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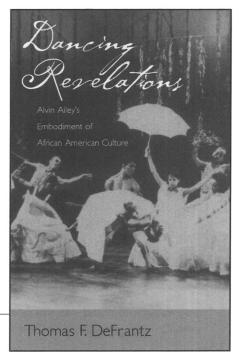
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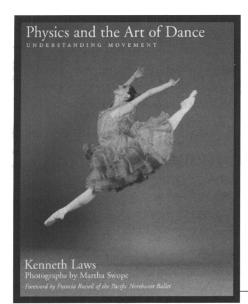
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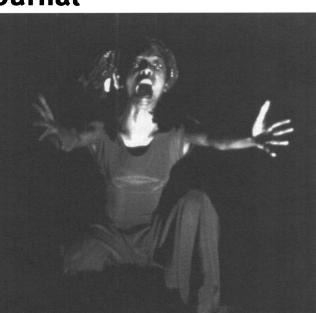
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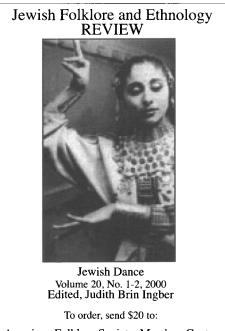
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- How has dance been regulated through laws, bans, and other means?
- How has choreography been used to comment on and challenge human rights abuses?
- How has dance been made accessible to marginalized populations, how have marginalized populations asserted a presence through dance?
- How has dance been used as a means of healing and creating well being for victims of human rights abuses?
- How have practices, theories and/or individuals and institutions in the dance profession assisted or hindered promotion of human rights?
- How have dance professionals addressed their own rights through unions, strikes, contracts, or other means?
- How has dance, in its vernacular, theatrical, therapeutic and sacred forms, been used by societies throughout history to incite violence and encourage intolerance, as well as express resistance to repressive regimes and heal victims of injustice?
- How has the dance profession responded to its own internal tensions between freedom and restraint, respect and condemnation, in training institutions and companies?

We hope to bring together dancers, choreographers, dance therapists, scholars, and arts union representatives, with human rights specialists, political activists, public and cultural policy analysts, and government representatives, to discuss these issues from a variety of viewpoints. The conference committee is interested in a range of research methodologies and analytic techniques, interdisciplinary approaches, and intersections with disciplines such as political science, law, economics, women's studies, film, theater, anthropology, cultural studies, popular culture, and others. Presentations may include individual papers, panels, roundtables, workshops, and lecture-demonstrations; and other original forms of presentation may also be considered.

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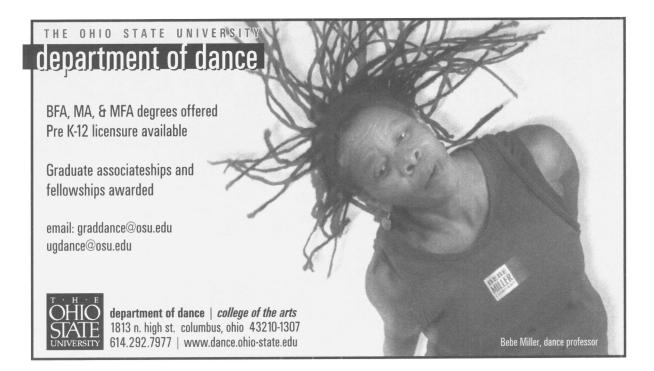
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### DANCE AND THE COMMUNITY

Department of Dance, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida

During this international conference, attendees will examine many ways that dance builds, empowers, and perpetuates communities, examining questions such as:

- How do different communities establish and contest political, social, and aesthetic values through dance?
- What is the role of community-based dance in contemporary societies?
- What is the ongoing historical significance of the community-building power of dance?
- Can dance exert disintegrative powers as well as integrative powers in a community?
- How does dance convey communal codes of behavior based upon distinctions of gender, sexuality, race, class, and other demarcations?

Within the broader scope of the theme, the conference also hopes to serve as a follow up to the 1996 CORD Special Topics Conference, "African-American Dance: Researching a Complex History" and the 2004 Special Topics Conference, "Movement (R)evolution Dialogues: Contemporary Performance in and of Africa."

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