

OLIVIA STREATER

Curriculum Vitae

Dance movement therapist/psychotherapist, dancer and lawyer
passionate about the power of body-centered creative arts
psychotherapies, movement and the arts, to foster individual &
collective well-being, equity, justice and healing.

1. Experienced researcher and advocate
2. Wide cross-country experience across academic, artistic, legal, NGO & healthcare settings
3. Peer-reviewed publications on trauma treatment and torture prevention
4. Awarded for studies in the field of Dance Movement Psychotherapy
5. Reflective practitioner committed to integrating theory and practice
6. Qualified Solicitor of England and Wales
7. Contemporary dancer and dance teacher
8. Multi-lingual, multicultural and neurodivergent
9. Dedicated to intersectional anti-oppressive therapeutic praxis
10. Research/practice interests include
 - intersection of embodiment, human rights and the rule of law;
 - mixed & embodied arts-based participatory research methods;
 - agency and authority in therapy.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021- present **Researcher ('Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiterin') (45%)**
Research Institute for Creative Arts Therapies, Alanus University, Germany
Promoting evidence-based research in creative arts therapies
- 2019 - present **Dance Movement Therapist/Psychotherapist**
Therapist in private practice and institutional settings.
Practice with parent/child dyads and experience in acute psychiatry and addiction recovery, depression and burnout.
- Private practice (2021 - present)
 - Küsnacht Practice, Zollikon (2021 - present)
 - Psychosomatische Klinik Blieskastel (Saarbrücken) (2020)
 - NHS East London Foundation Trust (2019)
- 2015-present **Contemporary dancer/teacher**
Freelance dance performance in Swiss companies.
Choreographic exploration of intersections between personal and political advocacy.
Teaching general-level contemporary classes to adults and children.
- 2006 – 2018 **Consultant in human rights law and practice**
Advising clients including Oxfam, the Association for Prevention of Torture, Lawyers for Human Rights and the Centre for Study of Violence & Reconciliation on internal investigation, oversight and accountability mechanisms.
- 2005 – 2008 **Solicitor**
Clifford Chance LLP (association and trainee solicitor)
Litigation, banking and debt finance, with secondments to Airbus, Clifford Chance Madrid and human rights law firm Liberty
- 1997 - 2004 **Researcher/Campaigner on English-speaking Caribbean/USA regions**
Amnesty International, International Secretariat
Responsible for country-research and campaigning on diverse human rights issues, including racial discrimination, criminal justice, use of lethal force, LGBTQI and refugee rights and anti-terrorism measures. Visiting/monitoring of detention centres, media advocacy and liaison with UN special procedures.
- 1993 -1998 **Immigration and homelessness caseworker**
Centrepont (London, 1997-98) France Terre d'Asile (Paris, 1996, 3 months)
Centro de Apoyo al Niño de la Calle, A.C. (Mexico, 1995-96, 1993)

- 2021 – **BA Psychomotor Therapy**
HfH School of Special Needs Education, Zürich (part-time)
- 2020 **Masters of Arts (MA) Dance and Movement Therapy**
SHR Hochschule Heidelberg, Grade 1.1, 'hervorragend'
Prize for highest achievement and nomination for innovative research award
Thesis: Truth, Justice and Bodily Accountability: DMT for trauma
- 2016 **Postgraduate Diploma in Dance and Movement Therapy**
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (9.588/10).
- 2008 **Solicitor of England and Wales**
SRA Registration Number 357625
- 2004 **Legal Practice Course**
BPP School of Law, Commendation
(mandatory training for admittance to practicing roll of Solicitors)
- 2002 **Post-graduate Diploma in Law**
BPP School of Law, Commendation
- 1997 **MA Spanish and French**
University of Edinburgh, 2:1, Distinction Oral French

TRAINING

Practitioner Status in Moving Cycle psychotherapy
ICF-accredited parenting coach
Progressive Muscular Relaxation
Parent/child training
 Contakids, Mama Dances
Yoga and meditation
 200hr Hatha yoga, yoga for addiction, yoga for children
 Theravada tradition (Emoyeni retreat center in South Africa)
Contemporary, ballet, African dance
 (RAD, Place, Mophatong, Profitanz)
Continuous Professional Development training
 De-escalation and Intervention Training (NHS)
 Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT)
 First Aid (Red Cross)

LANGUAGES

English: native speaker. French: C1/2. Spanish: C1/2. German: C1.

REFERENCES

Prof. Dr. phil. habil. Sabine Koch
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LECTURES

Cultivating Resilience through the body - tips for lawyers Law Society of England and Wales, 2021
Cultural diversity, equity or decolonization? 60 heads of DMT courses, 2021
Oppression, Power and Privilege Students and staff, SRH Hochschule Heidelberg, 2020
Prevention of torture; domestic monitoring mechanisms, SA judges and prosecutors, 2007

PUBLICATIONS

- Streater, O.** (2022). Truth, Justice and Bodily Accountability: Dance Movement Therapy as an innovative trauma treatment modality. *Body, Dance and Movement in Psychotherapy*, 17:1, 34-53.
- Streater, O.** *Truth, Justice and (Bodily) Accountability; Dance Movement Therapy for Trauma, a Mixed Methods Study*. Masters Thesis, SRH Hochschule Heidelberg, 2020.
- B. Bernath, B., Long, D., Olivier, A. & **O. Streater**. *The Optional Protocol Implementation Manual*. Association for the Prevention against Torture, Geneva, 2010.
- Streater, O.** *Review of Existing Mechanisms for the Prevention and Investigation of Torture and Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment in South Africa*. Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, Johannesburg, 2008.
- Streater, O** and Skilbeck, R. Q.C. *Jamaica Until their Voices are Heard: Report of the West Kingston Commission of Inquiry*. Amnesty International, International Secretariat, 2003.
- Streater, O.** *Bahamas Forgotten Detainees: Human Rights in Detention*. Amnesty International, International Secretariat, 2004. <http://www.refworld.org/docid/45b48abf2.html>
- Streater, O.** *Jamaica Killings and Violence by Police – How Many More Victims?* Amnesty International, International Secretariat, 2001.
- Streater, O,** Wright, A. *USA Not Part of my Sentence – Violations of the Human Rights of Women in Custody*. Amnesty International, International Secretariat, 1999.
- Wright, A., Heine, J. **Streater, O.** *USA Betraying the Young – Human Rights Violations against Children in the US Justice System*. Amnesty International, International Secretariat, 1998.
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