Dr. Celine Latulipe Professor — Software and Information Systems

"CCI is a young college, the newest on campus, within a young university, and that allows us to be agile and easily adapt to a changing world. CCI and UNC Charlotte don't just pay lip service to interdisciplinary work, they value and encourage it."

In 2018, the Video Collaboratory, an interdisciplinary project spearheaded by Latulipe, Professor Sybil Huskey from Dance and Dr. David Wilson from SIS, earned a prestigious Blue Diamond Award from the Charlotte Area Technology Collaborative in the Cool Innovation category.

"My work with Video Collaboratory came out of the Dance.Draw project and combined computing and dance," says Latulipe. "The spirit of innovation, agility and flexibility at CCI was crucial to our success. Without it, Video Collaboratory LLC wouldn't exist."

Spending hours and days over the course of several years in a dance studio and at the theater, Latulipe developed a deep understanding of the choreography process during the development of a dance production. "Through ethnographic research and design, we were able to create multiple, full-scale dance productions with remote collaborators," she said.

It is similar to a live, shared file, but for video with the ability to collaborate, share notes and mark the recording, virtually. It allows for performance review, discussion and modification without sacrificing valuable stage time with the performers and crew.