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EDUCATION

MFA in Theatre, Scenic Design Concentration

May 2021

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

BFA Double Major in Lighting Design and Scenic Design (Honors)

May 2012

The Conservatory of Theatre Arts at Webster University, St. Louis, MO

Desktop Publishing Diploma in Adobe Photoshop, InDesign & Illustration

May 2018

International Academy of Computer Training, Dublin, Ireland

HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHING

Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

Department of Theatre Arts, Assistant Instructor of Theatre

Instructor for the following undergraduate courses:

THEA 202: Elements of Theatrical Design

Fall 2023

THEA 344: Lighting Design

Fall 2023

Maryville College, Maryville TN

Department of Fine Arts, Adjunct Instructor of Theatre

Instructor for the following undergraduate courses:

THT 2110: Stagecraft

Spring 2023

THT 2140: Lighting Design

Fall 2022

THT 2130: Fundamentals of Theatrical Design

Spring 2022

University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN

Department of Theatre, Graduate Teaching Assistant

Instructor for the following undergraduate courses:

THEA 493: Scenic Design Independent Study

Fall 2020-Spring 2021

THEA 355: Scene Design I

Fall 2020

THEA 252: Fundamentals of Scene Design and Technology

Fall 2019-Spring 2020

Teaching Assistant for the following undergraduate courses:

THEA 430: Principles of Play Directing

Spring 2020-Spring 2021

THEA 464: Computer-Aided Drafting for the Theatre

Fall 2020

THEA 493: Scenic Design Independent Study

Spring 2020

THEA 355: Scene Design I

Fall 2019

THEA 252: Fundamentals of Scene Design and Technology

Fall 2018-Spring 2019

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Peer Mentoring Steering Committee

2019-2020



FREELANCE SCENIC, LIGHTING, AND PROJECTION DESIGN

SCENIC DESIGN

<i>Three Sisters</i>	Mo LaMee	Colorado Mesa University	CO	2024
<i>Urinetown</i>	Jeremy Franklin	Colorado Mesa University	CO	2024
<i>Dragons Love Tacos</i>	Katy Merriman	Des Moines Playhouse	IA	2024
<i>Elephant and Piggy</i>	Janel Villatoro	Dallas Children's Theatre	TX	2024
<i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive...</i>	Jeremy Kisling	Lexington Children's Theatre	KY	2024
<i>Dracula</i>	Benjamin Reigel	Colorado Mesa University	CO	2023
<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Jimmy Phillips	Main Street Theatre	TX	2023
<i>The Reluctant Dragon</i> (Premiere)	Heather Branham	Lexington Children's Theatre	KY	2023
<i>The 39 Steps</i>	Drew Davidson	Appalachian Center for the Arts	KY	2023
<i>101 Dalmations</i>	Shannon Kirkpatrick	Appalachian Center for the Arts	KY	2023
<i>Spongebob, the Musical</i>	Steven Barth	Crane River Theatre	NE	2023
<i>Into the Woods Jr</i>	Crockett Ward	Appalachian Center for the Arts	KY	2023
<i>Hollywood, Nebraska</i>	Kristy Meanor	Wetumpka Depot Players	AL	2023
<i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive...</i>	Nancy Schaeffer	Dallas Children's Theatre	TX	2023
<i>Hänsel und Gretel</i> (Opera)	James Marvel	University of Tennessee Opera Theatre	TN	2023
<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Amelia Peterson	Clarence Brown Theatre	TN	2022
<i>Miracle on 34th Street</i>	Steven Barth	Crane River Theatre	NE	2022
<i>Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer</i>	Shannon Kirkpatrick	Appalachian Center for the Arts	KY	2022
<i>Hollywood, Nebraska</i> (Premiere)	Reggie Law	Oak Ridge Playhouse	TN	2022
<i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive...</i>	Peter Dean	Des Moines Playhouse	IA	2022
<i>Junie B Jones is Not a Crook</i>	Stephanie Quist	Oak Ridge Playhouse	TN	2022
<i>Xanadu</i>	CJ Bell	Appalachian Center for the Arts	KY	2022
<i>Jungle Book Jr</i>	Erick Buckley	Appalachian Center for the Arts	KY	2022
<i>Legally Blonde</i>	Erick Buckley	Appalachian Center for the Arts	KY	2022
<i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i>	Reggie Law	Oak Ridge Playhouse	TN	2022
<i>The Hobbit</i>	Jeremy Kisling	Lexington Children's Theatre	KY	2022
<i>Disney's Descendants</i>	Erick Buckley	Appalachian Center for the Arts	KY	2022
<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Kate Buckley	Clarence Brown Theatre	TN	2021
<i>Seussical Jr.</i>	Erick Buckley	Appalachian Center for the Arts	KY	2021
<i>Junie B. Jones, the Musical</i>	Erick Buckley	Appalachian Center for the Arts	KY	2021
<i>The Marvelous Wonderettes</i>	Erick Buckley	Appalachian Center for the Arts	KY	2021
<i>Seussical the Musical</i> [^]	Vivian Snipes	Lexington Children's Theatre	KY	2021
<i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive...</i>	Stephanie Jacobson	Rose Theatre	NE	2021
<i>Sense and Sensibility</i> [^]	Casey Sams	Clarence Brown Theatre	TN	2021
<i>The Hacking of Nezar Scorge</i>	Patrick Lanczki	52nd New Horizon Productions	TN	2020
<i>Freaky Friday</i> [^]	Devri Chism	Hope Summer Repertory Theatre	MI	2020
<i>Stirring the Waters</i> (Premiere)	Eric Ruffin	NEWork Productions	DC	2020
<i>The Naked Mole Rat...</i>	Caulene Hudson	Rose Theatre	NE	2020

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SCENIC DESIGN (CONT.)

<i>Million Dollar Quartet</i>	Kate Buckley	Clarence Brown Theatre	TN	2019
<i>Exit Pursued by a Bear</i>	Casey Sams	Clarence Brown Lab Theatre	TN	2019
<i>Always, Patsy Cline</i>	Sarah Klocke	Highlands Playhouse	NC	2019
<i>Detroit '67</i>	Lisa Gaye-Dixon	Clarence Brown Theatre	TN	2019
<i>SHOOK</i>	LaTefia Bradley, <i>ch</i>	Clarice Smith Dance Theatre	MD	2017
<i>ambiguous gaps</i>	Jen Graham, <i>ch</i>	Clarice Smith Dance Theatre	MD	2017
<i>Dial "M" for Murder</i>	Josh Carroll	Shawnee Theatre	IN	2012
<i>Haunting of Hill House</i>	Jerry Morrison	Shawnee Theatre	IN	2012
<i>Carousel</i>	Tim Ocel	Webster Conservatory	MO	2011
<i>All My Sons</i>	Kevin Guthridge	Shawnee Theatre	IN	2011
<i>The 39 Steps</i>	Brandon Bruce	Shawnee Theatre	IN	2011
<i>Carmen</i>	Nathan Troupe	Opera Studio at Webster U	MO	2011
<i>The Insect Play</i>	Jef Awada	Webster Conservatory	MO	2010

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LIGHTING DESIGN

<i>Urinetown</i>	Jeremy Franklin	Colorado Mesa University	CO	2024
<i>Dracula</i>	Benjamin Reigel	Colorado Mesa University	CO	2023
<i>Children of a Lesser God</i> [^]	Richard Costes	Hope Summer Repertory Theatre	MI	2021
<i>Lifespan of a Fact</i> [^]	Angie McIver	North Carolina Stage	NC	2020
<i>Always, Patsy Cline</i>	Sarah Klocke	Highlands Playhouse	NC	2019
<i>Oklahoma</i>	Bill Patti	Highlands Playhouse	NC	2019
<i>Buddy...</i>	Marshall Carby	Highlands Playhouse	NC	2019
<i>Love Letters</i>	Ben Martin	Summit Theatre Group	MO	2014
<i>Dial "M" for Murder</i>	Josh Carroll	Shawnee Theatre	IN	2012
<i>Haunting of Hill House</i>	Jerry Morrison	Shawnee Theatre	IN	2012
<i>Rounding Third</i>	Kody Jones	Shawnee Theatre	IN	2012
<i>Clue: The Musical</i>	Jerry Morrison	Shawnee Theatre	IN	2012
<i>Romeo & Juliet Jr.</i>	Tab Burton	Shawnee Theatre	IN	2012
<i>Zombies of Greene County</i>	Kevin Guthridge	Shawnee Theatre	IN	2012
<i>Moon Over Buffalo</i>	Kevin Guthridge	Shawnee Theatre	IN	2012
<i>Lady Windermere's Fan</i>	Paul Barnes	Webster Conservatory	MO	2012
<i>Orfeo ed Euridice</i>	David Toulson	Opera Studio at Webster U	MO	2012
<i>The Receptionist</i>	Kaitlyn McIntyre	Webster Conservatory	MO	2011
<i>The Fantasticks</i>	Brandon Bruce	Shawnee Theatre	IN	2011
<i>Frankenstein</i>	Kevin Guthridge	Shawnee Theatre	IN	2011
<i>Ring of Fire</i>	Eric Thibodeaux	Shawnee Theatre	IN	2011
<i>Picasso at the Lapin Agile</i>	Missy Thompson	Shawnee Theatre	IN	2011
<i>Almost, Maine</i>	John McCluggage	Conservatory at Webster U	MO	2011
<i>A Journey From Fables Dance</i>	Bekah Voigt	Webster Conservatory	MO	2010
<i>Romeo and Juliet Jr.</i>	Ben Martin	Tiny Titan Theatre Tykes	MO	2008
<i>Thoroughly Modern Millie</i>	Ben Martin	West Side Stage	MO	2008
<i>The Jellybean Conspiracy</i>	Ben Martin	West Side Stage	MO	2008
<i>Comedy of Errors</i>	Ben Martin	West Side Stage	MO	2007
<i>Violet</i>	Ben Martin	West Side Stage	MO	2007
<i>Grapes of Wrath</i>	Ben Martin	West Side Stage	MO	2006

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PROJECTION DESIGN

<i>Hairspray</i>	Terry Weber	The WordPlayers	TN	2023
<i>Wizard of Oz</i>	Lisa Nelson	Knox West Theatre Dept	TN	2023
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<i>The Fantasticks</i>	Leann Dickson	The WordPlayers	TN	2021
<i>Footloose</i> [^]	Terry Weber	The WordPlayers	TN	2020
<i>Blithe Spirit</i>	Sharon Ott	Clarence Brown Theatre	TN	2020
<i>Exit Pursued by a Bear</i>	Casey Sams	Clarence Brown Lab Theatre	TN	2019

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ASSISTANT SCENIC, LIGHTING, AND PROJECTION DESIGN

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<i>Cholera Era</i> [^]	Owen Boss	ANU Productions	Dublin	2021
<i>Book of Will</i> [^]	Joe Tilford	Clarence Brown Theatre	TN	2020
<i>Blithe Spirit</i>	Ron Keller	Clarence Brown Theatre	TN	2020
<i>Candide</i>	Michael Ganio	Clarence Brown Theatre	TN	2018
<i>Love's Labour's Lost</i>	Dan Conway	Orlando Shakes	FL	2016
<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	Dan Conway	Orlando Shakes	FL	2016
<i>The Kentucky Cycle</i>	Jason Coale	Metropolitan Ensemble Theatre	MO	2013
<i>Talley's Folly</i>	Jason Coale	New Jewish Theatre	MO	2013
<i>Miss Lonelyhearts</i>	Dunsi Dai	Mustardseed Theatre	MO	2011
<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>	Dunsi Dai	Variety Theatre	MO	2011
<i>Pericles</i>	Dunsi Dai	The Black Rep of St Louis	MO	2010
<i>Art</i>	Dunsi Dai	The Black Rep of St Louis	MO	2010
<i>Winter's Tale</i>	Caitlyn Ayer	Webster Conservatory	MO	2009

ASSISTANT LIGHTING DESIGN

<i>Render/Edit</i>	Brandi Martin	Clarice Smith Dance Theatre	MD	2016
<i>Full Circle</i>	Brandi Martin	Clarice Smith Dance Theatre	MD	2016
<i>Invisible Hand</i>	Ann Wrightson	Repertory Theatre of St. Louis	MO	2012
<i>Sunday in the Park...</i>	John Lassiter	Repertory Theatre of St. Louis	MO	2012
<i>The Adventures of Tom...</i>	Adam Greene	Repertory Theatre of St. Louis	MO	2011
<i>Beehive</i>	Mary Jo Dondijo	Repertory Theatre of St. Louis	MO	2011
<i>The Year of Magical...</i>	Ryan Koharchick	Repertory Theatre of St. Louis	MO	2011
<i>Fall of Heaven</i>	Michael Lincoln	Repertory Theatre of St. Louis	MO	2011
<i>Over the Tavern</i>	Dennis Parichy	Repertory Theatre of St. Louis	MO	2010
<i>On the Razzle</i>	Alex Snodgrass	Webster Conservatory	MO	2010
<i>Winter's Tale</i>	Kaitlyn Breen	Webster Conservatory	MO	2009
<i>Cabaret</i>	Alex Snodgrass	Webster Conservatory	MO	2009

ASSISTANT PROJECTION DESIGN

<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	Dan Conway	Orlando Shakes	FL	2016
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OTHER THEATRICAL POSITIONS

<i>Hänsel und Gretel</i> (Opera)	Production Manager James Marvel	University of TN Opera Theatre	TN	2023
<i>Flaundermaus</i>	Production Manager James Marvel	University of TN Opera Theatre	TN	2022
<i>Magic Flute</i>	Production Manager James Marvel	University of TN Opera Theatre	TN	2021
<i>Book of Will</i> [^]	Assistant Director Kate Buckley, <i>dir</i>	Clarence Brown Theatre	TN	2020
<i>Avengers: Endgame</i>	Art Dept Intern Jann Engel, <i>art dir</i>	Marvel Cinematic Universe	GA	2017
<i>Avengers: Infinity War</i>	Art Dept Intern Jann Engel, <i>art dir</i>	Marvel Cinematic Universe	GA	2017

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PRODUCTION STAFF CREDITS

Crane River Theatre	Technical Director	2023
University of TN Opera Theatre	Technical Director	2023
Clarence Brown Theatre	Props Artisan	2018-2023
Clarence Brown Theatre	Scenic and Paints Overhire	2018-2022
Oak Ridge Playhouse	Scenic Painter for <i>Junie B Jones</i>	2022
Columbus Symphony	Props Designer for <i>Boheme</i>	2022
Hope Summer Repertory Theatre	Props Designer	Summer Season 2020-2021
Highlands Playhouse	Resident Master Electrician	Summer Season 2019
Shawnee	Resident Master Electrician	2011-2012
Jason Coale Scenic Designs	Assistant Scenic Designer	Summer Season 2012
Dunsi Dai Designs	Assistant Scenic Designer	2008-2012
Repertory Theatre of St. Louis	Asst. Master Electrician + ALD	2010-2012
Jack Aldrich Theatre	Lead Technician	Summer Season 2010
Repertory Theatre of St. Louis	Electrician	2008-2010

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Restaurant/Bar Designer for MilkBoy ArtHouse	MD	2016
Art Gallery/Bar Designer for MilkBoy ArtHouse	MD	2016
Concert Venue Designer for MilkBoy ArtHouse	MD	2016
After School Art Teacher (Ages 5-12)	NYC	2015-2018
Peace Corps Ethiopia English Teacher	Ethiopia	2014
Assistant Designer for Redesign/Renovation of the New Theatre Restaurant	KS	2013
Head of Youth Activities and Instructor at Lost Creek Ranch	WY	2013-2015
Substitute Teacher at the Independence School District	MO	2014-2015

HONORS/AWARDS

Fulbright Scholar Semi-Finalist (<i>The Creative Resistance: Combating prejudices through the use of the theatrical and visual arts</i>)	2021
SETC Scenic Design Award by Sculptural Arts Coating, Inc. - First Place <i>The Hobbit</i>	2021
Robert Porterfield Graduate Scholarship	2021
SETC Scenic Design Award by Sculptural Arts Coating, Inc. - First Place <i>Million Dollar Quartet</i>	2020
SETC Projection Design Award by Broadway Media Distribution - Second Place <i>Blithe Spirit</i>	2020
SETC Scenic Design Award by Sculptural Arts Coating, Inc. - First Place <i>Detroit '67</i>	2019
SETC Ready-to-Design Award with the Rose Theatre in Omaha, NE	2019
Shipley-Swann Fellowship Recipient at the University of Tennessee	2019
Stowers Scholarship in Theater at the University of Tennessee	2019
Ralph Frost Scholarship for Theatrical Excellence at the University of Tennessee	2018
Graduated cum laude from The Conservatory of Theatre Arts at Webster University	2012
Peter Sargent Award for Outstanding Lighting Design	2012
Blue Star Award for Lighting Design for <i>Thoroughly Modern Millie</i>	2008