

MARY SCHNEPF

Curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

M.F.A. in Dance	2020
State University of New York, University at Buffalo	
M.A.H. in Interdisciplinary Studies for Film & Performance	2007
State University of New York, University at Buffalo	
B.S. in Design with Theater Design concentration	2002
State University of New York, Buffalo State College	
Summa cum laude	

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor (PT), Erie Community College, City Campus Department of Humanities (Dance)	Fall 2021-present
Adjunct Instructor, University at Buffalo (upcoming) DAC 104: Appreciating Dance	Summer 2024
Adjunct Instructor, University at Buffalo DAC 214: Ballet Technique 2	Spring 2022 & Fall 2018
Visiting Guest Instructor, College of Brockport Intermediate/Advanced Ballet	Fall 2021
Substitute Instructor, University at Buffalo DAC 324: Ballet Technique 4	Spring 2020
Teaching Assistant, University at Buffalo DAC 104: Appreciating Dance (online)	Spring 2019
Instructor, University at Buffalo BCH 199: Dancing DNA-Embodying the Human Genome (Laban Movement Analysis)	Spring 2018
Substitute Instructor, University at Buffalo DAC 341: Ballet Technique 3	Fall 2018 & Fall 2017

UNIVERSITY GUEST LECTURES

Banned and Censored Dance, University at Buffalo Spring 2019
 DAC 104: Appreciating Dance (online)

Founders of Modern Dance, University at Buffalo Fall 2017
 DAC 201: Modern Dance 1

DIRECTING & TEACHING EXPERIENCE - NON-UNIVERSITY

Greater Niagara Ballet Company 2021-present
 Artistic Director & Instructor

Buffalo Aerial Dance 2022-present
 Aerial Silks Instructor through Level 3

Ballet ex Machina 2014-2020
 Founder and Artistic Director

Ballet at the Porter Center 2015-2019
 Instructor – adult beginner/advanced beginner ballet

Configuration School of Ballet, Buffalo, NY Instructor – Ballet, Vaganova Method 2012-2016
 Instruction in beginner, advanced and adult ballet

Feder School of Classical Ballet, Niagara Falls, NY Substitute Teacher, Instructor – 2007-2020
 Ballet, Cecchetti Method Instruction in various levels of ballet and variations

CONTRIBUTED TEACHING

National Dance Education Organization Conference 2023
 Session: Experiential Anatomy for College Ballet

American College Dance Association Northeast Regional Conference 2019
 Session: Use your Center!

Dance Days of Buffalo Festival 2016
 Session: The Physics of Pirouettes

CERTIFICATIONS

Final Enrico Cecchetti Diploma, Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance, London, England 2021
 Cecchetti Method of Ballet
 Mind Body Barre Certification (fitness) 2015

TEACHER TRAINING

Horton Teacher Workshop Session 1 (Intermediate/Advanced), The Ailey Extension 2022
 Horton Teacher Workshop Session 1 (Introductory/Beginner), The Ailey Extension 2018
 Dance Masters of America Teacher Training, Level 2 2016
 Dance Masters of America Teacher Training, Level 1 2015

COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

Ballet	Pointe	Kinesiology/Anatomy
Dance Appreciation	Modern Dance	Choreography
Dance History	Aerial Silks	Dance and Film
Introduction to Dance		

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Schnepf, Mary C. (2019, August). *The Changing and Unchanging Politics of "America": A Look at Bill Murray, Jan Vogler and Friends' Performance of West Side Story's "America" as Political Statement in the Trump Era*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education Conference, Orlando, FL.

Schnepf, Mary C. & Kenneth Ka-Shu Tam (composer) (2019, May). *Alone*. Film screened as part of CUNY Doctoral Theatre Students' Association Conference *Screening Performance, Performing Screens: New Projections in Theatre and Media*. New York, NY.

Schnepf, Mary C. (2019, March). *Ghost Dance: Performed from the Archive of the Indian Congress at the 1901 Pan-American Exposition*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Mid-America Theatre Conference, Cleveland, OH.

Schnepf, Mary C. (2018, August). *The Physics of Pirouettes*. Roundtable Presentation at the Dance Science and Somatics Educators Conference at the University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.

Schnepf, Mary C. (2017, April). *Camshaft*. Choreography presented at Go Figure: Body-Image-Text conference at the University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Schnepf, Mary C. (2019, October). *Cognitive Perception and Choreographic Meaning in Dance*. Poster presented at the meeting of the National Dance Education Organization Conference, Miami, FL.

CHOREOGRAPHY FOR LIVE PERFORMANCE

<i>Evita</i> Musical for the Batavia Players	2024
<i>The Firebird</i> Classical ballet for the Greater Niagara Ballet Company	2024
<i>Scorpio</i> Aerial silk trio for Buffalo Aerial Dance	2023
<i>Les Patineurs</i> Classical ballet for the Greater Niagara Ballet Company	2023
<i>Degas / Pas de Trois</i> Classical ballet for the Greater Niagara Ballet Company	2022
<i>The Nutcracker</i> Classical ballet for the Greater Niagara Ballet Company	2021
<i>Between the Kiss and the Chaos</i> MFA Thesis Concert, Contemporary ballet/modern	2020

<i>Red Poppy</i> <i>Contemporary ballet piece for a trio presented as part of the University at Buffalo's Fall Dance MFA Concert</i>	2019
<i>Nimbus</i> Structured improvisational dance for 25 dancers performed by the Zodiaque Dance Company at the Buffalo Botanical Gardens Lumagination special event	2019
<i>Faze Echo</i> Modern/contemporary ballet piece for 10 dancers presented as part of the University at Buffalo's Emerging Choreographer's Showcase	2018
<i>The Four of Us</i> Lyra and contemporary solo ballet pointe piece presented in collaboration with Buffalo Aerial Dance as part of the Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts	2018
<i>For Ellen (who taught me the Charleston)</i> Contemporary ballet piece for 10 dancers presented at the Greater Niagara Ballet Company's 50th Anniversary Performance	2017
<i>Murmuration: Ballet ex Machina</i> Contemporary ballet piece for 5 dancers/aerialists presented with Ballet ex Machina/New ALT Performance Group at the ALT Theatre	2016
<i>Matisse – La Danse</i> Contemporary ballet piece for 5 dancers presented as part of Dancer's Workshop at the University at Buffalo	2016
<i>Camshaft</i> Modern/contemporary ballet piece for a trio presented with Configuration Dance Theatre at the Albright Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo, NY	2015
<i>Music Loves Fashion: West Side Story/Art is Music</i> Ballet piece for a trio presented as part of the Music is Art Festival in Buffalo, NY	2015
<i>Music Loves Fashion: Cleopatra</i> Contemporary ballet piece for 6 dancers presented at the Music is Art Festival in Buffalo, NY	2014
<i>End Transmission: Ballet ex Machina</i> Modern/contemporary ballet piece for 4 dancers presented at the ALT Theatre in Buffalo, NY as part of the Buffalo Infringement Festival	2014

SCREENINGS

Schnepf, Mary C. & Kenneth Ka-Shu Tam (composer) (2019, October). *As Within, So Without*. Film screened at the Fall 2019 Zodiaque Dance Company Concert. Buffalo, NY. Premiere.

Schnepf, Mary C. & Kenneth Ka-Shu Tam (composer) (2019, May). *Alone*. Film screened as part of CUNY Doctoral Theatre Students' Association Conference *Screening Performance, Performing Screens: New Projections in Theatre and Media*. New York, NY.

Schnepf, Mary C. & Kenneth Ka-Shu Tam (composer) (2018, December). *Alone*. Film screened as part of the University at Buffalo's Dance MFA Fall Concert. Buffalo, NY. Premiere.

Schnepf, Mary C. (2018, September). *Where Emptiness Lies*. Film screened as part of 40 NORTH Dance Film Festival's Poetics &/of/in Archive program. San Diego, CA. Premiere.

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Onium Contemporary Ballet	2024-present
Current member of contemporary dance company	
Buffalo Aerial Dance	2019-present
Current member specializing in aerial silks and lyra (aerial hoop)	
Greater Niagara Ballet Company	2010-present
Current principal dancer	
Rince na Tiarna	2019-present
Current member of adult performance group specializing in Irish step dance	
Torn Space Theater	2015-2018
Recurring dance performer for site specific summer series	
Configuration Dance Theatre	2009-2012
Member of contemporary dance company	

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ROLES

<i>Don Quixote Pas de Deux</i>	Kitri	Greater Niagara Ballet Co.
<i>Pas de Trois</i>	Peasant Dancer	Greater Niagara Ballet Co.
<i>The Four of Us</i>	Dancer, Aerialist	Buffalo Aerial Dance
<i>The Gathering</i>	Dancer	Torn Space Theater
<i>Les Sylphides</i>	Soloist	Greater Niagara Ballet Co.
<i>Les Patineurs</i>	Pas de Deux	Greater Niagara Ballet Co.
<i>Louisiana Bacchae</i>	Bacchae/Chorus	Red Thread Theatre
<i>Burden</i>	Showgirl	Torn Space Theater
<i>The Nutcracker</i>	Sugar Plum Fairy (Principal)	Greater Niagara Ballet Co.
<i>They Kill Things</i>	Contemporary Dancer	Torn Space Theater
<i>Hannibal Buress</i> (comedian)	Improv Ballet Dancer	3 Arts Entertainment
<i>Storehouse</i>	Contemporary Dancer	Torn Space Theater
<i>Love Will Tear Us Apart</i>	Contemporary Dancer	New ALT Performance Group
<i>Coppelia</i>	Dawn (Principal)	Greater Niagara Ballet Co.
<i>Swan Lake</i>	Corps de Ballet	Neglia Ballet Artists
<i>Breathless</i>	Contemporary Dancer	Configuration Dance Theatre
<i>Soft Verge</i>	Contemporary Dancer	Configuration Dance Theatre
<i>Degas</i>	Ballet Dancer (Principal)	Greater Niagara Ballet Co.
<i>Punch the Sky</i>	Contemporary Dancer Marie	Configuration Dance Theatre
<i>Pas de Quatre</i>	Taglioni (Principal)	Greater Niagara Ballet Co.
<i>Jesus Christ Superstar</i>	Chorus	Coop's Spotlight Productions
<i>Romeo & Juliet</i>	Townsperson	National Ballet of Canada
<i>Taming of the Shrew</i>	Acolyte	National Ballet of Canada

SCREENDANCE

<i>As Within, So Without</i>	2019
Concept, Director, Choreography, Editor	
<i>Alone</i>	2018
Concept, Director, Choreography, Editor	
<i>Where Emptiness Lies</i>	2018
Concept, Director, Choreography, Editor	
<i>Funambulance</i>	2008
Recording and editing of live music video	

DANCE TRAINING – NON-UNIVERSITY

Alvin Ailey Extension, New York, NY

-Horton Technique, taught by Ana Marie Forsythe, and Ballet and Teaching technique, taught by Finis Jhung

Feder School of Classical Ballet, Niagara Falls, NY

-Completed Grades 1 through 10 under the direction of Beverly Feder, F.I.S.T.D., Cecchetti Technique

Configuration Dance Theatre & School of Ballet, Buffalo, NY

-Company and advanced ballet classes under the direction of Joseph Cipolla, Vaganova Technique

National Ballet of Canada, Toronto, ON

-Master classes in Cecchetti technique

Dance Masters of America Teachers Training School

-Level I & II teacher training in ballet, jazz, modern, theater dance and tap

Clann Na Cara/Rince na Tiarna

-Training in solo and group Irish step dance

Buffalo Aerial Dance

-Training in aerial silks, lyra and static trapeze

DESIGN AND PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

<i>Degas</i>	Costume Design	Greater Niagara Ballet Co.
<i>MFA Fall 2019 Concert</i>	Co-Sound Designer & Videography	University at Buffalo
<i>Emerging Choreographers Showcase</i>	Co-Lighting Designer	University at Buffalo
<i>45th Anniversary Gala</i>	Costume Shop Assistant	Zodiaque Dance Company
<i>Faze Echo</i>	Costume Design/Construction	University at Buffalo
<i>Murmuration</i>	Costume Design/Construction	Ballet ex Machina
<i>End Transmission</i>	Costume Design/Construction	Ballet ex Machina
<i>Late Night with Conan O'Brien</i>	Script Intern	NBC Studios
<i>The Music Man</i>	Scene Design/Painting	Coop's Spotlight Productions
<i>South Pacific</i>	Scene Painting	Coop's Spotlight Productions
<i>Poking the Sacred</i>	Design Assistant	Matthew Hubbard Productions
<i>West Side Story</i>	Production Intern	Artpark
<i>Alice in Wonderland</i>	Costume & Set Design	Buffalo State College
<i>Romeo & Juliet</i>	Head Wardrobe	Buffalo State College
<i>Brittanicus</i>	Set Construction	Buffalo State College
<i>Goodnight Desdemona, Good Morning Juliet</i>	Costume Construction	Buffalo State College
<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Assistant Designer	Buffalo State College

AWARDS

Virgin Spring Cinefest Award	2021
Black Swan Film Festival Award	2021
Tagore International Film Festival Award	2021
Mid-America Theatre Conference (MATC) Emerging Scholar Award	2019
L'Age d'Or International Arthouse Film Festival Outstanding Achievement Award (Student Film Category)	2019
Ellen Davyes Memorial Scholarship	2017
SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service	2012

MEMBERSHIPS

National Dance Education Organization (NDEO)
Dance Studies Association
American Theatre and Drama Society

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SERVICE

Dynamic Warm-Up	2022
Workshop offered through the Harkness Center for Dance Injuries presenting evidenced-based principles and strategies for a healthy, effective warm-up	
Aerial Rigging Workshop	2021
Fundamentals of aerial rigging and hands-on rigging workshop	
Teaching in Universities and Colleges course	2019
Online course on how to improve teaching and how to use learning technologies effectively in instruction	
Videography for Dance Making 2, Performative Action, Creative and Embodied Research graduate level university courses	2018-2019
Urban Bush Women EBX Session	2019
Embodied workshop session focused on social justice goals in academia and the community	
Paul Matteson Workshop	2017
Workshop in modern dance and choreography	
Tom Ralabate Master Classes	2017
Master Classes in Luigi Jazz Technique	
National Dance Education Organization Course OPDI-110: Dance Kinesiology and Applied Teaching Practice Taught by Robin Kish, Department of Dance at Chapman University	2015
National Dance Education Organization Course OPDI-105: Introduction to Dance Education Research Taught by Dr. Rima Faber	2015

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**Assistant for Academics and Alumni Development**

2014-present

State University of New York, University at Buffalo, Buffalo NY

Responsibilities are the same as for the Coordinator of Graduate Studies position and include department course scheduling, supervision of the Graduate Admissions Advisor, creation and maintenance of department social media pages, overseeing graduate student recruitment, and acting as the department liaison to the College of Arts and Sciences, University Alumni and Development office

Coordinator of Graduate Studies and Admissions

2009-2014

State University of New York, University at Buffalo, Buffalo NY

Responsibilities included obtaining and tracking academic progress and admissions statistics for over 100 MA & Ph.D. students, advising, coordination of graduate student recruitment events and orientations, appointment processing for teaching assistants, graduate assistants, student assistants and adjunct instructors, and completion of reports required by several organizations/agencies outside the University, as well as reports required by the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office, Graduate School and other University offices

Script and Rehearsal Intern

2007

Late Night with Conan O'Brian, NBC Studios, New York, NY

Responsibilities included assisting with rehearsals, research, and copying and running scripts