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Bio

BIO

Janice Ross, Professor in the Department of Theatre and Performance Studies and former faculty director of ITALIC, Stanford's residence based Freshman arts immersion program, has a BA with Honors from UC Berkeley and MA and Ph.D degrees from Stanford. Her research interests and books focus on the intersections of social issues and their expression through performance. They include, Like A Bomb Going Off: Leonid Yakobson and Ballet as Resistance in Soviet Russia (Yale Univ. Press 2015), Anna Halprin: Experience as Dance (University of California Press 2007), winner of a de la Torre Bueno Award 2008 Special Citation, San Francisco Ballet at 75 (Chronicle Books 2007), Moving Lessons: The Beginning of Dance in American Education, (University of Wisconsin Press 2001/ University of Florida Press, Second Edition/2020) and, co-edited with Susan Manning and Rebecca Schneider, The Futures of Dance Studies, (University of Michigan Press (2020). Her research interests concern performance and social justice with a particular focus on tensions between political and aesthetic expression. Her essays on dance have been published in several anthologies including The Oxford Handbook of Contemporary Ballet (Oxford Univ. Press, 2020), The Aging Body in Dance: A Cross Cultural Perspective, (Routledge, 2017), The Oxford Handbook of Improvisation (2019) Soloists and The Modern Dance Canon (Univ. Press of Florida, 2012), Dignity in Motion: Dance, Human Rights and Social Justice, edited by Naomi Jackson (Scarecrow Press 2008), Perspectives on Israeli and Jewish Dance, ed. Judith Brin Ingber, (Wayne State University Press, 2008), Performance and Ritual, edited by Mark Franco (Routledge 2007), Everything Was Possible (Re) Inventing Dance in the 1960s, edited by Sally Banes (University of Wisconsin Press 2003), Caught by Surprise: Essays on Art and Improvisation, edited by Ann Cooper Albright and David Gere (Wesleyan University press 2003). Her awards include a Guggenheim Fellowship, two Stanford Humanities Center Fellowships, a Fulbright Fellowship to Israel, as well as research grants from the Iris Litt Fund of the Clayman Institute for Research on Women and Gender, the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, the 2016 CORD Award for Outstanding Contributions to Dance Research , an NYU Fellowship for the Center for Ballet and the Arts (2018) and a Bogliasco Foundation Fellowship (Italy 2022). Her articles on dance have appeared in numerous publications including The New York Times and The Los Angeles Times. She is past President of the international Society of Dance History Scholars.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

• Emeritus Faculty, Acad Council, Theater and Performance Studies

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Stanford Humanities Center Fellowship, Stanford University, (2011-2012)
- Guest Professor, Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance, Hebrew University, Israel, (2010-2010)
- Professor (Teaching), Stanford University, Drama Dept., (2008- present)
- Associate Professor (Teaching), Stanford University, Drama Department, (2004-2008)
- Appointed Affiliated Scholar, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Stanford University, (2002-2003)
- Lecturer, Stanford University, Dance Division & School of Education, (1989-2004)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Israel Institute, Invited Fellow, Israel Institute, Jerusalem, Israel (Summer 2016)
- Fulbright Senior Fellowship, Israel, Fulbright Fellowship, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel (Sept. 2010- Jan. 2011)
- International Dance Studies Association 2015 Award for Outstanding Scholarly Research In Dance, International Dance Studies Association (June 2016)
- Isadora Duncan Dance Award, San Francisco (2014)
- Miriam Roland Award for Public Service, Stanford University (2010)
- 2009 Dance Scholar-in-Residence, San Francisco Ballet, SF, CA (2008-2009)
- Invited Research Fellow, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Beckett, MA (2008)
- The de Ia Torre Bueno 2008 Special Citation, Society of Dance History Scholars (2008)
- Djerassi Resident Artists Program Fellow, Djerassi Resident Artists Program (2002)
- Peninsula Community Foundation Fellowship, Outstanding Artist, Peninsula Community Foundation (2002)
- Stanford Humanities Center Internal Fellowship, Humanities Center, Stanford University (2001-2002& 2011-2012)
- John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation (2001-2002)
- Isadora Duncan Award, University of California, Berkeley (1994)
- Fellow at Cottages at Hedgebrook Feminist Writers Colony, Hedge brook, Whidbey Island, Washington (1993)
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- Oakland Tribune's Publishers Awards for Excellence in Arts Writing, Oakland Tribune's Publishers (1989)
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- National Endowment for the Arts Dance Critics Fellowship, American Dance Festival, Conn. College (1977)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Director of Graduate Studies, Dept. of Theatre and Performance Studies (2015 2017)
- Faculty Freshman and Sophomore Advisor, Stanford University (2013 2014)
- Faculty Director ITALIC- ILE Freshmen residential program, Stanford University (2012 2017)
- Breadth Governance Board member, Stanford University (2012 2016)
- Faculty Freshman and Sophomore Advisor, Stanford University (2012 2013)
- Editorial board member, Routledge Encyclopedia of Modernism (2011 2015)
- Member, Committee for Review of Undergraduate Majors, Stanford University (2009 2011)
- Director, Dance Division, Drama Dept., Stanford University (2008 2013)
- President, International Society of Dance History Scholars (2008 2011)
- Member, National Research Advisory Board, Temple University (2007 2010)
- Chair, Faculty Steering Committee,, Haas Center for Public Service, Stanford University (2007 2009)
- Member, Faculty Steering Committee, Stanford Center on Longevity Mobility Project, Psychology Dept (2007 2009)
- Faculty Freshman and Sophomore Advisor, Stanford University (2007 2008)
- President- Elect, International Society of Dance History Scholars (2007 2008)
- Dance Adjudicator, Los Angeles, CA (2007 2007)

- Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, Stanford Institute for Creativity in the Arts (2006 2010)
- Member, Faculty Advisory Board, Michelle Clayman Institute for Gender Research (2006 2009)
- Faculty Freshman and Sophomore Advisor, Stanford University (2006 2007)
- Undergraduate Advisor- Freshmen and Sophomores, Stanford University (2005 present)
- Member, Board of Directors, Congress on Research on Dance (2005 2008)
- Vice Chair, Faculty Steering Committee, Haas Center for Public Service, Stanford University (2005 2007)
- Faculty Freshman and Sophomore Advisor, Stanford University (2005 2006)
- Member, Faculty Steering Committee, Institute for Diversity in the Arts (2004 2008)
- Editorial board member, Journal of Arts and Learning (2001 2004)
- Editorial board member, Journal of Dance Education (2000 2007)
- Principal Researcher, George Balanchine Foundation, N.Y. (2000 2002)
- Member, Bd, International Society of Dance History Scholars (1999 2005)
- Member, Board of Directors, Society of Dance History Scholars (1999 2005)
- Grants Panelist, Walter & Elise Haas Creative Work Fund (1998 1998)
- Member of the Arts Task Force, Menlo Park School District (1992 1993)
- Grants Panelist in Dance, Bush Foundation Artist Fellowships, St. Paul, Minnesota (1992 1992)
- Feminist Studies Resource Faculty, Stanford University (1990 2012)
- Director, Graduate Program in Dance Education, Stanford University (1990 2000)
- President, & Board Member, International Dance Critics Association (1988 1992)
- Chair, National Endowment for the Arts, Dance Panel, Policy & Services to Field (1987 1996)
- Member, Awards Committee, Rockefeller Foundation for the Arts & Humanities, New York (1987 1987)
- Member, Awards Nominating Committee, San Francisco Bay Area Dance Coalition, Annual Isadora Duncan Awards, S. F., CA (1986 1999)
- Member, Awards Committee, National Choreography Project, New York, NY (1986 1986)
- Member, Advisory Board, Talking Dance Project Ellen Webb Dance Foundation, Berkeley, CA (1985 1988)
- Staff Dance & Arts Critic, Oakland Tribune Oakland, CA (1980 1990)
- Co-director, West Coast Institute for Dance Criticism San Francisco, CA (1980 1980)
- Contributing Editor and Staff Critic, Dancemagazine New York, N.Y. (1977 1997)
- Staff Dance Critic and Columnist, S.F. Bay Guardian San Francisco, CA (1977 1980)
- Founding Member of the CAC Dance Panel, California Arts Council, Sacramento, CA (1977 1979)
- Performance Art Critic and Editor, Artweek Oakland, CA (1976 1980)
- Staff Dance Critic and Columnist, Berkeley Gazette Berkeley, CA (1975 1977)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

• Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Stanford University, Education (1998)
- Master of Arts, Stanford University, Dance Education (1975)
- Bachelor of Arts, University of California, Berkeley, Art History (1973)

LINKS

• Professor Janice Ross: http://web.stanford.edu/dept/taps/prof.html

Teaching

COURSES

2021-22

- Intersectionality and the Politics of Ballet: TAPS 24N (Win)
- Introduction to Dance Studies: DANCE 11, TAPS 11 (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Sariel Golomb

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- Ballet and the Renegotiation of Identity among Jewish Orthodox Women in Israel ARTS Ross, J. L.
 2022; 11 (5)
- Queering the Skeleton in Dance's Closet DANCE RESEARCH JOURNAL

Ross, J. 2022; 54 (2): 33-53

- Dance and aging Anna Halprin dancing Eros at the end of life AGING BODY IN DANCE: A CROSS-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE Ross, J., Nakajima, N., Brandstetter, G. 2017: 137–47
- Like A Bomb Going Off: Leonid Yakobson and Ballet as Resistance in Soviet Russia Ross, J. Yale University Press.2014
- Inside/Beside Dance Studies: A Conversation DANCE RESEARCH JOURNAL
- Clayton, M., Franko, M., George-Graves, N., Lepecki, A., Manning, S., Ross, J., Schneider, R. 2013; 45 (3): 5–28
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• Interview with Anna and Lawrence Halprin: Redo of the 1969 Yvonne Rainer 1969 Interview Anna Halprin Mouvements de Vie, 60 ans de recherches. de creations ct de transformation. par la danse. traduit de l'anglais par Argaud et Luccioni Ross, J.

Contredanse Press, Brussles.2010

• Jewish Culture and Identity in the Russian Ballet: The Case of Leonid Jacobson Perspectives on Israeli and Jewish Dance

Ross, J. edited by Ingber, J. B. Wayne State University Press.2010

• Atomizing Cause and Effect: Ann Halprin's 1960s Summer Dance Workshops ART JOURNAL

Ross, J.

2009; 68 (2): 62-75

• Judson Dance Theatre: Performative Traces (Book Review) TDR-THE DRAMA REVIEW-THE JOURNAL OF PERFORMANCE STUDIES Book Review Authored by: Ross, J. 2009; 53 (2): 161-164

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• Anna Halprin: Experience As Dance Ross, J.

University of California Press, Berkeley.2009

• Choreographing Nature Where the Revolution Began: Lawrence and Anna Halprin & Lhe Reinvention of Public Space

Ross, J. Spacemaker Press, Portland.2009

• 321 Divisadero: Staircase to Dance Experimentation *The San Prancisco Tape Music Center: 1960s Counter-culture and the Avant-Garde,* Ross, J.

edited by Berstein, D.

University of California Press and (EMP A C) at Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute.2008

• Doing Time: Dance in Prisons Dignity in Motion: Dance. Human Rights and Social Justice

Ross, J. edited by Jackson, N. Scarecrow Press.2008

• Parades and Changes: The Art of Revolution in the 1960s Program essay, Festival d, Automne I Centre Pompidou, Paris Ross, J.

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2008
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• Lighting the way: Contrasting arguments for the arts in education JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION Ross, J.

2007; 41 (2): 271-276

• San Francisco Ballet at Seventy-Five Commissioned book on the history of America's oldest ballet company

Ross, J. Chronicle Books, San Francisco.2007

• Illness as danced urban ritual RITUAL AND EVENT: INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES

Ross, J., Franko, M. 2007; 7: 138–58

• Book Review of "Feelings are Facts: A Life Women & Performance: A Journal of Feminist Theory

Ross, J. 2007; 17 (2): 264-267

• Anna Halprin: Experience As Dance

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• Anna Halprin: Dance Educator Dance Teacher Magazine Ross, J.

2007

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• Jewish Women in Israel

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edited by Franko, M. Routledge Press, London.2006

• A hidden soul of artistry: Thinking in forgotten areas of the arts PHI DELTA KAPPAN

Ross, J. 2005; 87 (1): 32-37

• Halprin Takes Paris Dancemagazine, Ross, J.

2005: 20

• Teaching History Dance Teacher Now

Ross, J. 2005: 86-87

- Merce Cunningham & the Moderning of Modern Dance Dance Research Journal Ross, J. 2005; 37 (1): 140-144
- Never Too Late for a Kick Line Dancemagazine Ross, J. 2005: 22
- Anna Halprin's urban rituals TDR-THE DRAMA REVIEW-A JOURNAL OF PERFORMANCE STUDIES Ross, J.

2004; 48 (2): 49-67

• John Neumeier - The who in Hamburg Ballet DANCE MAGAZINE Ross, J.

2004; 78 (2): 46-?

• Anna Halprin - From dance art to healing art DANCE MAGAZINE

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• The Ressurection of A Genius Dancemagazine

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• Improvisation as Child's Play Caught By Surprise: Essays on Art and Improvisation Ross, J.

edited by Albright, A. C., Gere, D. Wesleyan University Press.2004

• The Importance of Being Artist: Reflections on Elliot Eisner Intricate Palette

Ross, J. edited by Matthews, J., Urmecher, B. Prentice Hall Publishers.2004

• The Instructable Body Embodied Knowledge

Ross, J. edited by Bresler, L. Kulwer Publishers.2004

• Elizabeth Loscavio Dancemagazine

Ross, J. 2004: 53 • Natural Dance Dance photographs by Hal Eastman, Commissioned Forward by Janice Ross Ross, J.

Peregrine Images, Boise, Idaho, 2003

• Revolution for the Art oflt: Anna Halprin and Avant-Garde Dance Everything Was Possible: (Re) Inventing Dance in the 1960s

Ross, J. edited by Banes, S. University of Wisconsin Press.2003

 Sandy Walker and the Painter's Dance The Paintings of Sandy Walker Ross, J.

Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita State Museum.2003

• Juvie Jazz: Jazz Dance for Incarcerated Teens Community Matters

Ross, J. edited by Ford, M., Schave, E. Addison Wesley Press.2002

• Institutional forces and the shaping of dance in the American university DANCE CHRONICLE Ross, J.

2002; 25 (1): 115-124

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• The Dance Critic, The Classroom and The Re-education of Perception Passion And Pedagogy

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• Arts Education In The Information Age: A New Place For Somatic Wisdom Arts Education Policy Review Ross, J.

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2000

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- A Simple Man: The Diary of Vaslav Nijinsky Los Angeles Times Book Review Ross, J.

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• International Dictionary of Ballet Yakobson, L., Ross, J.

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• Della Davidson: A Fluent Writer for The Body Dance Theatre Journal

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• Moving Towards Life: Five Decades QfTransformational Dance.- Collected Writings Of Anna Halprin Commissioned essay

Ross, J. edited by Rachel, K. Wesleyan University Press, Middletown, Conn.1995

• THE END OF THE BEGINNING, THE MARGARET-JENKINS-COMPANY AT 20 DANCE MAGAZINE

Ross, J. 1994; 68 (6): 34-39

• The Right Moves: Challenges of A Dance Assessment Arts Education Policy Review

Ross, J. 1994; 96 (1)

• Moving Lessons: Dance In Higher Education Liberal Education

Ross, J. 1994: 40-43

• SAN-FRANCISCO-BALLET, THE CALIFORNIA DREAM AT 60 DANCE MAGAZINE

Ross, J. 1993; 67 (2): 56-61

• ODC/SAN-FRANCISCO + ARTISTIC DIRECTOR WAY, BRENDA PRESENTS DANCES THAT REFLECT THE COMPANY UNIQUE POINT-OF-VIEW DANCE MAGAZINE

Ross, J.

1992; 66 (4): 46-50

• Innocence Abroad: the 1965 Stockholm Premiere of Anna Halprin's Parades of Changes Conference Proceedings

Ross, J.

1992

• Where Is Modern Dance Going? Reflections from Anna Halprin TDR (The Drama Review)

Ross, J. 1992

• THE ART OF CHOREOGRAPHY + EXCERPT FROM AN UNPUBLISHED LETTER BY JACOBSON, LEONID JANUARY 26, 1975 DANCE MAGAZINE

Ross, J. 1991; 65 (12): 49-49

• JACOBSON, LEONID FREE AT LAST + SAN-FRANCISCO-BALLET PRODUCTION OF 'RODIN' DANCE MAGAZINE

Ross, J. 1991; 65 (12): 46-48

• SAN-FRANCISCO-BALLET, HELGI DOMAIN + TOMASSON, HELGI, COMPANY MEMBERS AND REPERTOIRE DANCE MAGAZINE Ross, J.

1991; 65 (9): 38-?

• Leonid Jacobson Free At Last Dancemagazine

Ross, J. 1991: 46-49

• On Moving From Criticism to Academia Dance Critics Association Newsletter

Ross, J. 1991

• SILENT DANCING, THE ASCENT OF CARPENTER, MELISSA DANCE MAGAZINE

Ross, J. 1990; 64 (12): 38-42

• The Ascent of Melissa Carpenter; SF Ballet's Unique Deaf Ballerina Dancemagazine

Ross, J. 1990: 28-31

• San Francisco Ballet Joins The Big Leagues Diversion Magazine

Ross, J. 1990: 45-52

• Crossing the Line Feature on Suzanne Lacy's Performance Work in Finland High Performance

Ross, J. 1990

• On The Edge: Challenges to American Dance Essays, interviews and conversations on Dance in America

edited by Steinberg, S., Ross, J. Dance Critics Association, San Francisco.1990

• In Step With The Past, A History of Dance at Stanford Stanford Magazine

Ross, J. 1990: 34-37

• Elizabeth Loscavio, San Francisco Ballet's New Star Confetti Magazine, New York

Ross, J. 1990

• San Francisco's Joe Goode: Working Hard to Be the Bad Boy of Modem Dance Dancemagazine Ross, J.

1989

- Inga Weiss; A Life in Dance Dance Teacher Now Ross, J. 1989: 30-34
- Why A Swan? San Francisco Performing Arts Library and Museum Journal edited by Ross, J., Steinberg, S. 1989
- Bonnie Bird, A Legendary Dance Educator Dance Teacher Now Ross, J. 1988: 40-43
- San Francisco Ballet's New Era Under Helgi Tomasson Dancemagazine Ross, J. 1987
- Val Caniparoli- SFB's Promising Choreographer Dancemagazine Ross, J. 1987
- What the Critics Say About Tanz Theatre *The Drama Review* Ross, J. 1986; 30 (2): 80-85
- Six Versions of Simultaneity: The Choreography of Margaret Jenkins On the Next Wave, the magazine of the Brooklyn Academy's Next Wave Festival Ross, J.

1985; 3 (1-2): 26-30

• Living on the Edge with Margaret Jenkins Dancemagazine

Ross, J. 1984: 136-139

• Radical Shifts to the Middle Ground: SF's Oberlin Dance Collective Dancemagazine Ross, J.

1984: 64-68

• San Francisco: Two Views of the San Francisco Ballet; A Brave New Tempest Dancemagazine

Ross, J. 1980: 56-61

• Bay Ways: A Climate for Free Spirits Dancemagazine

Ross, J. 1980: 78-85

• Bill Irwin: Getting Physical with Comedy Dancemagazine

Ross, J. 1980: 78-85

- Dancing in the West Profiles of West Coast Dance Companies Ross, J. Wadsworth Publishing Co., Belmont, CA.1979
- Born Again Ballet; San Francisco Ballet's Re-emergence as a New Dance Power Horizon Magazine

Ross, J. 1978