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## EDUCATION

2017 - 2019	MA Ethnochoreology, Black Studies & Performance Studies	New York University, Gallatin School of Individualized Study	NY, NY
2014 - present	Ambassador Scholar: Authentic Jazz & Lindy Hop	Frankie Manning Foundation	NY, NY
2010 - 2014	BS Business Management & Entrepreneurship (Cum Laude )	DeVry University	Arlington, VA
2010 - Present	Certified Personal Trainer, Corrective Exercise Specialist, Fitness Nutrition Specialist	National Academy of Sports Medicine	Calabasas, CA
2007 - Present	Dance Mentorship: Scholarship, Performance, Organizational Management	Urban Artistry/Assassins Crew DC	Washington, D.C.
2004 - 2008	Communications Center Management & Infrastructure Design	White House Communications Agency	Washington, D.C.
2003 - 2005	AFA Fine Arts (Cum Laude )	Northern VA Community College	Annandale, VA
2000 - 2003	Standardized COMSEC Custodian/ Facility Security	U.S. Army	Fort Gordon, GA
1998 - 2000	Satellite Communications Operator Maintainer	U.S. Army	Fort Gordon, GA

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020	Moderator - Conversations with HER/ Club Stories - Ladies of Hip-Hop, NY Chairperson: Board of Trustees - Ladies of Hip-Hop Festival <sup>®</sup> Inc., NJ Vice President of Marketing & Outreach - Intl Lindy Hop Championships, TX Board Member - Frankie Manning Foundation, NY Board of Directors - Black Lindy Hoppers Fund, TX Member - NEFER Global Movement Collective Script Consultant, Creative Advisor & Rhythm Consultant - Documentary Arts Inc., NY
2019 - present	Ethnochoreologist of African American Social Dance
2018 - present	Brain Trust & Co-Choreographer: <i>Swing Out</i> - Joyce Theater Productions, NYC
2018 - present	Co-Director <i>HellaBlackLindyHop</i> Performance Troupe
2016 - present	Co-Director <i>Black, Brown &amp; Beige</i> Competition Troupe
2010 - present	International Dance Educator, Lecturer & Performer

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CONTD)

2010 - 2017 President & Chief Trainer - Imani Wellness, LLC, Arlington, VA  
2009 - 2017 Board Secretary/Member, Artistic Director, Competitions & Event Lead,  
Costume Designer, Educator - Urban Artistry, Inc., Silver Spring, MD  
2008 - 2011 Lead Configuration Management Specialist - Technology Advancement Group,  
White House Communications Agency (WHCA), Washington, D.C.  
2004 - 2008 Director of Network Command & Control Center, Special Events Coordinator  
WHCA, Washington, D.C. (SFC, U.S. Army)  
2002 - 2008 Secretary/Member - Sergeant Audie Murphy Club (SSG, U.S. Army)

## COMMISSIONS & FELLOWSHIPS

2020 Guggenheim Works & Process Artist Bubble Commission Series, NY, NY  
Gibney DoublePlus Choreographers Showcase Commission, NY, NY  
Guggenheim Works & Process Virtual Commission Series, NY, NY ([“re-NEW”](#))

## PRESS & PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS/WRITINGS

2020 Forthcoming- “Must Be The Music”, “21st Century Jazz Dance: Africanist Aesthetics and Equity in Teaching and Choreography” University of Florida Press,  
Edited by Lindsay Guarino, Wendy Oliver and Carlos Jones  
[“A Gaze into A Day at the Races”](#) - Bobby White, Swungover Press,  
Content Advisor & Contributing Writer

2019 “The Absence of Blackness in African-American Social Dance: Cultural Surrogacy and It's Effects” - LaTasha Barnes, NYU Gallatin Master's Thesis

2018 [“The Reality of Auto-ethnographic Research”](#) - LaTasha Barnes, NYU Gallatin,  
Dean's Award for Summer Research Blog  
[“Blackness in Social Dance and Intergenerational Transference”](#) - LaTasha Barnes,  
NYU Gallatin, Dean's Award for Summer Research Blog  
[“Watch These Dancers Find Spontaneity in the Circle”](#) - James Thomas, New York Times

2017 [“The Track Podcast: Episode 22 - LaTasha Barnes”](#) - Ryan Swift, The Track  
“Les mondes du Lindy Hop: Appropriation culturelle et politiques de la joie”  
Contributing Subject Matter Expert, written by Anais Sekine; PhD Sociology Thesis

2016 “Practice Swing: The Swungover\* Choose-Your-Own-Adventure Guide To Improving Your Dancing”, Contributing Subject Matter Expert, written by Robert White

2015 “Thinner, Fitter, Happier: Dancing Will Change Your Life”  
Contributing Subject Matter Expert, Dr. Marian Condon, Jones-Bartlett Publishing

## PANELS

2020 Univ. Minnesota Honors Program: Identities and Creative Processes - Panelist  
Joyce Theater Virtual Season Swing Out: Discussion w/ Black Lindy Hoppers - Moderator  
Ladies of Hip-Hop Conversations with Her: Nubian Nene - Moderator  
Univ. Minnesota Northrop Theater Season Announcement Panel: Swing Out - Panelist  
Univ Wisconsin-Madison Arts: IG Takeover Live Chat w/Michele Byrd-McPhee - Panelist  
Culture Shock Intl Sunday Skool Session: Integrating Art & Social Change - Panelist  
Ladies of Hip-Hop Conversations with Her: Tweet Boogie - Moderator  
Ladies of Hip-Hop Club Stories: Interdisciplinary Women Chat - Moderator  
Ladies of Hip-Hop Club Stories: Intergenerational Sisterhood Chat - Moderator  
SoleDefined Live & DancePlace DC Panel: Is the Dance Community Silent - Panelist  
Lindy Riot: Lindy Hop Educators Art & Purpose - Panelist

## LECTURES & RESIDENCIES

2020 ‘RACE AND ...*dance*’ series Workshop & Lecture, Five Colleges Consortium, Amherst, MA  
‘Recentering Blackness in Jazz’, Passion Fruit: SEEDS, Connecticut College, New London, CT  
Swing Out Virtual Residency - University of Minnesota: Northrop Theater, Minneapolis, MN  
University of Wisconsin-Madison Fall IARP Fellowship, Guest Artist, Madison, WI

## CULTURAL EXCHANGES

2019 Mar Cape Town, South Africa Artist in Residence - Mother City Hop Jazz Festival  
2018 May Shanghai, China Artist in Residence - Boogaloo Jazz & Blues Festival, South Bund, Shanghai  
2017 Mar Singapore Artist in Residence at Timbre, Arts House & 10 Orchard Central, Singapore  
2016 Aug Frankie Manning Foundation Scholar to Herräng Dance Camp, Herräng, Sweden  
2011 Oct US Dept of State Eastern Caribbean Exchange: St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Barbados  
2009 Sep Jam On It 10 - Sofia, Bulgaria

## YOUTH PROGRAMMING

2020 Ladies of Hip-Hop Festival - Girls of Hip-Hop Youth Program  
2016 - present Int. Lindy Hop Championship/Lindyfest Youth Jazz, Lindy Hop, House Dance Workshops  
2014 Mar Urban Artistry - Paul’s Place After School Development:  
Hip Hop Dance Classes (16 wks) - Baltimore, MD  
2010 - 2011 Urban Artistry - The Washington Ballet @THEARC, Intro to Hip Hop,  
Advanced Hip Hop (36 wks) - Washington, DC

## WORKSHOPS, JUDGING & CONSULTING

- 2020 Aug Jazz-House-Jazz: Exploration of the Black Dance Continuum - Breakaway Swing, CA (Zoom)  
Jazz Dance - Jazz Attack, PA (Zoom)  
Footwork/Connections - OmegaFloorwork, LA, CA (Zoom)
- Jul House Dance/Lecture - Get Empowered, Brooklyn, NY (Zoom)  
House Dance - NEFER Global Mvmnt, (Zoom)  
House Dance Foundation & Connections, Engineering the Blues, TN (Zoom)  
Jazz Dance/ Lecture - Amherst College, MA (Zoom)
- Jun Jazz Dance - Ladies of Hip-Hop Festival, NY (Zoom)
- May Creative Advisor - Documentary Arts Inc., NY, NY
- Apr Jazz Dance Mechanics - Syncopated City Knowledge Share, NY, NY (FB/ YouTube Live)  
Jazz Dance/ Isolations/ Musicality - Dance Houston Residency, Houston, TX (Google Meet)  
Contest Judging - Jazz in A Flat, Int. Comp Online (FB Live)
- Mar Script Consulting - Documentary Arts Inc., NY, NY  
Jazz - Hot Jam Jazz , Atlanta, GA (Zoom)  
Jazz/ Lindy Hop/ Contest Judging - SwingArts Fest, Bordeaux, FR
- Feb Lindy Hop/ Jazz/ Contest Judging - Swingin' At the Savoy, San Francisco, CA
- 2019 Dec Jazz/ Lindy Hop/ Body Care/ Musicality/Isolations - Lindy Focus Jazz Dance Festival, Asheville, NC  
Jazz/ Lindy Hop/ Contest Judging - 5-6-7-Oui Festival, Montreal, QC
- Nov Contest Judging - Int. Lindy Hop Championships, Washington, DC  
Jazz/ Lindy Hop/ Contest Judging - Nevermore Jazz Ball, St. Louis, MO  
Contest Judging/ House Dance - Hip-Hop Weekend, Malmo, SW
- Oct Soulful Movement/ Body Isolations - Hart & Soul Weekend, Hartford, CT  
Lindy Hop/ Jazz - Jammin on the James, Richmond, VA  
Lindy Hop/ Jazz/ Contest Judging - Second City Swingout, Chicago, IL
- Sep Jazz/ Lindy Hop - Swing Toronto, Toronto, ON  
Jazz/ Lindy Hop/ House Dance/ Contest Judging - Lindy on the Rocks/ Denver Jazz Fest, Denver, CO
- Aug Jazz/ Lindy Hop - Swingout New Hampshire, Hebron, NH  
House Dance/ Lindy Hop - Summer Dance Forever Festival, Amsterdam, NL
- Jul Jazz/ Lindy Hop/ House Dance/ Contest Judging - Herrang Dance Camp, Herrang, SW  
Jazz/ House Dance - Ladies of Hip-Hop Festival, NY, NY  
Lindy Hop - Lincoln Center Families Workshop ft. HellaBlackLindyHop, NY, NY  
Lindy Hop/ Jazz - Beantown Dance Camp, Boston, MA

- Jun Jazz/ House Dance - Atlantic Swing Festival, Lisbon, PT  
Jazz/ Lindy Hop - Family Connections Workshop: Caleb Teicher & Co., City Center, NY, NY
- May Lindy Hop/ Hip-Hop/Jazz - Houston Jazz Dance Festival/ Int. Swing Dance Championships, Houston, TX  
House Dance - Red Bull BCOne Dance Camp, Houston, TX
- Apr House Dance 2-day Series - Juste Debut School, Paris, FR  
Jazz/House Dance/ Isolations/ Contest Judging - Paris Jazz Roots Festival, Paris, FR
- Mar Lindy Hop - Swing Dance Pillow Party - Jacob's Pillow, Becket, MA  
Lindy Hop/ Jazz/Hip Hop - Mother City Hop Swing Dance Festival, Cape Town, SA  
Lindy Hop/ Jazz - SwingArts Festival, Bordeaux, FR  
Lindy Hop/ Jazz - Inspiration Weekend, Los Angeles, CA
- Feb House Dance/ Lindy Hop - House Dance Forever Winter Edition, Amsterdam, NL
- Jan Lindy Hop/ Jazz/House Dance - Kind of A Big Deal Weekend, Boston, MA  
Lindy Hop/ Jazz Dance Consultant - "Riff This, Riff That" - Asherie Dance, Joyce Theater, NY
- 2018 Dec Lindy Hop/ Jazz/House Dance/Body Care/Contest Judging - Lindy Focus, Asheville, NC  
Lindy Hop/ Jazz/Contest Judging - University of Delaware, Newark, DE
- Nov Jazz/ Lindy Hop/ Contest Judging - Followlogie Swing Dance Festival, Montreal, QC  
Lindy Hop/ Jazz/ Contest Judging - Purdue University Night Train, Lafayette, IN  
Lindy Hop/ Jazz/ House Dance/ Contest Judging - Fog City Stomp, San Francisco, CA
- Oct Dream Within A Dream (deferred)/Dorrance Dance & American Ballet Theater Fall Gala-Vernacular Jazz/ Lindy Hop Consultant - David Koch Theater, NY, NY
- Sep Lindy Hop/ Jazz/ Intro to House Dance/ Contest Judging - Lindy Harvest, Edmonton, AB  
Jazz/ Intro to House Dance/ Contest Judging - Lindy On The Rocks, Denver, CO  
Jazz/ Intro to House Dance/ Contest Judging - Sweet Jazz Fest, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Aug Lindy Hop/ Jazz - Swingout New Hampshire, Hebron, NH  
Contest Judging - Int. Lindy Hop Championships, Washington, DC  
House Dance/ Jazz/ Lindy Hop - Summer Dance Forever, Amsterdam, NL
- Jul Jazz/ Lindy Hop/ House Dance/ Waacking/Contest Judging - Herrang Dance Camp, Herrang, SW
- Jun Jazz/ Lindy Hop/ Contest Judging - Beantown Dance Camp, Boston, MA  
Jazz/ House Dance - Stompology Jazz Dance Weekend, Rochester, NY
- May Lindy Hop/ Jazz/ House Dance/ Waacking - Int. Swing Dance Championship, Houston, TX  
Lindy Hop/ Jazz - Boogaloo Jazz & Blues Festival, Shanghai, CH  
Jazz/ House Dance - Philly Ragtag Workshop, Philadelphia, PA
- Apr Jazz/Lindy Hop - Lil' Rhody Big Swing Out, Providence, RI

- Mar Jazz/ House Dance/ Body Care/ Contest Judging - Paris Jazz Roots Festival, Paris, FR  
Lindy Hop: Swing Dance Pillow Party - Jacob's Pillow, Becket, MA  
Lindy Hop/ Intro to House Dance/ Contest Judging - Lindyfest, Houston, TX
- Jan Jazz/ Intro to House Dance/Contest Judging - The Jazz Den, Richmond, VA
- 2017 Dec Solo Jazz/ Techniques of Staging & Notation/ Inside the Jam Circle/ Contest Judging  
- Lindy Focus Jazz Dance Festival, Asheville, NC  
Swing Dance Consultant/Choreographer - "A Letter to Myself", Dorrance Dance Theater  
-The Joyce Theater, New York City, NY  
House Sessions Contest Judging - House of South, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Nov Master Class Solo Jazz/ Vocabulary of Jazz/ Intro to House/ Contest Judging  
- Fog City Stomp, San Francisco, CA
- Oct Master Class Solo Jazz/ Contest Judging - Atlanta Varsity Showdown, Atlanta, GA
- Sep Master Class Solo Jazz/ Intro to House Dance/ Musicality  
- New Orleans Swing Dance Festival, New Orleans, LA  
Solo Jazz/ Lindy Hop/ Contest Judging - SwingIN, Indianapolis, IN
- Aug Advanced Solo Jazz/ Lindy Hop/ Intro to House Dance  
- Rhythm City Mess Around, Vancouver, BC  
Intro to House Dance - Uptown SwingOut, Minneapolis, MN
- Jul Advanced - Intro to House Dance/ Contest Judging  
- Ladies of Hip-Hop Festival, Brooklyn, NY
- Jun Intro to House/ Solo Jazz , The Soul Train Experience, From House to Jazz  
Judge: Mix & Match Social Dance Contest, All that Jazz Contest, Lindy Hop Battle  
- Montreal Swing Riot Festival, Montreal, QC  
Intro to House, Intermediate/ Advanced Solo Jazz| Solo Jazz - Stompology Solo Jazz Camp,  
Rochester, NY
- Apr Advanced: "The Queen Swings Basie" Solo Jazz Routine - The Jam Cellar, Washington, DC
- Mar Intermediate: House Dance| Project Zero House Dance Battle Judge - Singapore  
Dancing Your Lindy Hop - Timbre @ Arts House, Singapore  
Vernacular Jazz, Intro to Hip Hop, Bodycare for Dancers| Solo Jazz Showcase Judge -  
Solo Mojo Jazz Festival, Singapore
- Feb House & Swing Dance Consultant/Choreographer - "Zazz the Big Easy", SOLE Defined  
-The Atlas Theater, Washington, DC
- Jan Master: House Dance, Vernacular Jazz| Beginner: House Dance, Waacking| All Styles Battle  
Judge - Wreckenshop, San Francisco & Oakland, CA

## **PERFORMANCES & DIRECTION**

2020 "The Quarantine Salon"; Featured Dance Soloist - "You Can't Pull The Wool Over My Eyes" &

“In A Mellow Tone”; Prohibition Productions, NY,NY  
“Rhythm Relief Fund Variety Show”; Dance Accompanist to Drummer Josh Collazzo (Zoom)  
“Lift Your Eyes” Music Video; Soloist - The Souls (SG)  
“Dance Song for the End of the World” Music Video; Soloist - Lizzy & The Triggermen (US)  
“DivaLand Variety Show”; Soloist - Zoom Show  
Swing 2020; Director/ Choreographer - Caleb Teicher & Co., Guggenheim  
Works & Process, NY, NY  
That Rhythm Tho!; Soloist - The Sultan Room, Brooklyn, NY

2019 Dance Accompanist to Chris Celiz - Caleb Teicher & Friends, Guggenheim Rotunda, NY, NY  
Swing 2020; Director/ Choreographer/ Soloist - Caleb Teicher & Co., Guggenheim  
Works & Process, Bilbao, SP  
HellaBlackLindyHop; Director/ Choreographer/ Soloist - Charles Turner & Uptown Swing,  
Brooklyn, NY  
HellaBlackLindyHop; Director/ Choreographer - Midsummer Night Swing, Lincoln Center, NY  
Jazz Dance Accompanist to Charles Turner & Uptown Swing, Westport, CT  
Wild Rhythm - Jacob’s Pillow, Becket, MA  
“Swing 2020 Preview” CT & Co. - APAP, Joyce Theater, NY  
“Riff This, Riff That” Asherie Dance Co. - APAP, Joyce Theater, NY

2018 Swing Dance Corporate Performance, Rainbow Room, NY, NY  
Swing Dance Social, CT & Co - Fall For Dance - New York City Center, NY  
“Groovin” Black, Brown & Beige Troupe; Director - ILHC, Washington, DC  
“Good Enough to Keep” Herrang Dance Camp Chorus Line; Soloist - Herrang, SW  
“One O’Clock Jump” HellaBlackLindyHop Troupe; Director - ISDC, Houston, TX

2017 “Muddy Water” Trio Rhythm Section - ILHC, Washington, DC  
“The Queen Swings Basie”; Director - Black, Brown & Beige - ILHC , Washington, DC  
“Muddy Water” Trio; Choreographer/ Dancer - Paris Jazz Roots Festival, Paris, FR  
“Such Sweet Thunder” Duet - Solo Mojo Jazz Festival, Timbre @ Arts House, Singapore  
“It’s Bigger Than Dance”; Dancer/ Soloist, Urban Artistry - Flurry Dance Festival,  
Saratoga Springs, NY

## COMPETITIONS

2020 The League Battle Online - House Dance - Finalist (Instagram Live)

2019 Inv. Luck of the Draw: Lindy Hop - 1st Place, Inv. Solo Jazz - Finalist, Int. Lindy Hop  
Championships, Washington, DC  
House Dance 1x1 - Top 16, Summer Dance Forever, Amsterdam, NL  
House Dance 1x1- Winner (Shared), Ladies of Hip-Hop Festival, NY, NY  
All Styles Team Battle - World Champions, Nothing2Looz, Toulouse, FR

2017 Solo Jazz Team - 1st Place - International Lindy Hop Championships (ILHC), Washington, DC  
Lindyfest All-Star Jack and Jill Lindy Hop Championship, Houston, TX - 2nd Place

2016 Lindy Focus Open Classic Lindy Hop Competition, Asheville, NC - Finalists  
East Coast Dance Competition 2x2 All Styles Battle, Washington, DC - Winners  
Herräng Dance Camp Solo Jazz Comp Week 4, Herräng, Sweden - Winner  
Second Sundae 1x1 House Dance Battle, Philadelphia, NY - Finalist

House Dance International 1x1 House Dance Battle, Queens, NY - Finalist  
Babble Solo Jazz Contest - New York City, NY - Winner  
Lindyfest Advanced Jack and Jill Lindy Hop Championship, Houston, TX - Winners  
Second Sundae 1x1 House Dance Battle, Philadelphia, NY - Finalist

2013 House Dance International 1x1 House Dance Battle, Queens, NY - Winner  
Juste Debout World Championships, Paris, France - Finalists  
Juste Debout USA Championships/ World Battle Pre-Selection, NYC, NY - Winners  
Level7 to Smoke: 1x7 House Battle –NYC, NY - Winner

2011 Juste Debout World Championships 2x2 House Dance, Paris, France - Winners

2010 Juste Debout USA Championships (Pre-Selection) 2x2 House Dance, NYC, NY - Winners