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Curriculum Vitae

Professional Objective

To find, develop, and produce stories worth telling while building collaborative relationships that challenge and explore innovative ideas in both environmental storytelling and dramatic communication on stage, television, and film.

Educational Objective

I believe in a collaborative, holistic approach to theatre and education that can only exist in a supportive environment with professionals who demonstrate a mutual respect for each others' talents. My philosophy includes teaching the fundamentals with a hands-on approach that exemplifies a dedication to the highest quality of work to ensure future growth and success. By providing students with a range of skill sets, we enable them to apply practical expertise in order to excel in a variety of fields. Emphasizing that the process is equally as important as the finished product forces the students to understand the entirety of a production and be able to replicate it independently. I foster leadership through teamwork and peer-to-peer learning experiences. It is my true desire to educate the growing minds of tomorrow as my mentors have for me.

Education

University of California Davis (2011-2013)

- Master of the Fine Arts in Dramatic Art
- Awarded Dramatic Art Fellowship Scholarship
- Awarded Teaching Assistant Positions

Lehigh University (2003-2007)

- Bachelor of the Arts in Theatre
- Academic and Departmental Honors
- Member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

2010-11

Student Artist Honorarium 2004-2007

<u>Curriculum Development and Teaching Experience</u>

UC Davis Supervising Professor – DRA 25 (Technical Aspects of Dramatic Productions) 2012-13

- Re-designed syllabus of class to focus on specific areas of technical theater and their mutual integration
- Created connected practical lab experience class (with unprecedented staff support) to include hands-on experience in each area
- Emphasized motivating students in seeing, understanding, and producing theater (in all aspects of theatrical production) to provide inspiration in choosing their individual future interests and goals

UC Davis Graduate Student Researcher – John Iacovelli (Theatre and Dance Department) 2012-13

- Researched and gathered lecture materials
- Generated and corrected quizzes, mid-term and final exams
- Managed and supervised computer lab facilities

UC Davis Teaching Assistant – DRA 30 (Theatre Laboratory)	2011-13
UC Davis Teaching Assistant – DRA 125 (Scenic Painting)	2013
UC Davis Teaching Assistant – DRA 115 (Advanced Study of Major Film Makers)	2013
UC Davis Teaching Assistant – DRA 124B (Principles of Theatrical Design: Scenery B)	2013
UC Davis Teaching Assistant – DRA 124A (Principles of Theatrical Design: Scenery A)	2013
UC Davis Guest Lecturer and Student Lab Advisor – DRA 130 (Drafting and Model Building)	2012
UC Davis Teaching Assistant – DRA 24 (Visual Aspects of Dramatic Art)	2012
UC Davis Teaching Assistant – DRA 180 (Theatre Laboratory)	2012
UC Davis Teaching Assistant – DRA 5 (Understanding Performance)	2011
UC Davis Teaching Assistant – DRA 124C (Principles of Theatrical Design: Lighting)	2011

- Sierra Repertory Theater Internship Supervisor
 Created a program that assigned interns to train and work in Construction, Painting, Props, and Costuming in addition to drawing and rendering instruction
 - Some of the interns trained in this program went on to be hired Full Time by Sierra Repertory Theater

Lehigh University Assistant Technical Director

2008-09

 Managed, Instructed, and Supervised 50+ Students in multiple classes, Student Artists, Work Study, and Volunteer Workers

Lehigh University Adjunct Lecturer – THTR 20 (Stage Technology and Production I)

2008-09

- Re-designed class to prioritize applicable skill sets through hands-on experience. By mid-term, first year students were producing higher quality work than current third year students
- Expanded the scope of materials and techniques demonstrated in lecture and hands-on experience

Lehigh University Adjunct Lecturer - THTR 21 (Stage Technology and Production II)

2008-09

 Developed a system to put Students into Leadership positions in the Construction Shop and in Classrooms, fostering leadership, teaching, and community growth while decreasing strain on Staff and Faculty Positions

Lehigh University Adjunct Lecturer – THTR 175 (Special Projects)

2008-09

Lehigh University Lighting Lab Supervisor

2007-08

Initiated, mentored, and supervised collaborative research projects with students, apprentices, and alumni

Courses Taught

Technical Aspects of Dramatic Productions

Technical Principles of Dramatic production emphasizing the three areas of scenic, costume and lighting studies. Subjects covered include basic tools, materials and equipment, production practices; and the interdisciplinary and collaborative nature of dramatic production.

Scenic Painting

Scene painting techniques, practices and materials. Practical Lab.

Advanced Study of Major Film Makers

Analysis of the contribution of some outstanding film creators. Study of diverse aesthetic theories of the cinema and their application to selected films.

Principles of Theatrical Design: Scenery A

Scene design processes, working drawings, sketching techniques, scale models, methods and materials of scenery construction.

Principles of Theatrical Design: Scenery B

Analysis of plays in terms of scene design, elements of design, execution of designer for modern and period plays.

Approaches to Theatrical Design: Drafting and Model Building

Advanced scenic design study focusing on drafting and model building. Study also includes but is not limited to: research, design styles and concepts, new materials and techniques, photography, projections, computer technology, spectacle and special effects, and alternative theatre forms and genres.

Visual Aspects of Dramatic Art

Understanding and appreciation of the visual aspects of dramatic art: theatre architecture, scenery, lighting, costume, and makeup.

Theatre Laboratory

Projects in acting, production, scene design, costuming, lighting, directing, and playwriting. Participation in departmental productions.

Understanding Performance: Appreciation of Modern Theatre, Dance, Film and Performance Art

Relevance of theatre and performance to modern culture and society. Approaches to theatre/dance/media/performance art, integrated into Mondavi Centre for the Arts and Theatre and Dance Department programs.

Principles of Theatrical Design: Lighting

Theories of lighting the stage, equipment and control systems, execution of lighting plots.

Stage Technology and Production I

Scenic construction materials and techniques. Scenic staging theory, methods and practice. Production assignment in construction and/or crew.

Stage Technology and Production II

Theory, methods and practice for advanced or managerial assignments in construction and/or run crew.

Special Projects

Theatrical topics of current or special interest. Individual based mentored projects and studies.

Scenic Design Experience

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Dogs of War	dir. Josy Miller	Wyatt Theater, UC Davis	2013
The Bacchae	dir. Barry McGovern	Main Stage, UC Davis	2012
The Haunt at Wright Hall	dir. Josy Miller	Main Stage, UC Davis	2012
Today I Live	playwr. Susan-Jane Harrison	Wyatt Theater, UC Davis	2012
The Way of Water	dir. Josy Miller	Black Box, UC Davis	2012
And the Snow Fell	dir. Ellen Bromberg	Main Stage, UC Davis	2012
The Zona Rosa Project	dir. Michael Barakiva	Wyatt Theater, UC Davis	2011
Dear Edwina, Jr.	dir. Kyla Meyer	Meyer Hideout Inc., Sonora, CA	2011
Aristocats Kids	dir. Jessica Shapiro	Meyer Hideout Inc., Sonora, CA	2011
Moses and the Burning	dir. Dennis Brown	St. Patrick's Church, Sonora, CA	2010
Gilgamesh	dir. Steven Dennis	Circle of Stones, Allentown, PA	2009
Independence	dir. Hilary Kissinger	Black Box Theater, Lehigh University	2008

Theater Design Consultant

Made Up Theater Owner Robert August Made Up Productions, Fremont, CA 2014

Set Designer for Film/TV (Draftsman/Storyboard Artist/Set Decorator)

Top Chef Duels	des. Chuck Aubrey	The Mission Productions	2014
Steelers Studio	des. Julie Ray	Steelers.com Live	2014
Madness: The Last 5 Minutes	dir. Joseph Jobe	2365 Films	2013
Spring Waltz	des. Kourtney Lampedecchio	Maggie Chan & Kay Coelho	2012

Assistant Scenic Designer for Theater (Researcher/Draftsman/Model Builder)

The Twelve	des. John Iacovelli	San Jose Repertory Theater, CA	2014
Kiss Me Kate	des. John Iacovelli	Pasadena Playhouse, Pasadena, CA	2014
Dorian's Descent	des. John Iacovelli	DOMA Theater Prod, Los Angeles, CA	2014
Six Dance Lessons	des. John Iacovelli	Laguna Playhouse, Laguna Beach, CA	2014
Bravo	des. John Iacovelli	Princess Cruise Lines	2014
Fiera	des. John Iacovelli	Princess Cruise Lines	2014
Game On	des. John Iacovelli	San Jose Repertory Theater, CA	2014
Rest	des. John Iacovelli	South Coast Repertory Theater, CA	2014
God of Carnage	des. John Iacovelli	La Mirada, CA	2013
2013 NYU Gala	des. John Iacovelli	The Regent Beverly Wilshire Ballroom	2013
Under My Skin	des. John Iacovelli	Pasadena Playhouse, Pasadena, CA	2012
The Death of the Novel	des. John Iacovelli	San Jose Repertory Theater, CA	2012
The Heiress	des. John Iacovelli	Pasadena Playhouse, Pasadena, CA	2012
The Bungler	des. John Iacovelli	A Noise Within, Pasadena, CA	2012
12 th Night	des. John Iacovelli	Santa Cruz Shakespeare Festival, CA	2012
The Boomerang Effect	des. John Iacovelli	Odyssey Theater III, Los Angeles, CA	2012
Waiting for Godot	des. John Iacovelli	Mark Taper Forum, Los Angeles, CA	2012
Anatol	des. John Iacovelli	Aurora Theater, Berkeley, CA	2012
Rosencrantz and Guild	des. Kourtney Lampedecchio	Wright Main Stage, UC Davis, CA	2011

<u>Lighting Design Experience</u>

Lighting Designer

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Parodia	dir. Deirdre Morris	Vanderhoef Studio, Mondavi Center	2013
Today I Live	playwr. Susan-Jane Harrison	Wyatt Theater, Davis, CA	2012
Offending the Audience	dir. Jess Curtis	Wyatt Theater, Davis, CA	2012
Willy Wonka, Jr.	dir. Kyla Meyer	Meyer Hideout Inc., Sonora, CA	2010
Charlotte's Web	dir. Ashley Kerns	Wolf Performing Arts Center, Inc.	2009
Seussical	dir. Betsy Wolf	Wolf Performing Arts Center, Inc.	2009
Peter Pan	dir. Judy Danilovicz	Liberty High School, Bethlehem, PA	2009
The Velveteen Rabbit	dir. Bobbi Wolf	Wolf Performing Arts Center, Inc.	2008
A Year with Frog and Toad	dir. Betsy Wolf	Wolf Performing Arts Center, Inc.	2008
Anything Goes	dir. Patricia Wray	Princeton Arts Center, Princeton, NJ	2008

Pride and Prejudice	dir. Patricia Wray	Princeton Arts Center, Princeton, NJ	2007
The Country Wife	dir. Augustine Ripa	Diamond Theater, Lehigh University	2007
Three Sisters	dir. Augustine Ripa	Diamond Theater, Lehigh University	2007
I Hate Hamlet	dir. Ara Barlieb	Crowded Kitchen Players, Allentown	2007
Bloody Poetry	dir. Jim Peck	Theater Outlet, Allentown, PA	2007
The Mercy Seat	dir. Laruen Doup	Black Box Theater, Lehigh University	2006
Good Woman of Setzuan	dir. Pam Pepper	Diamond Theater, Lehigh University	2006
So You Wanna Piece	artists. DJ Jedi and	Say Word Hip Hop Theater Festival	2006
	Joe Hernandez-Kolski		

Assistant Lighting Designer

Winter Dance Concert	des. Drew Francis	Samuels Theatre, Cedar Crest College	2007
Christmas City Follies VII	des. Nathanael Washam	Touchstone Theater, Bethlehem, PA	2006
The Birds	des. Jeffrey Milet	Diamond Theater, Lehigh University	2004

Lighting Research

Lehigh University Lighting Lab Supervisor

2007-08

- Founded Light Lab Project with the goal of investigating the qualities of light for theatrical lighting design
- Applied for and received grants from the Mustard and Cheese Drama Society and Arts Lehigh
- Initiated, mentored, and supervised collaborative research projects with students, apprentices, and alumni

Technical Theater Experience

Technical Director

Sierra Repertory Theatre pd. Dennis Jones Sonora, CA 2010-11

- 2011 Shows Included Hairspray, The Rainmaker, The Full Monty, Boeing Boeing, Annie, and The Ladies Man
- 2010 Shows Included Guys and Dolls, Dial M for Murder, Shipwrecked, Stand By Your Man, The Marvelous Wonderettes, Big River, Master Class, Red, White, and Tuna, White Christmas, and The Andrews Sisters

Shadowland Theater ad. Brendan Burke, AD Ellenville, NY

2008-09

2007

- 2008 Shows Included Art, Sedition, Black Comedy, Glorious!, and Rising Water
- 2009 Shows Included The Price, Almost Maine, Gutenburg! The Musical, Accomplice, and American Buffalo

People's Light and Theater, PA

Assistant Technical Director

Lehigh University td. Bart Freed Bethlehem, PA 2008-09

- Managed 50+ Students in multiple classes, Student Artists, Work Study, and Volunteer Workers
- Planned, Scheduled, Ordered Materials, Ran the Scene Shop, and Supervised Other Technical Needs
- Adjunct Lecturer for THTR 20 (Stage Technology and Production I), THTR 21 (Stage Technology and Production II), and THTR 175 (Special Projects)
- 2008-09 Shows Included A Doll's House, The Clean House, The House of Yes, Wintertime, Last Train to Nibroc, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead, and the 2009 One-Acts Festival
- 09-10 Shows Include A Moon for the Misbegotten, 12th Night, The Altruists, Seascape, Noises Off, Dead Man's Cell Phone, and the 2010 One-Acts Festival

sc. Gino Ng

Scenic Charge

Splittin' the Raft

The Dogs of War	td. Dan Neeland	UC Davis, CA	2013
The Bacchae	td. Dan Neeland	UC Davis, CA	2012
Scenic Artist			
The House of Bernarda Alba	sc. Rose-Anne Raphael	UC Davis, CA	2012
Rosencrantz and Guild	sc. Kourtney Lampedecchio	Wright Main Stage, UC Davis, CA	2011
The Ladies Man	sc. Kathy Styre	Fallon House, Columbia, CA	2011
Hairspray	sc. Kathy Styre	East Sonora Theatre SRT, Sonora, CA	2011
The Marvelous Wonderettes	sc. Kathy Styre	East Sonora Theatre SRT, Sonora, CA	2010
Shipwrecked	sc. Kathy Styre	East Sonora Theatre SRT, Sonora, CA	2010
Natural History	sc. Drew Francis	Shadowland Theater, Ellenville, NY	2007
Getting Near to Baby	sc. Gino Ng	People's Light and Theater, PA	2008
The Nutcracker	sc. Lauren Rockman	Ballet Etudes, South Norwalk, CT	2007
Treasure Island	sc. Gino Ng	People's Light and Theater, PA	2007
Twelfth Night	sc. Gino Ng	People's Light and Theater, PA	2007

Department of Theatre Apprentice

Lehigh University mentor. Drew Francis Bethlehem, PA

2008-09

- Included Lighting and Scenic Designs, Scenic Carpentry and Painting, Electrics, Studio Projects, and Supervising Students
- Shows Included *The Country Wife, The Shape of Things, Independence, Frozen, A Number, The Piano Lesson,* and the 2008 One-Acts Festival

Honors, Awards, and Grants

2013 UC Davis Dramatic Arts Department Fellowship Award

2009 Freddy Award for Outstanding Achievement in Lighting (Peter Pan)

2007 KCACTF Certificate of Merit for Lighting Design (The Country Wife)

2007 Mustard and Cheese Drama Society Grant (Lighting Lab)

2007 Arts Lehigh Student Arts/Creativity Grant (Lighting Lab)

2007-08 Lehigh University Department of Theatre Apprenticeship Program in Design and Technology

- Awarded funding for a select group of highly qualified graduates to continue advanced studies
- Included realized Scenic and Lighting Designs, Assistant Technical Director duties, and studio assignments

2007 William's Prize for Outstanding Work in Lighting Design (The Mercy Seat)

2006 William's Prize for Outstanding Work in Stage Management (Proof)

2006 William's Prize for Outstanding Work in Lighting Design (The Good Woman of Setzuan)

2004-07 Eckardt College Scholar (Lehigh University)

Selective and unique honors program emphasizing interdisciplinary exploration

Community Service and Leadership Experience

Member of North Huntingdon Township Environmental Stewardship Project 2014-Current

• Mission Statement: To inform and support North Huntingon residents regarding issues that impact their health, safety, and environment.

- Created and presented Fracking 101
- Currently producing a web series to educate the public about the Industrial Unconventional Horizontal Slickwater Hydraulic Fracturing Process of Shale Gas Extraction

Volunteer for Mountain Youth and Community Theatre

2010-11

 Mission Statement: To foster educational opportunities for children and adults of all ages in the performing arts, with a specific focus on theater, music, dance, voice and other arts

Mustard and Cheese Drama Society Executive Board Member – Treasurer

2006-07

- Created and Produced *Improv-A-Pella*, a fundraising event for four campus groups
- Initiated non-monetary support efforts for campus and off-campus projects
- Successfully petitioned the Lehigh University Student Senate for additional funding

United Presbyterian Church of the Covenant Board of Deacons Member and Youth Group President

2002-03

Primarily focused community outreach and youth efforts and events

Skill Sets

- Collaboration and Communication
- Pencil Sketching
- Paint Rendering
- Storyboarding
- Model Building
- Period and Genre Research
- Photoshop
- Vectorworks (With 3D Digital Modeling)
- Artlantis Rendering
- Traditional Pencil Drafting
- Advanced Scenic Carpentry

- Scenic Rigging
- MIG and Metalworking
- Automated Scenic Systems
- Scenic Painting
- Scenic Drop Fabrication
- Advanced Stage Electrics
- ETC Expression Lighting Consoles
- Lightwright
- Properties Fabrication
- Production Management
- Multi-Project Balancing

References:

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