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EDUCATION

Arizona State University, Tempe AZ

MFA in Theatre For Youth, 2017

Society for American Fight Directors

Actor Combatant Certified, 2016

Macalester College, St. Paul MN

Bachelor of Arts – Cum Laude 2010; Theater Major, Minors: Spanish, Journalism

Study abroad spring 2009 – British American Dramatic Academy, London, England

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Arizona State University – *Teaching Assistant*

2014 – 2017

Advanced Physical Styles – Spring 2017

First Year Experience – Fall 2016

Sex and Violence in Film – Spring 2016

Teaching Creative Dramatics – Spring 2015

Theatre for Social Change – Fall 2015

Adventure Stage Theatre— *Teaching Artist*, Chicago IL

Current

- Teach Intro to Theatre seminar for high school students at Noble Charter School, geared to build foundational acting skills and introduce students to various performance styles
- Serve as resident teaching artist as part of the Neighborhood Bridges program, using theatre to develop skills of literacy, creativity and collaboration.

Emerald City Theatre – *Teaching Artist*, Chicago IL

Current

- Leading afterschool and in-school residencies to teach basic acting skills (body, voice, imagination, collaboration) in both Spanish and English.
- Designing theatre curriculum for bilingual classrooms based off young adult literature.

American Blues Theatre – *Teaching Artist*, Chicago IL

Current

- Teaching in-school residencies as part of The Lincoln Project, a citywide project geared towards generating ten-minute plays written by young people.
- Designing curriculum to use playwrighting lessons to develop students' skills in creative writing and collaboration.

Mudlark Theatre — *Teaching Artist*, Chicago IL

Current

- Teaching classes that develop skills of improvisation, physicality, and collaboration.
- Leading long-form improvisational scenes to further challenge student's acting abilities.

Dream Big Performing Arts — *Teaching Artist*, Chicago IL

Current

- Teaching summer programming and in-school residencies, focusing on developing basic acting and collaborative skills.
- Design material and lesson plans for drama classes centered on musical theatre skills.

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- Childsplay** — *Teaching Artist*, Tempe, AZ 2014 – 2017
- Taught in-school residencies, focusing on building acting and collaborative skills.
 - Taught onsite Academy and Conservatory Saturday classes, promoting a fun and safe environment for students to learn.
- First Act Children’s Theatre** – *Workshop Leader*, Madison, WI 2015- Current
- Directed and choreographed the fights for the youth theatre productions
 - Taught classes in stage combat, movement, character development and make-up
 - Group Leader, cared for 14 10-12 year old students, supervised activities, led them in games, managed conflicts, pick-up/drop off
- Phoenix Center for the Arts** — *Teaching Artist*, Phoenix AZ Spring 2016
- Taught classes for students, ages 5-15 in acting, improvisation, and Shakespeare.
 - Designed curriculum to develop creativity and social skills for homeschool students.
- Voices Studio** — *Teaching Artist*, Scottsdale AZ 2015 – 2016
- Taught Musical Theatre for students ages 2-13 years old
 - Selected songs and choreographed dance steps to accompany musical selections
 - Directed musical revues to be performed on final day of class for families
- Language Sprout Academy** — *Teacher*, Saint Paul MN Sept. 2012 – 2015
- Served as Spanish/Chinese Specialist at Magnuson Christian Academy
 - Taught Spanish on-site at several after-school programs for students K-8th grade
 - Helped design and implement materials and activities that supported curriculum
 - Trained in new teachers on teaching methodology and classroom management
- SteppingStone Theatre** – *Teaching Artist*, Saint Paul MN 2011 – Current
- Designed curriculum and taught classes in theatre, dance, and Quidditch classes
 - Taught preschool Creative Dramatics classes to students 3-5 years old, geared towards building rudimentary theater skills of voice, body, and imagination
 - Led in-school theater residencies for K-3rd graders at various schools
 - Performed administrative tasks, such as scheduling, data-entry, and answering phones
- HGRA Soccer** – *U5 Coordinator*, Saint Paul, MN 2006-2015
- Organized and overseeing staffing schedule and student check-in
 - Served as the “go-to” program representative for parents and staff
 - Coached three separate sessions of five year olds during 30 minute games
- Como Ski School** – *Ski Instructor*, Saint Paul, MN Winters 2010 – 2013
- Taught students ages 5 – Adult how to safely ski (levels: beginner –level III)
 - Team-taught the Kinder-ski program, teaching preschoolers how to ski
 - Supervised the training of new instructors in the Como method
- The Little School** – *Preschool Teaching Assistant*, St. Paul, MN 2007 – 2010
- Supervised and played with 15 children, ages 2-5, in a pre-school classroom
 - Prepared meals and activity materials for students

DIRECTING EXPERIENCE

Arizona State University – Tempe, AZ

A Village Fable – Director; Spring 2017

Backwards, Outside, 'Round Again - ASU's Family Weekend, Director; Fall 2015

She Kills Monsters - Assistant Director to Dr. Lance Gharavi; Spring 2016

Binary Theatre - Tempe, AZ

Swan Song – Director, Spring 2017

Macalester College – St. Paul, MN

A Midsummer Nights Dream – Director; Winter 2006

Fly Boy – Director; Spring 2006

Mr. Marmalade – Director; Spring 2005

The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui - Assistant Director to Barbra Berlovitz; Winter 2014

Tartuffe – Assistant Director to Harry Waters, Jr.; Fall 2005.

DEvised THEATRE AND NEW WORKS EXPERIENCE

The Race – Collaboration with Michael Rohd and Sojourn Theatre, Ensemble Member; 2016

Joseph Moncure March's The Wild Party – Co-Creator with Wyatt Kent; 2016

No Talking – Development of Laurie Brook's new play, Stage Manager; Spring 2016

(W)Rights – Development of a new play (O'Neil Finalist), Director; Spring 2016

Creative Spark! Touring Production – Ensemble Member; Spring 2015

De/Ascending – Ensemble Member; Spring 2015

FIGHT DIRECTING EXPERIENCE

The Agency Collective – Chicago, IL

Hellcab – Fight Choreographer, Spring 2017

Arizona State University – Tempe AZ

Haboob – Fight Choreographer, Spring 2017

Macbeth – Fight Choreographer; Winter 2016-2017

Titus Andronicus – Fight Choreographer; Fall 2016-2017

Feathers and Teeth – Fight Choreographer; Fall 2016

She Kills Monsters – Fight Captain and Assistant to David Barker; Spring 2016

First Act Children's Theatre – Madison, WI

The Princess Bride – Fight Director; October 2017

Adventures of the Caribbean Pirates – August 2017

Excalibur - Fight Director; August 2016

Beauty and The Beast – Fight Director; July 2016

Prince Caspian – Director; July 2015

Greybox Theatre – Tempe, AZ

It's Not That Simple – Fight Consultant, Fall 2015

New Carpa Theatre Company – Phoenix AZ

American Pastorela: The Trumpiformnican Tour – Fight Advisor; Fall 2016

STAGE MANAGING EXPERIENCE

Binary Theatre – Arizona State University

Addison and the Black Hole – Stage Manager; Fall 2015

Spring Awakening – Stage Manager; Spring 2015

Blue Bike Kids Show – Tempe AZ

The Shoepocalypse – Stage Manager; Spring 2015

SteppingStone Theatre – Saint Paul, MN

The Nightingale – Assistant Stage Manger; Spring 2014

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever 2013 - Assistant Stage Manger; Winter 2013

Heartbeat of the Drum – Assistant Stage Manger; Spring 2013

Ruby!, The Story of Ruby Bridges – Assistant Stage Manger; Winter 2012

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer – Assistant Stage Manger; Fall 2012

Larry Yazzie and the Native Pride Dancers – Assistant Stage Manger; Spring 2012

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever 2011 – Assistant Stage Manger; Winter 2011

Magic Bus to Asian Folktales – Assistant Stage Manger; Spring 2011

Dangerous Productions – Saint Paul MN

Happy Double Wedding – Stage Manager; Summer 2013

PUBLICATIONS

“*Theatre for Youth Techniques for the Stage Combat Classroom*” FightMaster, Feb 2018

“*When Young People Fight: Stage Combat in TYA*” HowlRound, Sept 2017.

“*Blades vs. Boobs: Dramaturgy for ‘She Kills Monsters’.*” Arizona State University School of Film, Dance, and Theatre. March 2016.

“*Movement: Getting it ‘Right’*”. The TYA Blog; TYAUSA, Feb. 1, 2016.

“*Negotiated Space*” - Forthcoming

WORKSHOPS

“Introduction to Stage Combat” – Lawrence Center for the Arts; Fall 2017

“Unarmed Stage Combat” – Arizona School of the Arts; Spring 2017

“Introduction to Stage Combat” – Phoenix Country Day School; Spring 2016

“She Kills Monsters Weapons Demo” – As part of ASU Mainstage Engage’s *Nerdapalooza*, Arizona State University; Spring 2016

“The Tempest – Introduction to Shakespeare” – ASU Art Museum; Spring 2016

“Let’s Stage a Fight!: Beginning Stage Combat” – *Arizona Thespian Festival*; Fall 2015

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“*Stage Combat as a Tool in Your Classroom*” Accepted by the Teachers College Doctoral Council, Arizona State University, Tempe AZ – Spring 2017.

“*A Fighting Chance: Examining the Relationship of Youth and Stage Combat.*” Accepted by the New Guard Panel of American Association for Theatre and Education (AATE). Boston, MA – July 2016.

“Volverse/Becoming: Poetic Research Exploring the Definitions of Bilingual Theatre.”
Accepted by Arizona State University, Hispanic Studies Department. Tempe, AZ - April 2015.

“Volverse/Becoming: Poetic Research Exploring the Definitions of Bilingual Theatre.”
Accepted by First Year Seminar, Arizona State University, School of Film, Dance and Theatre - November 2014.

SERVICE

Arizona State University

Theatre of Leadership Fellow for THF 126: First Year Seminar, School of Film, Dance, and Theatre (2014-2016)

Travel Grant Reviewer, Graduate and Professional Student Association; 2016

Member, Graduate Professional Student Artist Association, 2014-2016

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Arizona State University

Rita Christ Scholarship (2016)

Student Enrichment Research Grant (2016)

Graduate Professional and Student Association Travel Grant (Summer and Fall 2016)

Special Talent Award (2014, 2015, 2016)

Macalester College

Theatre Department Senior Award (2010)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SAFD Stage Combat and Intimacy Training Workshops	2016-2017
Rapier and Dagger SPR (Chuck Coyl, Chicago IL; Fall 2017)	
Winter Wonderland Workshop (Chicago, Illinois; 2017)	
Lonestar Smash (Dallas, Texas; 2016)	
National Stage Combat Workshop (Greensboro, North Carolina; 2016)	
Green Shirt Studio – Meisner Workshop	2018
Brian Foley – Clown Training	2016
SteppingStone Theatre – Teaching Apprenticeship	2011-2012
Xelias Aerial Arts – Circus Arts Training	2005 - 2010
Barbra Berlovitz – Voice and Breath work	2006-2009
Robert Rosen – Physical Theatre	2008