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EDUCATION

- 1984 Master of Science (Child Care Administration)
Nova Southeastern University
- 1982 Bachelor of Professional Studies (Dance)
University of Memphis
magna cum laude

EXPERIENCE

Performance/ Choreography

1983 to present: Performing Artist. Presents solo, and ensemble work of own choreography and that of others at venues throughout the mid-Atlantic region. Artistic Director of Updraft: a conspiracy of movement, an aerial dance company based in the upper Shenandoah Valley, comprising rural areas of Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. www.globalhomestead.org

Summer 2004: Toured in Louisiana with Caravan Stage, a unique Canadian-based professional theater company in which performers live and work aboard 90-foot sailing ship. Worked as an aerial dancer in the development of a new show “Vanishing Currents” about the condition of refugees throughout the world.

2001 to 2003: Member of Air Dance Bernasconi, professional aerial dance company based in Baltimore, Maryland, which combines modern dance with aerial apparatus such as low-flying trapeze, fabric, steel hoops, and bungee.

1998 - 1999: Member of Carla and Company, professional modern dance company in residence at Dance Place, Washington, D.C.

1998: Appeared with Deborah Riley Dance Projects, professional modern dance company, Washington, D.C.

1998 –1999: Member of Nancy Havlik’s Dance Performance Group, professional company appearing at locations throughout metro D.C. area.

1986 - 1987: Member of Fairfax County Dance Company, community-based dance ensemble in Fairfax, Virginia, choreographing and performing modern and jazz dance.

January - June 1983: Member of Roscoe’s Leg, an independent modern troupe performing in Memphis, Tennessee.

September 1982 - June 1983: Member of University of Memphis Dance Company, choreographing and performing jazz, ballet, and modern dance.

Dance
Instruction

Slippery Slope, Washington County, Maryland, March 2000 to present. Designs, manages, and delivers “Slippery Slope Institute”, an array of workshops, classes, and private instruction in Modern Dance, Aerial Yoga, Low-flying Trapeze, and holistic health practices.

Dance Unlimited, Frederick, Maryland, 1995 - 2002. Taught Lyrical and Modern classes for children, teens, and adults at all levels in this community studio. Recital choreography.

University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee, 1982 to 1983. Taught college-level Modern and Jazz dance, also adult continuing education. Developed and implemented creative movement curriculum for preschool children. Conducted B.F.A. auditions.

St. Peter Manor, Memphis, Tennessee, 1980 to 1982. Designed and implemented a program of dance and movement therapy for elderly residents.

Administrative/
Educational

Executive Director, Global Homestead, Inc. – Knoxville, Maryland, September 2003 to present. Carries out day-to-day operation of non-profit organization to strengthen communities and their members through the arts, the natural environment and innovative education. Responsible for funding development, communication with board of directors and community, and oversight of projects.
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Education Consultant - Metropolitan Washington area, January 1994 to 1998. Developed strategies to assess and improve the quality of educational programs for children from birth through elementary school. Specialized in staff development of early childhood educators and administrators; writing, editing, and producing materials (print, audio, and video) for teachers and parents; and facilitating the collaboration of groups around children’s issues. Clients included local and state governments, private sector organizations, and Head Start grantees and contractors.

Director, Early Childhood Transition Project, Fairfax County Office for Children - Fairfax, Virginia, April 1992 to January 1994. Responsible for oversight and implementation of federal demonstration and research grant to replicate Head Start services in the public schools. Developed strategies to establish a program of comprehensive services beginning in Head Start and extending through the third grade to test the hypothesis that such strategies will help children to maintain cognitive and social gains. Coordinated a consortium of local government agencies, school system, and university evaluators.

Director, Planning and Development, Fairfax County Office for Children - Fairfax, Virginia, July 1990 to April 1992. Responsible for the development of proposals for funding, including Head Start grants, to meet identified County child care needs. Responsible for the direction of all Office for Children programs related to expanding the role of the business community in the provision of child care and early childhood education. Designed and implemented the annual action plan of the Employer Child Care Council; directed surveys of area businesses; supervised the development of publications and media presentations representing the work of the Council; influenced corporate decision-makers regarding child care benefits; reviewed and developed legislative initiatives to encourage employers to develop child care services.

Child Care Management Consultant - Metropolitan Washington area, April 1989 to July 1990. Provided consultant services to private and public sector organizations to assist in the management of child care initiatives. Services included program development and implementation, preparation and delivery of reports, contract management, technical assistance, preparation of grants and requests for proposals, and training development and delivery. Clients included area businesses, local governments, and nonprofit organizations.

Child Care/Foster Care Program Administrator, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments - Washington, D.C., December 1987 to April 1989. Administered COG's child care program and provided staff support for the Metropolitan Washington Child Care Network. Served as advisor to the Human Resources Policy Committee on matters related to child care and foster care. Oversaw regional recruitment campaigns for child care providers and foster parents.

Assistant Director, Employer Child Care Development Council - Fairfax County Office for Children, Fairfax, Virginia, May 1987 to November 1987. Implemented programs and activities of Council. Responded to requests from businesses for technical assistance to encourage, explore, or expand child care benefits. Developed and analyzed surveys and questionnaires on child care needs. Marketed resource and referral services to employers, reviewed and negotiated contracts for such services. Developed and conducted seminars for businesses on work/family issues. Editor of agency newsletter.

Supervisor, Child Care Information System - Fairfax County Office for Children, Fairfax, Virginia, September 1984 to May 1987. Responsible for all aspects of resource and referral system including management of staff, development of policies and procedures, oversight of statistical analysis of monthly data, and response to media requests for information on child care issues. Directed recruitment efforts, increasing system's database of family day care homes from 325 to 895. Oversaw publication of annual directory of all licensed centers in Fairfax County.

Foster Care Outreach Coordinator - Refugee Unaccompanied Minors Program, Falls Church, Virginia, March 1984 to September 1984. Responsible for recruitment, assessment and training of foster parents and volunteers. Presented overview of program goals and needs to groups, represented agency to the media, wrote advertising copy, developed visual displays, provided written assessments of foster parents, and developed and presented multi-cultural and child development training workshops.

Executive Director - Idlewild Day Care Center, Memphis, Tennessee, 1977 to 1984. Responsible for overall management of the child development center, including fiscal responsibility, curriculum development, staff selection, training and supervision, admission of students, and resource to low-income parents and community.

Teacher - Idlewild Day Care Center, Memphis, Tennessee, 1975 to 1977. Responsible for lesson planning and curriculum implementation for groups of pre-K and Kindergarten children as well as daily parent communication, involvement, and training.

Preschool Teacher - The Children's Center, Salem, Massachusetts, 1972 - 1974. Responsible for daily planning and execution of age-appropriate instruction and care for groups of 3- to 5-year-old children.