Caroline Butcher, MFA

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

M.F.A. Dance — 2023
University of Colorado
Boulder, CO
Ethnic Studies Graduate Certificate
Hip-hop Studies Certificate
Certificate in College Teaching
M.F.A. Project Title: "Always/Already: An Impossible Task"

B.A. Dance — 2012
Eastern University
St. Davids, PA
Minor: Psychology
Writing Fellow

RESEARCH/TEACHING INTERESTS

Critical Race Theory; Critical Pedagogy; Embodied Knowledge and Histories; Collaborative Compositional Strategies; Dance History; Movement Technique (Contemporary, Jazz, Musical Theater, Hip-hop); Critical Awareness of Positionality; Relationality; Endurance in Discomfort; Survival Strategies.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2025 Front Range Community College
Department of Humanities and Fine Art
Part Time Instructor
Course Taught: Dance History

2024 University of Colorado, Boulder
Department of Theatre & Dance
Temporary Instructor
Course Taught: Development of American Musical Theatre

2020-2023 University of Colorado, Boulder
Department of Theatre & Dance
Graduate Part Time Instructor
Teaching Assistant
Lead Graduate Student Fellow, Center for Teaching and Learning
Courses Taught: Beginning Contemporary Dance, Beginning Jazz Dance, Beginning Jazz Dance with Experience, Dance in Popular Culture and Media, Hip-hop History (TA), Dance in Cultural Perception and Expression (TA)

2014-2019 Eastern University
Dance Department
Adjunct Professor
Student Advisor
Administrative Assistant
Courses Taught: Introduction to Dance Studies, Fitness Through Ballet, Liturgical Dance History, Dance Repertory

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

2026-Present Faculty
Boulder Ballet School: Boulder, CO
Contemporary, College-Prep. Contemporary

2025-Present Graduate Program Assistant
Arts & Sciences Equity & Inclusion Fellow
Department of Anthropology
University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

2025 Teaching Artist
Denver North High School: Denver, CO
Dance and Human Movement

2024-Present Youth and Adult Recreation Instructor
City of Boulder: Boulder, CO
Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary, Hip-hop

2025-Present Instructor
Wedding Dance Coach: Denver, CO
Ballroom & Partnering

2024-2025 Citywide Arts & PE Events Coordinator
Denver Public Schools: Denver, CO

2024 Active Adult Program Dance Instructor
City of Lakewood: Denver, CO

Musical Theatre

2023-2024 Teaching Artist
Rocky Mountain Theatre for Kids, Actors Academy for the Performing Arts; Denver, CO
Dance for Musical Theatre Majors

2014-2019 Teaching Artist, Teaching Artist Liaison
Dancing Classrooms Philly; Philadelphia, PA
Ballroom Dance

COMPANY EXPERIENCE

2012-2019 Senior Company Member
DanceFusion, Philadelphia, PA

2012-2019 Company Member
SHARP Dance Company, Philadelphia, PA

CHOREOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

2026 *Far Within* (Contemporary), Fusion Flight Festival, Denver Performing Arts Center, Denver, CO; performer

2026 *Strip Mall Movements* (Contemporary), in collaboration with Anna Pillot, Boulder Arts Week, Boulder, CO; performer

A Disaster in 2 Parts (Contemporary), in collaboration with Anna Pillot, City of Boulder Arts Blueprint Launch, Boulder, CO; performer

2025 *Pavlova with Lemon Curd* (Contemporary, Aerial), in collaboration with the Artistic Direction and Vision of Anna Pillot, The ATLAS Institute, University of Colorado, Bouder; performer

2025 *A Disaster in 2 Parts* (Contemporary), in collaboration with Anna Pillot, The Mariposa Collective, Boulder, CO; performer

2024 *Somebody Clap* (Contemporary), in collaboration with Anna Pillot, American College Dance Association Regional Conference, Meredith College, Raleigh, NC; performer

Somebody Clap (Contemporary), in collaboration with Anna Pillot, Keshet Center for the Arts, Albuquerque, NM; performer

2023-2024 *Standing Small* (Contemporary, Dance for Film), Featured film in the Art, Activism, & the Engaged Humanities Event Series, Department of Writing and Rhetoric, University of Colorado, Boulder; performer

2023 *The Rocky Horror Show* (Musical Theater), Reel Kids, Boulder, CO

2023 *Right Now / Ready* (Aerial Dance), in collaboration with the Artistic Direction and Vision of Anna Pillot, Prague Quadrennial; performer

My Dear Friend and Collaborator (Contemporary), in collaboration with Anna Pillot, University of Colorado, Boulder; performer

2022 *Always/Already* (Musical Theater), MFA Thesis, University of Colorado, Boulder; performer

Standing Small (Contemporary), University of Colorado, Boulder; performer

Inbalance/Imbalance (Aerial Dance), in collaboration with the Artistic Direction and Vision of Anna Pillot, The ATLAS Institute, University of Colorado, Boulder; performer

2021 *Perspectives* (Contemporary), in collaboration with Anna Pillot, University of Colorado, Boulder; performer

It's Just a Stupid Dance (Contemporary), University of Colorado, Boulder; performer

2020 *À la Jeanine Durning* (Contemporary), University of Colorado, Boulder; performer

2019 *Into the Woods* (Musical Theater), Eastern University, St. Davids, PA

A Year with Frog and Toad KIDS (Musical Theater), WOLF Performing Arts Center, Bryn Mawr PA

Getting to Know…Footloose (Musical Theater), WOLF Performing Arts Center, Bryn Mawr, PA

Guys and Dolls Jr. (Musical Theater), WOLF Performing Arts Center, Bryn Mawr, PA

Once on This Island (Musical Theater), Lower Moreland Highschool, Huntingdon Valley, PA

Aladdin (Musical Theater), Keith Valley Middle School, Horsham, PA

2018 *Fractured/Whole* (Contemporary), Eastern University, St. Davids, PA

Surrendered…? (Contemporary), Eastern University, St. Davids, PA

Not With Uncertainty (Contemporary), Eastern University, St. Davids, PA; performer

Not With Uncertainty (Contemporary), SHARP Dance Company, Philadelphia, PA; performer

The Sound of Music (Musial Theater), Lower Moreland High School, Huntingdon Valley, PA

Cinderella (Musical Theater) Keith Valley Middle School, Horsham, PA

High School Musical Jr. (Musical Theater), Creative Arts Summer Theater, Clementon, NJ

2017 *Uninterrupted* (Contemporary), ACDA Adjudicated Concert, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Legally Blonde (Musical Theater), Lower Moreland High School, Huntingdon Valley, PA

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (Musical Theater), Horsham, PA

The Wizard of Oz (Musical Theater), Creative Arts Summer Theater, Clementon, NJ

2016 *Uninterrupted* (Contemporary), Eastern University, St. Davids, PA

Into the Woods (Musical Theater), Lower Moreland High School, Huntingdon Valley, PA

Lion King Jr. (Musical Theater), Keith Valley Middle School, Horsham, PA

Seussical Jr. (Musical Theater), Creative Arts Summer Theater, Clementon, NJ

2015 *The Little Mermaid Jr.* (Musical Theater), Creative Arts Summer Theater, Clementon, NJ

Thoroughly Modern Millie (Musical Theater), Delaware County Christian High School, Newton Square, PA

2014 *Music Man Jr.* (Musical Theater), Creative Arts Summer Theater, Clementon, NJ

Seussical (Musical Theater), Delaware County Christian High School, Newton Square, PA

2012 *Stripped* (Contemporary), Freedom Theatre, Philadelphia, PA; performer
Not With Uncertainty (Contemporary), Eastern University, St. Davids, PA; performer

2011 *Stripped* (Contemporary), ACDA Adjudicated and Gala Concerts, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA; performer

2010 *Stripped* (Contemporary), Eastern University, St. Davids, PA; performer

ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

2027 *Potemkin Village* (Contemporary); Elle Hong, Denver, CO *(forthcoming)*

2026 *Can Can* (Commercial Jazz); Jessica Page, Dance Art Media, Denver, CO

2025 *Holiday Parade and Performance Circuit* (Commercial Jazz); Jessica Page, Dance Art Media, Denver, CO

2025 *Touching Waters* (Contemporary); Maren Waldman and dancers, Longmont, CO, selected for the "Sans Souci Festival of Dance Cinema: Locals Only"

2025 *Beethoven Blues* (Contemporary); Nancy Smith, Whitney Moore, Laurel Johnson, Frequent Flyers Aerial Dance, Boulder, CO

Grief Forgiveness (Hip-hop); Larry Southall, University of Colorado, Boulder

2024 *Holiday Parade and Performance Circuit* (Commercial Jazz); Jessica Page, Dance Art Media, Littleton, CO

ManningCast the Musical! (Musical Theatre); Bud Coleman and Marla Schulz, Omaha Productions, Denver, CO

P.E.A.C.E. Positive Energy Activates Constant Elevation (Hip-hop); Larry Southall, University of Colorado, Boulder

The Anthem (Hip-hop); Larry Southall, University of Colorado, Boulder

2023 *Que Será, Será [muy complicated]* (Contemporary); Kate Gomez Moore, MFA Project, University of Colorado, Boulder

One or two of those dances from Latin America (Contemporary); Kate Gomez Moore, University of Colorado, Boulder

Maize C(raze) (Contemporary, Dance for film); Alston Tyndall, University of Colorado, Boulder

Civility, Where'd It Go (Hip-hop), Larry Southall, University of Colorado, Boulder

Apocalypse Practice (Contemporary), Miguel Gutierrez, University of Colorado, Boulder

HBIC [Hot Bitch & the Irresistible Condiments] (Contemporary), Anna Pillot, University of Colorado, Boulder

2022 *WE ARE FUN: A Study in Randomization and Minimalism as a Conduit for Fun* (Contemporary), Kate Gomez Moore, University of Colorado, Boulder

The March (excerpt from *Let 'im Move You: This Is a Formation*), (Contemporary), jumatatu m. poe with material created by Jermone Donte Beacham, University of Colorado, Boulder

Techniques for Possession: Becoming Hole (Contemporary), Madison Palffy, MFA Project, The Spark, Boulder, CO

2013 *Evol* (Contemporary), Scott Park, Performance Garage, Philadelphia, PA

What Escapes? (Contemporary), Liz Lyle, Koresh Dance Company, Philadelphia, PA

2012 *What Escapes?* (Contemporary), Liz Lyle, Allentown Brewworks, Allentown, PA; Chi Movement Arts Center, Philadelphia, PA

What Encounters? (Contemporary), Liz Lyle, Mandell Theater, Philadelphia, PA; Community Education Center, Philadelphia, PA

Undercurrents (Contemporary), Stephen Welsh, Performance Garage, Philadelphia, PA

Tickle Me Grey (Contemporary), Tess Stumpf, The Prince Music Theater Independence Black Box, Philadelphia, PA

The Gjeilo Project (Contemporary), Jillian Harris, Temple Performing Arts Center, Philadelphia, PA

Rain Celebration (Contemporary), Patricia Scott Hobbs, Freedom Theatre, Philadelphia, PA

PUBLIC TEACHING

2026 Fusion Flight Festival
Presenter
Session Title: “Jazz Through the 20th Century”
Denver, CO

2024 Boulder Start-Up Week
Co-Presenter with Anna Pillot
Session Title: “Fueling Innovation Through Collaborative Creation”
Boulder, CO

Department of Theatre & Dance
University of Colorado, Boulder
Guest Teaching Artist
Beginning Contemporary Dance

Annual Conference of the School of Performing Arts, University of Malta
Presenter
Session Title: “Impossible Tasks as a Means to Possibility”
Valetta, Malta

American College Dance Association
Presenter
Intermediate/Advanced Contemporary Dance
Meredith College
Raleigh, NC

American College Dance Association
Presenter
Session Title: “Jazz Through the 20th Century”
Meredith College
Raleigh, NC

American College Dance Association
Co-Presenter with Anna Pillot
Session Title: “Collaborative Choreography: Making (making) Fun”
Meredith College
Raleigh, NC
Keshet Makers Experience
Guest Artist and Co-Presenter with Anna Pillot
Session Title: “Collaborative Choreography: Making (making) Fun”
Keshet Center for the Arts

Albuquerque, NM

2023 Department of Theatre & Dance
University of Colorado, Boulder
Guest Teaching Artist
Intermediate/Advanced Contemporary Dance

Department of Theatre & Dance
University of Colorado, Boulder
Guest Teaching Artist
Beginning Ballet

National Dance Education Organization Conference
Presenter
Session Title: "Embracing Conflict Through Dance Education"
Denver, CO

2022 Department of Theatre & Dance
University of Colorado, Boulder
Guest Lecturer
Session Title: "Jazz Does Not Equal Musical Theater"
Development of American Musical Theater

Department of Theatre & Dance
University of Colorado, Boulder
Guest Teaching Artist
Intermediate/Advanced Contemporary Dance

Department of Theatre & Dance
University of Colorado, Boulder
Guest Co-Facilitator with Jessica Bertram
Session Title: "Radical Reimagining Workshop Series"

2021 Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop Series
University of Colorado, Boulder
Co-Facilitator
Session Title: "The Four C's: Compassion, Creativity, Competence, and Confidence in the Classroom"

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop Series
University of Colorado, Boulder
Co-Facilitator
Session Title: "Silly Strategies: Cultivating Communal Wellness in the Classroom"

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2026 *Strip Mall Movements:* "Top 5 Must See Performances"
Boulder Arts Week
Boulder, CO

2024 Professional Development Scholarship
National Dance Education Organization
Silver Spring, MD

Small Faculty Grant
Center for the Humanities and the Arts
University of Colorado, Boulder

Professional Development Scholarship Grant
Boulder Arts Commission
Boulder, CO

2023 Teaching Excellence Award
Graduate and Professional Student Government
University of Colorado, Boulder

Best Should Teach Award
Center for Teaching and Learning
University of Colorado Boulder

Nominee – Graduate Part Time Instructor Teaching Recognition Award
Graduate School
University of Colorado Boulder

Graduate Research in Dance Grant
Department of Theatre & Dance
University of Colorado, Boulder

MFA Excellence in Research Grant
Center for the Humanities and the Arts
University of Colorado, Boulder

Program Support Grant
Department of Theatre & Dance
University of Colorado, Boulder

2022 Best Should Teach Award
Center for Teaching and Learning
University of Colorado, Boulder

Graduate Research in Dance Grant
Department of Theatre & Dance
University of Colorado, Boulder

MFA Excellence in Research Grant
Center for the Humanities and the Arts
University of Colorado, Boulder

Program Support Grant
Department of Theatre & Dance
University of Colorado, Boulder

Domestic Travel Grant
Graduate School
University of Colorado, Boulder

SERVICE

2026-Present Ambassador Writer, "Behind the Performance"
Presenting Denver

2025 Application Review Committee Member
Boulder Ballet Dance Direct: Space Residency Program

2024 Proposal Review Committee Member
National Dance Education Organization

2023 Artistic Director; Director of Logistics
Grad. Tour Outreach Program
University of Colorado, Boulder

Teaching Artist
Elementary Arts Lab
University of Colorado, Boulder

2022 Adjudicator
Open Space
Department of Theatre & Dance
University of Colorado, Boulder

Co Lighting Designer; Lightboard Board Operator
MFA Showcase
Department of Theatre & Dance
University of Colorado, Boulder

2021 Hellems Arts and Sciences Building Re-Design Committee

College of the Arts and Sciences
University of Colorado, Boulder

2018 Co-coordinator and Dance Workshop Facilitator
Touch The World Missions
Havana, Cuba

2012 Youth Recreational Leader
Hope Community Church
Montevideo, Uruguay

2011 After School Activities Coordinator
CUBE: Centro Una Brisa de Esperanza
Cochabamba, Bolivia

2010 Summer Leadership Intern
Hope Community Church
Detroit, MI

RESIDENCIES, INTENSIVES, TRAININGS

2025 Teaching Musical Theatre Dance Forms: A Historiographical Approach
National Dance Education Organization
Online Professional Development Institute

2025 Boulder Ballet Dance Direct: Space Residency Program
Boulder Ballet
Boulder, CO

2024 "Uprooted" Teachers Workshop
Uprooted Jazz Dance Education
New York City, NY

Keshet Makers Experience
Keshet Center for the Arts
Albuquerque, NM

2022 Summer Leadership Institute
Urban Bush Women
New York City, NY

Desert Mountain Retreat Artists Residency
Art & Soul Residences, John and Souheir Rawlings
Truth or Consequences, NM

THINK GRAVITY-DANCE TANK
Anya Cloud, Karen Schaffman, Ishmael Houston-Jones, Karen Nelson, Darrell Jones, Makisig Akin, jose e. abad, Ryuta Iwashita, elle hong, Eryn Rosenthal, Jun Akiyama
University of Colorado, Boulder

Rennie Harris University Winter Cypher Intensive
Rennie Harris, Larry Southall, Constance Harris, Leigh Foaad, Paula Webster, Brandyn Scott Harris, Emily Pietruszka, Olivia Whitmer, Jackie Lopez-Foaad
University of Colorado, Boulder

2021 Bates Dance Festival
Tania Isaac, Kendra Portier, Emily Johnson, Claudia Lavista, Scotty Hardwig, Albert Mathias, Miguel Gutierrez, Ishmael Houston-Jones