



Meet

Kate Trammell

Kate Trammell, emeritus professor of dance at James Madison University, holds graduate degrees in dance from Ohio State University and Temple University. She has choreographed, performed and taught throughout the United States and in China, Denmark, England, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Portugal, and Russia. She has collaborated with Cynthia Thompson as a duet company since 1983.

Trammell has a certification in Infant Developmental Movement Education through Bonnie Bainbridge Cohen and the School for Body-Mind Centering, which informs her movement work with people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. She has co-taught developmental movement classes for babies and their care-givers.

In China, Trammell taught creative movement and dance in university dance departments, conservatories, and orphanages. She created a study abroad program which took arts and healthcare students to engage with children in Russia. Trammell has served on the faculty at White Mountain Summer Dance Festival and the West Virginia Dance Festival. She was a leader in several large-scale interdisciplinary projects at JMU focusing on access and inclusion in and through the arts.

Her love of improvisation and play has led to therapeutic clowning adventures in local long-term care facilities, and as a member of several international clown teams travelling to hospitals and orphanages in Russia and Morocco.

The support and mentorship of the DfPD Wertheimer Fellowship helped her start the JMU Dance for PD program in winter of 2019, where she is honored to collaborate with an amazing team of musicians and student volunteers from dance, theatre, music, and occupational therapy. She became a Dance for PD Certified Teaching Artist in Spring of 2023.