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EDUCATION

Bachelor in Fine Arts, Dance Performance, Kent State University, Kent, OH, 2006, Magna Cum Laude

AWARDS And HONORS**Choreography**

- "Falling for You" Nexstar *Best Choreography* — 2014
- "Jar of Hearts" StarQuest, *Visually Stunning* — 2014
- "Watch Me" Onstage New York, *Critics Choice* — 2012
- "Poison Ivy" Dance Machine, *Best Choreography* — 2010
- "Fashion Police" Dynamite, *Choreography Award*— 2008
- "Fashion Police" West Coast Dance Explosion, *Most Entertaining* — 2008
- "Touch" Kent State University, *Best Student Choreographer*— 2006
- "Touch" American College Dance Festival, Kent State University — 2006
- "Graffiti83" Kent State University, *Alpha Psi Omega Outstanding Student Choreographer*—2005

Academics

- Outstanding Dance Major, Alpha Psi Omega, Kent State University — 2005
- Scholarship, Kent State University — 2005
- National Deans List — 2005, 2006
- President's List, Kent State University — 2003, 2005
- Dean's List, Kent State University — 2004, 2006
- Golden Key Honor Society — 2004, 2005
- Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society — 2004

Performance

- Golden Guild Rising Star Nominee "Jesus Christ Superstar" Players Guild, Canton, OH — 2011
 Featured Dancer: Dance Plug: — March 30-April 13th, 2011
 Scholarship: Shock the (Dance) Intensive — 2010
 Carolina Panthers Finalist for Dance Team: Charlotte, NC — 2009
- American College Dance Festival "Looking for a Soft Place to Land" Kent State University, Joan Meggitt — 2005
 Jazz World Congress, Costa Rica "Damn Right I got the Blues" Kent State University, Kimberly Karpanty — 2004
- Most Versatile Dancer, GlenOak High School — 2001

Other

- "Tim Burton's Nightmare before Christmas" Kent State University, *Best Lab Set Design* — 2006
- Award of Merit, Kent Dance Ensemble, Kent State University — 2005
- Vice President of Delta Gamma, Kent State University — 2004
- Thespian Society — 2002
- Merit Award, Dance and Drama GlenOak High School — 2002
- 4 Year Letter, Gymnastics, GlenOak High School — 2002
- State Qualifier, Gymnastics, GlenOak High School — 2001, 2002
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PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Faculty, University of Mount Union, Department of Theatre

Fall 2013 - Present

Dance Fundamentals 01: Teaches the fundamental skills and practices of ballet, jazz, and tap dance technique. Emphasis is placed on understanding terminology, development of muscular control, endurance, flexibility, coordination and an understanding of rhythm and timing, using steps, combinations and routines of classical ballet, jazz, and tap dance technique. Course ends with a showcase choreographed by lecturer and students to demonstrate skills learned throughout the semester. One section of about 12 under-class theatre students.

Dance Fundamentals 02: A continued study of Dance Fundamentals 01. Developing ballet, jazz, and tap dance techniques. Lessons explore rhythm, alignment, stylization, coordination, and musicality. Emphasis is placed on technique and performance. Course ends with a showcase choreographed by lecturer and students to demonstrate skills learned throughout the semester. One section of about 14 under-class theatre students.

Dance Fundamentals 03: An advanced dance course designed to cover dance technique in the styles of ballet, contemporary, jazz, tap, hip hop, and a variety of partner dancing. Exploring improvisation, choreography, and dance history. The focus of this course is on technique, performance and choreography. Course ends with a showcase choreographed by lecturer and students to demonstrate skills learned throughout the semester. One section of about 7 under-class theatre students.

- 150% increase in student enrollment over 6 years

Adjunct Faculty, Youngstown State University, Department of Dance

Spring 2013

Specials Topics: Hip Hop: Teaches foundations and origins of hip-hop dance and street dance culture, and the journey to today's current definitions of hip hop and freestyle dance. Explores history of street dance steps and styles and the pioneers and dance legends involved in their creation. One section of about 18 under-class dance students.

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

CEO of MAX Dance Pro, Canton, OH

2014 - 2017

Created and implemented a dance curriculum based on age, level, and interest. Teaching ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, contemporary, and acrobatics to ages 3-18. Adapted teaching methods and movement to meet students' varying needs. Directed, coordinated community performances for MAX Dance Pro. Communicated with parents to answer billing questions; discuss child's progress and attendance; and to ensure timely payments for class, costume, and recital fees. Produced annual dance showcase by:

- Reserving venue
- Selecting and ordering costumes
- Choreographing dances
- Editing music
- Creating showcase schedule

Board of Directors, RED Company Real Edge Dance, Akron, OH

2014 - 2016

- Allocated budget for the 2014 and 2015 seasons

Professional Dancer, RED Company Real Edge Dance, Akron,

2013 - 2014, 2016 - 2017

- **University of Michigan Dearborn — 2017**
 - "Skins" — Featured Dancer w/ Chelsea Mae
- **"PRISM" — 2016**
 - "Skins" — Featured Dancer w/ Sharlee Jean
 - "Incubus Divine"
 - "Below Horizon, Above"

- “Secrets”
- “The Natural Being”
- **“HORIZONS” — 2014**
 - “Rite of the Deity”
 - “Angels” — Soloist w/ Chelsea Mae
 - “DUI”
- **“DANCE MACABRE” — 2013**
 - “DUI”
 - “Monarch”
 - “The Social Order”
 - “Incubus Divine”
 - “Toy Box”
 - “Natural Child Birth”

Commercial Work

- **EleKtriK Dance Crew, Charlotte, NC**
 - Monsters of Hip-Hop Showcase, Greensboro, NC — 2010
- **Millennium Dance Charlotte, Charlotte, NC**
 - NASCAR/Speed Street Performer — 2010
- **Split Second Sound SSSExpress Dance Team, Charlotte, NC**
 - Mint Museum UPTOWN Opening, — 2010
 - Boys and Girls Club — 2009
 - Re-Grand Opening of Discovery Place Science Museum — 2009
 - NASCAR/Hendrick Motorsports Christmas Party — 2009
- **Dance Centre by Heidi Glynias**
 - Ingenuity Festival, Cleveland, OH — 2009\

Musical Theatre

American Idiot	Extraordinary Girl	Bruce Davenport	2018
Legally Blonde	Ensemble	Craig Joseph	2012
Hairspray	Tammy	Craig Joseph	2011
Wizard of Oz	Jitterbug	Craig Joseph	2011
Jesus Christ Superstar	Ensemble	Michael Dempsey	2011

Television

National Dance Day	Morning with Larry Sprinkle	WCNC	2010
AT&T	PixelAtoms	Ting Li	2010
	http://vimeo.com/13171735		
ADIDAS	PixelAtoms	Ting Li	2009
	http://vimeo.com/12002946		

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

RED Company, real.edge.dance., Akron, OH

2013-2017

- Nursing home performances
 - Canton, OH
 - Akron, OH

Teaching Artist, Reach Out and Dance, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

2006 - 2008

- Implemented (NDI) National Dance Institute Technique to lower income elementary schools. Trained in Richmond, VA by NDI master teachers from New York
 - Akron Public Schools, OH
 - Wooster Public Schools, OH
 - Cuyahoga Falls Public Schools, OH

STUDIO TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Absolute Dance Company, Avon Lake, OH

2011 - 2014

- Acrobatics
- Jazz
- Contemporary
- Jumps, Leaps, and Turns
- Stretch and Strengthen
- Competition Team
 - “Hitching a Ride”
 - “Flower that Shattered the Stone”
 - “King of Anything”
 - “Revolver”
 - “Last of the American Girls”
 - “Jar of Hearts” *Visually Stunning*

Canton Ballet, Teaching Artist, Canton, OH

2013

- Jazz Technique, Mattox

Footnotes, Northfield, OH

2012 - 2014

- Acrobatics
- Contemporary
- Jumps, Leaps, and Turns
- Competition Team
 - “Falling for You” *Best Choreography*
 - “See You Again”
 - “Fashion is my Kryptonite”

A Time to Dance, Canton, OH (*Recreational Program*)

2012 - 2014

- Acrobatics
- Jumps, Leaps, and Turns
- Musical Theatre
- Ballet

Players Guild Theatre, Canton, OH

2011 - 2013

- Beginner Hip Hop
- Contemporary

Carolina Dance Capital, Charlotte, NC (*Recreational Program*)

2010 - 2011

- Combo Classes
 - Ballet and Tap 3-5
 - Ballet and Tap 6-8
 - Ballet, Tap, and Jazz 8+
 - Ballet, Tap, and Contemporary 8+

Next Step Dance, Concord, NC

2009 - 2010

- Ballet
- Jazz
- Tumble Instructor
- Competitive Team
 - “Poison Ivy” *Best Choreography*

Dance Trap, Concord, NC

2009 - 2010

- Acrobatics

The Dance Center by Heidi Glynias, Rocky River, OH

2006 - 2009

- Contemporary
- Acrobatics
- Competitive Team
 - “Hey Now, Now”
 - “Fashion Police” *Choreography Award and Most Entertaining*
- Faculty Advisor
 - Developed and implemented student organization
 - Created committees team duties, communications, and maintenance.

Lewis Hall Studio, Ravenna, OH

2006 - 2009

- Gymnasts Coach
 - Level 2 Vault, Bars, Beam, and Floor
 - Level 3 Floor and Beam
 - Level 4 Floor
- Ballet for Gymnasts
- Ballet
- Tap
- Jazz
- Contemporary

MISCELLANEOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

The 5 O'Clock Lounge, Lakewood, OH — 2019

- “Black mass IV”
 - “Land of Misfits”
 - “Should I stay or Should I Go?”
 - “Jingle Bell Rock”

Satin and Lace — 2011

- “Do it Like a Dude” Cocktails, Akron, OH
- “Christmas Celebration” Interbelt, Akron, OH

LAA Academic Scholarship: Kent, OH — 2011

- “BLUE: Stepped On”
 - Raised scholarship money
 - “Just Haven’t Met You Yet”
 - “Fashion Police”

Canton City Crew and Company, Canton, OH — 2010

- **YouTube Intro Video Crew**
 - https://youtu.be/f_fNIItNmUxs
 - Videographer
 - Editor
 - Choreographer
- **YouTube Intro Video Company**
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wf2dHdfRiSUG>
 - Videographer
 - Editor
 - Choreographer
- **First Friday Performance**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1jzuLlfH24>
- Music Editor
- Choreographer
 - “Introduction”
 - “Moment for Life” Hip Hop
 - “Moment for Life” Contemporary
 - “Back Seat”

COLLEGE PERFORMANCES

Kent Dance Ensemble

- **2006 Concert**
 - "Soul Filter" Tanya Mucci
- **Black History Month**
 - Soloist “Shouts, Smears, and Muted Rhapsodies” Melanie George
- **2005 Concert**
 - “Dream” Robbin Petterson
 - “Shouts, Smears, and Muted Rhapsodies” Melanie George
 - “Stairway to Heaven” Kim Karpanty
 - “Women's Song” Clyde
 - Summer intensive with Mary Fitzgerald
- **2004 Concert**
 - "Masque" John Crawford

Kent State University Faculty Concerts

- **2004 Concert**
 - "Crows Crossing" John Crawford, Faculty Concert
 - “Stairway to Heaven” Kim Karpanty
- **2003 Concert**
 - "Damn right I got the Blues" Kim Karpanty
 - "Masque" John Crawford

Kent State University Student Dance Festival — 2003

- “Rhythmatica” Erica Young
- “Little Shadow” Lora Gray

PRESENTATIONS

- “Technically Social” Full length work, University of Mount Union — 2018
- “American Dream” Full length work, University of Mount Union — 2016
- “Jack Cole: Father of Jazz Dance” Research Presentation, Kent State University — 2006
- “Nightmare Before Christmas”, Lab Show, Kent State University, — 2005
- “Opposition” Bachelor of Fine Arts, Kent State University, — 2006

PUBLICATIONS

- ”Math and Science Movers” Text Book, Model, Canton, OH — 2013
- “Classiqué” Classy and Dynamic Costumes Model, Charlotte, NC— 2011

CHOREOGRAPHY

Original Ballets

Nightmare Before Christmas: The Ballet, MAX Dance Pro
Fundraiser, Phoenix Rising Behavioral
Healthcare and Recovery Inc.
Canton, OH, — 2016

Legally Blonde: The Ballet, MAX Dance Pro
Community Donation
Canton, OH, — 2016

Musicals

Anything Goes, University of Mount Union, Brush Performance Hall
Alliance, OH, — 2019
Director: Craig Joseph

Quilters, University of Mount Union, Gallaher Black Box Theatre
Alliance, OH, — 2018
Director: Kevin P. Kern

Little Shop of Horrors, University of Mount Union, Brush Performance Hall
Alliance, OH, — 2017
Director: Kevin P. Kern

Christmas Carol, University of Mount Union
Alliance, OH, — 2015
Director: Kevin P. Kern

Hot and Cole: A Cole Porter Celebration! University of Mount Union
Alliance, OH, — 2015
Director: Kevin P. Kern

Hot and Cole: A Cole Porter Celebration! Gala, Opening of Mount Union Performing Arts Building
Alliance, OH, — 2015
Director: Kevin P. Kern

Cinderella: Stardust Theatre
Canton, OH — 2012
Director: Lisa Knight

“Morning Person”, *Shrek*, Players Guild of Canton
Canton OH, — 2014
Director: Jonathan Tisevich

Beauty and the Beast, Lorain Community Theatre
Lorain, OH, — 2007

Hello, Dolly!, Carnation City Players
Alliance, OH, — 2006

Jr Shows

Shrek Jr., New Direction Performing Arts
Canton, OH, — 2016

Director: Lisa Knight

Seussical Jr., St Paul's Elementary School
North Canton, OH, — 2016
Director: Lisa Knight

Seussical Jr., New Direction Performing Arts
North Canton, OH, — 2015
Director: Lisa Knight

Annie Jr., St Paul's Elementary School
North Canton, OH, — 2015
Director: Lisa Knight

Seussical Jr., Arts Academy
Canton, OH, — 2015
Director: Lisa Knight

Willy Wonka Jr., St Paul's Elementary School
North Canton, OH, — 2014
Director: Lisa Knight

Peter Pan Jr., Arts Academy
Canton, OH, — 2014
Director: Lisa Knight

Seussical Jr., Players Guild Theatre
Canton, OH, — 2012
Director: Lisa Knight

The Glee Workshop, Players Guild Theatre
Canton, OH, — 2011
Director: Lisa Knight

Showcases

Fall 2018, University of Mount Union, Gallaher Black Box Theatre, Alliance, OH
"Technically Social" Dance Fundamentals 1 and 2, Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary

Spring 2018, University of Mount Union, Gallaher Black Box Theatre, Alliance, OH

"Spring" Dance Fundamentals 1, Ballet
"Anitras Dance" Dance Fundamentals 2, Ballet
"Greatest Show" Dance Fundamentals 2, Contemporary
"Greatest Show" Dance Fundamentals 1 and 2, Jazz
"Other Side" Dance Fundamentals 1 and 2, Tap

Fall 2017, University of Mount Union, Gallaher Black Box Theatre, Alliance, OH

"Beauty and the Beast" Dance Fundamentals 1, Ballet
"Game of Thrones" Dance Fundamentals 2, Contemporary
"Chorus Line" Dance Fundamentals 1 and 2, Jazz
"We Didn't Start the Fire" Dance Fundamentals 1 and 2, Tap
"Amélie" Dance Fundamentals 2 Specialty Group, Pointe
"OMIGOD" Dance Fundamentals 2 Specialty Group, Tap
"All That Jazz" Dance Fundamentals 2 Specialty Group, Jazz
"Men in Tights" Dance Fundamentals 2 Specialty Group, Jazz

Spring 2017, MAX Dance Pro, Canton, OH
"Torn" Advanced Modern
"Celestial Soda Pop" Pointe
"Titanium" Advanced Jazz
"The Forrest" Ballet III
"Hamilton" J.P. Hinnebusch
"Get Back up Again" Annie Hinnebusch

Spring 2017, University of Mount Union, Gallaher Black Box Theatre, Alliance, OH
"Hey, Now, Now" Dance Fundamentals 2, Contemporary
"American Idiot" Dance Fundamentals 2, Musical Theatre Jazz
"Can't Stop Singing" Dance Fundamentals 2, Tap
"The Forrest" Dance Fundamentals 1, Ballet
"Wild Things Are" Dance Fundamentals 1, Jazz
"High School Musical" Dance Fundamentals 1, Tap

Fall 2016, University of Mount Union, Alliance, OH
"Cell Block Tango" Dance Fundamentals 2, Jazz
"Moonlight Sonata" Dance Fundamentals 2, Ballet
"Waves" Dance Fundamentals 2, Tap
"Falling for Ya" Dance Fundamentals 1, Jazz
"Ain't Got Rhythm" Dance Fundamentals 1, Tap

Spring 2016, University of Mount Union, Alliance, OH
"American Dream" Dance Fundamentals 2, Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, and Contemporary
"Ain't Got Rhythm" Dance Fundamentals 1, Tap
"King of New York" Dance Fundamentals 1, Jazz

Fall 2015, University of Mount Union, Alliance, OH

Spring 2015, University of Mount Union, Alliance, OH
"Albatraz" Dance Fundamentals 1, Jazz
"I won't Dance" Dance Fundamentals 1, Tap

2015, MAX Dance Pro, Canton, OH
"Lucky" Contemporary
"Albatraz" Advanced Jazz
"I won't Dance" Advanced Tap
"Uptown Funk" Pointe
"Show Off" Alexis Wilson
"Colors" Meighan Hinnebusch
"Popular" Maggie Sexton
"B.E.A.T." Adrianna Carper

Fall 2014, University of Mount Union, Alliance, OH

Spring 2014, University of Mount Union, Alliance, OH

Fall 2013, University of Mount Union, Alliance, OH
"Once Upon A Dream" Dance Fundamentals 1, Ballet
"Musical Theatre Mix" Dance Fundamentals 1, Jazz

Choreographers Showcase: Ananda Center, Massillon, OH — 2012

"Dance Hall Life"

Television

NAJ Music performance, BET 106 and Park, Charlotte, NC — 2012

CANTON OHIO COMMUNITY PERFORMANCES

MAX Dance Pro

Canton Charge, Half Time Shows

“Shake Santa” — 2016

“Super Heros” — 2016

“Flags” — 2015

“Christmas Celebration” — 2014

First Fridays, Downtown Canton

“American Dream” Original Work— 2016

Showcase — 2015

Musical Showcase — 2015

Canton Idol

- Opening Ceremony Performance
“Grazing in the Grass” — 2012 - 2015

- Intermission Performance
“Gaga 2” — 2015
“Feel This Moment” — 2013

- Closing Ceremony Performance
“Gaga” — 2014

MISCELLANEOUS

Video/Media Productions

- **“Perspective” Student Assignment for David Lenahan — May 2017**
 - <https://youtu.be/IcYUpBDUcgM>
 - Camera 2, iPhone
 - Choreographer
 - David Lenahan
 - Dancer
 - Go Pro
 - Editor

- **“Me and my Girls”**
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCAYRf8TNVo&feature=youtu.be>
 - Directed
 - LED lights
 - Blackbox Theatre, University of Mount Union, Alliance, OH
 - Edited
 - Filmed on iPhone 6
 - Editor via iMovie on iPhone and Mac

- **“David Lenahan” Student Reel — January 2011**
 - <https://youtu.be/RrWx02LIII>
 - Choreographer
 - Editor via iMovie on iPhone and Mac

Judge

Americheer/Ameridance, Canton, OH — 2019

That's Entertainment — 2012

The Dance Center by Heidi Glynias, Judge, Company Auditions — 2008

Nan Klinger Excellence in Dance, Company, Judge, Auditions — 2008

Search Committee

Kent State University, Representative — 2005

Kent State University, Student Representative — 2004