

Clara Watts

Areas of Expertise

Choreographic Mentorship, Cultural Connectivity within Dance, Writing About Dance

Teaching Focus

Modern Dance Technique, Dance History, Dance Composition, Choreography, Senior Project

Additional Information

Mrs. Watts received her MFA in Dance from Belhaven University and has taught dance here since 2015. Outside of her role at Belhaven University, Clara Grace supports her husband's role as Student Pastor at Meadow Grove Baptist Church in Brandon, MS. The two enjoy serving their community by ministering to the youth. Additionally, Clara Grace is a teacher of the church's children's choir, where movement and song express a connectedness to who the children are as God's creation, meant to praise Him in song and dance. Andrew and Clara Grace's family recently expanded to include their daughter, Finley, not to be outdone by their long-time "fur-baby" Krump, a Yorkshire terrier.

Scholarly Contributions and Most Recent Professional Publications

Original choreography featured in Belhaven University Dance Ensemble and Dance Ministry Ensemble Concerts (And Again and and Again, 2019; The Deceptive Seven, 2018; Pnuema, 2018; Laughing About It Helps, 2017).

Instructor and adjudicator at the National High School Dance Festival's regional festival: Norfolk, VA, 2019.

Instructor at the American College Dance Association's South region conference: Natchitoches, LA, 2018.

"Finding Equal Footing," a panelist presentation at the National Dance Education Organization conference: Phoenix, AZ, 2015.

"Community College Dance Programs: A Higher Educational Endeavor," a paper presented at the National Dance Education Organization conference: Chicago, IL, 2014.