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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Interdisciplinary Program in Theatre and Drama, Northwestern University, 2007

M.A. in Theatre (Playwriting), Ohio University, 2013

M.A. in Theatre (Theatre History), Northwestern University, 2004

B.A. in English (Creative Writing), Reed College, 1999

A.A. Oregon Transfer Degree, Clackamas Community College, 1996

Certificates:

2025 Online Course Development (SIU Center for Teaching Excellence & Extended Campus)
2023 Online Course Development (SIU Center for Teaching Excellence & Extended Campus)
2020 Online Course Development (SIU Center for Teaching Excellence & Extended Campus)
2019 Moment Work Instructor (Tectonic Theatre)
2017 Online Course Development (SIU Center for Teaching Excellence & Extended Campus)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2012 – Present Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
2024-Present: Professor of Dramatic Theory, Criticism, and Playwriting

School of Theater and Dance

2016-2024: Associate Professor of Dramatic Theory, Criticism, and Playwriting School of Theater and Dance

2012-2016: Assistant Professor of Dramatic Theory, Criticism, and Playwriting, School of Theater and Dance

2012-Present: Head of Playwriting MFA and PhD Programs

2016-Present: Director of Graduate Studies

Fall 2022 – 2024 Artistic Caucus (Woolly Mammoth Theatre, Longwharf Theatre, Baltimore Center Stage, and The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis)
Reader

Feb 2022 – Present @STLTheatre
Founding Editor, performing arts reviewer on Instagram

Fall 2019 – Present 88.1 KDHX, St. Louis

Performing arts reviewer on-air and online

Fall 2019 – present	<u>www.TheTheatreTimes.com</u> Regional Managing Editor
Fall 2017	<u>Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań (Poland)</u> (Invited) Distinguished Guest Professor of Drama English Department
20016 – Present	<u>Contraband Theatre, St. Louis</u> Founding Artistic & Managing Director
2011 – 2011	<u>Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań (Poland)</u> Fulbright Professor of Drama English Department
2009 – 2010	<u>Mortar Theatre Company, Chicago</u> Founding Managing Director
2007 – 2010	<u>School of the Art Institute of Chicago</u> Lecturer in Writing English Department
2005 – 2010	<u>University of Illinois, Chicago</u> Senior Lecturer in Theatre History Theatre Department

SELECTED PRODUCTIONS OF ORIGINAL PLAYS

Teachers: Edward Albee, Charles Smith, Sue Mach

Full-Length Plays

2023 *See You in a Minute*, Contraband Theatre, St. Louis; director Ellie Schwetye

2023 *See You in a Minute*, Tantrum East, (YouTube); director Stephanie Stroud.

2021 *18 Months After November*, MD Virtual Ensemble (OnTheStage); director Matt Denney

2020 *18 Months After November*, Contraband Theatre (YouTube); director Jacob Juntunen

2020 *Hath Taken Away*, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (YouTube) director Sarah King.

2019 *Hath Taken Away*, Ball State University, Muncie, IN; director Sarah King.

2018 *In the Shadow of His Language*, Southern Illinois University (SIU), Carbondale, IL; director J. Thomas Kidd.

2016 *Hath Taken Away*, Contraband Theatre, Carbondale, IL; director Greg Aldrich.

2014 *Joan's Laughter*, Shots in the Dark Productions, Columbus, OH; director Jason Speicher.

2014 *Joan's Laughter*, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; director Megan Smith.

2012 *Joan's Laughter*, the side project, Chicago; director Cecilia Keenan.

2010 *Under America*, Mortar Theatre, Chicago; director Rachel Edwards Harvith.

2008 *The Uptown Trilogy, Part II: The Catholic Worker* (commissioned), Scrap Mettle SOUL, Chicago; director Stefan Brün

2007 *The Uptown Trilogy, Part I: The Inspiration Café* (commissioned), Scrap Mettle SOUL, Chicago; director Stefan Brün

2006 *Borderlines* (commissioned), Scrap Mettle SOUL, Chicago; director Stefan Brün

2004 *A Kind of Surrender*, Infamous Commonwealth Theatre, Chicago. Director Laura Forbes.

2002 *A Kind of Surrender*, Bleu Rat Productions, Minneapolis. Director Hannah Baines.

2001 *A Kind of Surrender*, The Engaged Theatre: Portland, Oregon. Director Jesse Baldwin.

1998 *Screwscothch*, Edward Albee and Stages Repertory Theatre, Houston. Director Steve Spurgat.

Short Plays

2024 *In the Theatre*, Drama with Friends (San Francisco, CA), Director Joe Kaniewski

2023 *No Winter, No Worries*, Il Liceum Ogólnokształcące (Poznań, Poland), Director Krystyna Potoczna

2021 *No Winter, No Worries*, Hillsborough Community College (Tampa, FL), Director Suzy DeVore

2021 *Black and White*, Hillsborough Community College (Tampa, FL), Director Suzy DeVore

2021 *The First Yes*, Hillsborough Community College (Tampa, FL), Director Suzy DeVore

2021 *No Winter, No Worries*, The EcoTheatre Lab (Ames, IA) Ignite Innovation Week, Intersecting Art, Environment, & Sustainability

2021 *No Winter, No Worries*, Audio Drama, *Flyway Journal of Writing and Environment*. Iowa State University

2020 *5:55am* (commissioned), Tantrum East, New York

2020 *No Winter, No Worries*, Tantrum East, New York (postponed due to Covid-19)

2019 *No Winter, No Worries*, Topanga Actors Company, Los Angeles

2019 *No Winter, No Worries*, New Faces, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

2018 *We Worried About Y2K Back Then* (commissioned), Core Artist Ensemble at Barrow Group Theatre, New York; director Nico Grelli.

2017 *No Winter No Worries* (commissioned), Core Artist Ensemble at Barrow Group Theatre, New York; director Nathalie Frederick.

2016 *Our First Times* (commissioned), Core Artist Ensemble at Barrow Group Theatre, New York; director Rachel Casparian.

2016 *The First Yes*, Fine Arts Association 20th Annual One Act Festival, Willoughby, OH; director Ann Hedger.

2016 *The First Yes* (commissioned), the side project, Chicago; director Cecilie Keenan.

2015 *Nostalgia Isn't What It Used To Be*, City Theatre of Independence, Kansas City, MO; director Marcia Brownlee.

2014 *Dying Alone*, Manhattan Repertory Theatre, New York City; director Allen Sermonia.

2014 *See Him?*, The Troika Collective, Vancouver, Canada, as part of the Belarusian Dream Theater.

2014 *See Him?*, European Humanities University, Vilnius, Lithuania, as part of the Belarusian Dream Theater.

2014 *See Him?*, Theatre Language Studio, Frankfurt, Germany, as part of the Belarusian Dream Theater.

2014 *See Him?*, Global Theatre Project, Florence, Italy, as part of the Belarusian Dream Theater.

2014 *See Him?*, Global Theatre Project, Los Angeles, as part of the Belarusian Dream Theater.

2014 *See Him?*, Stage Left Theatre, Chicago, as part of the Belarusian Dream Theater.

2014 *See Him?*, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, as part of the Belarusian Dream Theater.

2013 *Saddam's Lions*, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; director Patrick McGregor.

2013 *Saddam's Lions*, the Core Artist Ensemble at Barrow Group Theatre, New York; director Rachel Casparian.

2012 *Harold and Aphra* (commissioned), Caffeine Theatre, Chicago; director Dan Smith.

2011 *Code Name: Astrea!*, Caffeine Theatre, Chicago; director Dan Smith.

2010 *Saddam's Lions*, Source Festival, Washington, D.C.; director Danielle Drakes

2010 *Saddam's Lions*, the Studio Players, Midway, Kentucky; director Jeremy Kisling

2009 *Saddam's Lions*, the Vet Arts Project, Chicago; director Rachel Edwards Harvith.

2008 *Antigone the Dog*, Caffeine Theatre, Chicago; director Joanie Schultz.

2008 *Killing David Mamet*, The Mill, Chicago; director Kit McKay.

2007 *Waiting for Management*, Wingspace Theatre, Ithaca, NY; director Nicholas J. Clarey.

2006 *Here Be Dragons*, Vestige Group, Austin; director: Susie Gidseg.

2004 *Waiting for Management*, The 24 Hour Project, Storefront Theatre, Chicago Mayor's Office, Chicago's Winter Delights; director Jason Kae

2001 *The Hospice*, the Northwest Dramatists' Guild: Portland, Oregon; director Jacob Juntunen.

SELECTED READINGS OF ORIGINAL PLAYS

Full-Length Plays

2025 *Attic of Memory*, Contraband Theatre (St. Louis); director Sam Hayes

2023 *See You in a Minute*, Contraband Theatre (St. Louis); director ek doolin.

2018 *A Genocide of Our Own*, Eugene O'Neill Theater Center Scholarship (Puppetry Conference); director Jacob Juntunen

2018 *Hath Taken Away*, The Playwrights' Center (Minneapolis, MN); director Jacob Juntunen.

2017 *Hath Taken Away*, Great Plains Theatre Conference (Omaha); director Jack Zerbe

2015 *Hath Taken Away*, Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum (Los Angeles); director Doug Oliphant

2015 *Hath Taken Away*, Last Frontier Theatre Conference (Valdez, AK); director Erin Dagon Mitchell

2015 *Hath Taken Away*, Chicago Dramatists; director Amy Szerlong

2014 *In the Shadow of His Language* (Scene Showcase), Playwrights Horizons/Alliance Theatre; director Bevin O'Gara

2014 *In the Shadow of His Language*, Alliance Theatre; director Freddie Ashley

2013 *In the Shadow of His Language*, Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events / Illinois Arts Council; director Jacqueline Stone

2013 *In the Shadow of His Language*, Chicago Dramatists; director Jacqueline Stone.

2011 *Joan's Laughter*, Chicago Dramatists; director Cecilie Keenan

2009 *Under America*, the side project; director Rachel Edwards Harvith

2008 *Under America*, Prop Thtr and the Artisan Theatre Project; director Sean Kelly

2007 *Under America*, Gallery 400, "Captive Audience" exhibit; curator Marc Fischer; director: Joanie Schultz

2005 *Lobsters and Lifers*, Infamous Commonwealth Theatre; director: Laura Forbes.

2003 *A Kind of Surrender*, Agnes Nixon New Plays Festival at Northwestern University; director: Jeremy Wechsler.

1997 *Where Hebrus Wanders*, Edward Albee and the University of Houston; Director Steve Spurgat.

PLAY PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications of Plays

2021 “No Winter, No Worries.” *Flyway Journal of Writing and Environment*. Iowa State University: Spring 2021

2014 “See Him?” *Canyon Voices*. Arizona State University: Issue 10 (Fall 2014).

2014 “The Best Night of His Life.” *Canyon Voices*. Arizona State University: Issue 10 (Fall 2014).

Anthologized Plays

2018 “The First Yes.” *Contextualizing New Plays: Studies in Theatre Concepts, Forms, and Styles*. Eds. Anne Fletcher and Scott Irelan. Cognella: New York.

2018 “Black and White.” *Contextualizing New Plays: Studies in Theatre Concepts, Forms, and Styles*. Eds. Anne Fletcher and Scott Irelan. Cognella: New York.

2014 “Saddam’s Lions.” *Plays for Two*. Vintage Press: New York. 415-425.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2024 Regional Arts Commission, St. Louis: Individual Artist Grant, \$7,500

2023 Regional Arts Commission, St. Louis: Individual Artist Grant, \$7,500

2023 *See You in a Minute*: Semi-Finalist, Bay Area Playwrights Festival

2023 Southern Illinois University Course Development Grant (\$5,000): Develop an Online Distance Education course “Theater 101: Theater Insight”

2021 Southern Illinois University Course Development Grant (\$5,000): Develop an Online Distance Education course “A History of the Avant Garde”

2019 Tectonic Theatre Company Scholarship, Training as a certified instructor of Moment Work (\$1000)

2019 SIU Office of Special Projects Administration (OSPA), to be trained as a certified instructor of Moment Work (\$1000)

2019 SIU College of Liberal Arts (CoLA), to be trained as a certified instructor of Moment Work (\$600)

2019 Southern Illinois University Course Development Grant (\$5,000): Develop an Online Distance Education course “Video Games: The Performance of Play”

2018 Eugene O'Neill Theater Center Scholarship (Puppetry Conference) (\$1000)

2018 NEH Fellowship: NEH Summer Institute on Digital Technologies in Theatre and Performance Studies (\$1000)

2017 *Hath Taken Away*: Invited to Great Plains Theatre Conference (\$500 plus travel, lodging, and board)

2016 *Hath Taken Away*: Finalist, Source Festival

2015 *In the Shadow of his Language*: Finalist, AACT NewPlayFest

2015 *Hath Taken Away*: Invited to Last Frontier Theatre Conference

2015 *Hath Taken Away*: Semi-Finalist in the Eugene O'Neill National Playwrights Conference (top 22% of over 1300 submissions)

2015 *Hath Taken Away*: Finalist, Activate: Midwest New Play Festival

2015 *Hath Taken Away*: Finalist, March Forth Productions Summer Reading Series

2014 *Joan's Laughter* (Shots in the Dark Productions) – Best Original Play, Runner Up, BroadwayWorldColumbus.com

2014 Southern Illinois University Sustainability Grant, \$11,000 to purchase eleven Sony Digital Paper devices in order to create the first paperless MFA program.

2014 Southern Illinois University Collaborative SEED Grant: \$28,500 to research in Kraków.

2014 Thesaurus Poloniae Fellowship, Międzynarodowe Centrum Kultury, Kraków: Travel, lodging, and a monthly stipend. (Approximately \$10,000)

2013-14 *In the Shadow of his Language*: Finalist in the Alliance/Kendeda National Graduate Playwriting Competition

2013 *In the Shadow of his Language*: “In the Works” residency from Chicago’s Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) and the Illinois Arts Council (\$4,000)

2013 *In the Shadow of his Language*: Semi-Finalist in the Princess Grace National Playwriting Fellowship (top 20% of over 200 submissions)

2013 *In the Shadow of his Language*: Semi-Finalist in the Eugene O'Neill National Playwrights Conference (top 25% of over 1000 submissions)

2012 Winner of the Region II Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival 10-Minute Play Category

2011 Fulbright Fellowship, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland

2010 Community Arts Assistant Program (CAAP) grant; City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and the Illinois Arts Council

2010 Arthur Kopit Master Class, Chicago Dramatists

2010 Senior Network Playwright, Chicago Dramatists

2008 Tennessee Williams Scholarship, Sewanee Writers' Conference

2005-2006 Diedrich & Johnson Scholarship for Dissertation Writing

2005 Debut Panel Award, Literary Managers and Dramaturgs Association (Association for Theatre in Higher Education Focus Group)

2005 Lee Blessing Scholarship, Timberlake Playwrights' Colony

2005 Preparing Future Faculty Fellow, Northwestern University

2004 Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University

2003 Agnes Nixon New Play Award, Northwestern University

2002 Graduate Student Debut Award, from the American Theatre and Drama Society (Association for Theatre in Higher Education Focus Group)

2001-02 Northwestern University Fellowship

SELECTED STAGE DIRECTION

Teachers: Mary Zimmerman, Frank Galati, Anna Shapiro

2020 *18 Months After November*, Contraband Theatre, YouTube

2012–Present *Big Muddy Shorts*, Monthly, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

2012–Present *Big Muddy New Play Festival*, Annually, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

2009 *The Woods*, the Vet Arts Project and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs.

2006 *Kantor! Kantor! (Solo!)*, Experimental Theatre Chicago, Chicago.

2001 *The Hospice*, the Northwest Dramatists' Guild: Portland, Oregon.

ORIGINAL SCREENPLAYS

Feature Films

Joan's Laughter, optioned by Adam Orton

Produced Short Films

2011 *Disowned and Dispossessed*, Almond Grief Productions. Director: Majel Cuza

2009 *Saddam's Lions*, Vet Art Project. Director: Vance Smith

2001 *Breaking Bread*, 1/2 Productions and The Engaged Theatre. Director: Will Brown

SELECTED DRAMATURGY

2010 *Baal*, TUTA Theatre; director Zeljko Dukich

2009 *The Man Who Was Thursday*, New Leaf Theatre; Director Jessica Hutchinson

2007 *Cloud 9*, Northwestern University; director Kit McKay

2007 *Stone Cold Dead Serious*, Circle Theatre; director Joanie Schultz.

2006 *Betty's Summer Vacation*, Infamous Commonwealth Theatre; director Joanie Schultz

2006 *Saint Joan*, Northwestern University; director Joanie Schultz

2005 *Cloud 9*, Infamous Commonwealth Theatre; director Genevieve Thompson

2005 *The Kentucky Cycle, Parts I and II* (Joseph Jefferson Award: Best Production), Infamous Commonwealth Theatre; Directors Genevieve Thompson and Jason Kae

2004 *A Dybbuk*, Northwestern University; Director David Winitsky

2004 *Dealer's Choice*, Steep Theatre; Director G.J. Cederquist

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Books

2016 *Mainstream AIDS Theatre, the Media, and Gay Civil Rights: Making the Radical Palatable*. New York; London: Routledge, 2016.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

2021 “Taking the Rural International.” *Theatre Survey*. Vol. 62, No. 3. September 2021. 322-326.

2015 “War During Peacetime: Mainstream Theatre, Mass Media, and the 1985 Premiere of *The Normal Heart*.” *Peace and Change*. Vol. 40, No. 1. January 2015. 63-82.

2012 “Presenting Death: Uncanny Performing Objects in Tadeusz Kantor’s *Dead Class*.” *Puppetry International*. #31 Spring/Summer 2012. 14-18.

2012 “Pain Overflowing Boundaries: Magical Realism in Contemporary US Drama.” *Eyes Deep With Unfathomable Histories: The Poetics and Politics of Magic Realism Today and In the Past*. Eds. Sikorska, Lillana and Rzepa, Agnieszka. Peter Lang: New York. 143-158.

Edited Essays

2025 “‘When the House is in Ruins’: Tadeusz Kantor’s Archive of Performing Objects as Reliquary and Tabernacle for the Destroyed Multicultural Poland.” *Puppet and Spirit: Volume 2*. Eds. Claudia Orenstein and Tim Cusack. London: Routledge.

2021 “Taking Rural Playwriting International.” *HowlRound.com, the online Journal of the American Voices New Play Institute at Arena Stage hosted at Emerson College*. May 20.

2020 “Human/Object/Thing: Kantor’s Puppets and Bio-Objects.” *Theatermachine: Tadeusz Kantor in Context*. Eds. Magda Romanska and Kathleen Cioffi. Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press.

2018 “Crazy for Theatre: Mental Illness and Theatremakers.” *HowlRound.com, the online Journal of the American Voices New Play Institute at Arena Stage hosted at Emerson College*. December 12.

2016 “Edward Albee’s Kindest Character.” *HowlRound.com, the online Journal of the American Voices New Play Institute at Arena Stage hosted at Emerson College*. November 11.

2013 “Turning History into Reality.” *HowlRound.com, the online Journal of the American Voices New Play Institute at Arena Stage hosted at Emerson College*. April 30.

2012 “Making the Radical Palatable.” *HowlRound.com, the online Journal of the American Voices New Play Institute at Arena Stage hosted at Emerson College.* Nov 4.

2011 (solicited) “‘We Represent the Polish People’: The Western Press’ Portrayal of Tadeusz Kantor’s Cricot 2 Performances at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.” *Polish-AngloSaxon Studies.* 2011.

2011 (solicited) “Jesus Hopped the ‘A’ Train and *Under America*: How Mainstream Reviews Represent the Guilty and Obscure the Economics of the U.S. Prison Industry.” *To Have or Have Not: New Essays on Commerce and Capital in Modernist Theatre.* Ed. James Fisher. McFarland: Jefferson, North Carolina and London. 2011.

2008 “Mainstream Theatre, Mass Media, and the 1985 Premiere of *The Normal Heart*: Negotiating Forces Between Emergent and Dominant Ideologies.” “*We Will Be Citizens*”: *New Essays on Gay and Lesbian Theatre.* Ed. James Fisher. McFarland: Jefferson, North Carolina and London. 2008. 7-32.

2006 “Repairing Reality: The Media and *Homebody/Kabul* in New York, 2001” *Tony Kushner: New Essays on the Art and Politics of the Plays.* Ed. James Fisher. McFarland: Jefferson, North Carolina and London. 2006. 172-189.

2005 “Infamous Commonwealth Theatre’s Weblog for *The Kentucky Cycle*.” *LMDA Review.* 15:2 (Spring/Summer 2005): 5.

Scholarly Reviews

2023 “Review: Tytus Czyżewski, A Burglar of the Better Sort: Poems, Dramatic Works, Theoretical Writings, trans. Charles S. Kraszewski.” *The Polish Review.* 68 (1): 132–135.

2019 “Review: *Salt, Root, and Roe* by Tim Price at at Upstream Theater and Stages Repertory Theatre: A Co-Production, an American Premiere, and a Mission” www.TheatreTimes.com (the largest global, online theatre portal).

2019 “Review: *The Aphra Behn Emerging Artists’ Festival.*” www.TheatreTimes.com (the largest global, online theatre portal).

2017 “Review: *Nie Mów Nikomu’ (Do Not Tell Anyone)* – Performing Sign Language.” www.TheatreTimes.com (the largest global, online theatre portal). Co-written with Dagmara Krzyzaniak.

2016 “Review: ULICA 29: Międzynarodowy Festiwal Teatrów Ulicznych (STREET 29: International Festival of Street Theatres). Organized by Teatr KTO. Kraków. 7-10 July 2016.” *Theatre Journal*. 68.3 (December 2016).

2016 “Review: Chorus of Orphans by Teatr KTO. Kraków. May 2016.” *European Stages*. Volume 8, Fall 2016.

2013 “Review: Theatre J’s *Our Class*.” *Theatre Journal*. 65.3 (October 2013).

2010 “Review: Theatre Oobleck’s *An Apology for the Course and Outcome of Certain Events Delivered by Doctor John Faustus on This His Final Evening*.” *Theatre Journal*. 62:2 (May 2010).

2000 “The International Istanbul Theatre Festival”
A review published in *Tiyatroda.com*, Turkey’s online performance journal.

Public Facing Reviews:

2022-Present Founder and Editor for @STLtheatre, reviews on Instagram and Facebook
Since February 2022, 85 posts

2019-Present Performing arts reviewer on-air and online for 88.1 KDHX, St. Louis
“Binging on Classic Drama in Stray Dog’s *The Crucible*”
“Laughter is Strong Medicine in Mustard Seed Theatre’s Production of *Well*”
“What’s in a Name? Everything for the Characters in *Translations*, now at Black Mirror Theatre”
“*Ignite!* 2019 Invited St. Louis Audiences into Theatre’s Creation”
“Nothing in Mustard Seed’s Electrifying *Death Tax* is Predictable”
“AreUR? At SIUE was a Triumph of Adaptation and Collaboration”
“*Hoist* at Tesseract Theatre Lifts a Toast to U.S. Female Veterans”
“At Tesseract Theatre, *Earworm* Gets Stuck in Your Head”
“*The Revolutionists* at Insight Theatre Company is a Revisionist Romp”
“*Dates* at Tesseract Theatre Equal Parts Painfully Comic and Heartbreaking”
“A Celebration of Life and Multidisciplinary Art at the 2019 St. Lou Fringe”
“Justice is on Trial in a Modern Adaptation of *Antigone*”
“XFest is a Unique University Festival of the International Avant Garde”
“The Rep’s *Mojada* Showcases its Acting”
“The Confluence New Play Festival Offers a Room of One’s Own for Regional Playwrights”
“The Black Rep Offers a Masterful Production of Wilson’s *Two Trains Running*”
“*Wildfire* Is a Quick, Witty, Quebecois Romp”
“*Three Tall Women* Dares Us to Interrogate Our Lives at Stray Dog Theatre”
“Shakespeare Festival St. Louis Dresses Up the Bard in Riotous Beats”
“Searching for Joan of Arc at St. Louis University’s Theatre”
“Little Red Riding Hood’s Many Faces in SIUE’s Ingenious Adaptation”

“*Glowy, Snowy Day* at the Rep is a Family Treat”
“The Ville’s Past Lives On Through Shakespeare in the Streets”
“Revamped *Glowy, Snowy Day* by The Rep and StoneLion Puppet Theatre Delights”
The Ville’s Past Lives On Through Shakespeare in the Streets”
“Revamped *Glowy, Snowy Day* by The Rep and StoneLion Puppet Theatre Delights”
“Confluence Writers Project: A Pillar for Regional Playwrights”
“SATE’s Virtuoso New Work: ‘Brontë Sister House Party’”
“Shakespeare Festival St. Louis Tours Modern ‘Midsummer Night’s Dream’”
“Mustard Seed Theatre is Back with Brilliant ‘Feminine Energy’”
“Elegant Direction Highlights Story and Acting in West End’s ‘The Christians’”

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Invited Talks

2023 “‘When the House is in Ruins’: Tadeusz Kantor’s Archive of Performing Objects as Reliquary and Tabernacle for the Destroyed Multicultural Poland.” Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland

2022 “Teaching Play Analysis.” Michigan State University Department of Theatre

2021 “Writing and Reinforcement.” Sigma Tau Delta, SIUC

2020 “Playwriting Workshop.” Confluence Writers Project, St. Louis Shakespeare Festival

2020 “Playwriting Workshop.” Saint Louis University Drama Department

2019 “New Plays in Production.” Invited talk at Ball State University (Muncie, IN) in conjunction with the production of my script *Hath Taken Away*.

2018 “Questioning Your Place in Academia.” Invited talk to the Interdisciplinary PhD Program in Theatre and Drama 20th anniversary conference at Northwestern University.

2017 “Playwriting, Screenwriting, and Script Analysis: A Masterclass.” Invited Lecture to the Drama Program, Adam Mickiewicz University (Poznań, Poland), December 4.

2017 “Genocide and Puppets: The Performing Objects of Tadeusz Kantor.” Roehampton University (London), November 29.

2017 “Genocide and Puppets: The Performing Objects of Tadeusz Kantor.” Invited Lecture to the Drama Program, Adam Mickiewicz University (Poznań, Poland), November 20.

2017 “Making the Radical Palatable: The Political Effects of U.S. Mainstream Drama.” Distinguished Professor Lecture, Adam Mickiewicz University (Poznań, Poland), November 9.

2016 Edward Albee Memorial at the University of Houston, November 7, 2016.

2013 “Excerpt from *Joan’s Laughter* and Lecture.” Sigma Tau Delta, Honor’s English Fraternity, Southern Illinois University, April 16.

2012 “(How) Does Political Theatre Work?: *The Normal Heart* and the 1980s AIDS Crisis.” Ohio University, April 27.

2011 “War During Peacetime: Mainstream Theatre, The Media, and AIDS Drama.” Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland, May 27.

2011 “Pain Overflowing the Boundaries: Magic Realism in U.S. Drama.” Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland, April 17.

Plenary Presentations

2014 “Object/Human: Performing Poland with Tadeusz Kantor’s Uncanny Onstage Objects.” American Society for Theatre Research, November 20-23. (concurrent plenary)

Panels Organized

2019 “Performing a People’s Public: Theatre’s New Publics in Central and East Europe and Russia.” American Society for Theatre Research, November 7-10.

2017 “Imagining an Other Eastern Europe: Performances of Difference in Central-Eastern Europe, Eurasia, and Russia.” American Society for Theatre Research, November 16-19.

2017 “Spectacle as Second Language, or Americans Abroad.” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, August 3-6.

2016 “Beyond the State: Performances of Trans-Bodies in Central-Eastern Europe, Eurasia and Russia.” American Society for Theatre Research, November 3-6.

2015 “*Saddam’s Lions*: A Play and Presentation on Ethnographic Theatre for Social Change.” Responsibility, Morality, and the Costs of War symposium, The Ohio State University, November 12-14.

2015 “Contesting Memories of Eastern Europe: Dissensus on the Stages of Belarus, Romania, Poland, and the Soviet Union.” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, August 1-4.

2013 “Teaching Playwriting with Undergrads and Grad Students in the Room:

Approaches to Transgenerational Playwriting Pedagogy.” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, August 1-4.

- 2013 “Grant and Application Writing for Playwrights.” The Dramatists Guild National Conference, August 22-25.
- 2012 “East European Theatre, Civic Reform: Performing Community from the Local to the International.” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, August 2 – 5.

Papers

- 2022 “When the House is in Ruins: Tadeusz Kantor’s Archive as Reliquary and Tabernacle for Cross-Temporal Performing Objects.” Central Slavic Conference, October 21-22.
- 2021 “Genocide and Puppets: The Performing Objects of Tadeusz Kantor.” Association for Jewish Studies, December 19-21.
- 2021 “Tadeusz Kantor’s Performing Objects and Representations of Gendered Sexual Violence.” American Comparative Literature Conference, April 8-11.
- 2021 “When the House is in Ruins: Taduesz Kantor’s Living Archive.” Central Slavic Conference, March 13.
- 2021 “When the House is in Ruins”: Tadeusz Kantor’s Archive of Performing Objects as Living Repetition of the Destroyed Multicultural Poland.” American Society for Theatre Research, October 28-31.
- 2020 “When the House is in Ruins”: Tadeusz Kantor’s Archive of Performing Objects as Living Repetition of the Destroyed Multicultural Poland.” American Society for Theatre Research, November. (online pre-conference due to Covid-19)
- 2020 “Can You Rape a Puppet?: Tadeusz Kantor’s Actors, Performing Objects, and Representations of Gendered Sexual Violence.” American Comparative Literature Conference, November 7-10. (canceled due to Covid-19)
- 2020 “Puppets as Resistance in Tadeusz Kantor’s *Dead Class*.” Central Slavic Conference, February 28-March 1.
- 2019 “Onstage Sexual Violence Without Scopophilia: Tadeusz Kantor’s *Dead Class* and *Wielopole, Wielopole*.” American Society for Theatre Research, November 7-10.
- 2018 “Genocide and Puppets: The Performing Objects of Tadeusz Kantor.” Association for the Advancement of Slavic East European and Eurasian Studies.

2018 “Puppets as Resistance in Tadeusz Kantor’s *Dead Class*.” Central Slavic Studies Conference.

2017 “Extraordinary Objects and Things Onstage: Representations of Sexual Violence in Tadeusz Kantor’s *Dead Class* and *Wielopole, Wielopole*.” American Society for Theatre Research, November 16-19.

2017 “Embarrassment and Riches: Studying Tadeusz Kantor in Poland as a Wanderer.” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, August 3-6.

2016 “Transhistorical Objects and Memories in Tadeusz Kantor’s Theatre.” American Society for Theatre Research, November 3-6.

2016 “Actors, Performing Objects, and Representations of Sexual Violence: Tadeusz Kantor’s Theatre Showing the Memory of Poland’s World War Sexual Violence.” Interdisciplinary and International Conference on Sexual Violence, Virginia Tech, April 15-16.

2015 “*Saddam’s Lions*: A Play.” Responsibility, Morality, and the Costs of War symposium, Ohio State University, November 12-14.

2015 “Bio-Objects and Female Actors: Women Onstage in Tadeusz Kantor’s Theatre Representing Silenced Memories.” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, August 1-4.

2015 “Tadeusz Kantor’s Uncanny Objects, my Grandmother, and Jakub Salomon: Exposing Silenced Memories of the Dead.” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, August 1-4.

2015 “‘Poland, That is to Say Nowhere.’ America’s (Mis)Reading of Grotowski as a Crack in Performance Studies Foundation.” Mid-America Theatre Conference, March 19-22.

2013 “War During Peacetime: *The Normal Heart* and Mass Media.” The Peace History Society National Conference, October 24-27.

2013 “Grant Writing for Storytellers.” The Dramatists Guild National Conference, August 22-25.

2013 “Big Muddy Shorts: Staged Readings Written by Undergrads and Grad Students in Playwriting I.” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, August 1-4.

2013 *Understanding*. A 10-minute play presented at the Mid-America Theatre Conference (MATC), March 7 – 10.

2012 “Person/Object: Tadeusz Kantor’s Boundary Categories in *Dead Class*.” Association for the Advancement of Slavic East European and Eurasian Studies, November 15 – 18.

2012 “Performing the Distinction Between Human and Object: Tadeusz Kantor’s *Dead Class*.” American Society for Theatre Research, November 1 – 4.

2012 “‘We Represent the Polish People’: Tadeusz Kantor’s Theatre in the U.S. as Synecdoche for Poland’s Resistance to the U.S.S.R.” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, August 2 – 5.

2010 “‘We Represent the Polish People’: The Western Media’s Portrayal of Eastern Bloc Theatre at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games.” American Comparative Literature Association, April 1 – 4.

2009 “‘We Represent the Polish People’: The Western Press’ Portrayal of Tadeusz Kantor’s Cricot 2 Performances at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.” Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association, April 8 – 11.

2008 “Using Travel to Represent Nation: Tectonic Theater Project’s *The Laramie Project*.” American Comparative Literature Association, April 24 – 27.

2007 “Mainstream Theatre, Mass Media, and the 1985 Premiere of *The Normal Heart*: Negotiating Forces Between Emergent and Dominant Ideologies.” American Comparative Literature Association, April 19 – 22.

2006 “‘The Writing on the Wall’: Alienation and Activism in the 1985 Public Theatre’s Production of Larry Kramer’s *The Normal Heart*.” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, August 1 – 6.

2005 “The Online Egg Crack: Infamous Commonwealth Theatre’s Weblog for Robert Schenkkan’s *The Kentucky Cycle*” awarded the Literary Managers and Dramaturg’s Association debut Panel Award at the Association for Theatre in Higher Education, July 29 – 30.

2004 “Not Persuasion, Not Preaching to the Converted: The Other Political Work of Tony Kushner’s *Homebody/Kabul*.” International Conference on American Theatre and Drama, University of Málaga, Spain, May 18 – 22.

2004 “Not Persuasion, Not Preaching to the Converted: The Other Political Work of Tony Kushner’s *Homebody/Kabul*.” Globalism is/in America at Northwestern University: April 29.

2002 “Commodity Magic and Colonial Fantasies: Exploring Desire in Act I of Tony Kushner’s *Homebody/Kabul*” awarded the Graduate Student Debut Award from the American

Theatre and Drama Society focus group at the Association for Theatre in Higher Education, July 28 – August 4.

Discussant/Chaired Panels

2018 Chair: “Between Contested Memory and Official Histories: Performance and Erasure in East Central Europe,” Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, December 6 – 9.

2012 Discussant: “Transformations of the Border: The Images of Cracow in Polish Culture.” Association for the Advancement of Slavic East European and Eurasian Studies, November 15 – 18.

2005 Respondent to Sonja Kuftinec: “Collide-o-scopes: Methodologies of Performance Research in the Balkans and Jerusalem/Al Quds.” Considering Calamity: An Interdisciplinary Conference on Methods for Performance Research, October 1.

2005 Chair: “1800, 1910, & Now: Continuities of Time in American Theatre.” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, August 4 – 7.

2001 Chair and Respondent to the panel “German Actors and Authorship in the Long Nineteenth Century.” University of Wisconsin, Madison Department of Theatre and Drama Graduate Student Conference, February 2 – 4.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Play Analysis
Fundamentals of Writing for the Stage and Screen
Playwriting I
Playwriting II
Performing Justice/Theory
History of the Avant Garde
Playwriting Professional Development
New Play Development
Poland’s 20th Century
Big Muddy Shorts: A monthly evening of new short plays by SIU playwrights
Video Games: The Performance of Play
Sex and HIV/AIDS

Adam Mickiewicz University (Distinguished Guest Professor)

African American Representation, Performance, and Theatre in the U.S.
Contemporary Canadian Drama

Adam Mickiewicz University (Faculty Fulbright Fellowship)

African American Representation, Performance, and Theatre in the U.S.
(How) Does U.S. Political Theatre Work?

University of Illinois, Chicago

Introduction to Theatre
Modern Drama
Theory, Performance and Social Justice

The School of the Art Institute, Chicago

Art as Criticism, Criticism as Art (First Year Seminar / Composition)
Art and Ideology (First Year Seminar / Composition)
Elegiac Writing: War, Genocide, Natural Disaster (First Year Seminar / Composition)
Political Theatre (First Year Seminar / Composition)

SELECTED PRODUCER CREDITS

2024 *Am I Dangerous?*, Contraband Theatre, St. Louis; director Tress Kurzyn

2023 *See You in a Minute*, Contraband Theatre, St. Louis; director Ellie Schwetye

2012-present Annual Big Muddy New Play Festival, Southern Illinois University (SIU, Cabondale)

2022 *Small Box with a Revolver*, Contraband Theatre, SETC Fringe, Memphis

2021 *Small Box with a Revolver*, Contraband Theatre, STL Fringe, St. Louis

2020 *18 Months After November*, Contraband Theatre, YouTube

2016 *Hath Taken Away*, Contraband Theatre, Carbondale, IL

2010 *Under America*, Mortar Theatre, Chicago

2010 *Inherit the Whole*, Mortar Theatre, Chicago

2001 *Breaking Bread*, (film) co-producer, 1/2 Productions and The Engaged Theatre, Portland, OR.

2001 *A Kind of Surrender*, The Engaged Theatre, Portland, OR.

PROFESIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2021–Present Founder and Member: Mutual Aid Society of Academic Playwrights professional working group of colleagues across the nation. Monthly meetings for peer mentorship.

2023 Online Course Development (SIU Center for Teaching Excellence & Extended Campus)

2020 Online Course Development (SIU Center for Teaching Excellence & Extended Campus)

2019 Moment Work Instructor (Tectonic Theatre)

2012 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival training at Ball State to be a respondent to other KCACTF-eligible productions in the Midwest region. September 29 – 30. (KCACTF funded.)

2012 KCACTF Reader/judge for new scripts submitted to Region 2. November 23 – December 1.

SERVICE

International

2020–Present Merit-Based Reviewer for the Fulbright Student Program (Egypt)

To Profession

2019–Present Illinois Articulation Initiative, Illinois Board of Higher Education

2019–Present Mentorship Committee, American Society for Theatre Research (ASTR), National Service

2016–2019 Membership Committee, American Society for Theatre Research (ASTR), National Service

2018 External Tenure and Promotion Reviewer

2017–2018 Vice-Chair of Playwriting, KCACTF Region 3, National Service

2017–2019 Reader for the Paula Vogel Playwriting Award, Kennedy Center American College Theatre, National Service

2017–2019 Reader for the Michael Kanin Playwriting Award, Kennedy Center American College Theatre, National Service

2017-2019 Reader for the Rosa Parks Playwriting Award, Kennedy Center American College Theatre, National Service

2017-2019 Reader for the Mark Twain Playwriting Award, Kennedy Center American College Theatre, National Service

2012-2019 Reader for National Playwriting Program, Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Region 3, National Service

Peer Reader for: *Modern Drama*, *Journal of Dramatic Theory and Criticism*, *Clio: A Journal of Literature, History, and the Philosophy of History*, *Theatre/Practice*, Routledge, and Focus (an imprint of Hackett Publishing Company), Great Plains Theatre Conference, Center of Creative Arts Zoom Plays, Bay Area Playwrights Festival, Confluence Writers Project (St. Louis Shakespeare Festival)

To Community

2022-Present SIU Distance Education Council

2022-23 Chair, Search Committee for Tenure Track Professor in the School of Theater and Dance / Theatre History & Culture

2021-22 Chair, Search Committee for Non-Tenure Track Professor in the School of Theater and Dance / Theatre History & Dramaturgy

2020-Present SIU University Outstanding Dissertation Award

2016-Present Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Theater, Southern Illinois University

2016-Present Chair, Curriculum Committee, Department of Theater, Southern Illinois University

2020-21 SIU University Tenure-Track University Teaching Excellence Award

2016 Search Committee: Interim Dean for SIU's College of Mass Communication and Media Arts

2015 Search Committee: for SIU Department of Theater Asst. Professor of Scenic Design

2014-Present Southern Illinois University, Elected Faculty Representative on Executive Committee for Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program

2013-Present Southern Illinois University, Faculty Representative for New Play Lab (previously Big Muddy New Plays) student organization

2019–Present Southern Illinois University, Faculty Representative for Writers' Room student organization

2012–2016 Southern Illinois University, Curriculum Committee, Department of Theater

2007–2010 University of Illinois, Chicago, Faculty Liaison for the student group, Chicago Circle Players

2009 Voting Member, Joseph Jefferson Awards Committee

2006–2010 University of Illinois, Chicago, Curator, Theatre Department's script library

2001–2002 Northwestern University, Graduate Student Representative to the Executive Committee, Interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Theatre and Drama

2001–2002 Northwestern University, School of Speech Graduate Student Representative

1995–1997 Oregon Community College Multicultural Initiative, Clackamas Community College, Student Representative

LANGUAGES

French (competent reading; basic writing and speaking)
Polish (survival speaking; minimal writing and reading)

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