



KARA JENELLE WADE

ARTIST | CHOREOGRAPHER | EDUCATOR

EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts, World Arts & Cultures/Dance, 06/2021

University of California - Los Angeles, CA

- 4.0 GPA, Graduate Fellow & Student Commencement Speaker
- Thesis: ÌYÁguration Dance Film (Featured in SoCal Grantmakers)

Bachelor of Arts, Dance & Minor African American Studies, 05/2010

University of North Carolina At Greensboro - Greensboro, NC

- Study Abroad at The University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Karen Lux Scholarship, Cheney Dance Scholarship

University of Cape Town, South Africa 2007-2008 - Cape Town, South Africa

- International Student Exchange Program & Weaver Travel Grant Recipient
- Studied Dance & Sociology

WORK EXPERIENCE

Georgia Institute of Technology, 12/21 - Current

Artist Engagement Coordinator - Atlanta, GA

- Developed campus programming for arts & technology integration for students.
- Spearheaded community & campus partnerships including strategic planning.
- Assisted the Dean of Student Engagement & Well-Being for DEI initiatives.
- Project Manager for STEM students & artist residencies engaging with digital technology.

Creative Director & Choreographer, 06/2013 - Current

SAG/Bloc Talent & Independent Contract - Los Angeles, CA

- Choreography & Performance on production sets including Coming 2 America, Ellen Show, Black Is King, The Voice (NBC), BET, Black Girls Rock, Latin Grammy's, Lifetime, Nike, Advil, Essence, Janet Jackson, Beyoncé, Black Eyed Peas, Will Smith, Daddy Yankee, Yemi Alade, Tiwa Savage, Wiz Kid, Jidenna, Pharrell, Khalid, Victoria Kimani, Fantasia.
- Theater & Stage Performance for Step Afrika!, IYAguration, Afronation, Lauryn Hill & more.

Resident Teaching Artist, 03/2015-06/2019

P.S. Arts - Los Angeles, CA & Inglewood Unified School District

- Built curriculum to teach course materials according to California's VAPA standards.
- Arts Integration coaching and led professional development training for peer teachers.

Founder & National President/Project Leader 04/2010-08/2016

Delta Chi Xi Honorary Dance Fraternity, Inc. - Nationwide

- Organization branding & management. Leading membership intake timelines, budgets and campus events across multiple universities.
- Community partnership, grants and fundraising, chapter chartering & service projects.

TEACHING/FACULTY MEMBER:

Ladies of Hip Hop Festival	2015-Present	New York, NY
Diamano Coura Collage	2020-2021	Oakland, CA
Versa-Style Dance Co Intensive	2015-2020	Los Angeles, CA
Movement Lifestyle	2018-2020	Los Angeles, CA
Zin-Arts Agency	2017-2020	USA, Nigeria & Europe
Millennium Dance Complex	2016-2020	Los Angeles, CA
Ladies of All-Star Taiwan	2019	Taipei, Taiwan
Afreeka Best Dance Camp	2016-2019	Paris & Barcelona
Debbie Reynolds Dance Studio	2015-2019	Los Angeles, CA

AWARDS: The Creatives Project 2023, National Black Artists Festival Artist Project Grant 2022, Black Lives Rising Film Festival 2022, Liberation Film Festival, 2021, Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute Grant 2021, James A. Doolittle Scholarship 2020-21, UCLA Graduate Opportunity Fellowship 2019-20, California Senate Certificate of Recognition 2018, Dare to Dance Film Festival 2016.

ACTIVITIES & HONORS: UCLA Black Bruins & Alumni Network, National Council of Negro Women, Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

CONTACT

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ATLANTA, GA

PRESS FEATURES:

UCLA NEWSROOM
GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
ARTICLE- 06/2021

DAILY BRUIN
IYAGURATION DANCE FILM
04/2021

DANCE MAGAZINE
BLACK DANCE ARTISTS 02/2018

DANCE ON NETWORK
SPOTLIGHT FEATURE 10/20216

"Learn the craft of knowing how to open your heart and to turn on your creativity. There's a light inside of you. Once you've danced, you always dance. You can't deny the gifts that God sends your way." - Judith Jamison