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Education:

Master of Fine Arts, Costume Design - Virginia Commonwealth University
2008

Master of Arts, Theatrical Design and Production - Humboldt State University
2005 - Emphasis - Costume Design and Technical Direction

Bachelor of Arts, Fine Art (Cum Laude) - Westminster College
2001 - Emphasis - Photography & Pottery, Minor in Theatre

Experience:

Associate Professor, Murray State University 2008-2017

Tenured.

Courses taught: **Costume Design, Patternmaking & Draping, Theatrical Makeup, Advanced Theatrical Makeup, Alternative Wig Design, Wig Styling & Hair Knotting, Costume Construction, Theatrical Experience, Theatrical Production, Honors Seminar in Theatre, and Basic Stage Design.** Resident Designer & Technician completing four to six main-stage shows per year, Faculty advisor for student designers, one to two studio shows per year.

Instructor, Virginia Commonwealth University 2006-2008

Course Taught: **Costume Construction, Speech for Business & the Professions, Effective Speech**

Graduate Assistant, Virginia Commonwealth University 2006-2008

Costume Shop: Responsibilities included participation on all main stage shows as Cutter/Draper, Dyer, Millinery, Corsetry, Craft, etc... Assist shop manager in supervising & instructing unpaid undergraduate students in shop.

Teaching Assistant, Virginia Commonwealth University 2007

Costume & Makeup Design: Responsible for two class sections, 20 students each, with different instructors, coordinated Makeup room & classroom schedule. Directed small groups and instructed class when instructor was unavailable.

Theatre History: Responsibilities included grading all exams, attendance and the leading of group discussions for 15 students within a class of 50 students.

Graduate Assistant, Humboldt State University 2004-2005

Costume Shop: Responsible for assisting shop manager in Cutting/Draping, Millinery, Dying, Crafts, etc. on four main stage shows each year (with two other assistants). Also responsible for assisting shop manager in supervising and instructing unpaid students for current production responsibilities within the shop.

Graduate Assistant, Humboldt State University 2003-2004

Scene Shop: Responsible for working on all main stage shows and assisting Technical Director in Carpentry, Welding, Painting, Prop making, etc... Also responsible for assisting TD in managing, supervising, and educating paid and unpaid students on all shop equipment.

Instructor, Glendale Middle School, Eighth Grade, 2005-06

Planned and conducted activities and established curricula for Creative Lettering/Calligraphy and Reading. Established and enforced rules of behavior and maintained order at a Title 1 School (90% minority, 90% poverty, 90% exceeding test standards) Also served as Assistant to the Reading Program Director.

Teaching Assistant, International School of Beijing, China, Kindergarten, 1994-1995

Independently taught groups in Computers, Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science. Responsible for planning, teaching and guiding these groups. Instructed full class as needed. Tutored students in upper grades in Language Arts and Social Studies.

University Teaching Design

Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>Treasure Island</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2016
Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2016
Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>Frankenstein</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2016
Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>The Glass Menagerie</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2016
Costume/Makeup Designer	<i>Proof</i>	Wilson Studio Theatre 2015
Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>Curtains!</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2015
Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>Anansi: A Trickster Courtship</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2015
Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>The Tempest</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2015
Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>The Complete Works of William Shakespeare</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2015
Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>South Pacific</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2014
Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>The Trojan Women</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2014
Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>Honk!</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2013
Costume/Makeup Designer	<i>The Frog Prince</i>	Lovett Auditorium 2013
Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>She Stoops to Conquer</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2013
Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>Harvey</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2012
Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>The Princess & the Pea</i>	Lovett Auditorium 2012
Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>The Woman in Black</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2011
Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>The Mousetrap</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2011
Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>Orpheus in the Underworld</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2011
Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>Robin Hood</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2011
Costume Designer	<i>Eleemosynary</i>	Wilson Studio Theatre 2011
Costume Designer/Puppet Creator	<i>Sanjie (World Premier)</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2011
Costume Designer	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2011
Costume/Makeup Designer	<i>Jack & the Beanstalk</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2011
Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer	<i>Into the Woods</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2010
Costume/Makeup Designer	<i>A Doll's House</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2010
Costume Designer	<i>The Jungle Book</i>	Lovett Auditorium 2010
Costume/Makeup Designer	<i>Antigone</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2010
Costume Designer	<i>The Legend of Sleepy Hollow</i>	Lovett Auditorium 2009
Costume Designer	<i>The Servant of Two Masters</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2009
Costume Designer	The Edge Festival: <i>Karawane</i>	Wilson Studio Theatre 2009
Costume/Makeup Designer	<i>A Flea in Her Ear</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2009
Costume/Makeup Designer	<i>The Three Sisters</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2009
Costume Designer	<i>Dracula</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2008
Costume/Makeup Designer	<i>Godspell</i>	Robert E. Johnson Theatre 2008

Professional Costume Design

Costume Designer	<i>Saturdays Voyeur 2016</i> (World Premier) Dir. Cynthia Fleming	Salt Lake Acting Co. 2016
Costume Designer	<i>Legally Blonde</i> Dir. Josh Bryne	Murray Playhouse in the Park 2014
Costume/Hair Designer	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> Dir. Jay Perry	Egyptian YouTheatre 2013
Costume Designer	<i>13: a new musical</i> Dir. William Richardson	Egyptian YouTheatre 2012
Costume Designer	<i>Awesome 80's Prom</i> Dir. Daniel Simmons	Egyptian Theatre Co. 2010
Costume/ Mkup Designer	<i>Hair. Tribal love rock musical</i> Dir. Jerry Rapiere	Egyptian Theatre Co. 2010
Costume/Makeup Designer	<i>The Underpants</i>	

Costume/Makeup Designer	<i>Don Juan in Chicago</i>	Redwood Curtain Theatre	2005
Costume/Makeup Designer	<i>What's Wrong with this Picture</i>	Redwood Curtain Theatre	2004
Costume Designer	<i>In the Mind of...</i>	Redwood Curtain Theatre	2003
Costume Designer	Dir. Henrik Rutgerson <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Risk Army Films	2003
Costume/Makeup Designer	Dir. Jeff Wood <i>Of Mice & Men</i>	Snowbird Ski Resort	1999
	Peking Players	Beijing, China	1995

Professional Dance Design

Costume Designer	<i>Closer</i>	Dim Sum Dance	2006
Costume Designer/Puppet Creator	<i>Warehouse</i>	Dim Sum Dance	2007

Educational Costume Design

Costume Designer	<i>Volume of Smoke</i>	Virginia Commonwealth University	2007
Costume Designer	<i>Lawns</i>	Shafer Street Playhouse	2007
Costume Designer	<i>Ariel Bright</i>	Humboldt State University	2005
Costume Designer	<i>Mars Mayhem</i>	Humboldt State University	2004
Costume Designer	<i>One Was Nude, One Wore Tails</i>	Humboldt State University	2003
	<i>A Woman Alone and Other Stories</i>		
Costume Designer	Green Show to <i>The Illusion</i>	Westminster College	2003
Costume Designer	<i>Playing for Time</i>	Westminster College	2001
Costume Designer	<i>Smash</i>	Westminster College	2000
Costume Designer	<i>Wait Until Dark</i>	Westminster College	2000
Costume Designer	<i>Date with a Stranger</i>	Westminster College	2000
Costume Designer	<i>A Chorus Line</i>	Westminster College	1999
Costume Designer	<i>Equus</i>	Westminster College	1999
Costume/Makeup Designer	<i>Lysistrata</i>	Westminster Players	1999
Costume Designer	<i>The Odd Couple (Female Version)</i>	Westminster College	1998
Asst. Costume Designer	<i>The Wiz</i>	Int. School of Beijing-Beijing, China	1994
Asst. to Costume Designer	<i>Smokey Joe's Café</i>	Virginia Commonwealth University	2007

Educational Dance Design

Costume/Makeup Designer	<i>A Rag Picker's Dream</i>	Humboldt State University	2005
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Technical Direction

Technical Director	Green Show to <i>The Illusion</i>	Westminster College	2003
Technical Director	<i>How I Learned to Drive</i>	Humboldt State University	2004
Asst. Technical Director	<i>Voice of the Prairie</i>	Humboldt State University	2004

Carpenter

Master Carpenter	<i>Voice of the Prairie</i>	Humboldt State University	2004
Carpenter	<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Humboldt State University	2004
Carpenter	<i>Camelot</i>	Humboldt State University	2003

Publications:

<i>The Theatrical Journey: An Imaginative Process</i>	Co-Author	Kendall Hunt Publishing	2014
<i>Revision</i>	Co-Author	Kendall Hunt Publishing	2016

Presentations:

United States Institute for Theatre Technology Conference, Poster Session Presenter:	2016
Costume Commission: <i>Fire Fly Dress, using conductive thread to light your costumes.</i>	
Education Commission: <i>Foam Latex in the Classroom</i>	
Georgia Thespians Conference, Co-Presenter:	2013 – 2015
<i>Step Back in Time:</i>	
<i>Period movement & Dance</i>	
South Eastern Theatre Conference, Presenter:	2008-2015
<i>Adventures in Latex: Using foam latex in class and in production.</i>	2015
<i>Wig Play in the Classroom: Encouraging creativity.</i>	2013
<i>Let there be Light!</i>	2013
<i>Using LED's to enhance your masks and Wigs</i>	
<i>Resumes & Portfolios for the Designer/Technician</i>	Co-presenter 2013
<i>Dressed for Success:</i>	2012
<i>Using the elements of costume design to ace that interview!</i>	
<i>Wig Play: Taking your characters to the next level!</i>	2012
<i>Resumes and Portfolios for the Designer/Technician</i>	Co-presenter 2012
<i>Sanjie: Working a Chinese Shadow Puppet Theatre Inspired Show</i>	Co-presenter 2012
<i>Sanjie: A Chinese Shadow Play</i>	Fringe Fest. Costume Designer/Puppet Maker 2012
<i>Getting a Job through SETC: for the Actor.</i>	Co-presenter 2008-2010
<i>Getting a Job through SETC: for the Designer/Technician.</i>	Co-presenter 2008-2010
MATC, Panel Member: <i>Naked Pedagogy; Pushing Boundaries in the Theatre Classroom</i>	2007

Additional Creative/ Technical Work:

Designer/Technician, Pioneer Day, Celebrating Utah! Character Hat, SLC, UT	2013
Designer/Technician, Sonic the Hedgehog (Shadow) Character Hat, SLC UT	2012
Designer/Technician, 18 th Century Gown, America's Junior Miss Scholarship Pageant	2008
Designer/Technician, Couture Mans Wedding Tuxedo, Murray KY	2008
Designer/Technician, Couture Formal Dresses, Wedding Party, Murray KY	2008

Mentoring:

Faculty Advisor, Sock n' Buskin (Theatre Club)	2011-2017
Faculty Advisor, Murray State Dance Company	2012-2017
Faculty Advisor, Student Makeup Design, New Plan Productions' short film <i>Cougar Woman</i>	2010
Faculty Advisor, Student Costume Designers, Wilson Studio Theatre, Murray State University	
Faculty Advisor, Student Hair/Makeup Designers, Lovett Auditorium & Robert E. Johnson Theatre, MSU	

Academic Affairs:

Invited Board Member, Center Teaching Learning Technology	Faculty Advisory Board	2012-2015
Invited Member, University Quality Enhancement Program		2013
Faculty Senate		2010-2013 & 2016-2017
Rules, Elections & Bylaws Committee		2010-2013 & 2016-2017
Library Acquisitions Representative		2008-2013
Academic Planning & Curriculum Committee,		2008-2010
Shakespeare Festival Committee		2008-2017
Faculty Search Committee, Acting Professor,		2011
Faculty Search Committee, Technical Director Position,		2010
Student Representative, Faculty Search Committee, Humboldt State University,		2004
Vice President, HSU Student Chapter, USITT		2004-2005

Student Ambassador, Westminster College, 2000-2001
Vice President & Historian of the Westminster Theatre Society 1998-2001

Awards/Recognition:

Online Educator of Distinction, Center for Teaching, Learning & Technology, MSU, 2012
Lifetime Achievement in Technical Theatre, Westminster Theatre Society, 2001
Student Ambassador of the Year, Westminster College, 2001
Best Directing: One Act Play, Westminster College, 2000
Excellence in Technical Theatre Award, Westminster College, 1999
Member of the Year, Westminster Theatre Society, 1998
Excellence in Technical Theatre Award, Westminster College, 1998

Continuing Education:

Online Educator Badge of Distinction: 8 week intensive online course 2012
Taught by: Lilia Murray, Instruction Development Coordinator, CTLT

Affiliations:

United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT) 2003-present
Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC) 2006-present
Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE) 2006-present
Mid-America Theatre Conference (MATC) 2007

Additional Theatre Work:

One week design seminar with Toni Leslie-James, Broadway Costume Designer 2006
Stage Manager for Sundance Institute Theatre Lab, *Spring Awakening*, Steven Sater, Duncan Sheik,
Michael Mayer 2001
Actor, KRCL Radio, *An Alzheimer's Portrait: Ruth's Story & Where's the Baby?* 2000
Extra, CBS Miniseries, *Perfect Murder, Perfect Town*, 2000
One week workshop in Creative Drama Techniques with Jodi L. Beckwith, 1999

Community Involvement/Volunteer Work:

Costume Design seminar, Cadiz Community Arts Center, 2012
Costume Consultant for Jackson Purchase Dance Company 2010-2013
Coordinator, Moulage Makeup, PAINTing a pretty picture, fundraiser hosted by Zeta Phi Beta 2012
Makeup Consultant & Application for "The Movie Man's Corner", TV11 2012
Makeup Consultant & Application for "A Wild New Look", Roundabout U, Murray State U, 2012
Coordinator, Face painting at Staff Congress Christmas Party, 2012
Guest taught a face painting class to children for Marshall County Arts Commission 2010
Taught Face Painting at Graves County YMCA's Art Day Mayfield, KY 2010
Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp Counselor, Group Leader 1991-2010
Costume & Makeup coordination for reality based, officer training in hostage situations in
West Valley City, UT 2003
Crisis Nursery/Family Support Center 1997-1998
Pink Lady, Alta View Hospital 1989-1994

Special Skills:

Patternmaking, Costume Crafts, Fabric Dying and Painting, Millinery, Corset Construction, Puppetry,
Mask Making, L.E.D's and basic wiring, Hand and Machine Embroidery, Makeup Design, Leather Work,
Foam & Slush Latex Prosthetics, Vacu-form, Latex, Silicone and Plaster Mold Making, Thermoplastics,
Metal & Wire Work, Silversmith, Beading & Jewelry Making, Carpentry Skills, Oxy-Acetylene & Mig
Welding