Curriculum Vitae

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**Education**

**The University of Iowa**

M.F.A. in Dance/Choreography (Iowa City, IA) 2015

**Academic Positions**

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*

**The University of Iowa (Iowa City, IA) 2013-2015**

George de la Peña, Dance Dept. Chair

* Jazz (Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced)
* Modern (Beginning, Intermediate

*Guest Instructor*

**The University of Las Vegas (UNLV), 2011**

Louis Kavouras, Dance Dept. Chair

* Jazz (Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced)
* Modern (Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced)

*Guest Instructor*

**University of Western Oregon, 2010**

Darryl Thomas, Dance Dept. Chair

* Modern (Beginning, Advanced)
* Jazz (Beginning)

*Guest Instructor*

**University of Wyoming,** **2009, 2010, 2011**

Marsha Knight, Head of Dance

* Jazz (Beginning, Advanced)
* Modern (Beginning, Advanced)

**Academic and Professional Teaching**

**Tanzprojekt Munich,** **Munich, Germany, 2011-2013**

* Jazz (Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced)
* Modern (Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced
* Street Jazz

**The Dance Loft,** **Rorschach, Switzerland, 2012**

* Modern (Intermediate)

**American College Dance Festival, Moscow, ID, 2011**

* Jazz (Intermediate, Advanced)

**Cabrillo High School,** **Long Beach, CA, 2009-2010**

* Modern (Beginning)
* Jazz (Beginning, Intermediate)

**Center Stage Dance Academy, Long Beach, CA, 2009-2010**

* Jazz (Beginning, Advanced)
* Hip Hop

**Snowy Range Summer Dance Festival, Laramie, WY, 2009-2011**

* Jazz (Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced, Pre-Professional)
* Modern (Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced, Pre-Professional)

**Jefferson Middle School,** Long Beach, CA, 2008

* Modern (Beginning)

**Bellbrook Dance Academy, Dayton, OH, 2007**

* Jazz (Beginning)

**Terre’s Dance Workshop, Dayton, OH, 2007**

* Modern (Beginning, Intermediate)

**Jeraldyne’s School of Dance, Dayton, OH, 2006-2008**

* Modern (Beginning)

**Cherry Creek Dance, Denver, CO, 2002-2005**

* Jazz (Beginning, Intermediate)

**Off Broadway Dance Academy, Denver, CO, 2004**

* Jazz (Beginning, Intermediate)
* Modern (Beginning)
* Hip Hop

**Michelle Latimer’s School of Dance,** Denver, CO, 2004

* Jazz (Advanced)

**Younger Generations Players,** Lakewood, CO, 2003

* Modern (Beginning)

**Cleo Parker Robinson Dance School,** Denver, CO 2002-2005

* Jazz (Advanced, Pre-Professional)

**Ballet Society of Colorado Springs**, Colorado Springs, CO, 2001-2002

* Jazz (Intermediate, Advanced)
* Modern (Intermediate, Advanced)

**Awards**

**Strategic Fund Initiative Summer Fellowship** 2013

The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

**Iowa Arts Fellowship** 2013 & 2014

The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

**Choreographic Works**

2015: “WE WERE HERE” (Thesis) University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

2014: “Mothers of War” University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

2014: “No Armistice” University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

2014: “Contemplate” University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

2013: “The Pressure” University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

2013: “Family Portrait” University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

2012: “Echo’s” Wichita Performing Arts, Wichita, KS

2011: “Memoirs” Contemporary Dance Conservatory, Rorschach, Switzerland

2011: “A Search for Serenity” University Of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

2011: “Evolve” Jazz Antiqua Dance Company, Los Angeles, CA

2011: “Boundaries” University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

2010: “Light” University of Western Oregon, Monmouth, OR

2010: “Trust/Believe” University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

2009: “Aretha Suite” 7even Dance Company, Denver, CO

2008: “Orange” Dayton Contemporary Dance Company (DCDC)

**Performance**

**Jazz Antiqua Ensemble, Los Angeles, CA (2009-2011)**

2011: “Elevation,” (2011) Pat Taylor

2011: “Freedom,” (2011) Pat Taylor

2010: “LA Holiday Celebration,” (2010) Pat Taylor

2010: “Coltrane,” (2008) Pat Taylor

2010: “A-Train,” (1992) Pat Taylor

2009: “Sankofa,” (2005) Pat Taylor

2009: “O’Tinde,” (2002) Pat Taylor

**Long Beach Ballet, Long Beach, CA (2008-2009)**

2008: “Nutcracker,” (1979) David Wilcox

2008: “Song of Peking,” Johnny Zhong

2008: “Beauty and the Beast,” David Wilcox

**Dayton Contemporary Dance Company (DCDC) Dayton, OH (2006-2008)**

2008: “J. Lawrence Paint,” (Premiere) Donald Byrd

2008: “Sagas De Salvador,” (2006) William B. McClellan, Jr.

2008: ''Las Desenamoradas,'' (1967) Eleo Pomare

2008: “Traffic,” (2003) Debbie Blunden Diggs

2008: “The Stack Up,” (1982) Talley Beatty

2007: “Children of the Passage,” (1999) Donald McKayle & Ronald K. Brown

2007: “Love and the Weather,” (1982) Kevin Ward

2007: “Etudes,” (2004) Kevin Ward

2007: “Sets and Chasers,” (1999) Kevin Ward

2007: “We Ain’t Goin Home But We Finna Get the Hell Up Outta Here,” (Premiere) Reggie Wilson

2007: “Jacobs Latter,” (Premiere) Rennie Harris

2006: “In the Spirit of,” (Premiere) Kevin Ward

2006: “In A Word,” (Premiere) Kevin Ward

2006: “Lyric Fire,” (Premiere) Dianne McIntyre

**Holland America Cruise Line, Stiletto Entertainment (2005-2006)**

2006: “Up Front,” John Sharin & Patti Colombo

2006: “Rockin Road,” John Sharin & Patti Colombo

2006: “Escape,” John Sharin & Patti Colombo

2005: “Grand Tour,” John Sharin & Patti Colombo

2005: “Stage & Screen,” John Sharin & Patti Colombo

**Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble, Denver, CO (2001-2005)**

2005: “Escapades,” (1983) Alvin Ailey, Restaged by Christopher Huggins

2005: “Nine Nina’s,” (Premiere) Christopher Huggins

2004: “Ella,” (Premiere) Robert Sher McCherndl

2004: “Granny Dances to a Holiday Drum,” Gary Abbott

2004: “Suite Ree,” (1991) Gary Abbott

2004: “Holy Moses,” (1984) Cleo Parker Robinson

2004: “Choros,” (1934) Katherine Dunham

2004: “Ebony Magazine To A Village,” (1996) Ronald K. Brown

2003: “Roll Me Through The Rushes,” (1985) Cleo Parker Robinson

2003: “Mary Lou’s Mass,” (2000) Cleo Parker Robinson

2003: “Jamnation,” (2000) Donald McKayle

2003: “Orfeu Negro,” (Premiere) Jelon Vieira

2002: “Raindance,” (1984) Milton Myers

2002: “Ellingtonia,” (1994) Talley Beatty

2002: “Divinities,” (Premiere) Carlos dos Santos Jr

2002: “Temple in Motion,” (2001) Rosangela Silvestre

2002: “One Nation, Under A Groove Part II: 24 Hours in Birmingham,” (Premiere) David Rousseve

**Lula Washington Dance Theater, Los Angeles, CA (1996-1998)**

1998: “ We Wore the Mask,” (Premiere) Lula Washington

1998: “Songs Of the Disinherited,” (1960) Donald McKayle

1997: “Rainbow Round My Shoulder,” (1959) Donald Mckayle

1997: “Games,” (1956) Donald McKayle

**References**

[George de la Peña](http://dance.uiowa.edu/people/george-de-la-pe%C3%B1a)

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**Choreographic Links**

*“Mothers of War” 2014* University of Iowa

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0L0n0J1cjg>

*“Contemplate” 2014* University of Iowa

<https://vimeo.com/118938621>

“The Pressure: Boxing The Inside” 2013 University of Iowa

<https://vimeo.com/118938886>