Alethea Alexander

curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2018 **University of Washington**, Seattle WA, Master of Fine Arts in Dance, **2018** MFA Research: Dance history through the lens of popular cinema
- 2011 **University of Washington**, Seattle, WA, Bachelor of Arts in Dance, **cum laude** Minor in Environmental Studies

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE TEACHING

2018-present **University of Washington**, Seattle, WA, Acting Assistant Professor Dance History and Popular Cinema (2019), Open Contemporary Ballet (2019), Intermediate Contemporary Modern (2019), Advanced Contemporary Ballet (2018), Beginning Ballet (2018)

2017-2018 University of Washington, Seattle, WA, Post-Doctoral Lecturer Instructor of Record: Pilates (2018), Advanced Ballet (2018), Dance History and Popular Cinema: Imagined Conversations between William Forsythe and Quentin Tarantino (& others) (2018), Intermediate Modern (2017), Advanced Beginning Ballet (2017), Introduction to Dance (2017) <u>Guest Lecturer</u>: Embodied History: Jane Dudley's Harmonica Breakdown (2018), Creating a Professional Website (2018), Anatomy of the Shoulder and Upper Extremity (2017) <u>Teaching Aide</u>: Anatomy for Dancers

- 2014-2016 Whatcom Community College, Bellingham, WA, Adjunct Faculty Introduction to dance (3-course series), Pilates Mat
- 2011 **University of Washington**, Seattle WA, Teaching Aide Beginning Ballet, American Jazz Dance History

PERFORMANCE

Dance Companies

- 2017-present
 Chamber Dance Company, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
 2014-15
 2009-11
 Works by: Crystal Pite, Nacho Duato, Kate Weare, Lucinda Childs, Martha Graham, Doug Elkins, Bebe Miller, Bill T Jones, Shapiro and Smith, Susan Marshall, Alwin Nikolais, Oskar Schlemmer, Jane Dudley, Wade Madsen, Lar Lubovitch, Charles Weidman
 2013-2017
 Bellingham Repertory Dance, Bellingham, WA Dancer, Co-Director of collective company
 Works by: Mark Haim, Mary Sheldon Scott, Ryan Corriston, Lauren Edson, Kevin Jenkins, Rachael Lincoln, Monica Campbell, Marlo Martin,
 - Jessica Zoller, et. al.

2013	Unum Dance Company , San Francisco, CA Diana Broker, Artistic Director and Choreographer	
2011	Ballet Bellevue , Bellevue, WA, Li Hengda, Artistic Director and Choreographer Sleeping Beauty (Carabosse), based on Marius Petipa (1890)	
2010-11	Stone Dance Collective , Seattle, WA Eva Stone, Artistic Director and Choreographer	
2009-11	Quark Contemporary Dance Theatre, Seattle, WA David Schleiffers, Artistic Director and Choreographer <u>Venues</u> : On the Boards (Seattle, WA), Meydenbauer Center (Bellevue, WA), Seattle International Dance Festival (Seattle, WA), Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (Langley, WA), Edmonds Community College (Edmonds, WA)	
Dance Projec	cts	
2018	Anna Mlasowsky, glass artist , Seattle and Bellevue, WA <i>Chorus of One, **</i> Winner: John and Joyce Price Award for Excellence, 2018** Venue: Bellevue Arts Museum	
2018	Daniel Webbon + Alethea Alexander , Seattle, WA St. Helena Venue: Good Shepherd Center	
2017	Stephanie Liapis Dance Projects , Seattle, WA Castor & Pollux: A Movement Score Venues: University of Washington, On the Boards	
2016	Monica Campbell , Bellingham, WA Peacebuilding Through the Arts Venue: Western Washington University	
2013	Caitlin Hafer , Choreographer, San Francisco, CA Based on a True Story Venue: ODC Theater	
2012	David Schleiffers , Choreographer, San Francisco, CA Cold Snap Venue: ODC Theater	
2012	Jennifer Salk , Choreographer; Maja Petric, Digital/Experimental Artist, Seattle, WA Eyes of the Skin Venue: Henry Art Gallery	
Screen Dances		
2015	Pacing , Director/Producer: Juliette Machado, Bellingham, WA Dancer Presented at: Festival of Recorded Movement, 2016 (Vancouver, BC), Grounds for Sculpture, 2015 (Hamilton, NJ), 40 North Dance Film Festival, 2015 (San Diego, CA), Pickford Film Center, 2015 (Bellingham, WA)	
2013	Year Three: Leather , Producer: Andy Farnum, Bellingham, WA Performer, Choreographer Private screening only	

2013 **Steadfast Body, Marshmallow Heart**, Producer: Erin Malley, San Francisco, CA Dancer Presented at: Szerpentin Táncfilm Feztivál (Budapest), ODC Pilot 62 (San Francisco,

CA), Topanga Film Festival (Topanga, CA), SF Dance Film Festival (San Francisco, CA), Speechless Film Festival (Mankato, MN), En Route Dance Festival (online only)

CHOREOGRAPHY

- 2018 **Duet for Four,** University of Washington, Seattle, WA Meany Studio Theater: Eleven-minute quartet on themes of proximity, vulnerability and platonic relationships between same-sex partners
- 2018 **a storm of our own making,** Yaw Theater, Seattle, WA Relay Dance Collective re-setting of original twelve-minute group work *Tornado* 2.0 for seven dancers
- 2017 **a storm of our own making**, screen dance, Self-Directed/Produced, Seattle, WA Choreographer, Director Presented at: Fuselage Dance Film Festival, 2018 (Seattle, WA), 12 Minutes Max, 2017 (Bellingham, WA), To Martha, From Doris V1 (chainmail publication)
- 2017 **Tornado 2.0**, University of Washington, Seattle, WA Meany Studio Theater: Twelve-minute group work for nine dancers, live percussionist and original music composition
- 2016 **Five Times/Day**, Whatcom Community College, Bellingham, WA Heiner Theater: Six-minute group work for five dancers
- 2016 **At the Table**, Whatcom Community College, Bellingham, WA Heiner Theater: Eight-minute physical theater piece for five performers, presented in collaboration with music and theater works that challenged the question "But is it art?"
- 2015 **And so it goes...**, Whatcom Community College, Bellingham, WA Heiner Theater: Improvisational collaborative conversation between eight dancers (score by Alethea Alexander + dancers) and ten jazz musicians (score by James Holt)
- 2015 **Point to It**, Whatcom Community College, Bellingham, WA Cascade Theater: Eight-minute group piece for nine dancers
- 2013 **Year Three: Leather**, Screen Dance, Bellingham, WA Private dance film commission: Five-minute duet with original music composition

REHEARSAL DIRECTION AND RESTAGING

- 2018 **Chamber Dance Company**, Seattle, WA Artistic Director: Hannah C. Wiley, Choreographer: Susan Marshall Restager: *Cloudless* (excerpt)
- 2011 **Ballet Bellevue**, Bellevue, WA Director/Choreographer: Li Hengda. Assistant Artistic Director, Sleeping Beauty

2010 **Quark Contemporary Dance Theatre**, Clinton, WA Director/Choreographer: David Schlieffers. Rehearsal Assistant, Once and Never Again

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 **"Wonderwomen: Embodied Confidence in Popular Media"** Invited: The Arts in Society, Emily Carr University of Art + Design, Vancouver, BC The role of physicality and mirror neurons in affecting confidence in women
- 2017 "Embodied Learning and Active Inclusivity" Invited: Our Work Now: The Critical Role of Graduate and Professional Students in Post-Election America, University of Washington, Seattle, WA Using Dewey and D'Houbler's theories to see and engage diverse students
- 2016, 17 **"Bellingham Repertory Dance: Educational Matinee"** Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA Lecturer and performer

2010 "Student/Faculty Panel in the Arts" Invited: University of Washington, Seattle WA Arts in the academic and research environment of a RI institution

- 2010 **"Reliving Modern Dance in the Seattle and Global Communities"** Mary Gates Research Symposium, University of Washington, Seattle, WA Lecture/demonstration on the reconstruction of historical dance works
- 2010 **"Body, Effort, Space: A Discussion of Melanie Bales' Research"** University of Washington, Seattle, WA Lecture/demonstration on Laban/Bartenieff in the classroom

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

- 2017 **Dance Church™**, Seattle, WA Trained teacher/guide
- 2014 **Balanced Body University**, Bellingham, WA Pilates Mat I, Mat II, Reformer I Instructor certificates

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Master Classes & Guest Teaching20187 Day Dance Festival, Bellingham, WA, Dance Church™ and Adv/Prof
Contemporary master classes2018, 2017Seattle Piano Institute, Seattle, WA, Movement workshop for aspiring classical
pianists2017-presentDance Church™, Seattle & Bellingham, WA2017Velocity Dance Center, Seattle, WA, Advanced Contemporary master class2016University of Washington, Seattle, WA, Advanced Contemporary master class2013Alonzo King LINES Dance Center, San Francisco, CA, Guest open modern

2013	<u>ODC, Katie Faulkner</u> , San Francisco, CA, Guest for advanc contemporary	ed/professional	
2011	University of Washington, Seattle, WA, Guest ballet and modern technique		
2010	<u>Whidbey Island Dance Theater</u> , Clinton, WA, Guest ballet, modern, pointe		
2010	<u>Yakima Valley Public School District</u> , Yakima, WA, One-day high school students	residency for "at risk"	
Studios and Public Schools			
2018-present	Dance Fremont!, Seattle, WA Advanced ballet and contemporary technique classes for students	ages: 15-18 pre-professional	
2016-17	<u>Bellingham Repertory Dance for Youth</u> , Bellingham, WA Contemporary ballet, repertory, anatomy, history, and cro five day pre-professional youth intensives	ages: 13-18 ss-training for three and	
2014-16	<u>Fidalgo Danceworks</u> , Anacortes, WA All levels of ballet, conditioning, contemporary, company	ages: 8-18 repertory	
2014, 2011-12	<u>Ballet Bellevue</u> , Bellevue, WA Jazz, contemporary, advanced-level ballet and pointe	ages: 12-18	
2014-15	<u>Bell Towers Studios</u> , Bellingham, WA Beginning adult ballet		
2013-2017	<u>Bellingham Repertory Dance</u> , Firehouse PAC, Bellingham, WA Open company class		
2013	<u>Firehouse Performing Arts Center</u> , Bellingham, WA Advanced contemporary		
2013	<u>Children's Center for Dance</u> , San Francisco, CA Creative movement	ages: 4-8	
2012-13	<u>ODC/School</u> , San Francisco, CA Pre-ballet. Assistant Instructor	ages: 6-8	
2012	<u>Open Flight Dance Studios</u> , Seattle, WA Private ballet and anatomy instructor for beginning dance	r	
2011-12	<u>Hengda Dance Academy</u> , Seattle, WA All levels of ballet	ages: 3-adult	
<u>Pilates</u>			
2014-17	<u>Core Kinetics Pilates,</u> Bellingham, WA Pilates Mat and Reformer groups and privates		

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2013-17 **Bellingham Repertory Dance**, Bellingham, WA Press Liaison, writing and distributing all company media

2011	Chamber Dance Company , University of Washington, Seattle, WA Organization of correspondence, press and library archive materials	
2009-10	University of Washington Dance Program , Seattle, WA Intern in charge of Chamber Dance Company costumes, assistant production, web archive	
2010	Integrated Dance Summer Intensive, Seattle, WA, Intern	
2007-08	Dakshina/Daniel Phoenix Singh Dance Company , Washington, DC Education Intern, outreach coordinator, teacher in public elementary school, stage manager, publicity and public relations, grant writing	
SERVICE		
2018-present	<u>University of Washington Dance Department</u> , Seattle, WA Graduate Adviser, Artistic Director and Coordinator for Faculty, Masters and Undergraduate departmental concerts	
2018-present	<u>TeenTix</u> , Seattle, WA Advisory Council member for non-profit youth arts engagement program	
2018	Dance Church [™] for Team Survivor Northwest, Seattle, WA Guided class for members of the non-profit cancer support group	
2018	<u>Meany Theater and University of Washington Club</u> , Seattle, WA Pre-Show Lecture/Guest for Hubbard Street Dance Chicago	
2017-18	<u>University of Washington</u> , Seattle, WA Undergraduate concert choreographic adviser	
2016	<u>Mount Baker Theater</u> , Bellingham, WA Pre-Show Lecture/Guest of Honor for MOMIX: Opus Cactus	
PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE		
2016	lean to productions, Seattle, WA, Stage Manager	

- 2014-16 <u>Whatcom Community College</u>, Bellingham, WA, Stage Manager, Light Board Operator
- 2015 <u>University of Washington</u>, Seattle, WA, Stage Manager
- 2013 <u>Essential Action Productions</u>, San Francisco, CA, Stage Manager
- 2012 <u>ODC/School</u>, San Francisco, CA, Technical Assistant, Stage Manager
- 2012 <u>No Twist Theater Co</u>, San Francisco, CA, Stage Manager
- 2010-11 <u>Dance Program</u>, University of Washington, Seattle, Stage Manager, Production Coordinator
- 2008 <u>Dakshina/Daniel Phoenix Singh Dance Company,</u> Washington, DC, Stage Manager, Stage Crew

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2017-18 **Teaching Assistantship**, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2017-18 Full Tuition Wavier, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2009, 2010 Certificate of High Scholarship, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2010 **Evelyn H. Green Endowed Scholarship**, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2009 Mary Gates Research Grant, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

SELECTED DANCE TRAINING

Velocity Dance Center: Seattle, WA • Kate Wallich, Jody Kuehner, Mark Haim
ODC: San Francisco, CA • Janice Garrett, Katie Faulkner, Robert Moses, Augusta Moore
University of Washington: Seattle, WA • Hannah C. Wiley, Jennifer Salk, Elizabeth Cooper,
Catherine Cabeen, Tonya Lockyer
Maryland Youth Ballet: Silver Spring, MD • Susan Gresko, Roberta Stiehm, Michelle Lees
Dance Place: Washington, DC • Deborah Riley, Carla Perlo
School of Ballet Chicago: Chicago, IL • Patricia Blair, Daniel Duell
Northwest Ballet Theater: Bellingham, WA • John Bishop
Pacific Dance Company: Bellingham, WA • Elise Kerman
Nancy White School of Ballet: Bellingham, WA

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Digital Skills: online and printed media releases, video and music editing, web page design and management, copy editing Social dance: east coast swing, lindy hop, blues

REFERENCES

Hannah C. Wiley • Professor of Dance, University of Washington, Artistic Director Chamber Dance Company • Meany Hall, Box 351150, University of Washington • Seattle, WA 98105 • (206) 543-7536 • hcw@uw.edu

<u>Kathryn "Kitty" Daniels</u> • Emeritus Chair of the Dance Department, Cornish College of the Arts • Seattle, WA 98105 • kdaniels7@gmail.com

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