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EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts, in Dance, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. May 2009.

Bachelor of Fine Arts, in Dance, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. August 2002.

COLLEGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2015-Present Stephen F. Austin State University, Assistant Professor and Co-Coordinator

- Majors/minors technique courses: All levels of Ballet, Modern and Jazz dance technique, Dance Performance, Special Problems, Repertory Dance Company.
- Lecture courses: Improvisation and Composition, Rhythmic Analysis of Dance Movement, Senior Capstone, and Dance Appreciation.
- Non-majors technique courses: Beginning levels of Ballet, Modern and Jazz dance technique.
- Service: **Regional Level-** ACDA South Central Board of Directors, **State Level-** THECB expert consultant (learning outcomes project), **University Level-** Faculty Senate-Communications Committee and Ad Hoc Committee for Executive Director of Enrollment Management, Professional Educator's Council (PEC) Committee, **College Level-** Curriculum Committee, Diversity Committee, **Department Level-** Promotion/Tenure Committee, Scholarship Committee, Chair Search Committee.

2009-2015 Stephen F. Austin State University, Adjunct Faculty

- Majors/minors technique courses: All levels of Ballet, Modern and Jazz dance technique, Dance Performance, Special Problems.
- Lecture courses: Improvisation and Composition, Rhythmic Analysis of Dance Movement and Dance Appreciation.
- Non-majors technique courses: Beginning levels of Ballet, Modern and Jazz dance technique.

- 2011-2015 Tyler Junior College, Adjunct Faculty
- Harmony and Understanding Show Choir.
 - Pops Concerts and Broadway Blast Concerts.
- 2006-09 Sam Houston State University (Huntsville, TX): Graduate Teaching Assistant, providing dance training to non-dance majors.

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2014-2018 Gobel School of Dance, Nacogdoches TX
- Advanced Contemporary (Jazz 3), Pointe, and Tap

PRESENTATIONS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2018 EXCHANGE Choreography Festival: Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 26-29. *Bed of Nails* performance and lecture.
- 2018 American College Dance Association (ACDA) South Central Conference: Classes taught: Intermediate/Advanced Limón Modern.
- Works adjudicated: Cognitive Disturbance selected for Gala Concert.
- 2017 Brazos Contemporary Dance Festival (BCDF), Dimensions Contemporary Ballet.
- Work presented: Eve's Revenge.
- 2017 Houston Fringe Festival, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet.
- Work presented: "The Up Side of Down" which consists of Eve's Revenge, Kaleidoscope, Spheritude, Tempest, Awakenings.
- 2017 International Conference on the Arts in Society: Paris, France, June 14-16, 2017. *Expressions of the Forbidden: Creating dance that explores eating disorders and self-mutilation.*
- Poster presentation of dance choreography; M.E.
- 2017 American College Dance Association (ACDA) South Central Conference: Classes taught: Intermediate/Advanced Limón Modern, Intermediate/Advanced Ballet.
- Works adjudicated: The Question of Us.
- 2016 Brazos Contemporary Dance Festival (BCDF), Dimensions Contemporary Ballet and the SFA Repertory Dance Company.
- Work presented: Spheritude.

- 2016 American College Dance Association (ACDA) Southern Conference: Classes taught: Intermediate/Advanced Limón Modern, Intermediate/Advanced Ballet.
Works adjudicated: M.E. selected for Gala Concert.
- 2015 American College Dance Association (ACDA) Central Conference: Classes taught: Intermediate/Advanced Limón Modern.
- 2013 American College Dance Festival Association (ACDFA) South Central Conference: Classes taught: Intermediate/Advanced Modern Intermediate/Advanced Ballet.
- 2013 Guest artist for the Houston Community College, Central Campus, Dance Program. Houston, TX.
- 2012 American College Dance Festival Association (ACDFA) South Central Conference: Classes taught: Intermediate/Advanced Modern.
- 2011 American College Dance Festival Association (ACDFA) South Central Conference
Works adjudicated: Hallucination
- 2011 Houston Dance Festival; A Master Class Series, Houston, TX.
- 2010 Faith and Trauma: Light in Darkness Conference, Presentation on Sexual Abuse, Video Demonstration: *Afterimages*, Choreographed by Dr. Cindy Gratz.

PROFESSIONAL PAPER

Samuelson, Heather (December 2007). *Metaphor: Understanding the Intended, Relating the Perceived*. Article submitted to the *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*. Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. (unpublished)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2018 Elected to the ACDA Board of Directors, South Central Region, June 2018.
Recipient of the TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Science, active AY 2018-2019.
Cognitive Disturbance, American College Dance Association (ACDA South Central Conference), SFA Repertory Dance Company, Lamar University, TX, March 2018. (GALA SELECTED)

- 2016 M.E. American College Dance Association (ACDA Southern Conference), SFA Repertory Dance Company, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, March 2016. (GALA SELECTED)
- 2014-2015 Recipient of the 2014-2015 Department of Kinesiology and Health Science Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award, Stephen F. Austin State University.
- 2011 10 Most Life Changing Courses at Stephen F. Austin State University.
- 2009 The Mary Ella Montague Endowed Scholarship, Sam Houston State University.
- 2008-2009 Madison's Who's Who.
- 2008 The Mary Ella Montague Endowed Scholarship, Sam Houston State University.
- 2008 Dance Service Award, Sam Houston State University.
- 2007-2008 Who's Who Among American College Students.
- 2007-2008 Dance Performance Scholarship, Sam Houston State University.
- 2001-2002 Dance Excellence Award, Sam Houston State University.
- 2001 Golden Key International Honor Society.

PROFESSIONAL DANCE EXPERIENCE

- 2015-Present Dimensions Contemporary Ballet: Founder, Artistic Director and Choreographer.
- 2006-2009 Kista Tucker Dance Company: Performer
Rednerrus Feil Dance Company: Performer
- 2004 Dance Umbrella: Performer/Choreographer
- 2001-2002 Raven Dance Project: Performer

CHOREOGRAPHY

FROM THE WATER

Arbor Day Dance Festival, SFA Repertory Dance Company, Gala-Mize Arboretum, Nacogdoches, TX, April 2018.

COGNITIVE DISTURBANCE

American College Dance Association (ACDA South Central Conference), SFA Repertory Dance Company, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX; March 2018.

SFASU Repertory Dance Company in Concert, SFA Repertory Dance Company, Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, TX, January 2018.

SLAY BELLES

SFASU Repertory Dance Company in Concert, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, TX, January 2018.

AWAKENINGS

SFASU Repertory Dance Company in Concert, SFA Repertory Dance Company, Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, TX, January 2018.

The Up Side of Down, Houston Fringe Festival, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, Match Theater 2, Houston, TX; September 2017.

TEMPEST

The Up Side of Down, Houston Fringe Festival, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, Match Theater 2, Houston, TX; September 2017.

Sleeping Beauty Ballet, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, William Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, TX; May 2017.

IVY AND BEAN

SFASU Summer Stage Festival, William Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, TX; July 2017.

BED OF NAILS

EXCHANGE Choreography Festival, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet/SFA Repertory Dance Company, Tulsa, OK, July 2018.

SFASU Repertory Dance Company in Concert, SFA Repertory Dance Company, Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, TX, January 2018.

SFASU Danceworks Deviation Concert, SFA Repertory Dance Company, SFASU Dance Theater, Nacogdoches, TX, April 2017.

EVE'S REVENGE

Brazos Contemporary Dance Festival, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, College Station, TX; September 2017.

The Up Side of Down, Houston Fringe Festival, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, Match Theater 2, Houston, TX; September 2017.

Sleeping Beauty Ballet, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, William Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, TX; May 2017.

Alumni Reunion Concert, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, Huntsville, TX, February 2017.

THE QUESTION OF US

American College Dance Association (ACDA South Central Conference), SFA Repertory Dance Company, Collin College, Plano, TX; March 2017.

SFASU Danceworks, SFASU Repertory Dance Company, Turner Theater, Nacogdoches, TX, October 2016.

SPHERITUDE

The Up Side of Down, Houston Fringe Festival, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, Match Theater 2, Houston, TX; September 2017.

Brazos Contemporary Dance Festival, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet and the SFA Repertory Dance Company, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX; September 2016.

SFASU Danceworks, SFASU Repertory Dance Company, SFASU Dance Theatre, Nacogdoches, TX, April 2016.

M.E.

American College Dance Association (ACDA Southern Conference), SFA Repertory Dance Company, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, March 2016. (GALA SELECTED)

SFASU Danceworks, SFASU Repertory Dance Company, SFASU Dance Theatre, Nacogdoches, TX, November 2015.

WITHIN THIS SKIN

Houston Fringe Festival/The Barn, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, Houston, TX; September 2015.

SERENITY

Houston Fringe Festival/The Barn, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, Houston, TX; September 2015.

Cinderella Ballet, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, Katie Parr-Smith (performer)/Linda Parr (Pianist), William Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, Texas; May 2015.

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Houston Fringe Festival/The Barn, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, Houston, TX; September 2015.

Cinderella Ballet, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, William Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, Texas; May 2015.

KA'LEI'DO'SCOPE

The Up Side of Down, Houston Fringe Festival, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, Match Theater 2, Houston, TX; September 2017.

SFASU Danceworks, SFASU students, SFASU Dance Theatre, Nacogdoches, Texas; April 2015.

INTO THE LIGHT

Houston Fringe Festival/The Barn, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, Houston, TX; September 2015.

Cinderella Ballet, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, William Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, Texas; May 2015.

SHSU ARC, SFASU Repertory Dance Company, James and Nancy Gaertner Performing Arts Theater, Huntsville, Texas; January 2014.

SFASU Danceworks, SFASU Repertory Dance Company, SFASU Dance Theatre, Nacogdoches, Texas; November 2013.

GODSPELL

SFA Summer Theatre Rep., William Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, Texas; June 2013.

STREET SCENES

SFA Opera, School of Music, William Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, Texas; March 2013.

TOP HATS, COOL BEATS, AND THE HOT SEAT

SFASU Danceworks, SFASU Repertory Dance Company, SFASU Dance Theatre, Nacogdoches, Texas; November 2013.

SFASU Danceworks, SFASU students, SFASU Dance Theatre, Nacogdoches, Texas; April 2013.

BERCEUSE DE LA LUNE

SHSU ARC, SFASU Dance Repertory Company, James and Nancy Gaertner Performing Arts Theater, Huntsville, Texas; January 2013.

SFASU Danceworks, SFASU Dance Repertory Company, SFASU Dance Theatre, Nacogdoches, Texas; November 2012.

IMPULSIONS

SFASU Danceworks, SFASU students, W.M. Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, Texas, March 2012.

ARC Alumni Reunion Concert, SFASU students, PAC Performing Arts Center, Huntsville, Texas; January 2012.

SFASU Danceworks, SFASU students, SFASU Dance Theatre, Nacogdoches, Texas; November 2011.

BROKEN DARKNESS

HCC Repertory Dance Company in Concert, Houston Community College, Houston, Texas; April 2013.

SFASU RDC, SFASU Dance Repertory Company, SFASU Dance Theatre, Nacogdoches, Texas; November 2011.

SFASU Danceworks, SFASU students, SFASU Dance Theatre, Nacogdoches, Texas; April 2011.

SET FREE

SFASU Danceworks, SFASU students, SFASU Dance Theatre, Nacogdoches, Texas; November 2010.

AFTERIMAGES- Dr. Cindy Gratz, Staged by: Heather Samuelson

SFASU RDC Concert, SFASU Dance Repertory Company, Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, Texas; February 2011.

SFASU Danceworks, SFASU Dance Repertory Company, SFASU Dance Theatre, Nacogdoches, Texas; November 2010.

Kennedy Center Retrospective Concert, SFASU Dance Repertory Company, James and Nancy Gaertner Performing Arts Center, Huntsville, Texas; November 2010.

FROM THE CANVAS

SFASU Danceworks, SFASU students, SFASU Dance Theatre, Nacogdoches, Texas; April 2010.

HALLUCINATION

ACDFA South Central Conference, SFASU Dance Repertory Company, NMSU Recital Hall, Las Cruces, NM; March 2011.

SFASU Danceworks, SFASU Dance Repertory Company, SFASU Dance Theatre, Nacogdoches, Texas; April 2010.

ARC Alumni Reunion Concert, SHSU Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; October 2009.

TELL A STORY

SHSU Dance Majors Workshop, SHSU students, SHSU Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; May 2007.

QUI MANQUE DE VIE

SFASU Repertory Dance Company, Cole Concert Hall, Nacogdoches, Texas; February 2015.

SFASU Danceworks (revised), SFASU Dance Repertory Company, SFASU Dance Theatre, Nacogdoches, Texas; November 2014.

SFASU Danceworks, SFASU Dance Repertory Company, SFASU Dance Theatre, Nacogdoches, Texas; November 2009, December 2009.

SHSU Dance Majors Workshop, SHSU students, SHSU Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; December 2006.

ACDFA Consideration Concert, SHSU students, SHSU Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; February 2007.

Tremaine Dance Competition, Advanced Modern Class, Austin, Texas; March 2006.

PERFORMANCES

BED OF NAILS

EXCHANGE Choreography Festival, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet/SFA Repertory Dance Company, Tulsa, OK, July 2018.

AWAKENINGS

The Up Side of Down, Houston Fringe Festival, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, Match Theater 2, Houston, TX; September 2017.

TEMPEST

Sleeping Beauty Ballet, Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, William Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, TX; May 2017.

FEARFULLY WONDERFULLY MADE

National Dance Society Conference, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX; August 2016

SWAN LAKE

Gobel School of Dance, Corps de Ballet, William Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, TX; May 2016

NEMISIS- Katie Parr-Smith

Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, William Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, TX; May 2016.

INTO THE LIGHT

Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, The Company, Houston Fringe Festival/The Barn, Houston, TX; September 2015

WITHIN THIS SKIN

Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, William Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, TX; May 2016.

Dimensions Contemporary Ballet, The Company, Houston Fringe Festival/The Barn, Houston, TX; September 2015

CINDERELLA

Gobel School of Dance, Step-sister role, William Turner Auditorium, Nacogdoches, Texas; May 2015.

LEON COLLINS #53

Danceworks: SFASU, Nacogdoches, Texas; November 2013.

SAM- Kyle Januszewski

ARC Alumni Reunion Concert: SHSU, Huntsville, Texas, Heather Samuelson; November 2010.

HALLUCINATION- Heather Samuelson

ARC Alumni Reunion Concert: SHSU, Huntsville, Texas, Kyle Januszewski and Heather Samuelson; October 2009.

PORCELAIN – Amy Llanes; Director of Rednerrus Feil Dance Company

ACDFA: TAMU, College Station, Texas, SHSU Dancers; March 2009.

Dance Spectrum: SHSU Dance Company, SHSU Main Stage Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; April 2009.

DRIFT – Jennifer Hart

ACDFA: TAMU, College Station, Texas, SHSU Dancers; March 2009.

Dance Spectrum: SHSU Dance Company, SHSU Main Stage Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; April 2009.

LA STRADA: DI UN CIRCO – Dr. Cindy Gratz

Dance Spectrum: Disambiguation, SHSU Dance Company, SHSU Main Stage Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; December 2008.

AFTERIMAGES – Dr. Cindy Gratz

Resonant Spectrum: SHSU Dance Company, SHSU Main Stage Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; May 2008.

CHEVAL – Dr. Cindy Gratz

Resonant Spectrum: SHSU Dance Company, SHSU Main Stage Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; May 2008.

BLUE IS GONE – Dr. Cindy Gratz

SHSU Dance Company on Tour: SHSU Dance Company, Barnevelder Theatre, Houston, Texas; May 2007.

SHSU Dance Company on Tour: SHSU Dance Company, Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; May 2007.

FOOTNOTES – Jean Grotewhol

SHSU Dance Company on Tour: SHSU Dance Company, Barnevelder Theatre, Houston, Texas; May 2007.

SHSU Dance Company on Tour: SHSU Dance Company, Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; May 2007.

THIS PRESENT GRACE – Dana Nicolay

Return to Dance Spectrum: SHSU Dance Company, SHSU Main Stage Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; December 2007.

KILL KILL KILL – Hilary Bryan

Return to Dance Spectrum: SHSU Dance Company, SHSU Main Stage Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; December 2007.

FESTINA LENTE (HURRY SLOWLY) – Joy Kellman – Guest Artist

Return to Dance Spectrum: SHSU Dance Company, SHSU Main Stage Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; December 2007.

SIMPLE STICK PEOPLE – Kista Tucker

SHSU Dance Company in Concert: SHSU Dance Company, Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; May 2007.

SNOW – Kista Tucker

Kista Tucker Dance Company: SHSU Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; May 2007.

Kista Tucker Dance Company: Rudder Auditorium, College Station, Texas; March 2007.

TWO TEARS IN THE DIRT – Kista Tucker

Kista Tucker Dance Company: Rudder Auditorium, College Station, Texas; October 2006.

Kista Tucker Dance Company: SHSU Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; February 2007.

DISPERSION – Megan Lasher

Graduate Thesis Concert: SHSU Dancers, SHSU Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; October 2007.

ANDY WARHOL – Samantha Angus

All Things Considered: SHSU Dancers, SHSU Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; March 2007.

CORVIS CORAX (CROWS) – Megan Lasher

All Things Considered: SHSU Dancers, SHSU Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; March 2007.

Dance Majors Workshop: SHSU Dancers, SHSU Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; May 2007.

Dispersion: Graduate Thesis Concert: SHSU Dancers, SHSU Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; October 2007.

ROAD HOME – Kista Tucker

Kista Tucker Dance Company: SHSU Dance Theatre, April 2007.

BLUE FUGUE – Dr. Cindy Gratz

Dance Majors Workshop: SHSU Dance Company, Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; December 2006.

A TASTE OF PREFERENCE – Heather Samuelson

Dance Majors Workshop: SHSU Dancers, Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; December 2007.

TOP OF THE WORLD – Heather Samuelson

Audition: Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; February 2006.

ANTHEM – Dana Nicolay

Raven Dance Project: SHSU Dancers, Scottish Rite Theatre, Austin, Texas; February 2002.

Raven Dance Project: SHSU Dancers, SHSU Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; April 2002.

THE NUTCRACKER – Dana Nicolay

SHSU Dance Company in Concert: SHSU Main Stage Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; November 1999.

SHSU Dance Company in Concert: SHSU Main Stage Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; November 2001.

CIRCO FELLINI – Dr. Cindy Gratz

Raven Dance Company: SHSU Dancers, SHSU Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; November 1998.

LONG ROAD TO FREEDOM – Danyale Taylor

Graduate Thesis Concert: SHSU Dancers, SHSU Dance Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; February 2000.

NO MORE BLUE MONDAYS – Sarah Imhoff-Jones

SHSU Dance Spectrum in Concert: SHSU Dancers, SHSU Main Stage Theatre, Huntsville, Texas; November 2000.

Sarah Imhoff-Jones Dance Company: Scottish Rite Theatre, Houston, Texas; June 2001.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- 2018-Present National Dance Education Organization (NDEO)
- 2017-Present Arts in Society Research Network- International
- 2016-Present National Dance Society- National
- 2016-Present Texas Dance Educators Association (TDEA)- State
- 2015-Present American College Dance Association (ACDA)- National, Regional

ELECTRONIC CHOREOGRAPHY PORTFOLIO LINK

www.youtube.com/channel/UC_pXX9Des_4psH0G9Yt0Q5A

REFERENCES

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- Dana Nicolay**, M.F.A., Professor of Dance, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas 77340. Tel: (936) 294-1875, email: Dnc_dxn@shsu.edu.
- Andrea Trent**, M.M. Vocal Performance, Professor of Voice, Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Texas 75701. Tel: (903) 510-2213, email: Atre@tjc.edu.