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EDUCATION

2010 B.A. in Dance and Anthropology from Barnard College

PERFORMANCE, INSTALLATION & SOUND WORKS

Sept 2025	<i>Holding Multiplicity</i> , solo performance commissioned by Performatorium (Regina, Canada; forthcoming)
Oct 2024	<i>The Legacy of Enclosure</i> , solo performance at Chattanooga Noise Night Series at Stove Works
2023-present	Lyricist and vocalist with bands <i>LEGS</i> & <i>Claire's Lobotomy</i> ; respective EP's <i>UPSET ABOUT STUFF</i> (forthcoming) and <i>Claire's Lobotomy</i> (Dec 2024) (Chicago)
Aug 2023	<i>Tell Me Something I Don't Know</i> , durational performance at Relative Intensity Noise Series, Elastic Arts (Chicago)
July 2023	<i>plaster on a smile til the moment passes</i> , solo performance at YUCK Series (Chicago)
Feb 2023	Untitled solo performance at NoNation (Chicago)
Dec 2022	<i>Tarry/Romans</i> , solo performance at YUCK Series (Chicago)
Sept 2022	<i>ROCK TOP</i> , solo performance at Elastic Arts (Chicago)
July 2022	<i>the weary [an]echoic chamber</i> , solo performance and installation at DOMIE (Poznań, Poland)
April 2022	<i>A Meditation on Desire</i> , solo performance at NoNation (Chicago)
2021	Noise composer and vocalist with band Shocks & Struts (Chicago)
July 2020	<i>sonant and surd</i> , solo performance via the CORPUS COLISEUM series (virtual)
Jun '20, Mar '21	<i>COINTELPRO</i> + <i>The Butthole Aria</i> and untitled work, solo performances at the Out of an Abundance of Caution Festival (virtual)
May 2020	<i>The Skeleton of the Horizon</i> , solo performance at The Quarantine Concerts Series, Experimental Sound Studio (Chicago)
Feb 2020	Untitled solo performance at the International Noise Conference (Miami)
Dec 2019	<i>I Am Honored</i> , solo dance work at H010 (NYC)
June-Sept 2019	<i>Aporetic Patrimony</i> , solo dance theater work at Mount Tremper Arts (NY), The Brick Theater (NYC), The Word (Berlin), Sub Rosa Space (Athens)
May 2019	<i>Feeling Stewardship</i> , installation at Santa Fe Art Institute (NM)
Apr 2019	<i>I Hear the Secrets That You Keep</i> , solo work and community discussion at Grace Exhibition Space (NYC)
Mar 2019	<i>I Assure You [the unsafe sage]</i> , solo work commissioned by the Fuse Factory (Columbus, OH)
Jan 2019	Untitled solo work and community discussion at the Sweet Maria Monument, Kochi Muziris Biennale (Kerala, India)
2018-2019	Participatory installations and performances with the UNDOING & DOING Collective at Center for Performance Research and the Judson

	Church (NYC)
Sept 2018	<i>Queer Destabilization (Part 1)</i> , solo work at the Queer Trash Symposium, Issue Project Room (NYC)
June 2018	<i>my mother in my mouth</i> , solo work at the Miami Performance International Festival
May 2018	<i>they pay off their genocide in food stamps</i> , solo work at Movement Research at the Judson Church
Mar-Apr 2018	<i>THAT LAND IS A PAIN BODY</i> , solo work at New Genre Festival (commissioned by Tulsa Living Arts, OK), AHA Progressive Arts Festival (Santa Fe, NM), and LIVEART.us at the Queens Museum (NY)
Feb 2018	<i>missdick vibrocis</i> , punk opera at Rhubarb Festival, commissioned by Buddies in Bad Times Theater (Toronto)
May 2016-2017	Untitled solo works at Fresh Oysters (Minneapolis), PULSAR (NYC), Panoply Lab (NYC), Studio 303 and School of Making Thinking Conference (Montreal), Studio Current (Seattle), The Anarchist Arts Festival and Queer Trash (NYC)
Jan 2017	<i>extent of explosive lament</i> , solo work commissioned by the Exponential Festival at The Brick Theater (NYC) and Center for Performance Research
2015-2017	<i>Know What Smokes</i> , collaborative duet with Kaia Gilje, commissioned by Month of Performance Art-Berlin, Queer Zagreb Festival, Queer New York Festival at Abrons Art Center (NYC), and Inverse Performance Art Festival (Arkansas)
Jan-Aug 2015	<i>The Fattened Refugee: About Dad</i> , solo at JACK (NY), Month of Performance Art-Berlin, Queens Museum, and Queer New York Festival
Mar-Apr 2014	<i>saliva synthesis transformation</i> , duet with Paige Fredlund at Dixon Place (NYC), Draftwork at Danspace Project (NYC)
2011-2012	<i>The White Lady guts flail gluttonous fail</i> , solo commissioned by New York Live Arts and the West End Theater (NYC)

VIDEO WORKS

2024	<i>Saint Aporia</i> , for Stove Work's annual Red Dot Gala (TN)
2023	Untitled work for the Miami Performance International Festival
2022	<i>Five Studio In-Takes</i> for High Zero Foundation (Baltimore, MD)
2021	Untitled work for Ayana Evans and Tsedaye Makonnen's Variety Show through Ortega Y Gassett Projects (NYC)
2020	Untitled video response for Esther Neff's <i>\$100 for Truth</i> exhibition at University of Kentucky, Lexington

RESIDENCIES

2025	Ice Cream Acres (TX)
2024	Stove Works (TN)
2019	Mount Tremper Arts Watershed Laboratory Program (NY), Santa Fe Art Institute (NM), Three Phase Art Center (Kingston, NY)
2017-2019	Movement Research Artist-In-Residence (NYC)
2016-2017	Chez Bushwick Artist-In-Residence (NYC)
2011-2012	Fresh Tracks Residency Program through New York Live Arts

TEACHING

October 2024	Stove Works (Chattanooga, TN)
July 2024	Creative Alliance through the MoveMove Collaborative (Baltimore, MD)
Apr 2024	Visiting Artist in Noah Ortega's Intro to Visual Arts, SVA
Aug 2023	Visiting Artist in Ayana Evans' History, Theory, and Criticism, Performance and Interactive Media Arts at Brooklyn College
July 2022	Svetova 1 Gallery through the Queer Spaces Network (Prague)
July 2021	Visiting Artist in Ayana Evans' Advanced Painting, Brown University
March & Sept 2021	Visiting Artist in Ayana Evans' "RADICAL OUTSIDERS: Performance Art as Acts of Activism, Communion, Rebellion, Humor and Meditation" undergraduate seminar, Brown University
2021	Liminal Lab (virtual with the UNDOING&DOING Collective)
May 2019	Santa Fe Art Institute
March 2019	Mudlark Theater (New Orleans, LA)
Sept 2017	Workshop and Artist Talk through Spiderflower Collective (NM)
Jan-July 2017	The Glove (NYC) and Just Situations Conference (NYC)
Nov 2016	Guest Artist at University of Kentucky, Lexington
June 2015	Group workshop/process with refugees through PassTRESPass (Athens, Greece)
Apr 2015	NAHNOO youth social justice organization (Beirut, Lebanon)
2013-2015	Workshop Series through CLASSCLASSCLASS at St Nick's Alliance (NYC), Eden's Expressway (NYC), and the New Museum (NYC)
Aug 2013	Guest Artist at the Universidad de Las Americas Puebla (Cholula, Mexico)

CURATORIAL

Dec 2024	Group show featuring Kezia Waters, olula negre, Lark Lyra Lou Hill at TriTriangle (Chicago)
May 2024	Group show featuring Ruby Que, Sara Zalek, Tina LeFauve, Melon Sprout at Archer Ballroom (Chicago)
Feb 2023	Group show featuring Aza Greenlee, Clothilde Erlisle, Noah Ortega, Jourdain Barton, Noa Fields, Mallory Qiu at NoNation (Chicago)
July 2019	Group show featuring Jamondria Harris, Amelia Marzec, Geraldo Mercado, Samantha CC, Cherrie Yu, and Sam White at Vital Joint (NYC)
Dec 2018	<i>Holding</i> , featuring Malcolm X-Betts, Crystal Penalosa, Ellen O'Meara, Amanda Salane, Raquel Mavec and Sabine Holler at The Glove (NYC)
Sept 2018	<i>This is It</i> , featuring Sierra Ortega, Rina Espiritu, Hannah Kallenbach and Lily Chambers, at The Glove
July 2018	<i>Unapologetic</i> , featuring Uniska Wahala Kano, Vitche Boul-Ra, ray ferreira, and Erin Dunn, at The Glove
Apr 2017	<i>The Sound of Pain</i> , featuring missdick vibrocis, LIBRARY, Julia Santoli, Blood Club, Lucy Wulf, at The Glove
Apr 2016	<i>DEEPLY DENSELY PACKED: nervous system solos</i> , featuring Shawn Escarciga, Thea Little, IV Castellanos and Amanda Hunt, April Vendetta, LJ Leach at the Brick Theater (NYC)
June 2014	<i>NOTHING: Performances</i> , featuring Adjua Greaves, Alex Romania, Li Cata,

Tatyana Tenenbaum, Luke George, Lorene Bouboushian and Kaia Gilje,
at Panoply Performance Laboratory

PANEL PARTICIPATION

Mar 2019	Panelist in <i>The Unsafe Panel</i> , organized by Ayana Evans, Cuchifritos Gallery (NYC)
Dec 2018	Organized <i>Class Entwines</i> Studies Project, Movement Research
Sept 2018	Panelist at the Queer Trash Symposium, Issue Project Room (NYC)
Nov 2018	Core Participant in <i>White on White(ness) on White Box</i> , Gibney Dance (NYC)
May 2018	Core Participant in <i>Stop Calling Them Dangerous</i> , immigrant artist conference organized by Adham Hafez and Yoshiko Chuma, La MaMa Theater and Movement Research
Feb 2016	Panelist in <i>BAND OF OUTSIDERS: WOMEN</i> , organized by Sam Kim, Movement Research
July 2013	Panelist in <i>POLITICS/AESTHETICS/IDENTITY/ABSTRACTION</i> , organized by Tara Willis, CLASSCLASSCLASS

COLLECTIVE PARTICIPATION

2018-2021	UNDOING&DOING Collective (founder)
2014-2017	Feminist Art Group (IV Castellanos) Social Health Performance Club (Ayana Evans) XHOIR (Colin Self) The Commons Choir (Daria Faïn)

PERFORMANCE IN GROUP WORKS

Mar 2025	<i>Privy Privy</i> , performance installation (Austin, TX)
Dec 2024	Featured artist in <i>The Real Dance: Season 2</i> , video series by Nora Sharp and Grace McCants
2020-2024	<i>Freedom From/Freedom To</i> improvisation series performer, Elastic Arts (Chicago)
Dec 2023	Concept and performance for Ellen O <i>Orbs</i> music video
Nov 2022	Movemove Collaborative performer, Hot Mess Series at Elastic Arts (Chicago)
Oct 2022	Marvin Tate and D-Settlement Anthology Release performer, Constellation (Chicago)
Feb 2022	3x3 with olula negre and Norman Long, Constellation (Chicago)
Oct 2018	<i>This is where we are</i> , evening-length project by Jill Sigman/thinkdance at Gibney Dance; excerpts at 92 nd St Y, and Danspace Project
Dec 2017	Performance with Linda Mary Montano for <i>Pursuing the Unpredictable: The New Museum 1977-2017</i>
Nov 2017	<i>Durch Nacht Und Nebel/Durch Dick Und Duenn</i> , evening-length project by Yvonne Meier at Invisible Dog (NYC)
Feb 2017	<i>The Fool</i> , opera by Colin Self and Raul de Nieves at the Kitchen (NYC)
2016-2017	<i>Durch Nacht Und Nebel</i> , interpretation of solo by Yvonne Meier at La MaMa Theater (NYC) and Whitman College (WA)
Oct 2016	<i>GENDER/POWER Composition IV</i> , evening-length project by Kris Grey and Maya Ciarrocchi at JACK (NYC)
Oct 2014	<i>Any Size Mirror is A Dictator</i> , large-scale public opera by Panoply Performance Laboratory at Momena Art (NYC)

Sept 2014	<i>Denuded</i> , duet by Bruno Isakovic, Queer New York Festival at Abrons Art Center (NYC)
May 2014	<i>Forgetful Snow</i> , evening-length dance and durational installation by Melinda Ring at The Kitchen
April 2014	<i>OTRO TEATRO</i> , evening-length dance by Luciana Achugar at New York Live Arts
2011-2012	<i>PARK: Fresh Kills #2</i> , durational public performance at Fresh Kills Park; <i>Chambered</i> group work by Kathy Westwater at Judson Church (NYC)
2011-2012	<i>RE-ENGLISH</i> , opera by Daria Fain at St. Mark's Church and Harlem Stage