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## **Education**

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**Master of Fine Arts in Dance and Choreography**  
 Smith College, MA

**Bachelor of Fine Arts, Dance Performance**  
 New York University, Tisch School of the Arts

## **Leadership and Management**

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Women in Dance Leadership Conference	Founder/President	2013 – present
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- Programming and planning
- Contracts negotiating
- Fundraising
- Budgeting
- Marketing
- Grant writing

Louisiana State University Dance Program	Head	2013 – 2016
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- Curriculum design
- Program growth
  - From serving 150 students per semester to 250+ students
  - Number of Courses offered grew 50%
- Budgeting
- Recruiting
- Established community partners
- Advising students
- Direct annual dance concerts

Boston University REACH program, MA	Assistant Dir.	2010
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- Curriculum design
- Program planning
- Choreographing



## **Professional Appointments**

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<b>Kennesaw State University</b> Department of Dance <i>Assistant Professor</i> Courses taught: Ballet IV, Classical Repertoire, Pointe/Pas de Deux, Modern II, Modern III, Modern IV, Arts in Society (traditional and online), Chinese Dance and Culture (new course), Choreography, Dance History I and II, Dance Pedagogy, Senior Seminar, Senior Project, and Study Abroad Program (Taiwan)	2010 – 2013
<b>Regis College, Weston, MA</b> Theater and Dance Department <i>Adjunct Faculty</i>	2009-2010
<b>Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA</b> Theatre and Dance Department <i>Visiting Assistant Professor</i> Course taught: Dance Appreciation and Creating Dance	2008-2010
<b>Colleges of the Fenway, Boston, MA</b> Performing Arts Department <i>Instructor</i>	2008-2010
<b>Boston University, MA</b> Department of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance <i>Instructor – ballet</i>	2007-2010 2004-2005
<b>Smith College, MA</b> Department of Dance <i>Graduate teaching fellow</i> Course taught: Ballet I and II, Contemporary II, Jazz I and II	2005-2007

## **Selected Performance Experiences**

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### **Modern Dance Performances**

<b>42<sup>nd</sup> World Dance Congress, Miami, FL</b> Sandra Parks, Choreographer	2015
<b>Three Minutes or Less, Baton Rouge, LA</b> Sandra Parks, Choreographer	2014

## **Selected Performance Experiences**

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**Shared Choreographers' Concert, Cambridge, MA** 2008 and 2009  
Sandra Parks, Choreographer

**"For Love of June", Northampton, MA** 2007  
Cathy Nicoli, Choreographer

**Dance Collective Dance Company, Boston, MA** 2003-2005  
Micki Taylor-Pinney, Artistic Director

**Impulse Dance Company, Boston, MA** 2004 season  
Adrienne Hawkins, Artistic Director

**Bosoma Dance Company, Boston, MA** 2004 season  
Hooper/Djelassi, Directors

**Producers Showcase, New York, NY** 2000  
Jonathan Cerullo, Choreographer

### **Musical Theater**

***King and I* national tour** Dancer Big League Theatricals 1999-2000

***King and I* Brazil tour** Dancer Big League Theatricals 2000 summer

***Making Tracks*** Dancer 1998 season

### **Ballet Performances**

**Second Avenue Company, New York, NY** 1998-1999  
Douglas Becker, Choreographer

**Les Ballets Chinois, New York, NY** 1995  
Chen-min Lipman, Artistic Director

**Wu-Yi Dance Company, Taipei, Taiwan** soloist 1994-1995  
Da-yung Zhang, Artistic Director  
Repertory includes: *Don Quixote*

**Four Season Ballet, Taipei, Taiwan** soloist 1994-1995  
Da-yung Zhang, Artistic Director  
Repertory includes: *Don Quixote*

## **Film Production Experience**

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**Title:** *The Heritage of Chinese Culture and Dance*

**Genre:** Documentary

**Responsibilities:** Co-Producer, Co-Director, Film Editor, Dance Specialist, and Interview Translator

**Length:** 65 minutes

**Premiere:** January 2013, Kennesaw, GA

**Title:** *Opening Another Door*

**Genre:** Short film

**Responsibilities:** Director, Videographer, and Film Editor

**Length:** 7 minutes

**Premiere:** February 2007, Cambridge, MA

## **Selected Choreography**

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**Title:** Us

**Music:** Steve Reich

**Premiere:** April 2016 in Baton Rouge, LA

**Note:** Invited and presented by 2016 Beijing Dance Festival

**Title:** Music for Athletes

**Music:** Sergei Prokofiev

**Premiere:** February 2016 in Baton Rouge, LA

**Note:** Presented at the International Prokofiev Symposium

**Title:** Arranged Reality

**Music:** Yann Tiersen, Zoë Keating, Arvo Pärt, Abel Korzeniowski, DJ Point, Edith Piaf, Edited by Sandra Parks

**Premiere:** 2015 Women in Dance Leadership Conference, Baton Rouge, LA

**Title:** Journey to Congo Square

**Music:** Original Composition by Brett Diaz

**Premiere:** May 2015 in Baton Rouge, LA

**Title:** The Lost Generation

**Music:** Sergei Prokofiev

**Premiere:** November 2014 in Baton Rouge, LA

**Title:** The Three Faces

**Music:** Tomasz Stanko, Sean Callery, and Miles Davis

**Premiere:** September 2014 in Baton Rouge, LA

## Selected Choreography

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**Title:** Another Adventure

**Music:** Umebayshi Shigeru, Ezio Bosso, and Client Mansell

**Premiere:** May 2014 in Baton Rouge, LA

**Note:** 2014 Crossing Boundaries Performance, Curated by Marcia Monroe  
 2015 American College Dance Festival Gala Selection  
 2016 RAW Artists Selected Performance, New Orleans, LA

**Title:** Moon...in my memory

**Music:** Yanjun Hua

**Premiere:** April 2014 in New York, NY

**Title:** Code Red

**Music:** Daniel Pemberton

**Commissioned by:** Of Moving Colors

**Premiere:** April 2014 in Baton Rouge, LA

**Title:** Follow

**Music:** Ice Nine, Nick Cave & Warren Ellis, and Ezio Bosso

**Commissioned by:** Cangelosi Dance Project, Baton Rouge

**Premiere:** December 2013 in Baton Rouge, LA

**Title:** Rebuild

**Music:** Olafur Arnalds, Nico Muhly, Break of Reality and Ezio Bosso

**Premiere:** November 2012 in Kennesaw, GA

**Note:** 2013 ACDF Gala Selection  
 2013 Taiwan International Dance Competition Finalist

**Title:** Await

**Music:** Philip Glass and Ezio Bosso

**Premiere:** January 2012 in Atlanta, GA – Dance Canvas

**Title:** 書道 Shu Dao (The way of self-cultivation through Chinese Calligraphy)

**Music:** U-Theater

**Video:** Produced and edited by Sandra Parks

**Premiere:** November 2011 in Kennesaw, GA

**Title:** 竹 (Zhu, translation: Bamboo)

**Music:** U-Theater

**Commissioned by:** Bosoma Dance Company

**Premiere:** November 2011 in Boston, MA

## **Selected Choreography**

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**Title:** Sleepless nights

**Music:** “Trad: Mongolian Long Song” by Ganbaatar Khongorzul, “Cancao Do Mar by Dulce Pontes, War” by Annette Focks, “Mano a mano” by Hans Zimmer, “Chinese Box Theme” by Graeme Revell

**Premiere:** November 2010 in Kennesaw, GA

**Title:** Little broken steps

**Music:** Phillip Glass and Mei Lanfang with editing by Sandra Parks

**GA Premiere:** April 2011 in Atlanta, GA – Modern Atlanta Dance Festival

**Premiere:** October 2009 in Cambridge, MA

**Title:** Opening another door

**Music:** J.S Bach, Dario Marianelli with editing by Sandra Parks

**Video:** Produced and edited by Sandra Parks

**Premiere:** February 2008 in Cambridge, MA

**Title:** Where to?

**Music:** Philip Glass, Chinese traditional/Kazakh, Michio Mamiya, Shigeru Umebayashi, Abigail Washburn and Jiping Zhao

**Video:** Edited by Roger Blum

**Premiere:** February 2007 in Northampton, MA

**Title:**  $\pi$

**Music:** Sean Booth, Rob Brown, Richard D. James and Clint Mansell

**Premiere:** May 2006 at Smith College, MA

**Title:** Unfamiliar

**Music:** Yo-yo Ma with Silk Road Ensemble

**Premiere:** December 2005 in Northampton, MA

## **Award and Scholarship**

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Drexel University Rankin Scholarship Fund (\$7,500)	2018
Taiwan Fellowship ((\$10,000)	2016
Lamar Foundation (\$3,500)	2015
Louisiana State University Faculty Travel Fund (\$750)	2015
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Louisiana State University Faculty Travel Fund (\$1,000)	2013
Kennesaw State University Faculty Incentive Fund (\$8,000)	2012
Kennesaw State University Global Engagement Fund (\$5,000)	2012
Kennesaw State University Global Engagement Fund (\$3,000)	2011

### **Award and Scholarship**

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Gretchen Moran Fellowship Award	2006
Smith College Teaching Fellowship	2005 - 2007
New Dance Group Arts Center, New York, NY	1995 - 2001
Steps on Broadway Dance Center, New York, NY	1995 - 2001

### **Master Classes**

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La Manufacture Conservatory, Aurillac, France	2016/2018
Beijing Dance Festival, China	2018
Boston University REACH program, Boston, MA	2011 - 2014
National Taiwan University of Arts, Taipei	2013/2015
Tennessee Governors School for the Arts, Murfreesboro, TN	June 2011
National Taiwan University of Arts, Taipei	May 2011
Taipei Physical Education College, Taipei	May 2011
Wu-Yi Dance Center, Taipei, Taiwan	2004/2006
Big Knowledge Dance Center, Taipei, Taiwan	2004/2006

### **Professional Membership**

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International Dance Council CID, Member	2015 – present
Playmaker of Baton Rouge, Board Member	2015 – 2016
Louisiana Alliance for Dance, Board Member	2014 – 2016



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