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EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland, OH
Master of Fine Arts, Contemporary Dance May 2025

- Advisors: Karen Potter, M.F.A., M.A.; Gary Galbraith, M.F.A.

Relevant Coursework:

- Advanced Contemporary/Modern Dance Technique, History of Modern Dance, Dance Pedagogy, Ballet Technique, Topics in Dance Wellness, Music Resources, Advanced Choreographic Topics, Kinesiology for Dance

Elmhurst University
Elmhurst, IL
Bachelor of Science, Digital Marketing Communications May 2022
Minor: Dance Education

- Advisor: Amy Lyn McDonald, M.F.A.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Company Dancer
Ardent Dance Company, Chicago, IL | 2026–Present

- Main Company Dancer participating in professional rehearsals and collaborative choreographic processes in preparation for live performances.

Adjunct Faculty - Department of Theatre and Dance
Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL | Aug. 2025-Present

- Teaches undergraduate courses and applied dance studies as a part of Elmhurst's Dance Minor curriculum within the Department of Theatre and Dance.

Marketing Coordinator & Teacher's Aide
Christie's Carousel of Learning, Park Ridge, IL | June 2017-Present

- Supports classroom instruction, student development, and daily operations in a preschool setting.
- Develops and implements marketing strategies to promote enrollment and community engagement.

Dance Instructor
Karisma Dance Company, Glenview, IL | Aug. 2025-Present

- Dance instructor for ages 3-11 in Ballet, Jazz, and Lyrical.

Instructor of Record - Contemporary Dance
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH | Aug. 2024-May 2025

- DANC 103 & 104 – Contemporary Dance Technique I & II (2024-2025), Modern/Contemporary Technique for undergraduate students.
- Designed and taught all class content, managed student assessment, and mentored dancers in developing technical and artistic growth.

Displays & Archives Coordinator
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH | Jan. 2025-May 2025

- Managed the archiving of all materials related to productions, ensuring proper preservation and organization, including video recordings, programs, and promotional materials.

Production Meeting Assistant
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH | Aug. 2024-May 2025
- Supported the Production Manager in coordinating department operations, including publicity, building management, social media, costuming, and crew oversight.
- Promoted collaboration between production teams and facilitates effective communication to meet all deadlines.

Light & Sound Board Operator
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH | April 2025
- Pushed lighting, projection, and sound cues for four dance works in *Imagatorium*.
- Controlled lighting levels through PaletteOS and projections through Isadora.
- Assisted technical director and lighting designer in designing light cues, aligning stage lights, and setting sound levels.

Stage Management Coordinator
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH | Aug. 2023-May 2024
- Coordinated backstage crews and respective training for students in the following roles: stage manager, light & sound board operator, and run crew.
- Established crews for *Reflections* (Fall 2023), *MaDaCol* (Fall 2023), *Vitromer* (Spring 2024), and *Imagatorium* (Spring 2024).

Mather Dance Collective (MaDaCol) Choreographer
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH | Aug. 2023-Dec. 2023
- Contributed to this inclusive dance organization that fosters collaboration between students and community members to produce a modern dance concert.
- Taught contemporary technique and warm-up classes, directed rehearsals, and choreographed an original work presented in the performance.

Reception Coordinator
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH | Aug. 2022-May 2023
- Coordinated reception crews for *Spectrum* (Fall 2022), *Springworks* (Spring 2023), and *Imagatorium* (Spring 2023).
- Organized and oversaw receptions held in celebration and recognition of each production.

Social Media Coordinator
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH | Aug. 2022-May 2023
- Managed the Department of Dance's social media platforms, increasing engagement through strategic content creation.
- Developed and executed social media strategies to promote departmental events, performances, and initiatives.

LEADERSHIP

Alpha Phi International Fraternity
Zeta Xi Chapter, Elmhurst, IL | 2018-2022
- Collegiate Chapter President | Nov. 2020-Nov. 2021
- Vice President of Membership Recruitment | Nov. 2019-Nov. 2020
- Director of Potential Member Outreach | Nov. 2018-Nov. 2019

Dance Ensemble Choreographer

Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL | May 2019-May 2022

- Choreographed original works for performance and directed rehearsals.

Elmhurst University Poms Team Captain

Elmhurst University, Elmhurst IL | May 2019-May 2022

- Led the Elmhurst University Poms Team as Captain for three years, overseeing team practices, performances, and overall coordination.

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Case Western Reserve University Department of Dance, Cleveland, OH	
Shining Tribute, Karen Potter & Gary Galbraith	April 2026
OhioDance Festival, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH	April 2025
Ebb and Flow, Richard Oaxaca	
Void, Yidi Lin	
Case Western Reserve University Department of Dance, Cleveland, OH	
Reverie**,** Mary-Elizabeth Fenn	March 2025
Emerging, Charlaine Katsuyoshi, Karen Potter, Yidi Lin, Richard Oaxaca	March 2025
Cave of the Heart**,** Martha Graham (restaged by Gary Galbraith)	Nov. 2024/2023
Ebb and Flow* (*excerpt*)*, Richard Oaxaca	June 2024
Kinetic Echoes**,** Joel K. Linebach	March 2024
Motion Ink**,** Chengyao Zhou	March 2024
No Bounds**,** Lauren Robinson	Apr. 2023
Obscurum, Joel K. Linebach	Apr. 2023
hor d'oeuvres, Joel K. Linebach	Dec. 2022
Brink, Janice Rosario	Nov. 2022
Dance Showcase, Presented by Terry & Sheldon Adelman, Cleveland, OH	Sept. 2024
Void, Yidi Lin	
KeyBank State Theatre, Playhouse Square	
Fluence Arts Organization, Albion, MI	Aug. 2024
Our In-Fluence: A Modern Dance Concert	
Tonal**,** Joel K. Linebach	
Solos for the Ocean, Claire Christie, Megan Gregory, Joel K. Linebach	
333, Claire Christie	
Elmhurst University Department of Theatre & Dance, Elmhurst, IL	
Biannual **"Evening of Dance"** Concert	2018-2022
A Night At Avril's: *A Gershwin Cabaret*	May 2021
Love Changes Everything: *A Webber Cabaret*	Nov. 2020

CHOREOGRAPHY

(Most recent and significant projects)

***Kinetics* -** Octet	May 2026

- Ballet
- Premiere at Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL, *Evening of Dance*

***Liminality* -** Large Ensemble Nov. 2025
- Contemporary
- Premiere at Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL, *Evening of Dance*

***Where We Dream* -** Septet Nov. 2025
- Ballet
- Premiere at Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL, *Evening of Dance*

To Whom Her Legacy Moves - Octet March 2025
- Modern
- Premiere at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, *Emergence*

***Oscillation* -** Trio, Screendance Jan. 2025
- Contemporary
- Premiere at Still Inspired's *Future Artists* 2025, Chicago, IL

***Haven* -** Solo Aug. 2024
- Contemporary, Solos for the Ocean
- Premiere at Our-Influence: A Modern Dance Concert, Albion, MI

***Moments* -** Solo May 2024
- Contemporary
- Premiere at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

***333* -** Trio Apr. 2024
- Contemporary
- Premiere at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, *Imagatorium*

***Sonder* -** Large Ensemble Dec. 2023
- Contemporary
- Premiere at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, *MaDaCol*

ADDITIONAL CHOREOGRAPHY
(Earlier and secondary works)

***One Day at a Time* -** Quintet May 2022
- Modern
- Premiere at Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL, *Evening of Dance*

I Lived - Quintet May 2022
- Tap
- Premiere at Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL, *Evening of Dance*

***Hope* -** Sextet Dec. 2021
- Contemporary
- Premiere at Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL, *Evening of Dance*

HONORS & AWARDS

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH April 2025
Edna Rafael Award for Excellence in Performance
- Awarded by the School of Graduate Studies and Department of Dance to an MFA student demonstrating outstanding artistry and achievement in performance.

Kathryn Karipides Award for Excellence in Teaching April 2025

- Presented by the School of Graduate Studies and Department of Dance in recognition of exceptional teaching and pedagogical contributions as an MFA student.

Kathryn Karipides Scholarship in Modern Dance May 2024

- A scholarship offered through the Cleveland Arts Prize to a student in the MFA dance program for summer study of their choice.

Martha Graham School, New York, NY June 2024
Summer Intensive Half Scholarship

- A scholarship that supported summer study at the Martha Graham School Summer Intensive.

Elmhurst University Department of Theatre & Dance, Elmhurst, IL May 2022
Helga and Tony Noice Theatre Scholarship

- A scholarship awarded to graduating seniors to support their continued education in post-undergraduate studies.

Elmhurst University Department of Theatre & Dance, Elmhurst, IL 2019-2021
Theatre and Dance Leadership Scholarship

- 3-time recipient of the Theatre and Dance Leadership Scholarship, recognizing exceptional leadership and commitment to excellence in the performing arts.

Elmhurst University, Research & Performance Showcase, Elmhurst, IL May 2019
Choreography & Solo Performance Honors

- Performed at the annual Elmhurst University Research & Performance Showcase receiving honors in recognition of original work and artistic excellence.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Optimizing Dancer Health through the Pelvic Core Neuromuscular System," *International Association for Dance Medicine & Science (IADMS) Annual Conference.* Las Vegas, NV, September 2025.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING

International Association of Dance Medicine & Science Sept. 2025
Attendee & Co-Presenter, Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV

DanceWorks Chicago July 2025
Dance360, Summer Intensive, Chicago, IL

Martha Graham School June 2024
Summer Intensive, New York, NY

International Association of Dance Medicine & Science Oct. 2023
Annual Conference, Columbus, OH

ACADEMIC & CREATIVE PROJECTS

MFA Thesis Post Production Evaluation April 2025
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

- 300-page written thesis documenting and analyzing the creative process, choreography, and production elements of *Emergence.*

MFA Thesis Production, *Emergence* March 2025
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

- Original 75-minute dance concert created by the three MFA candidates, featuring interdisciplinary choreography and performance exploring themes of identity, collaboration, and artistic lineage.

Narrative & Costume Choreography Study May 2024
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

- Created a 9-minute original work integrating narrative, movement, and costume design, including hand-drawn sketches and garment construction inspired by visual art.

Dance & Technology Choreography Study Dec. 2023
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

- Developed a 5-minute choreography study incorporating LiDAR tracking and projection mapping to explore the relationship between movement and digital technology.

Nutrition Study for Dancers April 2023
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

- Conducted a research project on dancer nutrition, analyzing the impact of diet on performance and developing resources to support physical and overall well-being.

Injury Prevention for Hypermobile Dancers Research Project Nov. 2019
Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL

- Researched injury prevention strategies for hypermobile dancers, presented findings on strength, stability, and safe practice in dance science.

OTHER SKILLS

Dance Genre Proficiencies

- Contemporary, Modern, Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Pom

Additional Teaching Interest & Expertise

- Dancer Wellness, Choreography, Dance History/Appreciation, Improvisation

Collaboration & Teamwork

- Collaborative mindset, works closely and well with coworkers, choreographers, visual artists, and other creatives to build cohesive projects.

Social Media & Marketing

- Experienced in social media marketing and content creation; proficient with editing platforms.

Video Editing

- Skilled in video editing, including Final Cut Pro & Adobe Premiere.