

Lee Crouse

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Professional Summary

Dynamic theatre professional with extensive experience in production, education, and arts administration. Proven leader in directing, company management, and strategic planning, with a strong record of fostering collaboration, audience engagement, and organizational growth.

Professional Experience

Scioto Society – *TECUMSEH!* Outdoor Drama | 2023–Present

Associate Producer

- Oversee company management, including logistics, scheduling, and resource allocation
- Direct productions and coordinate casting for large-scale outdoor performances
- Lead audience relations initiatives to enhance community engagement and attendance

Mississippi University for Women (MUW) | 2010–Present

Adjunct Instructor (2020–Present); Associate Professor of Theatre (2010–2020)

- Taught courses in acting, directing, theatre management, and history
- Led recruitment and advising for theatre students, increasing program enrollment
- Served as Faculty Senate President, facilitating faculty governance and policy development
- Completed MUW Leadership Academy Training
- Awarded Humanities Teacher of the Year (2017–18)

Greensboro College | 2022

Adjunct Instructor

- Designed and taught course on Michael Chekhov Acting Technique

Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC) | 2010–2023

Convention Services/Educational Services Manager (2020–2023)

- Collaborated with central office staff on convention programming and logistics
- Conducted site visits and managed event operations

Vice President of Services (2018–2020); Vice President of States (2017–2018)

- Developed and implemented strategic plans for conference growth
- Coordinated with committee chairs and state representatives

Executive Committee & Board of Directors (2015–2020)

- Provided leadership in organizational governance and convention planning

Chair/Vice Chair – Movement & Physical Theatre (2010–2014)

- Led programming and workshops in physical theatre disciplines

Mississippi Theatre Association (MTA) | 2015-17

Board President

- Led executive committee and board meetings, setting agendas and strategic direction
- Advocated for the arts at the state level
- Coordinated statewide screening auditions
- Represented MTA at the Southeastern Theatre Conference

Education

Master of Fine Arts in Theatre Performance

University of Southern Mississippi

Professional Affiliations

- Associate Member, Stage Directors and Choreographers Society

Skills

- Leadership & Strategic Planning
- Directing & Casting
- Company & Event Management
- Arts Advocacy
- Curriculum Development
- Audience Engagement
- Recruitment & Advising

Awards & Honors

- Behind the Scenes Associate of the Year, Ross-Chillicothe CVB (2024)
- Humanities Teacher of the Year, Mississippi University for Women (2017–18)

References

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