

Krista Bower

Areas of Expertise

Faith and Dance, Arts Administration and Leadership, Community Engagement through Dance

Teaching Focus

Modern Dance Technique, Composition, Teaching Methods for Modern Dance, Improvisation

Additional Information

Krista Bower is an alumna of Belhaven University and considers it a great privilege to lead the Dance Department. She is grateful for the strong Christian community at Belhaven and enjoys dynamic conversations with students and colleagues about how faith informs our approaches to dance performance, choreography, pedagogy, arts management, and community engagement. Bower is a member of Redeemer Church in Jackson. She met her husband when they were both undergraduate students at Belhaven University, and they have three children.

Scholarly Contributions and Most Recent Professional Publications

“The Impact of Dance Education in Rural Mississippi,” a presentation at the National Dance Education Organization Conference: San Antonio, TX, November 12-14, 2017.

“Dance for Parkinson’s: A Merging of Minds and Bodies,” a presentation at the National Dance Education Organization Conference: Washington, D.C., October 6-10, 2016.

“Mississippi Stories in Motion: Authorship and the Construction of Meaning

in a Museum-based Movement Installation,” a paper presented at the joint conference of the Society of Dance History Scholars and the Congress on Research in Dance at Iowa University: Iowa City, November 13-16, 2014.

“The Craft of Teaching through Service and Collaboration: A case study,” a paper presented at the National Dance Education Organization Conference: Chicago, IL, October 23-27, 2013.

“The Choreography of Community Service: A case study,” a paper presented at the Congress on Research in Dance Special Topics conference at the University of California: Los Angeles, April 19-21, 2013.