

# EMILY CULBREATH

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Dedicated and accomplished dance artist with ten years of experience in American street dance and Hip-Hop Theater. Proven success as a creative director, performer, and educator, with research focusing on the intersections of critical race theory, gender studies, African American vernacular dance, and performance. Known for co-founding Snack Break Movement Arts and as rehearsal director and principal dancer for Rennie Harris Puremovement. Skilled in choreography, mentoring, and curriculum development, with a passion for developing reflexive and integrative learning environments. A visionary entrepreneur, event producer, and an award-winning street dance theater choreographer.

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## SKILLS

Creative Direction, Hip-Hop Dance Curriculum Development, Team Management, Classroom Management, Event Curation and Organization, Entrepreneurship

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

### **UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

Master of Fine Arts Candidate: Choreography Track  
Iowa City, IA  
August 2023 – Present

### **UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER**

Bachelor of Fine Arts: Dance (Magna Cum Laude)  
Boulder, CO  
2012-2015

### **ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Bachelor of Fine Arts: Dance, 3.85 GPA  
Tempe, AZ, 2011-2012

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## CONTINUED EDUCATION

### **RENNIE HARRIS UNIVERSITY**

Hip-Hop and Street Dance Certification  
2021

### **NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS MEDICINE**

Personal Training, Nutrition, and Corrective Exercise Specialist Certifications  
2020-2023

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## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

### **RENNIE HARRIS PUREMOVEMENT**

American Hip-Hop Theater Company and Education Outreach  
Core Member, 2018-2024  
Rehearsal Director, 2022-2024

### **SNACK BREAK MOVEMENT ARTS**

Street Dance Theater Company  
Co-Founder, Co-Artistic Director, Performer  
2021-Present

### **MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP**

Lead Instructor for Community Outreach Programming  
Brooklyn, NY, 2019-2020

### **NEW VISIONS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE HUMANITIES IV**

Faculty, Dance and Hip-Hip Culture  
Far Rockaway, NY, 2017-2018

### **FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE**

Adjunct Faculty, Guest Choreographer in Residence  
Lancaster, PA, 2021-2023

### **URBAN MOVEMENT ARTS**

Hip-Hop Dance Educator, Adult and Children's Programming  
Philadelphia, PA, 2020-2023

### **NEW YORK EDGE**

Hip-Hop Dance Instructor  
Brooklyn, NY, 2018-2019

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## HONORS AND AWARDS

### ***Plan "A": Stories of Embodied Frontiers***

Choreography Selection for American College Dance Association, Regional Conference, 2025  
Choreographer  
University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, 2024-2025

### **TERRENCE N. MURPHY SCHOLARSHIP**

University of Iowa, Dept. Of Dance  
Iowa City, IA, 2024-2025

### **ILLUMINATE THE ARTS GRANT**

Two-Time Recipient  
Philadelphia, PA, 2021 and 2022

### **PERFORMING ARTS RESEARCH SUPPORT AWARD**

University of Iowa Department of Dance Committee  
Iowa City, IA, 2024

### **BEST DUO AWARD**

Summer Dance Forever: Theater Forever Category  
Amsterdam, NL, 2022-2023

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## SELECT CHOREOGRAPHY

### *Creative Research/Academia*

### **Speak. بول دو**

Co-Choreographer and Performer

### ***PLAN "A": Stories of Embodied Frontiers***

Creative Director/ Choreographer

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Snack Break Movement Arts  
E/Merge: Moving Words, Moving Worlds  
Space Place Theater, Iowa City, IA, 2024

**“turnitoff”**

Choreographer and Performer  
Space Place Theater, Iowa City IA, 2023

**Tell Me I Belong**

Co-Choreographer and Performer  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
Reckonings, Reflections, and Riffs on American Stories  
Space Place Theater, Iowa City, IA, 2023

Space Place Theater, Iowa City, IA, 2024

**JACKed: An Experiment in Liberation Practices**

Choreographer  
Space Place Theater, Iowa City, IA, 2023

**A Moment (Screendance)**

Film Director and Co-Editor  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
Space Place Theater, Iowa City IA, 2023

*Professional Choreography*

**HAUL**

Co-Choreographer and Performer  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
Prompt for the Planet  
Englert Theater, Iowa City, IA, 2024

**Rock, Paper...**

Co-Choreographer and Performer  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
San Francisco International Hip-Hop Dance Festival  
San Francisco, CA, 2023

**Mozart’s Piano Concerto No. 4 (On the Floor!)**

Choreographic Residency  
Georgian Court University  
Lakewood, NJ, 2022

**Rock, Paper...**

Co-Choreographer and Performer  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
Cannonball Festival  
Icebox Project Space, Philadelphia, PA, 2022

**The Framework**

Co-Choreographer  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
Franklin and Marshall College Fall Dance Concert  
Lancaster, PA, 2021

**SHIMMER, POP!**

Co-Choreographer and Performer  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
Open Air Media Festival  
Iowa City, IA, 2024

**Captain’s Log**

Co-Choreographer and Performer  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
Urban Movement Arts, Philadelphia, PA, 2023

**Rock, Paper...**

Co-Choreographer and Performer  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
Summer Dance Forever: Theater Forever Program  
DeLaMar Theater, Amsterdam, NL, 2023

**Truth or Dare**

Co-Choreographer and Performer  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
FringeArts, Philadelphia, PA, 2022

**I didn’t say those things for nothing.**

Choreographer and Performer  
Come Together Festival by the Koresh Dance Company  
Suzanne Roberts Theater  
Philadelphia, PA, 2019

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SELECT PERFORMANCE  
2019-2024

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## 2024

### **Rennie Harris Puremovement: 30 Year Anniversary**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts  
Philadelphia, PA,

## 2023

### **Nuttin' but a Word**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
The Bermuda Festival of the Performing Arts  
Ruth Seaton James Festival for the Performing Arts  
Devonshire, Bermuda

### **Nuttin' but a Word**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Shenandoah Conservatory, Winchester, VA

### **Rome & Jewels**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Majestic Theater, Boston, MA

### **Nuttin' but a Word**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
The American Dance Festival  
Durham, NC

### **Rome & Jewels**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
The Joyce Theatre, New York City, NY

## 2022

### **Rome & Jewels**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts  
Philadelphia, PA

### **Lifted**

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
August Wilson African American Cultural Center  
Pittsburgh, PA

### **Rome & Jewels**

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Bates Dance Festival, Lewiston, ME

### **Nuttin' but a Word**

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Dance Cleveland, Cleveland, OH

### **Nuttin' but a Word**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Lied Center of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

### **Nuttin' but a Word**

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
(un)WRAP  
Charlotte York Irey Theater, Boulder, CO

### **Lifted**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
The Joyce Theatre, New York City, NY

### **Lifted**

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
The American Dance Festival, Durham, NC

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***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Stockton University, Atlantic City, NJ

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Festival Internacional Santiago a Mil, Santiago, Chile

**2021**

***The Musician & The Mover***

Performer  
Raphael Xavier  
The Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Oz Arts Nashville, Nashville, TN

***Losing My Religion (Creation Process)***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
The Kennedy Center, Washington D.C

**2020**

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ

**2019**

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Come Together Festival by Koresh Dance  
The Suzanne Roberts Theater, Philadelphia, PA

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
The Grier School, Altoona, PA

***Caravan: A Revolution on the Road***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement

***Lifted***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, Philadelphia, PA

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Dance Cleveland, Cleveland, OH

***Losing My Religion (Creation Process)***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
The Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
American Dance Platform Showcase  
The Joyce Theatre, New York City, NY

***Untitled***

Performer  
Joshua Culbreath  
Project Moshen's Excerpts  
The Performance Garage, Philadelphia, PA

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Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Bass Concert Hall, Austin, TX

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement

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Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, St. Paul, MN

**Caravan: A Revolution on the Road**

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts  
Miami, FL

**Lifted**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL

**Caravan: A Revolution on the Road**

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Bass Concert Hall, Austin, TX

**Caravan: A Revolution on the Road**

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Majestic Theater, Dallas, TX

The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts  
West Palm Beach, FL

**Untitled**

Performer  
Joshua Culbreath  
York College, York, PA

**Twist Ya Fingaz**

Performer  
Soo Missy Boogaloo  
Ladies of Hip Hop Festival  
The Ailey School, New York City, NY

**ALL – A Physical Form of Protest**

Performer  
Mia Habib  
La Mama, New York City, NY

**Lifted**

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Grand Opera House, Wilmington, DE

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## SELECT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Academic*

**THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

Graduate Teaching Assistant  
Beginning and Intermediate Hip Hop  
Iowa City, IA, 2024-Present

**FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE**

Adjunct Faculty, Dance  
Lancaster, PA  
Spring, 2023

### *Professional*

**URBAN MOVEMENT ARTS**

Hip Hop Education and Outreach, Children and Adult  
Education  
Philadelphia, PA, 2020-2023

**MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP**

Lead Instructor for Community Outreach Programming  
Hip-Hop/American Folkloric Dance Forms  
New York City, NY, 2018-2019

**NEW YORK EDGE**

Hip Hop Teacher for After School Programming  
Brooklyn, NY, 2018-2019

**BEAT GLOBAL STUDIO**

House Dance Instructor  
New York City, NY, 2018

**NEW VISIONS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR  
THE HUMANITIES IV**

Faculty: Dance, curriculum development, integrative and  
project-based learning strategies, classroom management,

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homeroom lead instructor.  
Far Rockaway, NY, 2017-2018

## *Workshops and Master Classes*

### **URBAN MOVEMENT ARTS**

Snack Break Movement Arts: BODY CONVO Workshop  
Artistry Development Workshop  
Philadelphia, PA, 2024

### **RENNIE HARRIS UNIVERSITY**

Snack Break Movement Arts  
House Dance and Floorwork Workshops  
University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, CO

### **GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY**

Choreographic Residency Master Classes: House and  
Popping Dance  
Lakewood, NJ, 2022

### **LEWIS CENTER OF THE ARTS**

Guest Workshop Instructor, Hip Hop Dance  
Trenton Youth Program  
Princeton, NJ, 2022

### **THE NEW SCHOOL**

Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Guest Instructor of House Freestyle Dance  
New York City, NY, 2022

### **AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL**

Rennie Harris Puremovement  
House Master Class Instructor  
Durham, NC, 2022

### **FESTIVAL INTERNACIONEL SANTIAGO A MIL**

Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Hip Hop Education Outreach Instructor  
Santiago, Chile, 2022

### **THE BBOY FACTORY**

Guest Instructor: House Dance  
Denver, CO, 2021

### **TMPRODUCTIONS**

Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Hip Hop Master Class Co-Facilitator  
Nashville, TN, 2021

### **URBAN MOVEMENT ARTS**

Lead Instructor  
Dime Stops: Tools for Freestyle  
Philadelphia, PA, 2024

### **BERMUDA FESTIVAL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**

Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Hip Hop Education Outreach  
Ruth Seaton James Center for the Performing Arts  
Devonshire, Bermuda, 2023

### **PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**

Guest Workshop Instructor: Co-Curricular Dance Program  
Popping  
Princeton, NJ, 2022

### **UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER**

Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Guest Instructor of House Dance  
Boulder, CO, 2022

### **BRIAN SANDERS JUNK**

Snack Break Movement Arts  
Collaborative Residency Workshop Co-Instructor  
Philadelphia, PA, 2022

### **PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**

Guest Workshop Instructor  
Co-Curricular Program: House Dance  
Princeton, NJ, 2022

### **RENNIE HARRIS UNIVERSITY**

Workshop Instructor, House Dance  
Boulder, CO, 2021

### **UNION COLLEGE**

Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Master Class Co-Facilitator: House  
Albany, NY, 2021

### **FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE**

Workshop Instructor: House Dance  
Lancaster, PA, 2021

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**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Rennie Harris Legacy Intensive  
Workshop Instructor: House and Popping  
Virtual Intensive, 2021

**ROWAN UNIVERSITY**

Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Master Class Co-Facilitator: Hip Hop  
Glassboro, NJ, 2020

**THE JULLIARD SCHOOL**

Assistant to Rennie Harris  
Hip Hop Master Class  
New York City, NY, 2020

**THE GRIER SCHOOL**

Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Master Class Co-Facilitator  
Altoona, PA

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## RESIDENCIES

**GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY**

Guest Choreographer in Residence  
Lakewood, NJ, 2022

**URBAN MOVEMENT ARTS**

Snack Break Movement Arts Creation Residency  
Philadelphia, PA, 2021-2022

**FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE**

Guest Choreographer in Residence: Snack Break  
Movement Arts  
Lancaster, PA, 2021

**PHILADANCO!**

Assistant to Choreographer in Residence: Rennie Harris  
Philadelphia, PA, 2019

**DALLAS BLACK DANCE THEATER**

Assistant to Choreographer in Residence: Rennie Harris  
Dallas, TX, 2018

**THE AILEY SCHOOL**

Assistant to Choreographer in Residence: Rennie Harris  
New York City, NY, 2018

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## PRESS

***Little Village Magazine***

Interviewee  
Chuy Renteria  
<https://littlevillagemag.com/meet-lady-em-and-supra-josh-two-renowned-hip-hop-dancers-teaching-their-olympic-level-moves-in-iowa/>  
Iowa City, IA, 2024

***Thinking Dance Magazine***

Truth or Dare by Snack Break Movement Arts (Review)  
Megan Mazarick  
<https://thinkingdance.net/articles/2022/06/15/34/Hip-Hop-Dance-Theater-Ofers-More-Truths-Than-Dares/>  
Philadelphia, PA, 2022

***Dance Magazine***

Interviewee  
Kristy Yeung  
<https://www.dancemagazine.com/rennie-harris-2/#gsc.tab=0>  
Philadelphia, PA, 2022

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## SERVICE

### *Academic*

#### **University of Iowa**

Served on hiring committee in search for Visiting Assistant Professor in Contemporary Forms of the African Diaspora  
Iowa City, IA, Spring, 2024

### *Professional*

#### **Somethin' 2 Snack On (Vol. 1, 2, and 3): An Evening of Local Dance Works, Improvisation, Music, and Community**

Snack Break Movement Arts  
Event Co-Coordinator, Curator, and Creator  
Urban Movement Arts  
Philadelphia, PA, 2023-2024

#### **OPEN SESSIONS**

Snack Break Movement Arts  
Event Host and Creator: Community Freestyle Sessions  
Public Space One, Iowa City, IA, 2023-2024

#### **Snack Break: An Evening of Street Dance Inspired Performance Works for the Virtual Concert Dance**

Snack Break Movement Arts  
Event Co-Creator, Curator, and Coordinator  
Virtual Event, 2021

#### **BODY CONVO**

Workshop Co-Creator Facilitator  
Freestyle workshop through identity studies  
Urban Movement Arts, Philadelphia, PA

#### **OPEN SESSIONS**

Snack Break Movement Arts  
Event Host and Creator: Community Freestyle Sessions  
Urban Movement Arts, Philadelphia, PA, 2022-2023

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