

## OUR NEW YORK CITY DANCE

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## Interdisciplinary Residency

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What is Movement Matters?

Movement Matters is a 44-month institutional exploration of how human bodies literally and metaphorically shape our physical and political worlds. Through reciprocal arrangements between emerging artists in the field of dance and Middlebury College professors from across the curriculum, Movement Matters seeks to foster artistic creation and curricular development at the pedagogical nexus of embodied learning and scholarly interests with a special emphasis on increasing global understanding. Faculty and students will participate in traditional research as well as engage with their material through physical and choreographic problematizing. For example, students in economics might probe similarities between business negotiations and contact improvisation sessions, or faculty in foreign language departments could develop nonverbal communication exercises to enhance cultural competency. In any case, the collision of intellectual rigor and somatic technology will provide an expansive palette of inquiry abounding with new understandings of our increasingly global culture.

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