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# PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

#### TEACHING/LEADERSHIP

- Demonstrated ability to collaborate with professional colleagues and students and foster interdepartmental projects
- Demonstrated excellence in directing student actors in a wide variety of acting styles and genres
- Demonstrated experience training actors using Stanislavski and Michael Chekhov techniques
- Proven commitment and ability to foster a creative and risk-taking classroom environment
- Demonstrated commitment and ability to nurture undergraduate actors, playwrights, designers, technicians, and stage managers
- Demonstrated Leadership within the university community

#### STAGE DIRECTION

- Directing experience in theatre at the university level
- Demonstrated excellence collaborating with designers, technicians, and actors at all levels of experience
- Strong understanding and knowledge of theatrical genres including: the Greeks, Commedia dell'Arte, Shakespeare, Restoration, early realism from the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century, farce, American musical theatre, Classic American realism, and contemporary theatre

#### HONORS

Mississippi University for Women

- 2018-19 MUW Leadership Academy
- 2019 Honors Scotland Study Abroad Co-Director
- F2018 & S2019 APIL Grant Recipient
- 2017-18 Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher Award
- 2016 MUW Alumni Association New Faculty Award

#### **EDUCATION**

#### **Center for Creative Leadership**

Leadership Development Program ◆ 2019

# **Great Lakes Michael Chekhov Consortium**

Certified Teacher • 2016

#### University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS • 2006

M.F.A. in Theatre Performance

Creative Project Production: *An Enemy of the People* 

# Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA • 1997

M.A. in Theatre

## Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR • 1995

**B.A** in Theatre; Minors in History & Music

#### University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL • 2001-02

Graduate Hours - Acting Pedagogy

# **Bretton Hall College School of the Performing Arts - Leeds University**

Wakefield, England • 1993

Exchange Student - Dramatic Arts Program

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

# **Stage Directors and Choreographers Society** \*Associate Member **Southeastern Theatre Conference**

Vice-President of Services ◆ 2018-Present

Fringe Festival Chair • 2018-19

Vice-President of States • 2017-18

Strategic Planning Committee • 2017-2020

Professional Screening Auditions Task Force ◆ 2017-18

Institute of Outdoor Drama Task Force ◆ 2015-16

Chair Stage Movement Committee • 2013-15

MS Professional Screening Auditions Coordinator • 2014-17

Vice-Chair Stage Movement Committee • 2010-13

Vice-Chair Mississippi State Screening Auditions • 2011

# **Mississippi Theatre Association**

Immediate Past President • 2017 to present

President • 2015-17

SETC State Rep • 2015-17

Vice President • 2013-15

Society of American Fight Directors • Actor Combatant

Mu Alpha Theta • National Dramatic Honor Fraternity Alumni

Phi Mu Alpha • National Music Honor Fraternity Alumni

**Theatre Communications Group • Member** 

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Mississippi University for Women Graduate Studies Director of MFA, Theatre Education • 2019-Present Associate Professor of Theatre • 2017-Present Assistant Professor of Theatre • 2014 to 2017 Visiting Assistant Professor of Theatre • F 2013 Visiting Instructor of Theatre • 2010-13

Beginning Acting (THE 219)

Intermediate Acting (THE 319)

Advanced Acting (THE 419)

Fundamentals of Interpretation (THE 219)

Introduction to Stage Combat (FPA 299)

Stage Dialects (FPA 299)

Theatre Appreciation (THE 175)

Playscript Analysis (THE 176)

Theatre as a Profession (THE 301)

Theatre History I & II (THE 457, 458)

Online Theatre Appreciation (THE 175)

Directing (TH 320)

Theatre Management (TH 321)

Stage Management (TH 491)

Practicum (THE 400)

Recruitment

Advising

## Assistant Professor of Theatre, Southern Arkansas University • 2007-09

Advanced Acting (THEA 3633)

Directing (THEA 4633)

Voice & Diction (THEA/SPCH 2033)

Oral Interpretation (THEA/SPCH 3353)

Fundamentals of Acting (THEA 2633)

Introduction to Public Speaking (SPCH 1113)

Recruitment

Advising

# Instructor of Speech & Theatre, Dodge City Community College ◆ 2006–2007

Classical Theatre (THR 150)

Introduction to Theatre (THR 100)

Public Speaking (SP 106)

Dodge City Wrangle Stage Combat Workshop

Recruitment Kansas High School Thespians Auditions

# Adjunct Faculty, William Carey College • 2005-2006

Stage Combat Quarterstaff (PED 1660)

Stage Combat Unarmed (PED 1660)

# Production Manager/Technical Director Jones Performing Arts Center & Adjunct Faculty - Ouachita Baptist University • 1999-2001

Fine Arts: Theatre (Core 3133)

Production Manager/Technical Director • Jones Performing Arts Center

## Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Southern Mississippi \* 2004-2006

Theatre Appreciation (THE 100)

Theatre Movement (THE 361)

Advanced Movement/Stage Combat (THE 403/603)

Play Selection Committee

# Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Alabama ◆ 2001-2002

Introduction to Theatre (THE 114)

Voice & Diction (THE 113)

Recruitment Assistant

# **Graduate Teaching Assistant, Louisiana Tech University \* 1996-1997**

Theatre Appreciation (Spch 290)

Box Office Manager

Office Assistant for Mark Guinn

## ADJUDICATIONS

- Trumbauer Secondary School Festival University of North Alabama/Alabama Conference of Theatre December 1-2, 2017
- Community Festival University of South Carolina Aiken/South Carolina Theatre Association November 4-5, 2017
- Dramafest South The University of Southern Mississippi/Mississippi Theatre Association December 5-6, 2014
- Dramafest South William Carey University/Mississippi Theatre Association November 22, 2013
- Dramafest North Mississippi State University/Mississippi Theatre Association December 3-4, 2010

#### DIRECTING CREDITS

Death of a Streetcar Named Virginia Woolf
Tennessee Williams Tribute

School House Rock Live!

Mississippi University for Women

"Holiday Extravaganza" (Co-Produced with Department of Music)
Mississippi University for Women

Silent Sky

Mississippi University for Women

Taming of the Shrew

Blue Line Shakespeare

Almost, Maine

Mississippi University for Women

Wait Until Dark

Mississippi University for Women

Twelfth Night

Blue Line Shakespeare

Lysistrata

Mississippi University for Women

The Good Doctor

Mississippi University for Women

Night of the Living Dead

Mississippi University for Women

Tecumseh! Outdoor Drama ◆ Assistant Director (Directed by Adam Burke) The Scioto Society

*The Mousetrap* 

Mississippi University for Women

God of Carnage

Tecumseh 2<sup>nd</sup> Season

**Quilters** 

Mississippi University for Women

Twelve Angry Jurors

Mississippi University for Women

Butterflies are Free

Southern Arkansas University

#### A Skull in Connemara

Southern Arkansas University (Associate Entry Kennedy Center American College Theatre)

The Lilies of the Field

Southern Arkansas University

Six Who Were There • Also Music Director/Accompanist

Southern Arkansas University

Crimes of the Heart

Southern Arkansas University (Associate Entry Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival)

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown • Also Designer/Producer

Dodge City Community College (Associate Entry Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival)

Moon Over the Brewery • Also Designer/Producer

Dodge City Community College (Associate Entry Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival)

Beauty & the Beast

Theatre West Virginia Marionette Tour

The Night Before Christmas • A devised story theatre piece Louisiana Tech University

#### FIGHT EXPERIENCE/CHOREOGRAPHY CREDITS

Hamlet

The Scioto Society, Inc.

Tecumseh! Outdoor Drama • Fight Captain

The Scioto Society, Inc.

Deathtrap • Fight Choreographer

Henderson State University

Disney's Beauty and the Beast • Fight Choreographer

Theatre West Virginia

Coriolanus • Assistant to the Fight Director (Scot Mann)

Alabama Shakespeare Festival

Honey in the Rock • Fight Choreographer & Weaponsmaster

Theatre West Virginia

*Hatfields & McCoy* ◆ Fight Choreographer & Weaponsmaster

Theatre West Virginia

- Oklahoma! Fight Choreographer
  Theatre West Virginia
- Annie Fight Choreographer
  Theatre West Virginia
- Hatfields & McCoys/Honey in the Rock ◆ Fight Captain
  Theatre West Virginia
- The Apple Tree/Honey in the Rock ◆ Fight Captain

  Theatre West Virginia Educational Acting Tour Fall/Spring
- Blue Jacket The Epic Outdoor Drama Fight Swing First Frontier Inc.

#### RELATED EXPERIENCE

# **Production Stage Manager**

Tecumseh! Outdoor Drama ◆ 2017 The Scioto Society, Inc.

# **Assistant Stage Manager**

Tecumseh! Outdoor Drama ◆ 2012 & 2013 The Scioto Society, Inc.

# **Music Direction**

- Stinky Cheese Man, and other Fairly Stupid Tales Music director Mississippi University for Women
- You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown ◆ Orchestral Conductor Mississippi University for Women
- Grease! ◆ Assistant Music Director Theatre West Virginia
- Much Ado About Nothing ◆ Music Director ◆ Directed by Lou Rackoff University of Southern Mississippi
- Hatfields & McCoys/Honey in the Rock ◆ Assistant Music Director Theatre West Virginia
- Annie! Assistant Music Director
  Theatre West Virginia
- The Sound of Music ◆ Assistant Music Director
  Theatre West Virginia

Music Director • Beckley Presbyterian Church
Adult & Children's Choirs/Adult Handbell Choir

Music Director ◆ Cedar Grove Baptist Church Children's Choir

## **Dialect Coach**

Dancing at Lughnasa
Mississippi University for Women

#### PEER REVIEWS

# **Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Respondent**

- Waiting for Godot ◆ Northwest Mississippi Community College Associate Entry Response Region IV
- Clybourne Park University of Mississippi Associate Entry Response Region IV
- Good People University of North Alabama
  Associate Entry Response Region IV
- Trojan Women ◆ Mississippi State University
  Associate Entry Response Region IV
- Spring Awakening University of Southern Mississippi Associate Entry Response Region IV
- Proof ◆ Mississippi State University
  Associate Entry Response Region IV
- The Government Inspector ◆ Mississippi State University
  Associate Entry Response Region IV
- As You Like It Millsaps College
  Participating Entry Response Region IV
- The Tempest ◆ University of South Alabama
  Associate Entry Response Region IV
- Six Characters in Search of an Author ◆ University of Mississippi Associate Entry Response Region IV
- Tango ◆ The University of North Alabama Participating Entry Response Region IV

- A Sanders Family Christmas Northwest Mississippi Community College Associate Entry Response Region IV
- Assassins The University of Southern Mississippi Associate Entry Response Region IV
- The Crucible ◆ The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss)
  Associate Entry Response Region IV
- Season's Greetings Auburn University
  Associate Entry Response Region IV
- Three Sisters ◆ The University of Alabama at Birmingham Associate Entry Response Region IV
- A Streetcar Named Desire ◆ The University of Southern Mississippi Associate Entry Response Region IV
- Comedy of Errors The University of Memphis
  Associate Entry Response Region IV
- The Rose Tattoo ◆ The University of Alabama
  Associate Entry Response Region IV
- The Misanthrope ◆ Auburn University Montgomery
  Participating Entry Response Region IV
- Romeo & Juliet University of Arkansas Fort Smith Participating Entry Response Region VI
- The Last Night of Ballyhoo ◆ Henderson State University
  Associate Entry Response Region VI
- All My Sons Emporia State University
  Associate Entry Response Region V

#### ACTING CREDITS

Blithe Spirit Charles MUW

Tecumseh!Captain DawesThe Scioto SocietyThe ForeignerRev David LeePocket TheatreDraculaDr. Jonathan SewardJenny Wiley TheatreTecumseh!Reverend Wood/McDonald USThe Scioto Society

Annie! Louis Howe Theatre West Virginia

Honey in the Rock Francis Pierpont/Stonewall Jackson Theatre West Virginia

The West Virginia

Hatfields and McCoysJim McCoy/Cap HatfieldTheatre West VirginiaGreaseKenickieTheatre West VirginiaPassionellaFlip CharmingTWV Tour

Blue Jacket Outdoor Drama Stoner/Major Smith/Fight Swing First Frontier Inc.

Murder Afloat Jack Armstrong Bravvo!! Productions

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 Jack Armstrong
 Bravvo!! Productions

 Death by Politics
 J. Edgar Hoosier
 Bravvo!! Productions

 Blue Jacket Outdoor Drama
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 First Frontier Inc.

The Last Night of BallyhooAdolph FreitagSouthern Arena TheatreMoon Over BuffaloGeorge HaySouthern Arena TheatreDesign for MurderDan CarlinSouthern Arena Theatre

Enemy of the PeopleHovstadUSMScapinGeorge the pianistUSMBig LoveNikosUSMCoyote on a FenceJohn BrennanUSM

Noises Off! Selsdon Mawbray University of Alabama
Song of the Mounties Sgt. Bob Sledd Showboat Becky Thatcher

#### CAMERA

Golden Triangle Regional ad Traveler Dir. Robby Coblentz Dir. Maggie Bushway Missing Pieces Waiter Low T Patient Dir. Robby Coblentz Starkville Urology ad Cubicle City Johnson Dir. Glynn Payne The Getaway Jeffery Dir. Dylan Scott Stagrassle Paranormal Enzo (2 episodes) Dir. Glenn Payne Freedom Fighters Chaplain Dir. Wade Patterson

The Hollars Stand in for Charlie Day Dir. John Krasinki

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Center for Creative Leadership (https://www.ccl.org/open-enrollment-programs/leadership-development-program/)

Leadership Development Program

Greensboro, NC Campus ◆ March 2019

MUW Leadership Academy (https://www.muw.edu/wla)

2018-19

Appreciative Advising Workshop ◆ 2019

Facilitated by my Leadership Academy Small Group

Great Lakes Michael Chekhov Consortium Teacher Training:

(http://www.greatlakesmichaelchekhovconsortium.com/)

Certified Teacher - Module 3 ◆ 2016 University of Mount Union

Module 2 ◆ 2015; Module 1 ◆ 2014 Kent State University

Casting Bootcamp

A film auditioning workshop with CSA Casting Director, Matthew Morgan

Southeastern Theatre Conference Masterclasses:

An Acrobat of the Heart • Stephen Wangh 2013

Alexander Technique for Teachers • Sarah Barker 2013

The Second Circle ◆ Patsy Rodenburg 2011

Vocal Training: Robin Carr ◆ 1 year Lessac

Equestrian Training: Tim Clyne, TC Performance Horses

Society of American Fight Directors

University of Mississippi Oxford, OH 2018

Scioto Society Chillicothe, OH 2009-2013, 2017

Winter Wonderland Workshop Chicago, IL 2007

University of Southern Mississippi Hattiesburg, MS 2004-2006 Theatre West Virginia Beckley, WV 2004, 2002, 1999

LA Tech University Ruston, LA 1996-7, 1999, 2005-6, 2008

# UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Mississippi University for Women: Songfest Judge

College Tenure Committee • Arts, Sciences, & Education

Signature Program Working Committee Search Committee • Student Navigator Search Committee Chair • Theatre

Faculty Senate • President 17-18, 16-17, 15-16

**Expanded Presidents Cabinet** 

Administrative Council

University Priorities Committee Search Committee • Provost Search Committee • Athletic Director

Search Committee • Campus Recreation Director

Weapons Task Force

Administrative Organization Review Committee

Academic Calendar Committee

Hearing Panel Pool

Interdisciplinary Capstone Committee: Holly Cochran

Divorce: A One Woman Show (Spring 2017)

MUW Honors Committee Chair: Abigail McCreary (2019)

Warming Up to Creativity
Courtney Thompson (2018-19)

*LGBTQ+* Representation in Musical Theatre

Kevin Barkman (2016-17)

Stomping the Way to an Excellent Performance: The

Actor Training Method of Tadashi Suzuki

Mary Wildsmith (2013-14)

Implications and Applications of Historic Scenic

Painting

Columbus, MS: Ghosts and Legends Tours Narrator

Southern Arkansas University: Liberal and Performing Arts Scholarship Committee

#### **CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS**

Southeastern Theatre Conference

Knoxville, TN 2019

Fringe Festival Chair • Presider Keynote Presentation • Presider Services Council Meeting • Presider

Southeastern Theatre Conference

Greensboro, NC 2016

The Good, The Bad, The Ugly - Creating Character through Gesture (With Susan Cato-Chapman)

Southeastern Theatre Conference

Chattanooga, TN 2015

Explorations in Movement (Moderator)

Southeaster Theatre Conference

Mobile, AL 2014

Explorations in Movement (Moderator)

Explorations in Movement Follow up (Moderator)

Mississippi Theatre Association Secondary Teacher Continuing Education

Staged Violence for Contemporary Shows Vicksburg, MS 2013

Southeastern Theatre Conference

Louisville, KY 2013

Explorations in Movement (co-moderator) Vice-chair Stage Movement Committee

Physical Actor Warm ups

Explorations in Movement Follow up (co-moderator)

Mississippi Theater Association State Festival

MUW, 2013

Making the Theatrical Properties Knife

Crouse Curriculum Vitae

Southeastern Theatre Conference

Chattanooga, TN 2012

Explorations in Movement (Moderator)

Physical Actor Warm ups

Vice-Chair Stage Movement Committee

Southeastern Theatre Conference

Atlanta, Georgia 2011

Physical Actor Warm ups

Finding Characters through Movement Based on the Four Elements (with Brad Oxnam)

Vice-Chair Stage Movement Committee

Mississippi Theatre Association State Festival

Meridian, MS 2011

Water vs. Water

Southeastern Theatre Conference

Lexington, Kentucky 2010

Acting Intention and Fight Choreography (With Marcus Lane and Austin Barrow)

Finding Characters through Movement Based on the Four Elements