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In memoriam: Claudia Gitelman, Professor Emerita of Dance



It is with great sadness that we announce that Claudia Gitelman, professor emerita of dance, passed away at her home in New York City on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2012.

The artist and scholar, aka "Golden Claudia," served as an associate professor of dance at the Mason Gross School of the Arts from 1985 to 1998. She authored the book *Dancing With Principle: Hanya Holm in Colorado, 1941-1983* and was long associated with Holm. Gitelman danced internationally, on Broadway and as an original member of Nikolais Dance Theatre.

Gitelman's daughters are organizing a celebration of her life in early September. Meanwhile, Gitelman's choreographic work, *Inside Sam*, is being performed at the [American Dance Guild Festival](#) on Sept. 8, 2012, at the Alvin Ailey Citigroup Theater in New York City.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Gitelman's name may be made to the New York Public Library by using [this link](#). At the very bottom of the form, please specify that your donation go specifically to the Library for the Performing Arts where Claudia spent many hours and which she held in high regard.

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