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DANCE EDUCATOR SPECIALIZING IN BALLET TECHNIQUE & PEDAGOGY

CURRENT TEACHING AREAS

Ballet Technique, Pointe, Variations, Choreography/Composition, Creative Movement

EDUCATION

2021–2023 **Master of Arts in Theatre & Dance – Teaching Artistry**, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

- Graduate research in dance pedagogy: **Confronting the Hidden Curriculum of Ballet Teacher Training and Preparation: Patience, Care, and Trust in Ballet Classrooms**, under the supervision of Dr. Doug Risner.
- Graduate Assistant to Dr. Doug Risner: supported graduate coursework through grading and research tasks; provided peer mentoring to fellow graduate students; contributed to graduate recruitment initiatives.

2016–2019 **Bachelor of Fine Arts in Ballet Performance**, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

- Summa Cum Laude (4.0 GPA); King O'Neal Scholar; Judy Genshaft Honors College Distinction.
- Other scholarships listed under Awards & Honors.

2013–2016 **Graduate, Next Generation Ballet Trainee Program**, Patel Conservatory, Tampa, FL

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2016–present **Patel Conservatory at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts**, Tampa, FL

Principal Faculty – Patel Conservatory Youth Ballet (PCYB) (2025–present)

- Classes taught: ballet technique, pointe preparation, pointe, variations, choreography, contemporary, jazz, and tap.
- Teach a full, ballet-focused class and rehearsal schedule across program levels; oversee program administration, parent relations, curriculum revisions, student placement, and semester-based written evaluations for 200+ students (ages 3–adult).
- Choreograph and stage original ballet, jazz, and contemporary works for conservatory performances.
- Coordinate faculty assignments, class scheduling, and student leveling for Next Generation Ballet's Junior Summer Intensive.
- Manage casting for Patel Conservatory Youth Ballet productions, including participation in Next Generation Ballet's *Nutcracker*; oversee costume ordering and production logistics.

Multidisciplinary Dance Teacher, Full-Time (2024–2025)

- Taught ballet, jazz, contemporary, and choreography classes; choreographed original works for conservatory performances.

- Took on many of the program's leadership duties, including administration, parent relations, student placement, and production casting, which led to promotion to Principal Faculty within one year.

Dance Faculty, Part-Time (2016–2024)

- Taught ballet, jazz, tap, contemporary, and choreography classes; choreographed original works for conservatory performances.

2022–present **Straz Center for the Performing Arts**, Tampa, FL
Dance Outreach Instructor, Community Engagement Arts Partnership Program

- Teach weekly ballet classes for students experiencing homelessness or displacement (Metropolitan Ministries and Sullivan Elementary School); develop curriculum and create an annual culminating performance.

2023–2024 **Tampa Preparatory School**, Tampa, FL
Dance Instructor

- Taught *Dance for Social Change*, *Musical Theater Dance*, and *Dance Styles* to middle and high school students; designed and produced a student dance showcase each semester.
- Revitalized the dance program through student recruitment, updated assessment rubrics and grading practices, collaboration with the theater department, and an expanded social media presence.
- Collaborated with the technical team to create a motion capture dance work integrating emerging technology into student performance and creative practice.

2020 **Manatee School for the Arts**, Palmetto, FL
Long-Term Substitute Dance Teacher (August–October)

- Taught ballet, tap, jazz, and contemporary to middle and high school students; choreographed showcase pieces for each class.

GUEST TEACHING & MASTER CLASSES

2020, 2022 **University of South Florida**, Tampa, FL

- Taught ballet and contemporary ballet master classes.

2019, 2021, 2022 **Huntsville Ballet Company and School**, Huntsville, AL

- Taught company class for professional dancers and master classes for Huntsville Ballet School students.

2021–2022 **The Dance Den**, Tampa, FL

- Taught ballet, jazz, lyrical, and contemporary classes to adult dancers.

CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2022 ABT® Certified Teacher, Pre-Primary–Level 3, American Ballet Theatre National Training Curriculum (teacher training, New York, NY)

2022 Movement Mentor Adaptive Dance Program Certified Teacher, Tampa, FL

2019 SHARE Intensive, Paris, France

REHEARSAL DIRECTION & STAGING

2019–present	*Nutcracker* by Peter Stark after Marius Petipa, rehearsal assistant/stager, multiple large groups: Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet — Morsani Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL
2025	*Iberia* by Irene Rodríguez, rehearsal assistant, groups (PCYB students): Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet, *Ballroom, Broadway, and Ballet* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL
2025	*Circus Polka* by Jerome Robbins, rehearsal assistant to Philip Neal, répétiteur for The Robbins Rights Trust, group (select PCYB dancers): Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet, *Ballroom, Broadway, and Ballet* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

CHOREOGRAPHY

Ballet

2026	*Coppélia* Children's Dances, ballet, groups (PCYB Levels 1A, 1B, & 2B): Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet, *Coppélia* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL
2025	*End of Semester Showcase: Nutcracker*, ballet, school production (grades 2–5): Straz Center Outreach for Metropolitan Ministries and Sullivan Elementary School — Metropolitan Ministries Gym, Tampa, FL
2024	*End of Year Showcase: Because of an Acorn*, ballet, school production (grades K–5): Straz Center Outreach for Metropolitan Ministries and Sullivan Elementary School — TECO Theatre, Patel Conservatory, Tampa, FL
2024	*Giselle* Children's Dances, ballet, groups (PCYB Levels 1A & 1B): Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet, *Giselle* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL
2024	*Hansel and Gretel* Angel Scene, ballet, group (select dancers from PCYB Levels 4A, 4B, & 5): Patel Conservatory, in collaboration with Opera Tampa, *Hansel and Gretel* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL
2023	*Don Quixote* Children's Dances, ballet, groups (PCYB Levels 1A, 1B, & 2A): Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet, *Don Quixote* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL
2023	*End of Year Showcase: The Year We Learned to Fly*, ballet, school production (grades K–5): Straz Center Outreach for Metropolitan Ministries and Sullivan Elementary School — TECO Theatre, Patel Conservatory, Tampa, FL
2022	*Café Stories*, ballet, group: Huntsville Ballet Company, *Unplugged* — Dream Theatre, Huntsville, AL
2022	*Sleeping Beauty* Children's Dances, ballet, groups (PCYB Levels 1A, 1B, & 2A): Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet, *Sleeping Beauty* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

2022 *End of Year Showcase: Frederick*, ballet, school production (grades K–5): Straz Center Outreach for Metropolitan Ministries and Sullivan Elementary School — Metropolitan Ministries Gym, Tampa, FL

2021 *Swan Lake* Children's Dance, ballet, group (PCYB Level 1B): Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet, *Swan Lake* — Morsani Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

2020 *La Vie en Rose*, ballet, group (high school): Manatee School for the Arts — Manatee School for the Arts Theatre, Palmetto, FL

2019 *(Dis)appearing*, contemporary ballet, solo (choreographed and performed): University of South Florida, *USF BFA Dance Concert* — Theatre 1, USF, Tampa, FL

2018 *Scott Joplin Suite #1*, ballet, group (young beginners): Next Generation Ballet Junior Intensive, *Junior Intensive Showcase* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

2017 *Leroy Anderson Suite #1*, ballet, group (young beginners): Next Generation Ballet Junior Intensive, *Junior Intensive Showcase* — Morsani Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

2016 *Starpainters*, contemporary ballet, solo (choreographed and performed): Next Generation Ballet, *End of Year Celebration* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

Jazz, Contemporary, Tap & Musical Theater

2026 *Think*, contemporary, group (PCYB Level 3B): Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet, *On the Edge* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

2025 *Feel It Still*, jazz, group (PCYB Level 1B): Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet, *Breaking Out* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

2025 *Walking on Sunshine*, jazz, group (PCYB Level 1B): Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet, *Breaking Out* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

2024 *The Drowsy Chaperone*, musical theater, guest choreographer, high school musical: Tampa Preparatory School Theater Program

2024 *Levitating*, jazz, group (PCYB Level 1B): Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet, *Breaking Out* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

2024 *Stronger*, jazz, group (PCYB Level 1B): Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet, *Breaking Out* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

2024 *Spring Dance Showcase*, full department production of contemporary, jazz, and tap (middle & high school students): Tampa Preparatory School Dance — Tampa Preparatory School Black Box Theatre, Tampa, FL

2023 *This Too Shall Pass*, contemporary, group: University of South Florida, *Dance Legacies* concert — Theatre 1, USF, Tampa, FL

2023 *Winter Dance Showcase*, full department production of contemporary, jazz, and tap (middle & high school students): Tampa Preparatory School Dance — Tampa Preparatory School Black Box Theatre, Tampa, FL

2023 *Dance with You*, jazz, group (PCYB Level 1B): Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet, *Breaking Out* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

2023 *Bennie and the Jets*, contemporary, group (PCYB Level 3A): Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet, *On the Edge* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

2022 *Puttin' on the Ritz*, jazz, group (PCYB Level 1B): Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet, *Breaking Out* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

2022 *Reach Out and Touch*, contemporary, group (PCYB Level 3A): Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet, *On the Edge* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

2020 *Dancing in the Moonlight*, jazz, group (high school): Manatee School for the Arts — Manatee School for the Arts Theatre, Palmetto, FL

2020 *Love You Madly*, jazz, group (middle school): Manatee School for the Arts — Manatee School for the Arts Theatre, Palmetto, FL

2020 *Play the Part*, contemporary, group (high school): Manatee School for the Arts — Manatee School for the Arts Theatre, Palmetto, FL

2020 *BOOM*, tap, group (middle school): Manatee School for the Arts — Manatee School for the Arts Theatre, Palmetto, FL

2020 *Sunday Best*, tap, group (high school): Manatee School for the Arts — Manatee School for the Arts Theatre, Palmetto, FL

2019 *When Are You Thinking of…*, contemporary, group: University of South Florida, *USF BFA Dance Concert* — Theatre 1, USF, Tampa, FL

2018 *Treme Song*, jazz, group (adult beginners): Patel Conservatory Dance, *Evening of Dance* — TECO Theatre, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

2018 *Beauty in the World*, jazz, group (young beginners): Next Generation Ballet Junior Intensive, *Junior Intensive Showcase* — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

PERFORMANCE

2022 *Winnie the Pooh* Dance Floor Treatment, improvisational performance, contemporary ballet, solo: Patel Conservatory Theatre — TECO Theatre, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

2020 *Reverberation Ep. 1 & 2* by Andee Scott, contemporary, group: Dance Linkages — site-specific work, St. Petersburg, FL

2019 *Gust* by Andrew Carroll, ballet, soloist in group: University of South Florida — Theatre 1, USF, Tampa, FL

2019 *Clair de Lune* by Andrew Carroll, ballet, pas de deux: The Florida Orchestra — Morsani Hall, Straz Center, Tampa; Ruth Eckerd Hall, Clearwater; Mahaffey Theater, St. Petersburg; The Palladium, St. Petersburg, FL

2019 *(Re)current Unrest* by Charles Anderson, contemporary, group: University of South Florida — Theatre 1, USF, Tampa, FL

2019 *In Fabric* by Paula Nunez, contemporary ballet, group: University of South Florida — Theatre 1, USF, Tampa, FL

2018 *Swan Lake* Pas de Deux by Andrew Carroll after Lev Ivanov, ballet, pas de deux: The Florida Orchestra — Morsani Hall, Straz Center, Tampa; Ruth Eckerd Hall, Clearwater; Mahaffey Theater, St. Petersburg, FL

2018 *Lost and Found* by Merry Lynn Morris, contemporary, group: Performance Arts and

	Medicine Conference, University of South Florida — Music Concert Hall, USF, Tampa, FL
2018	*Vespers* by Ulysses Dove, modern, group: University of South Florida — Theatre 1, USF, Tampa, FL
2018	*Out of the Dark* by Andrew Carroll, ballet, soloist in group: University of South Florida — Theatre 1, USF, Tampa, FL
2017	*Three-Cornered Hat* by Paula Nunez, ballet, group: The Florida Orchestra — Morsani Hall, Straz Center, Tampa; Ruth Eckerd Hall, Clearwater; Mahaffey Theater, St. Petersburg, FL
2017	*Concerto in 12* by Andrew Carroll, ballet, group: University of South Florida — Theatre 1, USF, Tampa, FL
2017	*Be Right Back* by Michael Foley, contemporary, group: University of South Florida — Theatre 1, USF, Tampa, FL
2017	*Indelible: Veteran Love Stories* by Merry Lynn Morris, contemporary, group: 4th National Summit for Arts and Health in the Military, University of South Florida — Music Concert Hall, USF, Tampa, FL
2017	*Towards and Away* by Merry Lynn Morris, contemporary, trio: 4th National Summit for Arts and Health in the Military, University of South Florida — Theatre 1, USF, Tampa, FL
2016	*Awakened* by Andrew Carroll after Marius Petipa's *The Sleeping Beauty*, ballet, soloist in group: University of South Florida — Theatre 1, USF, Tampa, FL
2016	*Giselle* by Philip Neal after Jules Perrot, ballet, corps de ballet: Next Generation Ballet — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL
2013–2015	*Nutcracker* by Peter Stark after Marius Petipa, ballet, soloist and corps de ballet: Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet — Morsani Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL
2015	*Coppélia* by Ivonne Lemus and Peter Stark after Arthur Saint-Léon, ballet, soloist and corps de ballet: Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL
2014	*Sleeping Beauty* by Ivonne Lemus and Peter Stark after Marius Petipa, ballet, soloist and corps de ballet: Patel Conservatory / Next Generation Ballet — Ferguson Hall, Straz Center, Tampa, FL

DANCE FILM

2021	*Smiling*, choreography and performance, solo: independent project in collaboration with filmer/editor Tiffani Torres, Tampa, FL
2021	*Dream*, choreography and performance, solo: independent project, Tampa, FL
2021	*In My Mind: an Alley Ballet*, choreography and performance, solo: independent project, Tampa, FL
2020	*Peace*, choreography, solo: commissioned for Jobsite Theater *Digital Shorts* series

2020	*Empty Space*, choreography and performance, solo: independent project, Tampa, FL
2020	*Hues*, choreography and performance, solo: independent project, filmed in Tampa, FL
2019	*Fever Dream*, choreography and performance, solo: independent project, filmed in Gaslight Park, Tampa, FL
2019	*Insomniacs of the World, Goodnight*, choreography and performance, solo: University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

AWARDS & HONORS

2022–2023	Wayne State University Dance Activity Award – Graduate Assistantship
2021–2022	Wayne State University Graduate Professional Scholarship (full)
2019	King O'Neal Scholar Award – graduated from the University of South Florida with a 4.0 GPA
2019	USF BRAVO Endowed Scholarship in Dance
2019	USF Honors College Scholarship – Academic Completion
2019	USF Summer Scholarship in Dance
2019	USF Honors College Scholarship – Global Experience
2018–2019	USF Victoria Seldon Operating Scholarship in Dance
2018–2019	USF School of Theatre and Dance Talent Grant
2017–2018	USF Oscher Family Scholarship in Dance
2017	USF Honors College Scholarship – Volunteer Work
2016–2019	Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholar
2016–2019	USF Director's Award in Academics

INTERNSHIPS & STUDY ABROAD

2019	Intern, Micadanses, Paris, France
2019	Intern, USF Dance in Paris Summer Program, Paris, France
2018	USF Dance in Paris Semester Program, Paris, France

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & SERVICE

2019–present	Member, National Dance Education Organization

2022–2023	Graduate Student Member, CORPS de Ballet International
2018–2019	Treasurer, USF Student Dance Production Board