and J. Chris Westgate. Iowa City: University of Iowa Press, 2019. 122-140. Peer-reviewed.

"Communities of Gesture: Empathy and Embodiment in Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company's *100 Migrations*." *The Routledge Companion to Theatre, Performance, and Cognitive Science*, eds. Rick Kemp and Bruce McConachie. London: Routledge, 2018. 135-143. Peer-reviewed.

Special Journal Issue

"The Embodied Arts." Co-edited with Lezlie Cross. *The Journal of American Drama and Theatre*. Vol. 31, No. 3. Spring 2019.

Review Essays

"Dance Dramaturgy in Theory and Practice." *Theatre Journal*, Vol. 69, No. 1, March 2017. 103-114.

"*Hamilton's* America: An Unfinished Symphony with a Stutter (Beat)." *American Quarterly*, Vol. 68, No. 4, December 2016. 1045-1059.

Reviews

Race and Performance After Repetition, eds. Soyica Diggs Colbert, Douglass A. Jones, Jr., and Shane Vogel. *Journal of Dramatic Theory and Criticism*. Forthcoming 2022.

Reframing the Musical: Race, Culture, and Identity, ed. Sarah Whitfield. *Studies in Musical Theatre*. Forthcoming 2021.

The Futures of Dance Studies, eds. Susan Manning, Janice Ross, and Rebecca Schneider. *Theatre Journal*. Forthcoming 2021.

Analogy/Trilogy, Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company. *Theatre Journal*, Vol. 71, No. 3, September 2019. 380-382.

Theatre & Dance, by Kate Elswit. *Theatre Survey*, Vol. 60, No. 4, September 2019. 483-485.

Building Character: The Art and Science of Casting, by Amy Cook. *The Journal of American Drama and Theatre*, December 2018. Online.

The Oxford Handbook of Dance and Politics, eds. Rebekah Kowal, Gerald Siegmund, and Randy Martin. *Theatre Annual*, 2018. 81-83.

The Oxford Handbook of Dance and Theatre, ed. Nadine George-Graves. *The Journal of Dramatic Theory and Criticism*, Fall 2017. 140-142.

Dance on Its Own Terms: Histories and Methodologies, eds. Melanie Bales and Karen Eliot. *Theatre Journal*, Vol. 67, No. 3, October 2015. 586-587.

Choreographing Empathy: Kinesthesia in Performance, by Susan Leigh Foster. *Theatre Journal*, Vol. 65, No. 3, October 2013. 442-444.

Hiking the Horizontal: Field Notes from a Choreographer, by Liz Lerman. *Theatre Survey*, Vol. 54, No. 3, September 2013. 460-462.

EDITORIAL WORK

Book Review Editor, *Theatre History Studies*
2020-2023 term

Editorial Board Member, 2016 - present
The Journal of American Drama and Theatre

Editorial Board Member, 2014 - present

Theatre Annual: A Journal of Theatre and Performance of the Americas

WORKS IN
PROGRESS

Book: *Abolition Imaginaries: Universities, the Arts, and the Afterlives of Slavery*

Book: *Two Fisted Maker: The Art and Ideas of Bill T. Jones*

Edited Collection: *Moving the Musical: Critical Histories of Race, Labor, and Embodiment in Musical Theater Dance*

Article: "Plague Dances: Bill T. Jones's AIDS Archive in the Time of COVID"

Article: "Reparative Performance in Contemporary Black Women's Photography"

Article: "On the Surface and in the Depths of *Oklahoma!*'s Dream Ballet"

Article: "Obscenity Law and the Problem of Performance: A Case Study of the Wales Act Trial of Mae West's *The Pleasure Man*"

INVITED TALKS
& LECTURES

"Histories on the Move: Choreographing Community and Company at UVA."
University of Virginia. Virtual. April 2021.

"Art, Activism, and Embodiment: Considering the Choreography of Bill T. Jones."
Davidson College. Virtual. February 2021.

"Dancing Democracy: Empathy and Community in Bill T. Jones's Contemporary Work." Five College Dance. Virtual. October 2020.

"Bill T. Jones as Public Intellectual and Historian: Choreographing the Past."
St. Olaf College. Virtual. October 2020.

"Prosecuting Desire: the Courtroom as Stage in the Trial of Mae West's *The Pleasure Man*." Point Park University. Virtual. October 2020.

"Bill T. Jones's History Dances: 19th Century Archives in 21st Century Choreography."
University of Wisconsin – La Crosse. Virtual. October 2020.

Q&A on "Queens 'Campin'" Onstage" essay.
Binghamton University. Virtual. October 2020.

"Choreographing History: Black Concert Dance and the Question of Genre."
Scholars @Hallwalls Lecture Series, UB Humanities Institute, Buffalo, NY. October 2019.

"Dance and Democracy: Empathy Rehearsals in Contemporary Performance."
Buffalo Humanities Festival, Buffalo, NY. September 2019.

"Democracy Moving: Models of Civic Life in Bill T. Jones's Lincoln Dances."
UB Humanities Institute New Faculty Seminar, Buffalo, NY. February 2017.

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

Plenary

"A Genius Public: Site-Specific Dance at the University of Virginia and the Presence of the Past."
American Society for Theatre Research, Arlington, VA – November 2019.

Conference Presentations

"Plague Dances: Bill T. Jones's AIDS Archive in the Time of COVID-19."
Dance Studies Association, Rutgers, NJ – October 2021.

"Dreams Deferred: Whiteness and Genre in *Oklahoma!* Choreographies."
Association for Theatre in Higher Education, virtual – August 2021.

"Mobile Dancers, Fixed Genres: Concert and Commercial Dance Aesthetic Production and Dancers' Navigation Strategies."
Song, Stage, and Screen Annual Meeting, virtual – July 2021.

"Choreographed Crossings, 1954: Louis Johnson and Ilona Murray Navigate Broadway."
American Society for Theatre Research, New Orleans, LA – November 2020.
*postponed due to COVID-19.

"Post/Modern: Anti-Commercial Resiliency in *Oklahoma!* Choreographies."
Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Detroit, MI – August 2020.
*cancelled due to COVID-19.

"Decolonizing Institutional Norms" Roundtable.
Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Detroit, MI – August 2020.
*cancelled due to COVID-19.

"Revived by Modern Dance: *Oklahoma!*, *West Side Story*, and Choreographies of 'Non-Broadway.'"
Song, Stage, and Screen Conference XV, Cleveland, OH, June 2020.
*cancelled due to COVID-19.

"Character on Trial: The State vs. Mae West and the Policing of Broadway."
Mid-America Theatre Conference, Chicago, IL – March 2019.

"Commissions, Commemorations, and Racial Capitalism: Patterns of Arts Patronage and National Belonging."
Dance Studies Association, Chicago, IL – August 2019.

"A Necessary Invention: Choreographies of Black Womanhood in American Dance and History."
Mid-America Theatre Conference, Cleveland, OH – March 2019.

"Head in Trousers: Prosecuting Arousal in the Trial of *The Pleasure Man*."
American Society for Theatre Research, San Diego, CA – November 2018.

"Dancing *Spring Awakening*: A Postmodern Revolution?" Roundtable.
Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Boston, MA – August 2018.

"Correct First: Confrontation in the Work of Bill T. Jones."
Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Boston, MA – August 2018.

"Romantic Revision."
Futures of American Studies Institute, Dartmouth College – June 2018.

"Lincoln the Lover: A New Spin on History in Bill T. Jones's Lincoln Dances."
Mid-America Theatre Conference, Milwaukee, WI – March 2018.

"High/Low Dichotomies of Cultural Production, Race, and Authenticity in Bill T. Jones's Choreography for Broadway."
American Studies Association, Chicago, IL – November 2017.

"Playing Uncle Tom in the Age of Obama: Bill T. Jones and Abraham Lincoln's Shadows."
Escape from the Archive at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY – October 2017.

"Approaches to Teaching Dance Studies in MFA Programs."
Dance Studies Association, Columbus, OH – October 2017.

"'Five Moons' Rising: Considering Native/Indigenous Ballerinas in Disciplinary Histories."
Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Las Vegas, NV – August 2017.

"Legislating Sex: The Wales Act and the Failed Trial of *The Pleasure Man*."
Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Las Vegas, NV – August 2017.

"Rehearsing Empathy: Dancing Across Lincoln's Deathbed."
American Society for Theatre Research, Minneapolis, MN – November 2016.

"Choreographing Work: *The Trash Project* and Public Labor."
Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Chicago, IL – August 2016.

"Deviant Variations: The Dance/Theater of Bill T. Jones."
Mid-America Theatre Conference, Minneapolis, MN – March 2016.

"From Silo to Horizon: Navigating Dance/Theater Program Creation."
The Other "D": Locating "D"ance in Drama, Theatre, and Performance Studies
Symposium, Toronto, Ontario – January 2016.

"Looming Large in His Own Archive: A Case Study of 'Gentleman Jim.'"
Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Montreal, Quebec – July 2015.

"History is Distance: the Role of Metaphor in Cognition, Narrative, and
Performance in Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company's *Serenade/The
Proposition*."
Congress on Research in Dance and Society of Dance History Scholars Joint
Conference, Iowa City, IA – November 2014.

"Counterfactuals as Dreaming: Bill T. Jones's Dancing Elizas."
Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Scottsdale, AZ – July 2014.

"Migrating Through History: Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company's *100
Migrations*."
Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Scottsdale, AZ – July 2014.

"Performing Body Language and Emotion in Bill T. Jones's *Last Supper at Uncle
Tom's Cabin/The Promised Land*."
Northeast Modern Language Association, Harrisburg, PA – April 2014.

"Through Heart and Through Body: Revising Stowe's Eliza."
Mid-America Theatre Conference, Cleveland, OH – March 2014.

"Producing and Consuming Pleasure in the 'Dance of Death': Tango Teas in
Urban America, 1905-1925."
American Society for Theatre Research, Dallas, TX – November 2013.

"'Weird Virtuosity': Arthur Aviles' Embodied Archive in the Affective Performance of Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company's *Achilles Loved Patroclus*."

In Bodies We Trust Conference, Evanston, IL – October 2013.

"'Achilles loved / Patroclus died': Queer Affect and the Revision of Myth in Bill T. Jones's *Achilles Loved Patroclus*."

Mid-America Theatre Conference, Saint Louis, MO – March 2013.

"Corporeal Historiography and the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company's 'Lincoln' Trilogy."

American Society for Theatre Research, Nashville, TN – November 2012.

"'An Impulse to Testify': Blackness and Embodied Memory in the Work of Bill T. Jones."

Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Washington, D.C. – August 2012.

"Audiences Divided: Empathy, Spectatorial Response, and Gay Kinship in Mae West's 'Gay Plays.'" International Conference of American Drama and Theater, Seville, Spain – May 2012.

"'There is some grace to it, we are professionals': Labor, Performance, and Identity in *The Trash Project*."

Mid-America Theatre Conference, Chicago, IL – March 2012.

"'I'll have to do splits to straighten myself out': Queer Performance Networks and Mae West's 'Gay Plays.'"

Congress On Research in Dance Special Topics Conference: Meanings and Makings of Queer Dance, Ann Arbor, Michigan – February 2012.

"Laboring Toward the Real: Onstage Labor and Documentary Impulse in Jérôme Bel's *Véronique Doisneau*."

American Society for Theatre Research, Montreal, Quebec – November 2011.

"Staging 'Poetic Facts': Documenting Experience Through Embodiment in *Still/Here*." (Revised.)

Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Chicago, IL – August 2011.

"Trauma and Empathy in Anna Sokolow's *Dreams*: The Double-Bind of the Performer."

American Society for Theatre Research/Congress On Research in Dance, Seattle, WA – November 2010.

“Krump or Die: Racist Narrative in the Spectacle of Black Moving Bodies.”
Society of Dance History Scholars, London, UK – July 2010.

TEACHING

University at Buffalo

DAC606: Supervised Teaching
DAC602: Thesis Supervision
DAC582: Creative Process and Embodied Research
DAC580: The Body, the Archive, and Performance Studies
DAC545: Directed Projects
DAC530: Dance Studies II: Political and Cultural Approaches to Dance
DAC506: Dance Studies I: Aesthetics, Theory, and Criticism
DAC513: Grad Seminar
DAC455: Global Dance Studies
DAC455: Making Art in Times of War: Performance and Conflict
DAC367: MFA Thesis Performance
TH700: Dissertation Supervision
TH670: Performance Historiography
TH630: Professionalization Proseminar – PhD
TH600: Thesis Supervision
TH540: Graduate Studio
THD481/580: Research in Dance
THD415/515: Advanced Dramaturgy
THD199: From Kickline to Krumping: Social Movements and Popular
Dance in the U.S., First Year Seminar
THD104: Appreciating Dance

University of Pittsburgh

THEA0830: Introduction to Performance
THEA0810: Introduction to Dramatic Art

RESEARCH
SUPERVISION

Thesis and Dissertation Committees

Chair, Narae Kwon, PhD Theatre and Performance Studies (2023)
Project Title: TBD, focus on Korean Lion dance performance
Chair, Dana Venerable, PhD English (2022)
Project Title: “Collective Composition for Weathering Black Experience:
Embodying Signature Moves of 20th and 21st Century Black Performance”
Chair, Jacqueline Cherry, MFA Dance (2022)
Project TBD, research areas of choreography and Black feminist theory
Chair, Meg Kirchhoff, MFA Dance (2022)
Project TBD, research areas of choreography and somatic theory
Chair, Mark Montondo, MA Theatre Performance (2021)
Project TBD, research areas of musical theatre and queer studies

Chair, Katherine Mackey, MFA Dance (2021)

Project Title: "The Three Bodies: Interdisciplinary Mind/Body Integration"

Chair, Mary Grace Sullivan, MFA Dance (2020)

Project Title: *I have a baby whose name is no one*

Chair, Nitya Seshadri Vedantam, MFA Dance (2020)

Project Title: "Collective Listening: Performing Feminisms of the Subaltern"

Chair, Corinne Walker, MA Theater & Performance (2017)

Project Title: "The Functions of Dance in Musical Theatre: The Innovations of Andy Blankenbuehler."

Member, Adrianna DiRisio, PhD Theater & Performance (2021)

Project Title: "A National Theatre for the Twenty-First Century: The Shanghai International Dance Center Theater"

Member, Phil Wackerfuss, MFA Dance (2021)

Project Title: "Presence and Telepresence: A Phenomenological Expansion of Transcendent Dance Through Technology."

Member, Naila Ansari, MFA Dance (2020)

Project Title: *The Movement of Joy*

Member, Bella Poynton, PhD Theater & Performance (2021)

Member, Shane Thorn, PhD Theater & Performance (2021)

Project Title: "The Eternally Resistant Feminine: Performances of Music, Transcendence, and Femininity in European Theatre, Ballet, and Opera 1780-1980"

Member, Sophie Hui Peng, MA Theater & Performance (2020)

Project Title: "'Jump Off This Building!': The Ethics of Headphones in *Remote Macao*"

Member, Alexia Buono, PhD Education (2017)

Project Title: "I feel my heart: Facilitating bodily experiences with young children through a Mindfully Somatic Pedagogy"

Member, Antonio Dougherty, MA Theater & Performance (2016)

Member, Juan Derieux-Cruz, MA Theater & Performance (2016)

Project Supervision

Chair, Narae Kwon, qualifying exams, 2021

Samantha Schmeer, Dance on Film Spring Festival, 2021

Jacqueline Cherry, Dance on Film Spring Festival, 2021

Samantha Tilley, Home and Away Fall Dance Production, 2020

Chair, Dana Venerable, qualifying exams, 2019

Chair, Bella Poynton, qualifying exams, 2018

Chair, Shane Thorn, qualifying exams, 2018

Member, Adrianna DiRisio, qualifying exams, 2019

Emma English, Dramaturgy, 2017

Lilibeth Javier, Emerging Choreographers Showcase, 2016
Sarah Dodd, Zodiac Dance Ensemble, 2016
Katie Wawrazsek, Emerging Choreographers Showcase, 2015
Allyson Buttram, Emerging Choreographers Showcase, 2015

SERVICE &
LEADERSHIP

Professional

Elected

American Theatre and Drama Society, Board Member, 2019-2023 term (National)
Theatre History Studies, Book Review Editor, 2020-2023 term (National)

Invited

Mentor for ATHE Mentor Pilot Program, 2021.
WNY Choreographers' Initiative Mentor, "Somatic Privilege Choreographic Project,"
Kyla Kegler, 2020 proposal.
National Endowment for the Humanities Advisor, "Ghost Lights: Reclaiming Theater
in the Age of AIDS," 2019 proposal.
American Society for Theatre Research, Co-Chair, Membership Committee,
2019 – 2020.
Mid-America Theatre Conference, Co-Chair, Articles-in-Progress and Pitch-Your-
Book Sessions, 2019-2021 term.
Mentor and co-organizer, Publication Development Forum, 2020.
Mentor for PSFG Emerging Scholars Panel, ATHE 2020.
Mentor for ATDS Early Career Mentoring Workshop, ATHE 2020.
Mentor for ATDS Graduate Mentoring Workshop, ATHE 2020.
Mentor for Interview Strategies for Graduate Students session, ASTR, 2019.
American Theatre and Drama Society, Conference Planner, 2018.
American Theatre and Drama Society, Conference Planner, 2017.
American Theatre and Drama Society, John W. Frick Book Award Committee, 2015.
American Theatre and Drama Society, John W. Frick Book Award Committee, 2014.
Lateral: The Journal of the Cultural Studies Association, reviewer, 2017.

Volunteer

American Theatre and Drama Society, Chair, Nominations Committee, 2021.
American Theatre and Drama Society, Anti-Racism Workshops co-organizer, 2020 –
present.
American Theatre and Drama Society, Member, Nominations Committee, 2020.
American Society for Theatre Research, Chair, Grants for Researchers with Heavy
Teaching Loads Committee, 2020.
American Society for Theatre Research, Member, Grants for Researchers with Heavy
Teaching Loads Committee, 2019.
American Society for Theatre Research, Member, Grants for Researchers with Heavy
Teaching Loads Committee, 2018.

American Society for Theatre Research, Membership Committee, 2018.
American Society for Theatre Research, Membership Committee, 2017.
American Society for Theatre Research, Membership Committee, 2016.
American Society for Theatre Research, "Alt-Ac Careers In, Around, and Beyond
Higher Ed." Career Session Organizer and Presenter, 2015.
American Society for Theatre Research, Mentorship Committee, 2014.
Dance Studies Association, Session Moderator, 2019.
Cornell University, Escape From the Archive, Session Moderator, 2017.

University

Elected

College of Arts and Sciences Policy Committee member-at-large, 2021 – present.
University Faculty Senate, 2018 – 2020.
College of Arts and Sciences Policy Committee, 2015 – 2018.

Invited

Humanities to the Rescue 2020 Symposium: Performance, Publics, and
Possibility, co-organizer. *postponed due to COVID-19.
Humanities Institute Performance Research Working Group, Co-convenor,
2016 – present.
Arts Collaboratory Development Initiative Committee, 2017-2018.
Arts Collaboratory Director Search Committee, Office of the Dean of the College,
2017-2018.
Dean's Advisory Council, "State of the Arts at UB" presentation, 2017.

Volunteer

Presidential Scholarship Review Committee, 2021.
Parental, Family, and Care Accommodation Ad Hoc Committee, College of Arts
and Sciences Policy Committee, 2016-2017.

Department

BA/BFA/MFA Dance Committee, Co-Chair, 2019 – present.
Graduate Committee, Co-Chair, 2019 – present.
Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, Co-Chair, 2021 – present.
Executive Advisory Committee, 2019 – present.
BA/MA/PhD Theatre Studies Committee, 2019 – present.
Tenure Track Assistant Professor Search Committee Member, 2021-2022.
Season Selection Committee, 2019 – 2021.
Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, 2019.
Clinical Assistant Professor Search Committee, Member, 2020.
Graduate Professionalization Workshop: Publication, 2020.
Graduate Professionalization Workshop: Web Presence, 2020.
Graduate Professionalization Workshop: Job Markets, 2019.

Graduate Professionalization Workshop: CVs, 2019.
Graduate Professionalization Workshop: Conferences, 2019.
Graduate Professionalization Workshop: Conferences, 2018.
Graduate Professionalization Workshop: Publications, 2017.
Departmental Grant Writer for Production Support, 2018-2019 (Urban Bush Women).
Departmental Grant Writer for Production Support, 2017-2018 (Nick Cave).
Departmental Grant Writer for Production Support, 2015-2016 (Rennie Harris).
Assistant Professor Search Committee, Choreography, 2017-2018.
Guest Artists Committee, 2017-2018.
MA/PhD/MFA Graduate Committee, 2015 – 2018.
BA/BFA Dance Committee, 2015 – 2018.
Season Selection Committee, 2015 – 2016.
Coordinator, Rosy Simas visit, 2021.
Coordinator, Anusha Kedhar visit, 2021.
Coordinator, Kate Mattingly visit, 2021.
Coordinator, Nyama McCarthy-Brown workshops, 2020-2021.
Coordinator, Susan Leigh Foster visit, 2020.
Coordinator, Robin Bernstein visit, 2019.
Coordinator, Nadine George-Graves residency, 2018.
Coordinator, AGA Collaborative Residency and performance, 2017.
Coordinator, Elizabeth Mozer performance, 2017.
Production Mentorship 2015 – present (see Project Supervision).

PROGRAM AND
CURRICULAR
DEVELOPMENT

University at Buffalo

Curricular

THD199: From Kickline to Krumping, First-Year Seminar
DAC250/455: Global Dance Studies
TH415/515: Advanced Dramaturgy
DAC455: Making Art in Times of War: Performance and Conflict
DAC506: Dance Studies I: Aesthetics, Theory, and Criticism
DAC513: Professionalization Seminar
DAC530: Dance Studies II: Political and Cultural Approaches to Dance
DAC580: The Body, the Archive, and Performance Studies
DAC582: Creative Process and Embodied Research (with Anne Burnidge)
DAC602: Thesis Supervision

Program Development:

Arts Collaboratory, Office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences,
2017-2019.

MFA in Dance Graduate Degree Program Development, 2015-2017,
approved by SUNY in 2017.

MA in Dance Studies Degree Program Development, prospective stages,

2019-present.

Vassar College

Creative Arts Across Disciplines program development in four areas:

- Curricular Development – new courses in Art History, Film, English, Media Studies, Music, Physics, Women’s Studies
- Guest Artist Residencies
- Summer Multi-Arts Collectives (student research)
- Pedagogy-in-Action workshops for faculty

University at Pittsburgh

Conference Planner, Classics in Contemporary Contexts, 2014

PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

Critical University Studies Seminar, Andrew W. Mellon School of Theater and Performance Research, Harvard University, 2021

“Moving From ‘You Are Welcome Here’ to ‘This Place Was Built For You,’” Workshop with Dr. Takiyah Nur Amin. American Theatre & Drama Society. April 2021.

“Creating an Inclusive Curriculum.” Workshop, UB Office of Inclusive Excellence. February 2021.

“Responsive Pedagogy.” Workshop with Dr. Brian Herrera. American Theatre & Drama Society. January 2021.

“EDI, Syllabus Revision, and Culture Change,” Workshops Parts I and II with Dr. Nyama McCarthy-Brown. University at Buffalo. December 2020 and January 2021.

“Agitating Whiteness from Where You Are.” Workshop with Dr. Claire Syler. American Theatre & Drama Society. November 2020.

“Anti-Racist Approaches and Practices.” Workshop with Dr. Koritha Mitchell. American Theatre & Drama Society. October 2020.

“State of the Arts: Anti-Racist Pedagogy in Theatre and Dance Programs.” Columbia College. Virtual Event. August 2020.

“Dancing Around Race: Whiteness in Higher Education” Conference, Dance Studies Association and University of Utah, January 2020.

“Best Practices in Faculty Search/Disrupting Implicit Bias” workshop, UB College Of Arts and Sciences Center for Diversity Innovation, November 2019.

"Entering, Building, and Exiting Communities" Diversity Workshop, Urban Bush Women, UB College of Arts and Sciences Center for Diversity Innovation, Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, and Department of Theatre & Dance, September 2019.

Theatre Delta Workshop on bias, privilege, and inclusion, UB Office of Inclusive Excellence, September 2019.

"Expanding the Mentor's Toolkit: Mentoring as Antidote to Unconscious Bias," UB College of Arts and Sciences Center for Diversity Innovation, 2019.

Bystander Intervention Training, UB Wellness Education Services, 2019.

Futures of American Studies seminar, Dartmouth College, 2018.

"Preventing Discrimination, Promoting Inclusion: Minimizing Risks and Communicating Across Difference," UB Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, 2018.

Democracy Moving: the Lincoln Dances of Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, Pitch Your Book Workshop, Mid-America Theatre Conference, 2018.

"Best Practices in Early Career Mentoring," National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity, UB Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Office of the Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion, and School of Social Work. 2016.

Early Career Faculty Mentoring Initiative participant, UB Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Office of the Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion, and School of Social Work. 2016.

UB Seminar (First-Year seminar) Curriculum Development Workshop, Office of the Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education, 2016.

UB Curriculum Development Workshop, Office of the Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education, 2016.

"Quantitative Reasoning Across the Curriculum," Quantitative Reasoning Center, Vassar College, 2015.

American Theatre & Drama Society Graduate Fellows Pre-Conference, 2013.

PROFESSIONAL

African American Intellectual History Society (AAIHS)

AFFILIATIONS

American Society for Theatre Research (ASTR)
American Studies Association (ASA)
American Theatre and Drama Society (ATDS)
Association for Theater in Higher Education (ATHE)
 Focus Groups: Black Theatre Association, Musical Theatre/Dance
Dance Studies Association (DSA)
Mid-America Theatre Conference (MATC)
National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD)
University at Buffalo Humanities Institute Performance Research Workshop
White People's Work: Antiracism, Dance, Pedagogy Working Group

CREATIVE
WORK

Choreography and Movement Direction
(selected)

<i>Attention/Devotion</i> (Choreographer) ChoreoLab	University at Buffalo, 2019
<i>10 Out of 12</i> (Movement Director) Dir. Eero Laine	University at Buffalo, 2017
<i>Visitors in Paradise</i> (Choreographer) Zodiaque Dance Ensemble	University at Buffalo, 2016
<i>Dear Boy</i> (Choreographer) Dir. Stacey Cabaj	University of Pittsburgh, 2013
<i>The Mustache</i> (Movement Director) Dir. Christiana Molldrem Harkulich	University of Pittsburgh, 2013
<i>Machinal</i> (Movement Director) Dir. Maria Enriquez	University of Pittsburgh, 2013
<i>Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street</i> (Choreographer) Dir. Lisa Jackson-Schebetta	University of Pittsburgh, 2012
<i>Violet Sharp</i> (Choreographer) Dir. William Cameron	Terra Nova Theatre Group, 2012
<i>Sparagmos (The Bacchae)</i> (Choreographer) Dir. David Bisaha	University of Pittsburgh, 2011

As You Like It (Choreographer) University of Pittsburgh, 2010
Dir. Sam Turich

All in the Timing (Movement Direction) University of Pittsburgh, 2010
Dir. David Peterson

Darwin and the Kid (Choreographer) Shakespeare-in-the-Schools, 2009
Dir. Sam Turich

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MFA Thesis Concert, Faculty Director University at Buffalo, 2019-20

Agamemnon (Assistant Director) University of Pittsburgh, 2014
Dir. Dennis Schebetta

The Gammage Project (Researcher) University of Pittsburgh, 2012
Dir. Mark Clayton Southers

Churchill in Shorts (Dramaturg) University of Pittsburgh, 2011
Dir. Tommy Costello

Jane Eyre (Dramaturg) Pittsburgh Irish and Classical Theatre, 2010
Dir. Scott Wise

The Cherry Orchard (Dramaturg) University at Buffalo, 2009
Dir. Kazimierz Braun

Literary Management/Dramaturgy Intern Guthrie Theater, 2008
Multiple productions, supervisor: Carla Steen

Twelfth Night (Dramaturg) St. Olaf College, 2008
Dir. Gary Gisselman