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EDUCATION

Rutgers University - Graduate School of Education - New Brunswick, NJ **Exp. May 2024**

Masters in Dance Education

Cumulative GPA: 4.0, Summa Cum Laude

New Jersey Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (Dance Education), anticip. June 2024

Rutgers University - Mason Gross School of the Arts - New Brunswick, NJ **May 2023**

Bachelor's of Fine Arts in Dance

Cumulative GPA: 3.95, Summa Cum Laude

Credits Completed: 199.5

HONORS & AWARDS

Nancy Higginson Dorr Award **March 2024**

Rutgers University

- Received for demonstration of pedagogic and academic excellence and potential as a beginning teacher

Scott Cagenello Memorial Prize **May 2023**

Rutgers University

- Received for outstanding commitment to helping others in the school or university community

EdM Dance Education Student Scholarship **May 2022**

Rutgers University

- Received for demonstration of pedagogic and academic excellence and a record of service to the Mason Gross and Graduate School of Education communities or to the field of Dance Education

Victoria J. Mastrobuono Memorial Scholarship **August 2020**

Rutgers University

- Received for artistic and academic excellence in the Mason Gross Dance Department

CERTIFICATIONS

Substitute Teaching License

Somerset County, NJ

500 Hour Comprehensive Pilates Certification

Club Pilates

Master Trainer: Yvonne McCabe

200 Hour Registered Yoga Teacher

Soma Yoga Institute

Playa Coyote, Costa Rica

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Collective Thread by MODArts Dance Collective **March 2024**

The Riverside Theatre - Harlem, NY

"Kinetic Interdeterminacy" by Julia Ramirez

Rutgers Symphony Orchestra with Mason Gross Dance **March 2024**

Nicholas Music Center - New Brunswick, NJ

Choreography by Evelyn Wang

When Waves Collide Music and Dance Festival **October 2023**

Flemington DIY - Flemington, NJ

"Perpetual Ebb" by Molly Weidmaier and Ava Rakowski

Jersey New Moves Nimbus Dance - Jersey City, NJ "Crepusculo" by Kiana Rosa Fischer	September 2023
Xing Dance Festival Atlas Performing Arts Center - Washington, DC "A Subject Under Consideration" by Julia Ramirez	July 2023
Spring for Spring Dance Festival Mignolo Arts Center - Metuchen, NJ "Kinetic Interdeterminacy" by Julia Ramirez	June 2023
Dumbo Dance Festival Mark Morris Dance Center - Brooklyn, NY "Kinetic Interdeterminacy" by Julia Ramirez	June 2023
Spring DancePlus Victoria J. Mastrobuono Theater - New Brunswick, NJ "Call Me Back" by Shelby Bakota "isn't this everyone's dream?" by Molly Weidmaier	May 2023
Senior Thesis Concert Victoria J. Mastrobuono Theater - New Brunswick, NJ "Call Me Back" by Shelby Bakota "isn't this everyone's dream?" by Molly Weidmaier	May 2023
University Dance Works New Jersey Area "Con Brazos Abiertos" by Michelle Manzanales, Ballet Hispanico	January - May 2023
American College Dance Association Memorial Auditorium - Montclair, NJ "In Plain Sight" by Megan Tantuico, "isn't this everyone's dream?" by Molly Weidmaier	September 2023
Student Works Concert Loree Dance Theater - New Brunswick, NJ "Whatever Feels Right" by Ava Rakowski	February 2023
Senior Solo/Duet Concert Victoria J. Mastrobuono Theater - New Brunswick, NJ "an unwanted abundance" by Molly Weidmaier	December 2022
Fall DancePlus New Brunswick Performing Arts Center - New Brunswick, NJ "Con Brazos Abiertos" by Michelle Manzanales, Ballet Hispanico "Hidden Tracks" by André Zachery, Renegade Performance Group	November 2022
Koresh Artist Showcase Koresh Dance Company - Philadelphia, PA "A Subject Under Consideration" by Julia Ramirez	October 2022
Spring DancePlus Victoria J. Mastrobuono Theater - New Brunswick, NJ "Origami Mami" by Tentacle Tribe	May 2022
University Dance Works New Jersey Area "Court of Wilis" by Katy Pyle, Ballez	January - May 2022
Student Works Concert Loree Dance Theater - New Brunswick, NJ "Contact" by Molly Weidmaier	December 2021
Fall DancePlus New Brunswick Performing Arts Center - New Brunswick, NJ "Minor Feelings" by Evelyn (Chien-Ying) Wang "Court of Wilis" by Katy Pyle, Ballez	October 2021

Spring DancePlus Virtual - New Brunswick, NJ "Sutrajal" by Ananya Chatterjee, Ananya Dance Theatre "#WARRIORS STAND UP" by Kim Elliott	April 2021
Senior Thesis Concert Virtual - New Brunswick, NJ	April 2021
Student Works Concert Virtual - New Brunswick, NJ	April 2021
Student Works Concert Loree Dance Theater - New Brunswick, NJ	December 2019

CHOREOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

isn't this everyone's dream ? Spring DancePlus, Victoria J. Mastrobuono Theater - New Brunswick, NJ Senior Thesis Concert, Victoria J. Mastrobuono Theater - New Brunswick, NJ American College Dance Association, Memorial Auditorium - Montclair, NJ	2023
an unwanted abundance Senior Solo/Duet Concert, Loree Dance Theater - New Brunswick, NJ	2023
Stop! In the Name of Love Dance Film - New Brunswick, NJ	2023
Contact Student Works Concert, Loree Dance Theater - New Brunswick, NJ	2022
Shutdown Student Choreography Concert, Middlesex Magnet School - East Brunswick, NJ	2019
Brain Mush Student Choreography Concert, Middlesex Magnet School - East Brunswick, NJ	2018

PK-12 DANCE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

North Plainfield High School Joseph Krouse, Principal Alfred Hadinger, Supervisor of Fine, Practical, and Performing Arts Rebecca Visintainer, Cooperating Teacher Full-time Student-Teaching Clinical Internship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed 16 weeks of full-time teaching experience in dance classroom, with grades 8-12 Ran extra-curricular dance club meetings Developed culturally relevant lesson plans that met State and National Standards and accounted for the varied needs of learners Utilized supervisors and other dance educators to reflect on and refine lessons, teaching practices, and classroom management strategies Attended department and school-wide meetings Participated in professional development workshops on Critical Response Process and Yoga for Teacher Wellness Chaperoned students on field trips to local learning experiences 	September - December 2023
Franklin Park Elementary Rebekah Solomon, Principal Cesar Rainho, Supervisor of Fine, Visual, Performing, and Practical Arts Danielle Mondy, Cooperating Teacher Part-time Student-Teaching Clinical Internship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed 190 hours of student teaching experience in dance classroom, with grades K-5 Observed cooperating teacher and reflected/revised personal pedagogical practices Assisted cooperating teacher with classroom management, lesson and material preparation, and show production Chaperoned students on field trips to local learning experiences 	January - May 2023

Nicholas Solomon, Principal

Cesar Rainho, Supervisor of Fine, Visual, Performing, and Practical Arts

Lindsey Della Serra, Cooperating Teacher

Student Teaching Practicum Internship

- Completed 28 hours of student teaching experience in dance classroom, with grades 9-12
 - Observed cooperating teacher's classroom management, lessons, and pedagogical practices
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STUDIO TEACHING EXPERIENCE**Washington Rock Dance****September 2022 - Present**

Warren, NJ

- Maintain a positive and encouraging classroom environment
- Teach students ages 5-18 with varied experience and ability levels
- Teach a variety of dance styles including: Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Acro, Hip-Hop, Contemporary, and Modern

Jill Justin Dance Alliance**September 2018 - December 2022**

Edison, NJ

- Maintained a positive and encouraging classroom environment
 - Taught students aged 5-18 with various experience and ability levels
 - Taught a variety of dance styles including: Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip-Hop, and Contemporary
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SOMATIC/FITNESS TEACHING EXPERIENCE**Club Pilates - Metuchen & Edison****September 2021 - Present**

- Design and lead group Pilates classes
- Conduct private Pilates classes
- Work with clients age 14 and above with varied experience and ability levels
- Assist with administrative work

Life Time Fitness - Bridgewater**January 2024 - Present**

- Designs and leads group Pilates classes
- Conducts private Pilates classes
- Works with adults of varied experience and ability levels
- Assists with administrative work

Yoga Instructor**May 2020 - Present**

- Organize and lead community-based yoga classes
 - Teach a variety of populations including: children, adults, and people with limited mobility, at an appropriate level with necessary modifications
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SERVICE & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**Dance New Jersey****February 2024**

Volunteer

- Volunteered for Dance New Jersey's annual event held at Rutgers University - Mason Gross School of the Arts
- Assisted with event set-up and clean-up
- Assisted Cristina Marte with the Student Mock Audition Class

Rutgers Symphony Orchestra Performance**Jan 2024 - Present**

Dance Captain

- Served as Dance Captain for Evelyn Wang
- Assisted with teaching and clarifying movements and counts during the rehearsal process
- Organized and maintained a communication network for dancers and choreographers via Facebook Group
- Led additional rehearsals as needed
- Taught movement warmups prior to rehearsal

Dancer Aerobic Fitness Test**May 2020 - Present**

Research Assistant

- Assisted with the facilitation of the “Dancer Aerobic Fitness Test” created by the Trinity Laban School
- Taught pre-testing movement warmup
- Taught movement phrases necessary for completing the DAFT
- Assisted with pre-test planning, movement analysis, and assessments on first-year dancers through the administration of the DAFT
- Converted and edited audio & video files necessary for test completion

National Honor Society for Dance Arts**October 2023 - Present**

Publicist

- Serves as Publicist for the Rutgers NHSDA Chapter
- Participates in chapter initiatives, meetings, and inductions

Mason Gross Student Governing Association**May 2022 - May 2023**

President

- Led bi-weekly meetings for department representatives
- Organized meetings with Mason Gross Leadership and Administration
- Advocated for student needs with appropriate parties
- Planned and held social gatherings and professional development opportunities for students

Mason Gross School of the Arts - Performance Skills 1**September 2021 - May 2022**

Rehearsal Assistant

- Served as rehearsal assistant for Ani Javian while teaching “Performance Skills 1”
- Taught movement warmups for 1st dance students
- Cleaned and clarified spacing during the rehearsal process
- Assisted with creating and setting choreography prior to and during rehearsals

Mason Gross School of the Arts - University Dance Works**September 2021 - May 2022**

Rehearsal Assistant

- Served as rehearsal assistant for Michelle Manzanale's “Con Brazos Abiertos”
- Ran rehearsals during 3-month long tour in the New Jersey Area
- Re-spaced choreography as needed
- Cleaned and clarified choreography as needed during tour

American College Dance Association**September 2022 - May 2023**

Student Representative

- Worked with students and faculty in planning events connected to the ACDA Northeast Conference
- Organized student meetings in preparation for 3 student events
- Led virtual and in-person student events for the ACDA Northeast conference
- Participated in professional development workshops at the ACDA Northeast conference
- Collaborated with faculty to improve student representative experiences for future conferences

Mason Gross School of the Arts - University Dance Works**September 2021 - May 2022**

Rehearsal Assistant

- Served as rehearsal assistant for Katy Pyle's “Court of Wilis”
- Ran rehearsals during 4-month long virtual tour
- Re-spaced choreography as needed
- Cleaned and clarified choreography as needed during tour

Mason Gross Student Governing Association**September 2020 - May 2021**

Treasurer

- Managed organization financial accounts
- Maintained financial records and budget totaling \$80,000
- Worked with students to provide funding for personal and professional projects
- Executed contracts and payments with local vendors and event spaces
- Collaborated with school administration to create gifts and merchandise for graduates

Student Representative

- Served as a connection between Mason Gross Dance students, faculty, and administration
- Advocated for students' needs and desires within the department
- Attended faculty meetings to address issues and possible solutions
- Organized student meetings and/or collaborative documents to create equity in the voices heard within the department

MEMBERSHIPS

National Honor Society for Dance Arts	January 2023 - Present
National Dance Education Organization	December 2022 - Present
Dance New Jersey	December 2022 - Present
Yoga Alliance	August 2019 - Present

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

National Dance Education Organization - Annual Conference Denver, Colorado	September 2023
Vim Vigor - Summer Intensive Ann Arbor, Michigan	August 2023
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Accademia dell'Arte - Summer Intensive Arezzo, Italy	July 2022

TEACHING COMPETENCIES

- Ballet
- Modern
- Jazz
- Tap
- Contemporary
- Lyrical
- Standards Informed Creative Movement
- Improvisation
- Choreography
- Pilates
- Yoga

VISUAL ART EXPERIENCE

The Runoff Rock Dance Collective - Warren, NJ	July 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked with Artistic Director Cleo Mack to generate welded sculptures in the process of creating "The Runoff" a show produced in collaboration with the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership	
The Woes and Pantyhose of Life Showcase of Self - Virtual Showing	November 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welded, mixed media sculpture presented in a Mason Gross School of the Arts, student run art showing	
Reproductive Bull Transformations Gallery - Metuchen, NJ	October 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welded, found art sculpture displayed in a 3 month gallery run	

REFERENCES

Ani Javian - Assistant Professor of Dance at The Dance Department at Rutgers's University's Mason Gross School of the Arts - New Brunswick, NJ

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Rebecca Visintainer - Cooperating Teacher at North Plainfield High School - North Plainfield, NJ

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Cleo Mack - Director of Dance at Middlesex County School of Performing Arts - East Brunswick, NJ, co-owner of Washington Rock Dance and Artistic Director of Rock Dance Collective - Warren, NJ

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Hollie Palmisano - Licensed Athletic Trainer for Rutgers Student Health, Program Supervisor at Mason Gross School of the Arts Dance Department for the BFA Dance Science Concentration - New Brunswick, NJ

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Reference Letters Available Upon Request