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Joan Nicholas-Walker has over twenty years of experience as an educator, arts administrator, performer, and choreographer earning a B.F.A in Dance from George Mason University and an M.F.A. in Dance from The Ohio State University. She has been awarded several grants to support her travel and research of dances in Madagascar and her artistic projects in the U.S. As an arts administrator, Nicholas-Walker worked as the Regional Coordinator for the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts, the Outreach Coordinator at Howard Community College and the Administrative Director of two dance companies. As an instructor in higher education, Nicholas-Walker was a faculty member at George Mason University, California State University Long Beach, Meredith College, Community College of Baltimore County, and the University of Maryland Baltimore County. In 2013, she was awarded *Inspiring Faculty* at Howard Community College where she was an Associate Professor and the Coordinator of Dance for five years. She joined the Health and Exercise Studies Department at N.C. State as Assistant Teaching Professor in 2019.