



# KARA JENELLE WADE

## PROGRAM MANAGER + ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

As a cultural conduit and movement artist with a career spanning 14 years in performance and education; I am a vision-driven, highly accomplished creative director and talent professional. Cultivating impactful residencies, festivals, and conference events; my diverse arts programming is sure to produce monumental engagement. My love for arts management and education has allowed me to collaborate with non-profits, commercial entities, universities, embassies, school districts, and organizations across the globe through the instruments of movement, marketing & mentorship.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Georgia Institute of Technology - Office of the Arts, 12/2021 – Current Interim Assistant Director (Producing & Residency) – Atlanta, GA**

- Art subject matter expert, implementing department strategic plans & assessments.
- Facilitating cross-collaboration & marketing strategies to enhance art awareness.
- Curated campus programming for arts & technology integration + art installations.
- Spearheaded and hosted 46 community & campus events through arts engagement.
- Assisted the Dean of Student Engagement & Well-Being for DEI initiatives.
- Project Manager for STEM students & artist residencies engaging with performing arts and digital technology. Event planning for residency workshops & collaborations.

### **Ladies of Hip Hop Dance Collective, 05/2016 – Current Associate Artistic Director & Festival Faculty – New York City, NY**

- LOHH Festival dance faculty & coordinator for guest artists.
- Choreographic residency planning and production development.
- Association of Performing Art Professionals performer & panel moderator.
- Contributing choreographer & project lead for Black Dancing Bodies ATL.
- Performing Artist at Lincoln Center & Guggenheim w/ LOHH + Works & Process.

### **Kara Jenelle + Kaliba Jah Creative Collective, 06/2013 – Current Arts Professional & Educator – Atlanta/Los Angeles/New York City**

- International dance teaching artist & industry choreographer/performer.
- Produced dance covers with 19 million+ views collectively via YouTube.
- 15+ Dance Production Residencies across universities & arts organizations.
- Creator Innovation Hub Consultant for Lick'd Music subscription services. Contributing feedback for music licensing promotion and website prototypes.
- Film & TV credits including *Coming 2 America*, Beyoncé's *Black Is King*, Ellen Show, The Voice (NBC), BET Awards & Black Girls Rock, Lifetime, Nike, Advil, Essence +.

### **P.S. Arts, 03/2015 – 09/2023**

#### **Teaching Artist & Professional Development Consultant – Los Angeles, CA**

- Guest teaching artist at Cal State University for Creative Entrepreneurship & teaching certificate program.
- Produced dance curriculum & training modules with enriched VAPA standards for 60+ resident teaching artists.
- Developed and led dance residency program throughout Inglewood Unified School District.
- Arts Integration coaching and led professional development training for peers.

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant & Student Researcher, 09/2019 - 07/2021 University of California, Los Angeles – Los Angeles, CA**

- Assisted professors with lesson preparation and curriculum implementation.
- Teaching Assistant within the School of Arts & Architecture.
- Served on recruitment panels for undergraduate applicants.
- Graduate representative for Equity, Inclusion & Diversity and Student Union.

### **Founder & National President, 04/2010 - 06/2016**

#### **Delta Chi Xi Honorary Dance Fraternity, Inc. – Nationwide**

- Organizational brand development and managing *DanCe fluX* annual conference.
- Leading membership intake process and campus events across 8 universities.
- Ideation of community partnerships, grants, fundraising and service projects.
- Chartered chapters at UNCG, Morehead State U, University of Maryland, Coppin U, Elon U, Morgan State U, University of Tampa, and more!

## CONTACT



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ATLANTA, GA



*"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*

## CURRICULUM VITAE

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

NATIONAL CENTER OF CHOREOGRAPHY  
2024 CREATIVE ADMIN  
RESEARCH COHORT

THE CREATIVES PROJECT  
2023-25 ARTS RESIDENCY FELLOW

NATIONAL BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL  
2022 | PROJECT GRANT

BLACK LIVES RISING  
2022 | FILM FESTIVAL

LIBERATION FILM FESTIVAL  
2021 | IYAGURATION

CARIBBEAN CULTURAL CENTER  
AFRICAN DIASPORA INSTITUTE  
2021 | GRANT

DOOLITTLE SCHOLARSHIP  
2020-2021 | UCLA

GRADUATE OPPORTUNITY  
FUNDING FELLOWSHIP  
2019-2020 | UCLA

SENATE CERTIFICATE OF  
RECOGNITION  
2018 | CALIFORNIA

DARE TO DANCE FILM FESTIVAL  
2016 | LOS ANGELES, CA

KAREN LUX SCHOLARSHIP  
2009-2010 | UNCG

CHENEY DANCE SCHOLARSHIP  
2009-2010 | UNCG

WEAVER TRAVEL GRANT  
2007-2008 | UNCG

## FEATURES & ARTICLES

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

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

**Master of Fine Arts, World Arts & Cultures/Dance, 06/2021**  
**University of California - Los Angeles - Los Angeles, CA**

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

**Bachelor of Arts, Dance, 05/2010**  
**University of North Carolina At Greensboro - Greensboro, NC**

- Minor in African American Studies & Scholarship Recipient
- Study Abroad at The University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Karen Lux Scholarship, Cheney Dance Scholarship

**North Carolina A&T State University 2008-2010 - Greensboro, NC**

- Part-Time student through the Greater Greensboro Consortium Program
- Studied under Dr. E. Gwynn & dance company.

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

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

## VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

**DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. 2019 – Current**  
Financial Member of Decatur Alumnae Chapter  
Former Arts & Letters Committee Chair for Inglewood Alumnae Chapter

**DELTA CHI XI HONORARY DANCE FRATERNITY, INC. 2010-2016**  
Founder & 1st National President  
“DanCe fluX” Conference Liaison & Fundraising Committee Chair  
Conference Program Curator at University of Maryland

**MISSION TEAMS 2007-2013**  
Missionary with Peace Jam – Cape Town, South Africa 2007  
Global Health Outreach – San Salvador, El Salvador 2010  
World Hope Academy & Zion Church – Nairobi, Kenya 2013

## SKILLS

- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Cloud & Zoom/Virtual Webinars
- Project Management Platforms (Slack, Monday,
- Social Media Marketing & Content Creating, Branding/Partnerships
- Group Leadership and Teamwork
- Hosting & Event Planning Skills
- Grant Writing/Fundraising
- Trip Planning & Itinerary Development
- Basic Video Editing & Content Creator

## ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- UCLA Black Bruins & Alumni Network
- National Council of Negro Women
- Graduate Opportunity Fellowship Program & Scholarship Recipient
- Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
- Founder of Delta Chi Xi Honorary Dance Fraternity, Inc.

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## DANCE RESUMÉ

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**AGENCY:** BLOC TALENT | SAG-AFTRA ELIGIBLE | HEIGHT: 5'5" | EYE COLOR: BROWN | WEIGHT: 170 LBS  
**EDUCATION:** MFA, UCLA World Arts & Cultures/Dance & BA, UNC Greensboro Dance & African American Studies

### FILM

COMING 2 AMERICA	DANCER	CHOREO: FATIMA ROBINSON
BLACK IS KING – BEYONCÉ	DANCER	CHOREO: JAQUEL KNIGHT

### TELEVISION

ELLEN SEASON 18	DANCER	CHOREO: CHUCK MALDONADO
NIKE COMMERCIAL	CHOREO & DANCER	DIRECTOR: PULSE FILMS PRODUCTIONS
NBC THE VOICE – BLACK EYED PEAS	ASST. CHOREO	CHOREO: CRISTINA BENEDETTI
NBC BRAIN GAMES	DANCER	CHOREO: JOE BROWN
LIFETIME GIRLFRIEND INTERVENTION	DANCER	DIRECTOR: FREDA DeKNIGHT
ADVIL COMMERCIAL	DANCER/CHOREO	NATIONAL CAMPAIGN 2017

### THEATER

LAURYN HILL	DANCER	CHOREO: SHAKIRA MARSHALL
STEP AFRIKA! "OFF-BROADWAY" TOUR	DANCER	DIRECTOR: JAKARI SHERMAN
STEP AFRIKA! COLLEGE TOUR	DANCER	ARTISTIC DIR: MFON AKPAN

### STAGE/LIVE PERFORMANCE

AFRONATION PORTUGAL	DANCER/ASST. CHOREO	CREATIVE DIR: EZINNE ASINUGO
UPFRONT SUMMIT – ALOE BLACC	ASST. CHOREO	CHOREO: JOE BROWN
BET AWARDS – JIDENNA	DANCER	CHOREO: JERMEL McWILLIAMS
BET BLACK GIRLS ROCK- LAURYN HILL	DANCER	CHOREO: SHAKIRA MARSHALL
LATIN GRAMMYS	DANCER/ASST	CHOREO: JAE BLAZE
TIDAL LIVE STREAM – LAURYN HILL	DANCER	CHOREO: SHAKIRA MARSHALL
FANTASIA BARRINO – TOUR	DANCER	CHOREO: LORENZO EVANS
KAT GRAHAM	DANCER	CHOREO: MARC C. & OLIVER R.

### MUSIC VIDEOS

BEYONCÉ "MOOD FOR EVA"	DANCER/SWIMMER	CHOREO: JAQUEL KNIGHT
BEYONCÉ ft. BURNA BOY "JA ARA E"	DANCER	CHOREO: JAQUEL KNIGHT
YEMI ALADE "ISSA VIBE"	DANCER	CHOREO: ZAGGA ZO
JANET JACKSON "MADE FOR NOW"	DANCER	DIRECTOR: DAVE MEYERS
DADDY YANKEE "DURA"	DANCER	CHOREO: TANISHA SCOTT
KHALID "RIGHT BACK"	DANCER	DIRECTOR: DIRECTOR X
BLACK EYED PEAS "EXPLOSION"	DANCER	CHOREO: CHARM LADONNA
BOMBA ESTERÉO ft. WILL SMITH "FIESTA"	DANCER/ASST	CHOREO: JAE BLAZE
WIZ KID "LIKE THIS"	DANCER/CHOREO	CHOREO: KARA JENELLE
DAWN RICHARD	DANCER	CHOREO: AJ JACKSON
DJ SNAKE/LIL JON "TURN DOWN FOR WHAT"	DANCER	DIRECTOR: DANIEL DUO
PHARRELL WILLIAMS "HAPPY"	DANCER	DIRECTOR: WE ARE FROM LA
VICTORIA KIMANI "OYA" & "M'TOTO"	DANCER	CHOREO: DIONNE RENEE
SEAN KINGSTON "RUM & RAYBANS"	DANCER	DIRECTOR: COLIN TILLEY

### DANCE FACULTY (SUB & FULL-TIME)

LADIES OF HIP HOP FESTIVAL	2015-2020	NEW YORK, NY
VERSA-STYLE DANCE CO INTENSIVES	2015-2020	LOS ANGELES, CA
MOVEMENT LIFESTYLE	2018-2020	LOS ANGELES, CA
ZIN-ARTS AGENCY	2017-2020	USA, EUROPE & NIGERIA
MILLENNIUM DANCE COMPLEX	2016-2020	LOS ANGELES, CA
AFREEKA BEST DANCE CAMP	2016-2019	PARIS & BARCELONA
DEBBIE REYNOLDS	2015-2019	LOS ANGELES, CA

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## MASTERCLASSES & FEATURED PRESENTATIONS

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<b>NEXT LEVEL HIP HOP DIPLOMACY 10.0: DANCE TEACHING ARTIST</b> JAN-FEB 2024: INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE RESIDENCY MERIDIAN INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENT	LIMON, COSTA RICA
<b>ASSOCIATION OF PERFORMING ART PROFESSIONALS</b> JAN 2024: LADIES OF HIP HOP PREMIERE (LINCOLN CENTER & GUGGENHEIM) INTERIM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR & PRESENTER W/ GEORGIA TECH ARTS	NEW YORK CITY, NY
<b>UNITY SUMMIT 2023</b> OCT 2023: DANCE SEMINAR PRESENTATION	LOS ANGELES, CA
<b>WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL</b> APRIL & OCT 2023: CHOREOGRAPHY	LOS ANGELES, CA
<b>CALSTATE LA GUEST ARTIST</b> OCT 2023: GUEST LECTURER	LOS ANGELES, CA
<b>CALSTATE FULLERTON GUEST ARTIST</b> OCT 2023: GUEST LECTURER	LOS ANGELES, CA
<b>WARRIORZ DANCE STUDIO MASTERCLASS</b> AUG 2023: TEACHING ARTIST	LONDON, UK
<b>PS ARTS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FALL 2023</b> AUG 2023: ARTS EDUCATOR- CURRICULUM TRAINING	LOS ANGELES, CA
<b>LADIES OF HIP HOP FESTIVAL 2023</b> AUG 2023: KENNEDY CENTER & NATIONAL ART GALLERY JULY 2023: FACULTY TEACHER & PANEL MODERATOR	WASHINGTON, DC NEW YORK, NY
<b>STEM FROM DANCE NYC</b> FEB 2023: MARKETING CAMPAIGN + WORKSHOPS & LECTURE DEMO	BROOKLYN, NY
<b>92NY HARKNESS DANCE CENTER FILM FESTIVAL</b> FEB 2023: SELECTED CHOREOGRAPHER	NEW YORK, NY
<b>ATLANTA DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT</b> FEB 2023: FEATURED PERFORMER	ATLANTA, GA
<b>DIAMANO COURA COLLAGE DES CULTURES AFRICANS</b> MARCH 2022: TEACHING ARTIST	OAKLAND, CA
<b>KENDRA KIMBROUGH DANCE ENSEMBLE</b> SEPT 2021: AFROBEATS WORKSHOP	OAKLAND, CA
<b>BALLETHNIC DANCE COMPANY</b> AUG 2021: AFRICAN CONT & AFROBEATS WORKSHOPS	ATLANTA, GA
<b>QUEENSBOROUGH COLLEGE</b> DEC 2020: VIRTUAL KWANZAA CELEBRATION	BAYSIDE, NY
<b>WASHINGTON PERFORMING ARTS</b> SEPT – DEC 2020: VIRTUAL RESIDENCY	WASHINGTON, DC

**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY**

NOV 2020: GUEST PANELIST

TALLAHASSEE, FL

**ELON UNIVERSITY**

SEPT 2020, 2015 & 2012: GUEST WORKSHOP

ELON, NC

**EXTRA ANCESTRAL**

APRIL – JUNE 2020: VIRTUAL PLATFORM

LOS ANGELES, CA

**MALONGA CENTER & FLYING STUDIOS**

MARCH 2020 & JULY 2019: AFROBEATS WORKSHOP

OAKLAND, CA

**AFROBEATS TEACHER/SUB**

2015 – 2020: MOVEMENT LIFESTYLE, DEBBIE REYNOLDS, MILLENNIUM DANCE

LOS ANGELES, CA

**AFRONATION FESTIVAL**

AUGUST 2019: ASSISTANT CHOREOGRAPHER

PORTIMAO, PORTUGAL

**BLACK DANCE HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

JULY 2019: INDIANA BLACK EXPO

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

**FOR THA KULTURE SUMMER TEACHING TOUR**

JUN-SEPT 2019: TEACHING TOUR

DURHAM, NC  
OAKLAND, CA  
SACRAMENTO, CA  
ATLANTA, GA  
WASHINGTON, DC  
NEW YORK, NY  
PARIS, FR  
TAIPEI, TAIWAN

**LADIES OF ALL-STAR HOST KARA JENELLE**

AUG-SEPT 2019 AFRO-DANCE INTENSIVE

TAIPEI, TAIWAN

**AFREEKA BEST DANCE CAMP**

2017-2019: FACULTY MEMBER

PARIS, FRANCE &  
BARCELONA, SPAIN

**PS ARTS TEACHING ARTIST**

2015 – 2019: INGLEWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

LOS ANGELES, CA

**LADIES OF HIP HOP FESTIVAL**

2015-2020: FACULTY MEMBER NYC & LA

NEW YORK CITY, NY

**AFRO DANCE HOLIDAY**

NOV 2018: FACULTY – ZINARTS AGENCY

LAGOS, NIGERIA

<b>JOY OF MOTION DANCE</b> NOV 2018: AFROBEATS WORKSHOP	WASHINGTON, DC
<b>UBER SOCA CRUISE</b> NOV 2018: AFROBEATS WORKSHOP	LABADEE, HAITI
<b>HUNDREDS UNIT</b> MAY 2018: MASTERCLASS & CHOREOGRAPHY	SACRAMENTO, CA
<b>UNC-GREENSBORO</b> JAN 2018: TEACHING RESIDENCY & INTENSIVE	GREENSBORO, NC
<b>AFROBEATS NYC</b> NOV 2017: WORKSHOP	NEW YORK CITY, NY
<b>GLOBAL DANCE CENTRE</b> AUG 2017: AFRO DANCE GUEST TEACHER	AMSTERDAM, NE
<b>STUDIO 68 &amp; CHOP DAILY</b> JULY 2017: AFROBEATS WORKSHOP	LONDON, UK
<b>VERSASTYLE SUMMER INTENSIVE</b> JULY 2017: MASTERCLASS	LOS ANGELES, CA
<b>DANCE ON NETWORK</b> 2016-2018: FEATURED CONTENT CREATOR	LOS ANGELES, CA
<b>FIYAH FIT BASH</b> SEPT 2016: AFROBEATS/DANCEHALL WORKSHOP	CHICAGO, IL
<b>MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY</b> APRIL 2016: COMMERCIAL DANCE INTENSIVE	BALTIMORE, MD
<b>UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK</b> MAY 2015 & 2016 – DELTA CHI XI CONFERENCE	COLLEGE PARK, MD
<b>MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY</b> 2015 & 2012: TEACHING RESIDENCY	MOREHEAD, KY
<b>KODACHROME SUMMER INTENSIVE</b> 2014: MASTERCLASS	RICHMOND, VA
<b>ARTISTRY DANCE CONVENTION</b> 2014 & 2013: MASTERCLASS & JUDGE	ATLANTA, GA
<b>STEP AFRIKA! SUMMER CAMP</b> 2013: INSTRUCTOR & PERFORMER	WASHINGTON, DC
<b>CITY DANCE TEACHING ARTIST</b> 2010-2015: SUMMER CAMP & CHOREOGRAPHER	WASHINGTON, DC
<b>ZION CHURCH/WORLD HOPE ACADEMY</b> 2013: MISSION TEAM DANCE WORKSHOP	NAIROBI, KENYA
<b>DANCE PLACE</b> 2010-2012: HIP HOP INSTRUCTOR	WASHINGTON, DC