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EDUCATION

M.F.A. University of Idaho 2022

Theatre Arts Directing & Dramatic Writing

B.A. Moody Bible Institute 2018

Theology & Biblical Studies

ACADEMIC / TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023-2024 Special Instructor, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago IL

Fundamentals of Public Presentations

Advanced Public Presentations

Performing Scripture as a Dramatic Text

Media Practicum: Performance

2022 Lecturer, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID

Introduction to Playwriting

2021-2022 High School Teacher, Young Musicians of Virginia, Virginia Beach, VA

Theatre Arts

Creative Writing

2018 High School Teacher, Cornerstone Academy, Chicago, IL

Fine Arts

Creative Writing

Introduction to Biblical Studies

2016-2018 Teaching Assistant, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL

Advanced Drama 2018

Speech Communications 2017

Oral Interpretation 2016

DIRECTING EXPERIENCE

2023 Director, Candlelight Carols: The Light Shines

Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL

2023 Artistic Director, The March Hare: An Alice in Wonderland Cabaret

RoleCall Theatre, Atlanta, GA

2022 Artistic Director, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Young Musicians of Virginia, Virginia Beach, VA

2022 Director, The Space We Fill

Independent Film, Norfolk, VA

- 2021 Artistic Director, *Anne of Green Gables***
Catholic High School, Virginia Beach, VA
- 2021 Artistic Director, *The Flight of Katherine Fletcher* Zeiders**
American Dream Theatre, Virginia Beach, VA
- 2020-2021 Protestant Director of Contemporary Worship, *Chapel Services***
Naval Station Norfolk, Norfolk, VA
- 2020 Artistic Director, *Precious Moonstones***
Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA
- 2019 Artistic Director, *A Mid-Autumn's Eve: An Evening with Shakespeare***
Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA
- 2019 Artistic Director, *The Complaint***
Bughouse Theater, Chicago, IL
- 2019 Artistic Director & Playwright, *Voice of the Andes***
Shadowbox Productions, Chicago, IL
- 2018 Assistant Director of Worship, *Church Services***
Cornerstone Anglican Church, Oak Park, IL
- 2018 Artistic Director, *Charlotte's Web***
Covenant Classical School, Naperville, IL
- 2018 Artistic Director & Playwright, *Seen***
Shadowbox Productions, Chicago, IL
- 2018 Artistic Director & Playwright, *The Flight of Katherine Fletcher***
Shadowbox Productions, Chicago, IL
- 2017 Artistic Director & Playwright, *Rewind***
Shadowbox Productions, Chicago, IL
- 2016 Drama Director, *Summer Camp***
Word of Life Family Campground
- 2016 Artistic Director & Playwright, *Boxopoly***
Shadowbox Productions, Chicago IL
- 2016 Artistic Director, *The Westing Game***
Encore! Theatre, Albuquerque, NM

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2024 Auditioning 101**
The Veil Theatre, Chicago, IL
- 2022-2023 Recurring Guest Preacher**
Oceanview Lighthouse Church, Norfolk, VA

2023 Living and Active: Presenting Scripture

Christ Covenant, Atlanta, GA

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Ocean View Lighthouse Church, Norfolk, VA

2022 Monologues & Auditioning

Young Musicians of Virginia, Virginia Beach, VA

2022 Intro to Playwriting

Young Musicians of Virginia, Virginia Beach, VA

2021 Improvisation

Young Musicians of Virginia, Virginia Beach, VA

2021 Improvisation

Coalescence, Norfolk, VA

2018 Performing Scripture as Dramatic Text

Logan Square Anglican Church, Chicago, IL

PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT

8 Media Group Line Producer 2021-2023

Independent Film Producer 2021-2022

Virginia Musical Theatre Assistant Stage Manager 2021

Zeiders American Dream Theatre Assistant Stage Manager 2020-2021

Zeiders American Dream Theatre Props Master 2020-2021

Lexington Christian Academy Stage Manager & Props Master 2018-2019

Theatre of Western Springs Stage Manager 2018

Shadowbox Productions Founder & Artistic Director 2016-2018

Encore! Theatre Board of Directors 2013-2014

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE: STAGE

Garden the Musical	Supporting Actress	Summer 2023
A New Day Musical	Supporting Actress	Spring 2023
The Full Monty	Supporting Actress	Spring 2022
Legend City Musical	Lead Actress	Fall 2022
Just Bea	Lead Actress	Fall & Spring 2022
The Last Five Years	Lead Actress	Spring 2021

Happy Mess	Lead Actress	Fall 2020
Macbeth	Supporting Actress	Spring 2020
The Jane Austen Book Club	Supporting Actress	Summer 2020

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE: FILM

Wisteria	Lead Actress	Summer 2023
Cabin Under the Moon	Lead Actress	Summer 2022
End of The Line	Lead Actress	Summer 2022
Swing of Things	Lead Actress	Spring 2022
Loom	Lead Actress	Fall 2022
Embryo	Lead Actress	Fall 2021
Semicolon	Lead Actress	Spring 2021
Till Death Do Us Part	Lead Actress	Fall 2021
Tapping Out	Lead Actress	Spring 2021

WRITTEN WORKS

2023 Faith Mountain – Summer Camp Drama

Christ Covenant – Atlanta, GA, July 2023

2022 Just Bea – One Act Play

World Premiere – University of Idaho, April 2022

Produced – Norfolk, VA, August 2022

2021 Sober Poptarts – Full Length Play

2021 Castlewood – Full Length Play

Workshop – Regent University, November 2021

Selection in the First Bite Series at University of Idaho, February 2022

World Premiere – St. Mary Catholic High School, Neenah, WI, May 2022

2019 Voice of the Andes – One Act Play

Produced – Moody Bible Institute, Chicago IL October 2019

2018 The Flight of Katherine Fletcher – Full Length Play

World Premiere – Moody Bible Institute Missions Conference, Chicago IL, March 2018

Produced – Zeiders American Dream Theatre, Virginia Beach, VA, March 2022

2018 Seen – One Act Play

Produced – Moody Bible Institute Missions Conference, Chicago IL, October 2018

2017 Susan – Drama

Produced – Moody Bible Institute Missions Conference, Chicago, IL, October 2017

2017 Rewind – Drama

Produced – Moody Bible Institute, Chicago IL, September 2017

COURSES TAUGHT / ASSISTED

CM-4416, Advanced Public Presentations
CM-3311, Performing Scripture as a Dramatic Text
CM-3355, Media Practicum: Performance
CM-2214, Fundamentals of Public Presentations
THE-440, Intro to Playwriting
GSU-1120, Speech Communication
CM-3342, Advanced Drama
CM-2230, Oral Interpretation

SUBJECTS TAUGHT

Public Presentation
Theatre Arts
Intro to Playwriting
Intro to Acting
Advanced Acting
Acting for Camera
Monologues
Auditioning
Creative Writing
Performing Scripture
Improvisation
Oral Interpretation
Voice & Movement
Commercial & Narrative Voice Over