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curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

2023 **University of Washington:** Masters of Fine Arts in Dance
2010 **University of the Arts:** Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance

CERTIFICATIONS:

2022 **Embodiology:** Foundational Training Course
2020 **Gyrotonic Method:** Level 1 Teacher Training Certification
2012 **Martha Graham Technique:** Teacher Training Certification
2007 **Arthur Murray Ballroom Dance Studios:** Teacher Certification

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE TEACHING

2024- current **Scripps College:** Claremont, CA, Assistant Professor, Dance

2021 - 2023 **University of Washington:** Seattle, WA, Pre-Doctoral Lecturer, Dance
Instructor of Record:
Hustle: Open Levels
Contemporary Modern: Introductory, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

2019 Sp. Quarter **University of California Irvine:** Irvine, CA, Guest Lecturer, Dance
Modern: Level 2-3 (Undergraduate), Level 4 (Graduate)

PERFORMING EXPERIENCE

DANCE COMPANIES (FULL MEMBER):

2011 - 2018 **Martha Graham Dance Company:** New York, NY
Janet Eilber, Artistic Director
Repertory: *Appalachian Spring, Diversion of Angels, Rite of Spring, Cave of the Heart, Errand into the Maze, Acts of Light, Clytemnestra, Embattled Garden, Maple Leaf Rag, Dark Meadow, Phaedra, Moon* (from “Canticle for Innocent Comedians”)
Contemporary Works: Nacho Duato: *Rust, Deepak Ine*, Robert Wilson: *Snow on the Mesa*, Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui: *Mosaic*, Andonis Foniadakis: *Echo*, Richard Move: *The Show (Achilles Heels)*, Pontus Lidberg: *Woodland*
Lamentation Variations: Doug Varone, Sonya Tayeh, Michelle Dorrance, Bula Pagarlava, Larry Kegwin

International Tours: Greece, Spain, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Turkey, Haiti, China, Taiwan, Russia, Canada, Cuba

Domestic Tours: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington

PERFORMING EXPERIENCE (contd)

DANCE COMPANIES (FULL MEMBER):

2017 - 2018 **Buglisi Dance Theater:** New York, NY
Jaquelyn Buglisi, Artistic Director
Repertory: *Bare to the Wall, Table of Silence*
Donlin Foreman: *Agathon*

DANCE COMPANIES (GUEST ARTIST):

2021 **Chamber Dance Company:** Seattle, WA
Hannah Wiley, Artistic Director
Repertory: Camille A. Brown: *City of Rain*, Zvi Gotheiner: *Chairs*

2021 **Caleb Teicher and Company:** New York, NY
Caleb Teicher, Artistic Director
Repertory: *Rhapsody in Blue (for New York)*

2018 **Lar Lubovitch Dance Company:** New York, NY
Lar Lubovitch, Artistic Director
Repertory: *Legend of Ten*

2013 - 2014 **Cecilia Marta Dance Company:** New York, NY
Cecilia Marta, Artistic Director
Repertory: *Rituals, Side A & Side B...Darkshine*

MUSICALS:

2019 ***Dragon Spring Phoenix Rise***
Chen Shi-Zheng, Director | Akram Khan, Choreographer
Ensemble, Company Class Teacher
Venue: The SHED NYC - New York, NY

2019 ***Christmas Ain't A Drag***
Ric Zivic, Producer/Director | Billy Blanks Jr., Choreographer
Dragette, Dance Captain
Venue: The Cutting Room - New York, NY

2018 ***Hatuey: Memory of Fire***
Mary Birnbaum, Director | Maija Garcia, Choreographer
Chorus
Venue: Alexander Kasser Theater - Montclair, NJ

2017 ***Tempest Songbook***
Luca Veggetti, Director/Choreographer
Caliband
Venue: Metropolitan Museum of Art - New York, NY

INVITED PERFORMANCES:

2022 ***Fire Island Dance Festival: All of the Above, None of the Above***
Abdiel Jacobsen & Caleb Teicher, Choreography
Duet
Venue: Fire Island, NY

PERFORMING EXPERIENCE (contd)

INVITED PERFORMANCES:

- 2022 ***Imogen Cunningham: A Retrospective***
Abdiel Jacobsen, Choreographer
Soloist
Venue: Seattle Art Museum - Seattle, WA
- 2021 ***Life Encounters: Archie Burnett***
Archie Burnett, Director/Choreographer
Dancer
Venue: Jacob's Pillow - Becket, MA
- 2019 ***Link Up: Orchestra Moves***
Melissa Mahon, Director
Featured Dancer, Ballroom Dance Duet Spotlight
Venue: Carnegie Hall, Stern Auditorium - New York, NY
- 2019 ***A Celebration of Sono Osato***
The Actor's Fund, Presenter
Featured Dancer, *Lone Town* Pas de Deux
Venue: Broadway Music Box Theatre - New York, NY
- 2018 - 2019 ***Annual Canada Salsa and Bachata Congress***
Jennifer Aucoin, Director
Featured Dancer, Hustle Duet
Venue: Fairmount Royal York - Toronto, Canada
- 2018 ***Breton Follies***
Breton Tyner-Bryan, Choreographer
Soloist
Venue: Jacob's Pillow - Becket, MA
- 2012 ***Diana Vishneva: Dialogues***
Mariinsky Theater, Diana Vishneva Foundation & Ardani Artist
Featured Dancer, *Errand into the Maze* partnering Diana Vishneva
Venue: The Megaron Concert Hall - Athens, Greece

BALLROOM & HUSTLE COMPETITIONS:

- 2023 **International Latin Hustle Festival:** Miami, FL
Pro. Just Latin Hustle
Awards: 2nd Place, Latin Hustle
- 2022 - 2023 **LA Hustle Congress:** Long Beach, CA
Pro. Jack and Jill Medley / Justle Hustle
Awards: 1st Place, Hustle
- 2023 **New York Hustle Congress:** New York, NY
Pro. Justle Hustle
Awards: 2nd Place, Hustle
- 2020 **New York Dance Festival:** New York, NY
Pro. Cabaret Division, Pro. Rising Star Rhythm, Pro. Open Rhythm
- 2019 **Disco America:** Philadelphia, PA
Professional Dance Off
Awards: 1st Place, Hustle

PERFORMING EXPERIENCE (contd)

BALLROOM COMPETITIONS:

- 2019 **Yuletide Ball:** Rockville, MD
Pro. Cabaret Division, Pro. Rising Star Rhythm, Pro. Open Rhythm
- 2015 **Empire Dance Championships:** New York, NY
Pro. Cabaret Division, Pro. Rising Star Rhythm, Pro. Open Rhythm
- 2012 **April Follies:** Oakland, CA
Professional Same-Sex Ballroom Championships
Awards: 1st Place, American Smooth
- 2010 **World Latin Dance Cup:** Philadelphia, PA
Regional Championships
Awards: 1st Place, Salsa On 1

STAGE: CREATION/DIRECTION/CHOREOGRAPHY

- 2022 ***Do The Hustle*** – 8 dancers, host, DJ, original composition
Co-creator/Host
Chautauqua Institution Residency
Peter B. Lewis Theater; Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum – New York, NY
- 2022 ***Hustle at the Pillow*** - 8 dancers, host, DJ
Co-creator/Host
Henry J. Lier, Jacob's Pillow – Becket, MA
- 2022 ***Parasite Disco*** – 19 dancers, original composition
Director
MFA Concert
Meany Hall Theater – Seattle, WA
- 2017 - 2022 OYO Dance Company
Fractured Fervor - 5 dancers
Choreographer
Hilliard Center (2022), Columbus Performing Arts Center (2019)
Columbus, OH
Land of Lola - solo
Choreographer
The Black Box Theater at Inspiration to Movement (2021) Columbus, OH
They of the Land and Earth - 3 dancers, live drummer
Choreographer
Columbus Performing Arts Center (2020) Columbus, OH
For Those Who Came Before - 4 dancers
Choreographer
Riffe Center (2019), The Meeting House (2018) Columbus, OH
Empty Box - solo
Choreographer
Shedd Theater (2017) Columbus, OH
- 2019 ***The Color Ix*** - Immersive: 8 dancers, 2 live singers, original composition
Director/Choreographer
The Stonewall Inn - New York, NY

STAGE: CREATION/DIRECTION/CHOREOGRAPHY (contd):

- 2018 *Dré Un Kayé* – duet, 1 live musician
Choreographer
Cape Dance Festival Residency
- 2017 *Thread* – duet, original composition
Choreographer
NYC Dance Week, NYC10 Initiative
Dixon Place – New York, NY
- 2016 - 2017 *A Walk In My Heels* - duet, live singer, live percussionist
Director/Choreographer
Cape Dance Festival (2017) Cape Cod, MA
Center For Performance Research (2017) Brooklyn, NY
Common Roots Dance Festival (2016) New York, NY
NYU Gallatin Arts Festival (2016) New York, NY
Thelma Hill Performing Arts Dance Festival (2016) New York, NY
- 2012 *Symphony of Shadows* – duet
Rachel Klein Productions
Contributing Choreographer
Dixon Place - New York, NY
- 2011 *Exordium to Freedom* - 2 dancers
Graham 2
Choreographer
Manhattan Movement and Arts Theater - New York, NY
- 2010 *Dip It* – 2 dancers
University of the Arts – Winter Faculty Concert
Choreographer
Merriam Theater - Philadelphia, PA

DANCE FILMS

- 2022 *Feel In The Vibe*
Abdiel Jacobsen, Director/Writer/Editor
Short Film
Award: Emerge Arts
- 2022 *Follow Lead Love* (in post production)
Brian Thomas, Director
Feature Documentary - Lead Subject
- 2021 *I Just Wanna Dance*
Amanda Beane, Director | Abdiel Jacobsen, Choreographer/Performer
Festival Selections:
Dance on Camera, at Lincoln Center New York City (2022)
San Francisco International LGBTQ+ Film Festival (2022)
Blois Danse Festival (2022)
San Francisco Dance Film Festival (2021)
- 2020 *Run*
Nainnoh, Director | Abdiel Jacobsen, Choreographer/Performer
Music Video

DANCE FILMS (contd)

- 2020 **2 of Us**
Abdiel Jacobsen, Director/Choreographer/Performer
Short Film
Festival Selections & Awards:
Third Coast Dance Film Festival (2021)
Buddha International Film Festival (2020) - Best Concept Award
- 2018 **Searching For Wonder**
Greg Osei, Director | Abdiel Jacobsen, Choreographer/Performer
Music Video
Festival Selections:
New Orleans Film Festival (2019), San Francisco Dance Film Festival (2019), Sans Souci Festival of Dance Cinema (2019), Indie Memphis Film Festival (2019), Mexico City Videodance Festival (2019), CLIPPED Music Video (2019), Philadelphia Independent Film Festival (2019)

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **GFPM Annual Conference**
Universität Siegen - Siegen, Germany
“Rock Your Body: Bodies in Interaction with Popular Music”
- 2022 **Graduate Research Symposium**
University of Washington - Seattle, WA
“Party Environments and the Development of the Hustle: How Party Spaces Foster Creativity and Community Connection Past and Present”
- 2022 **Teaching and Learning Symposium**
University of Washington - Seattle, WA
“Club Classroom: Igniting the Learning Experience Through Play and Communal Celebration”
- 2022 **The Collegium for African Diaspora Dance**
Duke University - Durham, NC
“Transrhythms: Recentering Black, Queer and Trans People within Street/Club Styles and It’s Histories”
- 2021 **Dance in Higher Education Presentations**
University of Washington - Seattle, WA
“The Club as the Classroom: Igniting the Learning Experience Through Play and Communal Celebration”

PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 **“Do the Hustle: A Saturday Night Reclamation”**
in *Dance in US Popular Culture*, edited by Jen Atkins
Routledge Press
- 2021 ***The Martha Graham Dance Company: House of Pelvic Truth***
White-McGuire, Blakeley | Contributor, Interview Dec. 15th 2020
Bloomsbury Publishing

ARCHIVE PRESERVATION

- 2023 **Dance/USA**
Archiving Fellow – Segunda Quimbamba Folkloric Center: Jersey City, NJ

ARCHIVE PRESERVATION (contd)

2021 **New York Public Library for the Performing Arts:** New York, NY
Interviewer, Dance Oral History Project
Jerome Robbins Dance Division

ADDITIONAL TEACHING

DANCE CENTERS:

2021 – current **Century Ballroom:** Seattle, WA
Hustle: Open Level

2019 **Gibney Dance Center:** New York, NY
Hustle: Open Level

2014 - 2018 **The Martha Graham School:** New York, NY
Graham Technique: Level 2 & 3
Latin Jazz: Open Level

2007 - 2012 **Arthur Murray Dance Center:** Silver Spring, MD | Narberth, PA |
Greenwich, CT
Smooth & Rhythm Ballroom Dances-- Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Viennese
Waltz, Quickstep, Rumba, Cha Cha, Swing, Bolero, Mambo, Salsa,
Merengue, Bachata, Samba: Bronze & Silver Level

MASTER CLASSES:

2022 **Spectrum Dance Theater Academy Program:** Seattle, WA
Hustle

2021 **Stanford University:** Stanford California
Hustle

2021 **University of Kansas:** Lawrence, Kansas
Hustle

2020 **Harvard University:** Cambridge, MA
Hustle

2019 **The Juilliard School:** New York, NY
Hustle

2018 **Rider University:** Lawrenceville, NJ
Graham Technique

2017 **University of North Carolina Charlotte:** Charlotte, NC
Graham Technique

2017 **Franklin and Marshall College:** Lancaster, PA
Argentine Tango

2017 **Wuhan Conservatory of Music Dept. of Dance:** Wuhan, China
Graham Technique

2017 **CKT Centre de Danse:** Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Graham Technique

2017 **Ecole Nationale des Arts (ENARTS):** Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Graham Technique

2016 **Oyo Dance Company:** Columbus, OH
Graham Technique, Hustle, Heels

ADDITIONAL TEACHING (contd)

MASTER CLASSES:

- 2016 **Philadelphia High School for the Creative and Performing Arts:**
Philadelphia, PA - Graham Technique
- 2016 **Ridgefield Conservatory for Dance:** Ridgefield, CT
Ballroom Dance
- 2015 **Zenon Dance Center:** Minneapolis, MN
Graham Technique
- 2014 **Beijing Dance Academy:** Beijing, China
Graham Technique
- 2014 **Broadway Dance Center:** New York, NY
Latin Jazz

RESTAGING

- 2018 - 2019 **The Juilliard School:** New York, NY
Assistant to Terese Capucilli
Rite of Spring – Martha Graham

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2023 **Andrew W. Mellon Foundation:** Humanities in Place Officer Grant - NYC
- 2022 - 2023 **Collective Power Fund:** New Work/Projects Grant - Seattle, WA
- 2021 - 2023 **Full Tuition Waiver:** University of Washington - Seattle, WA
- 2021 - 2023 **Teaching Assistantship:** University of Washington - Seattle, WA
- 2017 - 2022 **Fulbright Specialist:** U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of Educational And
Cultural Affairs
- 2022 **Collective Power Fund: New Works/Project Grants Recipient**
Seattle, WA
- 2021 **Top Scholar Award:** University of Washington Dept. of Dance
Seattle, WA
- 2021 **NYC Artist Corp Grant:** New York, NY
- 2007 - 2010 **Artist Grant:** University of the Arts - Philadelphia, PA

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

- 2023 **National Endowments of the Arts**
Panelist - Grants for Arts Projects: Dance
- 2022 **Dancing Resilience: Dance Studies and Activism in a Global Age**
Dance Studies Association, Co-Presenter
"#PopDanceProfs: Collectively Advocating for Popular Dance in Higher Education"
- 2021 **Martha Graham Alumni Antiracist Alliance**
Founding Member
- 2021 **"Race & Dance: Building Empathy & Solidarity For Dancers"**
Panel Discussion, Organizer and Facilitator

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA)
Actor's Equity Association (AEA)
International Association of Blacks in Dance (IABD)
Dance Studies Association (DSA)