

# Vianni Katrina Contreras

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## Education

2020

### **Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance, Minor Business Education**

**Sam Houston State University**

Huntsville, Texas

*Curriculum:* Modern Dance Technique, Ballet Dance Technique, Jazz Dance Technique, Career Resources in Dance, Criticism and Analysis, Senior Studio, Pedagogy, Dance History, Partnering and Improvisation, Dance and Technology, Dance Workshop- Costume Studies, Dance Workshop- Technology, Principles of Dance Technique, Dance as Art, Pilates Body Conditioning- Reformer, Choreography 1-3

*Faculty:* Jennifer Pontius, Elijah A. Gibson, Andy Noble, Dionne Noble, Joshua Manculich, Betty Nicolay, Dana Nicolay, Donald C. Shorter, Kyle Craig-Bogard, Dr. Jessica Herzogenrath, Barry Doss, Rasika Borse, Adele Nickel, David J. Deveau

*Graduate Faculty:* Jared Doster, Evelyn Toh

**GPA: 4.0**

## Teaching Experience

2019

### **Majestics Gymnastics and Dance, Willis, Texas**

*Head Dance Instructor:* Age 2-3 Ballet/Tap, Age 4-5 Ballet/Tap, Age 5-8 Hip-Hop, Age 5-9 Ballet/Tap/Jazz, Age 9-12 Tap/Ballet, Age 9-12 Hip-Hop/Jazz

2019

### **Advanced Jazz Master Class, Huntsville, Texas**

*Master Teacher:* Taught the Sam Houston State University Dance Department's Seniors an advanced jazz class consisting of conditioning, stretching, and jazz dance technique.

2015-20

### **MA Dance Nation, Plano, Texas**

*6 Year Veteran Staff Member:* Taught Private and Commuter Camps in Iowa, Wisconsin, Idaho, Laredo Tx, Houston Tx, Dallas Tx, Bryan Tx, San Antonio Tx, Columbus Tx

2014-20

### **Turning Pointe Dance Studio, Laredo, Texas**

*Instructor:* Age 3 and up Ballet, Age 3 and up Jazz, Age 3 and up Ballet, Age 7 and up Contemporary

*Coach:* Age 6 and up Competition Elite Teams

**2013-16**

**Trautmann Middle School, Laredo, Texas**

*Assistant Director and Choreographer: TMS Lassos: Dance Team*

## **Choreography Work**

**2020**

### ***Welcome to My World***

Showtime, Galveston, Texas

Solo work

Length: 2:06

Music: "Circus" by Britney Spears

**2019**

### ***Celebración de Mi Amada Cultura***

Senior Studio, Sam Houston State University

Group work for 6 dancers

Length: 6:16

Music: "Cielito Lindo" by Martha Gomez, "Much Needed Advice" by Michael Giacchino, "Pegate" by Ricky Martin

**2018**

### ***SUNROOF***

Gaertner Performing Arts Center Theater, Sam Houston State University

A Dance Film

Length: 4:11

Music: "Hannah Hunt" by Vampire Weekend

**2018**

### ***Incómoda En Mi Piel***

Sophomore Gate, Sam Houston State University

Solo Work

Length: 3:19

Music: "Solo Por un Beso" by Aventura, "Malaguena" by Michael Lucarelli

**2016**

### ***Love Is***

Solo Work

Length: 2:20

Music: "Turning Page" by Sleeping At Last

**2015**

### ***Not About Angels***

Star Bound Nationals, San Antonio, Texas

Group work for 8 dancers

Length: 2:30

Music: "Not About Angels" by Birdy

**2015**

### ***Emergency***

Star Bound Nationals, San Antonio, Texas

Group work for 8 dancers

Length: 2:25

Music: "Emergency" by Icona Pop

- 2015**                      ***Doll House***  
Star Bound Nationals, San Antonio, Texas  
Group work for 8 dancers  
Length: 2:15  
Music: "Puppet Master" by High Rankin, "Pool Party" by Ma G
- 2015**                      ***Fiesta***  
MA Dance Nationals, Fort Worth, Texas  
Group work for 54 dancers  
Length: 2:20  
Music: "Mama Mia" by Mayra Veronica
- 2015**                      ***What's A Girl Gotta Do***  
MA Dance Nationals, Fort Worth, Texas  
Group work for 54 dancers  
Length: 2:35  
Music: "What's A Girl Gotta Do" by Basement Jaxx
- 2015**                      ***Doll House***  
MA Dance Nationals, Fort Worth, Texas  
Group work for 54 dancers  
Length: 2:15  
Music: "Puppet Master" by High Rankin, "Pool Party" by Ma G
- 2015**                      ***Matangi***  
MA Dance Nationals, Fort Worth, Texas  
Group work for 54 dancers  
Length: 2:40  
Music: "Matangi" by M.I.A.
- 2015**                      ***Try***  
Show Stopper Nationals, San Antonio, Texas  
Duet Work  
Length: 2:14  
Music: "Try" by Colbie Caillat
- 2014**                      ***Party***  
MA Dance Nationals, Fort Worth, Texas  
Group work for 32 dancers  
Length: 2:25  
Music: "A Little Party Never Killed Nobody" by Fergie
- 2013**                      ***Circus***  
MA Dance Nationals, Fort Worth, Texas  
Group work for 32 dancers  
Length: 2:30  
Music: "Circus" by Britney Spears

## **Performance Experience**

- 2019**                      ***Garba***  
Choreographer: Rasika Borse  
Barn Storm-The Match, Houston, Texas
- 2019**                      ***Allegretto for Allegra: Designing Fibonacci***  
Choreographer: Jennifer Pontius  
Dance Spectrum, Sam Houston State University
- 2019**                      ***A Wynne Home Alice***  
Choreographer: Dana Nicolay  
Nicolay Dance Works, Sam Houston State University
- 2019**                      ***Mexica***  
Choreographer: Layzabeth Gonzalez  
Senior Studio Concert, Sam Houston State University  
Hispanic Heritage Month Performance, Staged by: Donald C. Shorter
- 2019**                      ***Black Bar***  
Choreographer: Adam Rech  
Senior Studio Concert, Sam Houston State University
- 2018**                      ***SING, SING, SING***  
Choreographer: Gus Giordano  
Staged By: Lauren Giordano-Curran, Nicole Belanger  
65th Anniversary Celebration: Gus Giordano Dance, Chicago, Illinois  
Performance for Chicago Mayor: Rahm Emanuel
- 2018**                      ***SMILE***  
Choreographer: Pattie Obbey  
Gus Giordano Jazz Intensive Show
- 2018**                      ***Like 100 Men***  
Choreographer: Elijah Gibson  
Gus Giordano Jazz Intensive Show
- 2018**                      ***Get in The Car***  
Choreographer: Jimmy Locust  
Gus Giordano Jazz Intensive Show
- 2018**                      ***You Wear It Well***  
Choreographer: Marcus Alford  
Gus Giordano Jazz Intensive Show

- 2018**                      ***Make Me Feel***  
Choreographer: Matt Pospeshil  
Gus Giordano Jazz Intensive Show
- 2018**                      ***Fever***  
Choreographer: Ellieen Mallary  
Gus Giordano Jazz Intensive Show
- 2018**                      ***Everybody Loves My Baby***  
Choreographer: Pattie Obbey  
Gus Giordano Jazz Intensive Show
- 2018**                      ***The Pulse***  
Choreographer: Kirby Reed  
Gus Giordano Jazz Intensive Show
- 2018**                      ***Blades***  
Choreographer: Bridget Krouse  
Gus Giordano Jazz Intensive Show
- 2018**                      ***Desperados***  
Choreographer: Sarah Ford Hardy  
Gus Giordano Jazz Intensive Show
- 2018**                      ***Alice in Wonderland***  
Choreographer: Dana Nicolay  
Dance Spectrum, Sam Houston State University
- 2018**                      ***Found in Transit***  
Choreographer: Rasika Borse  
MFA Dance Thesis Concert, Sam Houston State University
- 2018**                      ***Connections and Releases***  
Choreographer: David Arevalo  
MFA Dance Thesis Concert, Sam Houston State University
- 2017**                      ***Dude, Bro!*** (Featured Dancer)  
Choreographer: David J. Deveau  
Dance Spectrum, Sam Houston State University
- 2017**                      ***Frivolities***  
Choreographer: Jennifer Pontius  
Dance Spectrum, Sam Houston State University

- 2017**                      ***Hazards of Being Free***  
Choreographer: Ashley Clos  
MFA Dance Thesis Concert, Sam Houston State University
- 2017**                      ***12,12,12,123***  
Choreographer: Rasika Borse  
Masters of Dance Concert, Sam Houston State University
- 2017**                      ***Ausencia***  
Choreographer: David Arevalo  
Masters of Dance Concert, Sam Houston State University
- 2017**                      ***Laochra Laidir***  
Choreographer: Madeline Bernard  
Senior Studio Concert, Sam Houston State University
- 2017**                      ***The Loner***  
Choreographer: Valerie Salazar  
Senior Studio Concert, Sam Houston State University
- 2016**                      ***GIDDY UP!***  
Choreographer: Kyle Craig-Bogard  
Dance Spectrum, Sam Houston State University
- 2016**                      ***The Odd Beast***  
Choreographer: Maggie Leary  
MFA Dance Thesis Concert, Sam Houston State University
- 2016**                      ***Nostalgia for the Present***  
Choreographer: Ariela Rodarte  
Senior Studio Concert, Sam Houston State University
- 2016**                      ***Fragments of the Soul***  
Choreographer: Hannah Wooldridge  
Senior Studio Concert, Sam Houston State University
- 2015**                      ***Uninvited***  
Choreographer: Lorena Rodriguez  
Dance WORLDS, Orlando, Florida

## **Awards & Recognitions**

- 2020**                      **ACDA Choreography Nominee**  
Nominated by: SHSU Dance Department Faculty

- 2019**                      **Dance and Technology Award**  
End of the Year Dance Department Awards  
Recommended by: Donald C. Shorter  
Sam Houston State University
- 2019**                      **Historian, Chi Tau Epsilon Dance Honor Society**  
Faculty Advisor: Bryan Ealey  
Sam Houston State University
- 2018**                      **Scholarship Recipient**  
Gus Giordano College Pro Dance Intensive, Chicago, Illinois
- 2017**                      **Sophomore Representative, Chi Tau Epsilon Dance Honor Society**  
Faculty Advisor: Elijah A. Gibson  
Sam Houston State University
- 2015**                      **Judges Choice Award**  
*Fiesta*- UHS Larriettes Kick Routine  
MA Dance Texas State Competition, Austin, Tx
- 2012-15**                      **Best Overall Choreography Award**  
Jazz, Pom, Military, Kick  
MA Dance Nationals, Dallas, Tx

### **Community Involvement**

- 2018**                      **Co-Facilitator: Rave 2 Save**  
Benefit supporting medical expenses of SHSU MFA Alum, Ashley Clos  
Chi Tau Epsilon Dance Honor Society, Sam Houston State University
- 2017-18**                      **Co- Facilitator: Winter Workshop**  
Student-taught master classes for high school students in the area  
Chi Tau Epsilon Dance Honor Society, Sam Houston State University
- 2016**                      **Member, Chi Tau Epsilon Dance Honor Society**  
Faculty Advisor: Elijah A. Gibson  
Sam Houston State University

### **Additional Training**

- 2018**                      **Gus Giordano Dance School, Chicago, Illinois**  
*2018 College Pro Dance Intensive*: Lauren Giordano-Curran, Nicole Belanger, Elijah A. Gibson, Pattie Obbey, Kirby Reed, Jimmy Locust, Richard Smith

## **Master Classes**

**Contemporary:** Astrid von Ussar, Autumn Eckman, Nicole von Arx, Cole Vernon, Bridget Kraus, Eddy Ocampo, Kate Jablonski

**Modern:** Mike Esperanza, Jennifer Mabus, Jesus Acosta, Rohan Bhargava, Nicole Caruana, Rodrick George,

**Jazz:** Tyce Diorio, Laurieanne Gibson, Jimmy Locust, Marcus Alford

**Ballet:** Julie Nakagawa, Fury Gold

**Hip-Hop:** Mark Chaves, Arturo Salazar

**Bollywood:** Rasika Borse

**Tap:** Matt Pospeshil

**Musical Theater:** Aaron Alexander (Hamilton Production), Betty Weinberger, Kyle Craig-Bogard

**Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader Prep Class:** KaShara Garrett, Lacey Munoz

**Radio City Rockettes:** Alyssa Epstein