

## **Josey Pickett, Ph.D.**

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### **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D.** University of Texas at El Paso, Teaching, Learning, & Culture, 2023  
Sociocultural Strand  
Dissertation title: *A Qualitative Case Study of the Role of Reflective Practices in Pre-Service Dance Teachers' Development of Pedagogical Content Knowledge and Critical Consciousness.*  
Committee: Christina Convertino (chair), Char Ullman, Sarah Jean Johnson, Adriana Dominguez
- M.Ed.** University of Texas at El Paso, Teacher Education, 2010  
Instructional Specialist – Social Studies
- B.F.A.** University of Texas at El Paso, Dance Performance 2006
- TX Educator Certificates** University of Texas at El Paso & ESC Region 19, 2009 - 2025  
Dance (8-12), Theatre (EC-12), Generalist (4-8), Social Studies (8-12), International Baccalaureate, AEL, T-TESS

### **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

- 2023-Present **Performing Arts Facilitator**  
Department of Fine Arts, Socorro Independent School District
- 2022-2023 **Assistant Professor of Instruction & Director of Audience Development**  
Department of Theatre and Dance, University of Texas at El Paso
- 2020-2022 **Research Associate**  
Department of Teacher Education, University of Texas at El Paso
- 2018-2021 **Adjunct Faculty & Ph. D. Teaching Assistant**  
Department of Theatre and Dance, University of Texas at El Paso

### **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Present **Founder & Artistic Director**  
Somos Performance Group
- 2020-Present **Independent Fine Arts Educational Consultant & Facilitator**  
Texas Education Service Center Region 19, El Paso ISD, Socorro ISD, Ysleta ISD, Canutillo ISD
- 2015-Present **Freelance Director/Choreographer/Performer**  
El Paso Opera, Zilker Theatrical Productions, Mountain Movement Dance Company, Tumbleweed Dance Collective, Broadway by the Bay, University of Texas at El Paso Department of Theatre and Dance, UTEP Dinner Theater, UTEP Opera, New Mexico State University Department of Theatre and Dance

## ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CONT.

2013-2018	<b>Dance Director</b> Coronado High School, El Paso Independent School District
2008-2013	<b>Dance Director</b> Andress High School, El Paso Independent School District

## SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS

2025	Awardee, Braden Aboud Foundation, B-Strong Grant
2024	Awardee, El Paso Community Foundation Jewel Box Series Performance Grant
2024 - 2027	Awardee, Premier Community for Theatre Education, Educational Theatre Association
2024	Awardee, Premier Community for Theatre Education, Texas Thespians
2024	Awardee, K-12 District of Distinction Texas Educational Theater Association
2021	Awardee, Dodson Research Grant, UTEP Graduate School
2018-2021	Awardee, Patron Scholarship, UTEP Dinner Theatre
2019-2021	Awardee, Service Award, UTEP Opera
2017	Awardee, Secondary Teacher of the Year Top Ten Finalist, El Paso ISD
2017	Awardee, Teacher of the Year, Coronado High School, El Paso ISD
2016	Awardee, Classroom Impact Grant, El Paso Community Foundation
2014	Awardee, Community Impact Grant, El Paso Community Foundation

## RESEARCH

**Pickett, J.** (2023). *A Qualitative Case Study of the Role of Reflective Practices in Pre-Service Dance Teachers' Development of Pedagogical Content Knowledge and Critical Consciousness* (Doctoral dissertation, The University of Texas at El Paso).

Convertino, C., & **Pickett, J.** (2025) Shifting Epistemologies around (Dis)-Parity: The Necessity of a Feminist Poststructural Framework to Reconceptualize the Terms of Participation and Belonging in Computer Science. *Journal of Women and Minorities in Science and Engineering*. DOI:10.1615/JWomenMinorScienEng.2024050821

Convertino, C., Alvidrez, M., **Pickett, J.**, & Camberos, D. (2022). Exploring Worksheets and Attendance-taking as Gatekeeping Features in a Gateway Course for Latinx STEM Majors. *Journal of Latinos and Education*, 1-17. <https://doi-org.utep.idm.oclc.org/10.1080/15348431.2022.2043865>

## BOOK REVIEWS

Pickett, J. (2021). Threshold concepts in physical education: a design thinking approach, *Sport, Education and Society*, 26( 9),1041-1043, DOI: [10.1080/13573322.2021.1984646](https://doi.org/10.1080/13573322.2021.1984646).

Pickett, J. (2020). Moving Otherwise, *Journal of Dance Education*, 20(4),242-243, DOI: [10.1080/15290824.2019.1609339](https://doi.org/10.1080/15290824.2019.1609339).

## PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

**Pickett, J.**, Choreographing for Musical Theater. Workshop presented at the 2025 Annual Conference of the Texas Dance Educators Association.

**Pickett, J.**, Urban, M., Developing Dance Portfolios. Workshop presented at the 2025 Annual Conference of the Texas Dance Educators Association.

**Pickett, J.**, How We Move: Embodied Reflective Practice. Workshop presented at the 2024 Annual Conference of the National Dance Educators Organization.

Convertino, C., **Pickett, J.**, Vidana, V. Re(producing) gender difference: A cultural accounting of professional skills amongst Latinx computer science majors. Paper presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association.

**Pickett, J.**, Integrating Dance and Technology: A Trio of Lesson Plans. Workshop presented at the 2016 Annual Conference of the National Dance Educators Organization.

**Pickett, J.**, How a Grant Impacted an Entire Dance Community. Paper presented at the 2017 Annual Conference of the National Dance Educators Organization.

## TEACHING ACHIEVEMENTS

### *Courses Taught at University of Texas at El Paso*

THEA 4206 Musical Theatre Workshop III  
THEA 4302 Musical Theatre Workshop II  
DANC 3348 American Dance Forms - Jazz  
DANC 3347 Jazz & Other Stage Dance Forms I  
THEA 2113 Box Office Practicum  
THEA 1313 Introduction to Theatre (In person & Hybrid)  
DANC 1022 Dance Theatre Lab

### *Courses Assisted at University of Texas at El Paso*

TED 5304 Scholarly Writing for Educators  
DANC 4394 Dance Pedagogy  
DANC 3322 World Dance  
DANC 1304 Dance Appreciation  
DANC 2371 Dance for Musical Theatre II  
DANC 1371 Dance for Musical Theatre I

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Instructor,** Dance Composition Master Class, New Mexico State University 2024

**Presenter,** Texas Thespians Troupe Day 2024

**Presenter,** El Paso Arts Alliance 2024

**Presenter,** El Paso Arts Alliance, 2022-2023

**Co-presenter,** Music, Movement, and Storytelling, Department of Teacher Education, University of Texas at El Paso, 2023

**Member,** Faculty Senate, Department of Theatre and Dance, University of Texas at El Paso, 2022

**Presenter,** UTEP Technical Theatre and Performance Workshop, 2020-2022

**Presenter,** World Dance Alliance Conference, Department of Theatre and Dance, University of Texas at El Paso, 2022

**Facilitator,** Audition Workshops, Department of Theatre and Dance, University of Texas at El Paso, 2022-Present

**Adjudicator,** Dance Educator Assessment of Learning, 2022

**Adjudicator,** Texas All State Dance Team, Socorro Independent School District

**Adjudicator,** Texas Association of Future Educators, 2021

**Volunteer,** UTEP Grad Expo, Graduate School, University of Texas at El Paso 2021

**Director,** “Queer as a Second Language”, Queer(in)g Our Classrooms, Department of Education, University of Texas at El Paso, 2019

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

**Member,** National Dance Educators Organization

**Member,** Texas Dance Educators Association

**Member,** Texas Educational Theater Association

**Member,** Texas Thespians

**Secretary,** United Teacher Education Doctoral Students, 2019

## PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVALS/INTENSIVES

**Creator/Artistic Director,** Somos Summer Pop-Up Theatre

**Creator/Artistic Director,** Breaking Ground Dance Festival & Summer Convention

**Creator/Artistic Director,** SISD Secondary Dance Festival

**Creator/Artistic Director,** SISD Dance Showcase

**District Administrator,** UIL 1-6A One Act Play Zone, District, Bi-District Contests

**District Administrator,** UIL Middle School One Act Play Contest

## KEY DIRECTORIAL/CHOREOGRAPHIC EFFORTS

Director	<i>Peter and the Starcatcher</i>	Somos Performance Group
Guest Choreographer	<i>Freaky Friday</i> dir. Dawn Sweringen-Meeks	Abilene Christian University
Guest Choreographer	<i>High School Musical</i> dir. Joey Banks	Abilene Christian University
Guest Stage Director/Choreographer	Roald Dahl's <i>Matilda</i>	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Guest Asst. Stage Director/Choreographer	Verdi's <i>La Traviata</i> dir. Justin Lucero	El Paso Opera
Guest Choreographer	<i>The Full Monty</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Guest Assistant Director/Choreographer	Valdez's <i>Zoot Suit</i> dir. Justin Lucero	UTEP Department of Theatre & Dance
Guest Choreographer	<i>A Christmas Carol</i> dir. Norman Dutweiller	NMSU Department of Theatre Arts
Guest Director/Choreographer	<i>Head Over Heels</i>	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Guest Choreographer	<i>Keeping Distance</i> dir. Jay Stratton	UTEP Department of Theatre & Dance
Guest Choreographer	Sondheim's <i>Into the Woods</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Guest Choreographer	<i>The Wedding Singer</i> dir. Jaime Barba	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Guest Choreographer	<i>Nunsense</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Guest Choreographer	<i>Broadway in Concert</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Guest Choreographer	<i>What is Opera?</i> dir. Cherry Duke	UTEP Opera
Director/PhD Practicum	<i>Queer as a Second Language</i>	UTEP Education Department
Guest Choreographer	Bizet's <i>Carmen</i> dir. Susan Payne-O'Brian	El Paso Opera
Guest Choreographer	The Who's <i>Tommy</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Guest Choreographer	<i>Hello Dolly</i> dir. Justin Lucero	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Guest Choreographer	<i>Newsies</i> dir. Jaime Barba	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Guest Choreographer	<i>Young Frankenstein</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Guest Choreographer	<i>A Chorus Line</i> dir. Jaime Barba	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Guest Choreographer	<i>Anything Goes</i> dir. Justin Lucero	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Guest Choreographer	<i>Priscilla Queen of the Desert</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Guest Choreographer	<i>Rock of Ages</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Guest Choreographer	<i>West Side Story</i> dir. Jaime Barba	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Guest Choreographer	<i>Pippin</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Guest Choreographer	<i>Mary Poppins</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Guest Choreographer	<i>Carrie</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre

## KEY MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE ROLES

Mrs./Betty	<i>Sunday in the Park with George</i> dir. Justin Lucero	El Paso Opera
The Witch	<i>Into the Woods</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Miss Sandra	<i>All Shook Up</i> dir. Jimmy Moore	Zilker Theatrical Productions
Cassie	<i>A Chorus Line</i> dir. Jaime Barba	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Morticia	<i>The Addams Family</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Reno Sweeney	<i>Anything Goes</i> dir. Justin Lucero	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Cathy	<i>The last Five Years</i> dir. Allen Thompson	UDT Side Dish
Mary Poppins	<i>Disney's Mary Poppins</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Florence	<i>Chess</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Fantine	<i>Les Misérables</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Maria	<i>Metropolis</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Adelaide	<i>Guys and Dolls</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Kira	<i>Xanadu</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Little Sally	<i>Urinetown</i> dir. Scott Susong	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Maria	<i>The Sound of Music</i> dir. Jaime Barba	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Lena	<i>Singin' In the Rain</i> dir. Jaime Barba	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Orange Girl	<i>Shout! The Mod Musical</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Amneris	<i>Aida</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Belle	<i>Disney's Beauty and the Beast</i> dir. Gregory Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Sister Amnesia	<i>Meshuggah Nuns</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Helen	<i>Sweet Charity</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Shimmy Girl	<i>Smokey Joe's Café</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Hedy LaRue	<i>How to Succeed in Business</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre
Hunyak	<i>Chicago</i> dir. Gregory L. Taylor	UTEP Dinner Theatre