

DANCE IN AFRICA AND THE DIASPORA

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Dissertation:

- 1976 Nigeria's Ubakala Igbo Dance: Life, Death, and the Women's War (development of The Anthropology of Dance Ritual. Ph.D. dissertation, Columbia University. Ann Arbor: University Microfilms No. 76-28,657, 1976)

(Six dance-plays that the Ubakala selected as representing their aesthetic illustrate how dance serves as a vehicle through which persistent and contradictory values and organizing principles of social life can be expressed, taught, and reconciled.)

Books:

- 1987 To Dance Is Human: A Theory of Nonverbal Communication. Revised 1979 edition. Chicago: University of Chicago Press

(An innovative synthesis of knowledge in the social and behavior sciences, arts, and humanities that broadens our understanding of African, Caribbean, and American dance as rural, urban, social, political, religious, warrior, aesthetic, and cultural behavior; Chapters 4, 5, 6B, 7, 8, 9, are especially relevant. Numerous examples of African dance.)

- 1983 The Performer-Audience Connection: Emotion to Metaphor in Dance and Society. Austin and London: University of Texas Press

(Shows how emotion is conveyed through tap and modern dance to an African-American spiritual.)

- 1988a Disruptive School Behavior: Class, Race, and Culture. New York: Holmes & Meier Publishers

(A study of a desegregated magnet elementary school where some African-American youngsters use individual and group dance to comment on school and community life, mark identity, and defy school authority.)

- 1988b Dance, Sex, and Gender: Signs of Identity, Dominance, Defiance, and Desire. Chicago: University of Chicago Press

(How we learn what is it to be male and female through observing in dance who does what, when, where, how, along and with or to whom. Expressions of erotic fantasies, courtships rituals, rites of passage, and hierarchies of dominance in African and other dances.)

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(A synthesis of knowledge about learning in, about, and through dance; benefits; emotion, mind, and body; goals; standards; connections; diversity; gender; teacher preparation.)

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