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Education & Credentials

- **Master of Fine Arts-** Theatre for Youth, Arizona State University- Tempe, AZ 2009
 - **Thesis:** *"Tell a Story About Time When...": Exploring the Oral Histories of Phoenix's LGBT Community with QSpeak Theatre*
- **Bachelor of Arts-** Theatre & Drama, Indiana University- Bloomington, IN 2003
Indiana University- Bloomington, IN
- **Teacher Certification:** North Carolina, Theatre. 2018-Present

Relevant Coursework:

- **Graduate Course work includes:**
 - Methods of Teaching Theatre: Secondary (Johnny Saldana),
 - Methods of Teaching Drama: Elementary (Johnny Saldana),
 - Dramatic Theory & Criticism (Roger Bedard),
 - Adv. Studies in Theatre for Youth (Roger Bedard)
 - Community Based Theatre (Stephani Etheridge-Woodson)
 - Devising Theatre: Touring Theatre/Theatre in Education (Pamela Sterling)
 - Playwriting (Pamela Sterling)
 - Theatre History & Literature (Margaret Knapp),
 - Ethnographic Theatre (Johnny Saldana)
 - Viewpoints & Composition (Bonnie Eckard),
 - Theatre Organization/Management (David Coffman)
 - Theatre for Social Change (Phyllis Wong)
 - Research Methods (Rachel Bowditch)

Teaching & Administrative Experience: Post-Secondary

- **Tarrant County College-** Fort Worth, TX 2014
 - Adjunct faculty & guest stage director
 - Courses: *Introduction to Theatre, Development of the Motion Picture*
- **Academy Director, LSU Performing Arts Academy-** Baton Rouge, LA 2011-2014
 - Oversee community arts program, manage staff of 30+ undergraduate & graduate student workers
- **Arizona State University-** Tempe, AZ
 - Sole instructor: *Improvisation with Youth* 2007-2008
 - Teaching Assistant: *Film: The Creative Process* (both live and online courses) 2006-2008

Directing Experience: Post-Secondary

<i>U Bug Me (school tour)</i>	Tarrant County College	Fort Worth, TX	2014
<i>Clock Without Hands</i>	Arizona State University	Tempe, AZ	2008
<i>The Life and Times of Tulsa Lovechild</i>	Arizona State University	Tempe, AZ	2007
<i>Desert Hills (staged reading)</i>	Arizona State University	Tempe, AZ	2007
<i>Big Cats</i>	Arizona State University	Tempe, AZ	2007

Teaching Experience: Secondary

- **Orange County Schools (NC):** High School Theatre Present
- **Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools (NC):** Middle School Theatre 2018-2019
- **Keller Independent School District (TX):** High School Theatre 2014-2018
 - Courses: *Theatre I, III, IV, Theatre Production, Technical Theatre, Improvisation, Movement for the Actor*
- **Atlanta Public Schools (GA):** 6-8th grade Drama & Social Studies 2004-2006

Teaching Awards & Recognition

- Excellence in Directing, NCTC High School Play Festival, State Festival, 2023
- Distinguished Play, *Badger*, NCTC High School Play Festival, Regional Festival (State Qualifier), 2023
- Excellence in Directing, NCTC High School Play Festival, Regional Festival (2021)
- Fine Arts Teacher of the Year- Timber Creek High School, Keller, TX (2016)
- Texas UIL One-Act Play Conference 6A, Region Qualifying show (and State alternate), *Silent Sky* (2016) (among top 12 high school productions out of more than 250 participating schools)
- Walt Disney Award – Presented by Timber Creek High School chapter of Texas Assoc. of Future Educators (2016)

Other Awards & Recognition

- Presidential Citation- American Alliance for Theatre & Education- "For outstanding contributions to and leadership of the 2012 Theatre in Our Schools Conferences"
- "Favorite Fine Arts/Music Program" (LSU Performing Arts Academy) – Baton Rouge Parents Magazine "Reader Favorites 2012"
- Ruth N. Halls Award- Outstanding Theatre Undergraduate, Indiana University (2002)
- Advisory Board of Indiana University Theatre Department (2002-2003.)

Professional Employment History

- **Theatre Teacher, Orange County Schools-** Hillsborough, NC 2019-present
- **Theatre Teacher, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools-** Chapel Hill, NC 2018-2019
- **Theatre Teacher, Keller Independent School District-** Keller, TX 2014-2018
- **Program Manager (Temporary/Seasonal), TNTP-** Fort Worth, TX 2014

- **Adjunct Faculty, Tarrant County College-** Fort Worth, TX 2014
- **Instructor- Drama Kids of North Texas,** Keller, TX 2014
- **Academy Director, LSU Performing Arts Academy-** Baton Rouge, LA 2011-2014
- **Education Director-** Irondale Ensemble Project- Brooklyn, NY 2009-2011
- **Education Associate-** Irondale Ensemble Project- Brooklyn, NY 2009
- **Education Coordinator-** 1n10/Qspeak Theatre- Phoenix, AZ 2007-2008
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant-** Arizona State University- Tempe, AZ 2006-2008
- **Teacher-** Atlanta Public Schools- Atlanta, GA 2004-2006
- **Apprentice (Directing)-** Horizon Theatre Company- Atlanta, GA 2003
- **Student Manager/Volunteer Coordinator-** IU Auditorium- Bloomington, IN 2001-2003
- **Education Intern-** Alliance Theatre Company- Atlanta, GA 1999

Conference Presentations

- *Beyond the Classroom: Making Theatre With (and for) Your Community* 2017
Texas Educational Theatre Association, TheatreFest, Galveston, TX
- *Managing the Student Stage Manager* 2016
Texas Education Theatre Association, TheatreFest, Dallas, TX
- *Collegiate Divisional Roundtable* (Panelist & Co-facilitator) 2012
National Guild for Community Arts Education Conference, Dallas, TX
- *Exploring the Oral Histories of LGBT Youth with QSpeak Theatre,* 2007
Pedagogy & Theatre of the Oppressed Conference, Omaha, NE

Community-integrated Theatre Projects

- *Pop Up: Hillsborough* 2022
Site-specific performance based on community interviews in collaboration with Strike Anywhere Performance Ensemble and local community partners
- *Timeslips Storytelling & Theatre* 2016
Partnership between Timber Creek High School Theatre and Riverside Inn (residential assisted living & memory care facility)
- *A People's History of Fort Greene* 2009
Based on oral histories of the Fort Greene neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY
- *Tell a Story About Time When....* 2008
Graduate thesis project based on oral histories of the LGBT community

in Phoenix, AZ

- *Many Worlds, One Planet* 2007
Performance developed collaboratively with youth in foster care and group homes in conjunction with Free Arts Arizona, Phoenix, AZ

Directing Experience: Complete Listing

<i>The Half Life of Marie Curie</i>	Orange High School	Hillsborough, NC	2024
<i>Clue</i>	Orange High School	Hillsborough, NC	2024
<i>Badger</i>	Orange High School	Hillsborough, NC	2023
<i>The 39 Steps</i>	Orange High School	Hillsborough, NC	2023
<i>Frankenstein</i>	Orange High School	Hillsborough, NC	2022
<i>The Outsiders</i>	Orange High School	Hillsborough, NC	2021
<i>Red Bike</i>	Orange High School	Hillsborough, NC	2021
<i>Kodachrome</i>	Orange High School	Hillsborough, NC	2019
<i>The Boy at the Edge of Everything</i>	McDougle Middle School	Chapel Hill, NC	2019
<i>Tale of a West Texas Marsupial Girl</i>	McDougle Middle School	Chapel Hill, NC	2018
<i>The Tempest</i>	Timber Creek High School	Fort Worth, TX	2017
<i>Machinal</i>	Timber Creek High School	Fort Worth, TX	2017
<i>Ugly Lies the Bone</i>	Timber Creek High School	Fort Worth, TX	2017
<i>Silent Sky</i>	Timber Creek High School	Fort Worth, TX	2016
<i>The Heart is a Lonely Hunter</i>	Timber Creek High School	Fort Worth, TX	2015
<i>Triangle</i>	Timber Creek High School	Fort Worth, TX	2014
<i>U Bug Me</i>	Tarrant County College	Fort Worth, TX	2014
<i>Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.</i>	Greasepaint Youth Theatre	Scottsdale, AZ	2008
<i>Clock Without Hands</i>	Arizona State University	Tempe, AZ	2008
<i>The Life and Times of Tulsa Lovechild</i>	PRISM Theatre	Tempe, AZ	2007
<i>Desert Hills (staged reading)</i>	Arizona State University	Tempe, AZ	2007
<i>Big Cats</i>	Arizona State University	Tempe, AZ	2007
<i>Brighton Beach Memoirs</i>	Northview High School	Duluth, GA	2004
<i>God is Dead</i>	Process Theatre Company	Atlanta, GA	2004
<i>In the Blood</i>	The University Players	Bloomington, IN	2003
<i>Twisted in a Sense</i>	Bloomington Playwrights Project	Bloomington, IN	2002
<i>Queen of Bakersfield</i>	Kinetic Theatre Productions	Bloomington, IN	2002
<i>Fragments</i>	Kinetic Theatre Productions	Bloomington, IN	2001
<i>The Mystery of Edwin Drood</i>	Indiana University Players	Bloomington, IN	2001
<i>How I Learned to Drive</i>	Indiana University Players	Bloomington, IN	2000
<i>Up the Down Staircase</i>	St. Timothy Community Theatre	Stone Mountain, GA	1999

Theatrical Productions- Assistant Director

<i>Good Woman of Szechuan</i>	Tarrant County College	Fort Worth, TX	2014
<i>The Lost Ones</i>	Arizona State University	Tempe, AZ	2006
<i>The Drawer Boy</i>	Horizon Theatre	Atlanta, GA	2004
<i>Featuring Loretta</i>	PushPush Theater	Atlanta, GA	2003
<i>Parade</i>	Indiana University Theatre	Bloomington, IN	2002
<i>Equus</i>	Indiana University Theatre	Bloomington, IN	2000

Theatrical Productions- Stage Manager

<i>A Year with Frog & Toad</i>	Synchronicity Perf. Group	Atlanta, GA	2005
<i>Alexander & the Terrible...Day</i>	Synchronicity Perf. Group	Atlanta, GA	2005
<i>Featuring Loretta</i>	PushPush Theatre	Atlanta, GA	2003
NSAL Showcase	John Waldron Arts Center	Bloomington, IN	2003
<i>Lysistrata</i>	Indiana University Theatre	Bloomington, IN	2003
<i>Putting it Together</i>	IU Opera Theatre	Bloomington, IN	2002

Theatrical Productions- Assistant Stage Manager

<i>Wishful Thinking</i>	Horizon Theatre Company	Atlanta, GA	2003
<i>Die Fledermaus</i>	IU Opera Theatre	Bloomington, IN	2002
NSAL Showcase	John Waldron Arts Center	Bloomington, IN	2002

Theatrical Productions- Performer

<i>The Shwake (Audio/Virtual)</i>	Goodly Frame Theatre	Greensboro, NC	2021
<i>A People's History of Fort Greene</i>	Irondale Ensemble Project	Brooklyn, NY	2009
<i>Txt Me a Story</i>	Arizona State University	Tempe, AZ	2007
<i>Camino Real</i>	PushPushTheater	Atlanta, GA	2003
<i>All About Sex</i>	University Players	Bloomington, IN	2002
<i>A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum</i>	Buskirk-Chumley Theatre	Bloomington, IN	1999

Professional Leadership & Engagement

- Co-Chair, High School Network, American Alliance for Theatre and Education 2019-2021
- Founder & Chair, Louisiana Theatre in Our Schools Conference (Affiliated with American Alliance for Theatre and Education) 2012-2013
- Grant Panelist/Evaluator, Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge 2012
- Grant Panelist/Evaluator, Louisiana Division of the Arts 2012
- Planning Committee, New York Theatre in Our Schools Conference (Affiliated with American Alliance for Theatre and Education) 2010

Professional Affiliations & Memberships

- American Alliance for Theatre & Education

- Texas Educational Theatre Association