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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Virginia Tech, The Center for Communicating Science

Co-Director of Research

08/2024-Present

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Virginia Tech, School of Performing Arts

* *Diversity Search Advocate, Inclusive VT*

Assistant Professor of Applied Theatre (Performance and Community Engagement).

08/2024-Present

Old Dominion University, Department of Communication and Theatre Arts

* *Graduate Level 1 certified*

Assistant Professor of Theatre (Performance and Community-Engaged Theatre)

07/2020-05/2024

Visiting Assistant Professor of Theatre

08/2019-07/2020

Virginia Tech, Department of Theatre and Cinema

Post-MFA Teaching Fellowship in Applied Performance

2018-2019

University of Georgia, Department of Theatre and Film Studies

Instructor, Community-Engagement Assistantship

2015-2018

EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts in Acting

University of Georgia, Department of Theatre and Film Studies

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting

Old Dominion University, Department of Communication and Theatre Arts

Professional Development Fellowships/Trainings

2024 Center for Artistic Activism Faculty Fellow

The Center for Artistic Activism (C4AA)

Focus: *Civic Engagement Advocacy; Pro-voter Interdisciplinary Collaboration Initiative*

2023 Summer Institute for Higher Education Faculty Fellow

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Pig Iron Theatre Company

Focus: *Preserving and Transmitting American Ensemble-Based Devised Theatre*

2022 Community Engagement Theater Intensive

Cornerstone Theatre Company

Focus: *Practices and Strategies for Community-centered Theatre and Methodology*

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

Actors Equity Association (A.E.A.)

Alternate ROOTS

Association for Theatre in Higher Education (A.T.H.E.)

Association of Theatre Movement Educators (A.T.M.E.)
 American Society of Theatre Research (A.S.T.R.)
 Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA)
 Diversity Scholars Network (D.S.N.)
 Black Theatre Network (B.T.N.)
 Women of Color in the Arts (W.O.C.A.)

Applied Creative Practice and Research

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Race and Performance
 Performance as Activism
 Devised and Community-Engaged Theatre
 Applied Collaborative Technique
 Narrative-based Research—*Storytelling, Verbatim Theatre*
 Solo Performance—*Development, Performing, & Directing*
 Theatre for Social Change

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in refereed journals

Harris, Brittney S., “Paragraphs on the Pedagogy of the Now- ‘Here Us Out’: *Building Inclusive Theatre Classrooms through Community Agreements.*” *Theatre Topics*, Johns Hopkins University Press, **forthcoming March 2025.**

Harris, Brittney S., et al. “Forum: Devised futures- Creative Discourse: The Umbrella Method, a tool for Narrative-based Solo Performance.” *Theater: Yale International Journal of Criticism, Plays, and Reportage*, vol. 54, no. 2, 1 May 2024, pp. 119–137. <https://doi.org/10.1215/01610775-11127602>

Book Chapters

Harris, Brittney S. “Embodying the Headlines: Performing Sandra Bland.” Essay. In *Applied Theatre and Racial Justice: Radical Imaginings for Just Communities*. New York, NY: Routledge Press, Taylor & Francis Group, **forthcoming 2025.**

Books and digital files

Harris, Brittney S. *Keep Calm and Create On: Words of Encouragement from One Artist to the Next*. 2nd ed. Kindle Direct Press, 2023.

Harris, Brittney S. *The Amazin’ Jason: 10-Minute Play*. Kindle Direct Press, 2022.

Harris, Brittney S. *How to Tie a Tie: A Short Play*. Kindle Direct Press, 2022.

Harris, Brittney S. *Best Women’s Monologues 2021 Anthology: “How to Tie a Tie”*. Smith & Kraus Publishers, Hanover, NH. 2021.

APPLIED CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIP: DEvised THEATRE MAKER

*Applied research and creative scholarship as a **devised theatre maker** includes building a theatrical production through a process where a creative team develops a show collaboratively with each contribution serving the narrative/story/plot without a script, involving some or all members of the production staff to create the text through improvisatory collaborations.*

- 01/2025- Present **UNTITLED ‘NIKKI GIOVANNI TRIBUTE’ IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE PROJECT**
Creative Consultant, Co-Lead Collaborator
 Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology (ICAT), Virginia Tech
- 08/2024- 12/2024 **AMPLIFY THE POLL!: CREATING CIVIC CARE, A COLLABORATIVE PROJECT FOR THE CLASSROOM**
Project Concept, Lead Facilitator
 As part of the C4AA Faculty Fellowship, this adapted interdisciplinary collaboration with VT students from the Fall 2024 I-ACT (Intro to Applied Collaborative Technique) course and the Center for Artistic Activism explores Augusto Boal’s Theatre of the Oppressed "image theatre" techniques for civil dialogue and movement-based conversation, using performative activism to support creative pre- and post-presidential election care campaigns on the Virginia Tech campus.
 Culminated in three group composition projects that creatively illustrated and explored the themes of empathy, personal care, and community, showcasing the power of collaborative effort and performative expression
- 01/2024- 06/2024 **THE RIVER OF LIFE: WE ALL HAVE OUR OWN STORY/ EL RIO DE LA VIDA**
Project Concept, Lead External Collaborator, Co-Research Contributor
 4-VA Org., James Madison University
 A summer intensive participatory action research program, funded by the 4-VA Collaborative Research grant, will take place in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The program will focus on creating theater performances based on the experiences of newcomers (refugees) in the city. The participants will showcase their final performance in different spaces within the community to encourage public dialogue. The study aims to evaluate the impact of the theater-making process, performance, and ensuing dialogue on the confidence of newcomers, building a sense of community and belonging, and promoting active participation in advancing equity.
- 01/2024- 04/2024 **‘AMPLIFY THE POLL!’ THEATRE OF THE OPPRESSED PROJECT FOR THE PUBLIC**
Project Concept, Lead Facilitator
 As a part of the C4AA Faculty Fellowship, this interdisciplinary collaboration initiative with the ODU Theatre programs and the Center for Artistic Activism explores the methodology of Augusto Boal’s Theatre of the Oppressed techniques for civil dialogue using performative activism in support of implementing creative, pro-voter campaigns on Old Dominion University campus and Hampton Roads community at large.
- 10/2023 **OPERA FOR US: FALL PROGRAMMING SERIES**
Creative Content Contributor
 Contributed narrative-based artist and performance technique to tell the stories of the community through opera music.; consulted with ‘Opera For Us’ organization and local artists from the Hampton Roads community.

- 10/2023 **ECLIPSE: FANTASTIC PLANET FESTIVAL**
Project Consultant, Creative Content Contributor
- Contributed original narrative-based devised theatre method of the ‘umbrella’ method and framework for an immersive theatre performance that combines ‘sheet work’ (original technique) spectacle and collaborative conversation to investigate the state of our planet; consulted with the Old Dominion University Department of Communication and Theatre Arts and ROUGE Productions.
- 08/2019- 07/2023 **AMPLIFIED: THE ST. PAUL’S PROJECT**
Project Lead, Creative Content Development Lead
 Dept. of Communication and Theatre Arts at Old Dominion University, Teens with a Purpose, and New Virginia Majority
- Community Engagement Project; *Amplified* is an original devised theatre project exploring issues and perspectives of children of St. Paul’s Quadrant and the consequential effects of the redevelopment process. These stories will be woven together into an original performance piece that creates a dramatic dialogue.
- 02/2023- 06/2023 **AHAZAZA: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE, DEvised THEATRE PROJECT**
Lead Deviser, Co-Director
- International-based devised theatre initiative/project in Rwanda with Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village and the In[HEIR]itance Project. In partnership with ASYV and the In[HEIR]itance Project, this initiative will mirror the values of ASYV by focusing on how art can be utilized for equity, confidence, and healing and will help participants hone their public speaking and storytelling skills and build confidence communicating in English.
- 02/2023- 06/2023 **SILHOUETTES: CUT TO BLACK—THE KARA WALKER PROJECT**
Project Concept, Director
- Community Engagement Project with ROUGE Productions, Virginia Public Arts, Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia African American Cultural Center
 A devised/new project in development exploring the thematic elements of a) Augusto Boal’s Theatre of the Oppressed: Image Theater work and b) specific thematic/physical elements of Kara Walker’s artistic exploration of black bodies in distress and liberation through narrative.
- 08/2022- 10/2022 **TAG! YOU’RE IT!**
Project Concept/Director
 ODURep Theatre/Old Dominion University
- A devised/new play. 4-week rehearsal process. An interactive, ensemble-based devised theatre piece utilizing the Boalian technique of Image Theatre exploring issues of unmasking/unveiling of freedom, creative self-expression through performance, resistance, and protest
- 06/2022- 07/2022 **RIVER STORIES: ‘UR ROOTS AMPLIFIED’ EXTENDED PROJECT**
Project Concept, Creative Content Development Lead
 Dept. of Communication and Theatre Arts at Old Dominion University, Teens with a Purpose
- Summer-based creative applied theatre community-based project; project incorporated visual art, spoken word poetry, cultural dance, and audio recordings of ‘River Stories’ highlighting the ‘whole human’ and their journey through life in Tidewater Gardens and St. Paul’s Quadrant.

- 09/2021- 05/2022 **THE IN[HEIR]ITANCE PROJECT: *EXODUS HOMECOMING***
Creative Content for Devised Theater, In-field Research Contributor
 The IN[HEIR]ITANCE Project, Virginia Arts Festival, WHRO, Virginia Humanities
<https://www.inheirittance.org/exodus-coastal-virginia>
 Project Overview: an examination of the history and lived experiences of the people of Hampton Roads in relationship to the themes and narrative of the book of Exodus. A final play will premiere at the Virginia Arts Festival in May 2022 at the Attucks Theater.
- Artist Salon Community Partners (limited):
- N.N. Contemporary Arts Center
 - Susan S. Goode Performing Arts Center at VWU
 - Norfolk Academy Upper School
 - Urban League of South Hampton Roads
- 02/2022 **THE CULTURAL LEGACY OF THE ATTUCKS, *A CREATIVE EXPLORATION***
Project Co-Lead, Creative Content Development Lead
 In[HEIR]itance Project and YWCA South Hampton Roads
 A creative community engagement exploration centered on the history of the ‘Attucks Theater’ and exploring how creativity and cultural legacy impacts health and wellness.
- 07/2021 **WHOLE HUMAN/ I AM BEAUTIFUL: ‘*UR ROOTS AMPLIFIED*’ EXTENDED PROJECT**
Creative Content Development Lead
 Dept. of Communication and Theatre Arts at Old Dominion University, Teens with a Purpose
 Summer-based creative applied theatre performative project; performance locations: *Hermitage Museum, Norfolk Botanical Gardens, and Virginia Stage Company*. This project incorporated visual art, spoken word poetry, cultural dance, and audio recordings of 3 primary subjects highlighting the ‘whole human’, and their journey of beauty and peace by living in Tidewater Gardens and the greater city of Norfolk.
- 05/2021- 06/2021 **THE HIDDEN HISTORY: THE BANJO, *A CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH***
Project Lead, Project Consultant, Creative Content Development Lead
 Creative performative project in script development and performance creation partnering with Zeiders American Dream Theater, City of VA Beach Cultural Affairs, VB GIGS, Teens with a Purpose, and Tidewater African Cultural Alliance about Juneteenth as a salute to freedom through expression and creativity.
- 03/2021 **INTERSECTIONS OF RACE AND GENDER JUSTICE: *A PERFORMATIVE DISCOURSE***
Project Consultant, Creative Content Development Lead
 Dept. of Women’s and Gender Studies at Virginia Tech and Virginia Tech Women’s Center
 Contributed Augusto Boal’s *Theatre of the Oppressed* methodology of ‘Image Theatre’ and Cornerstone Theater Company’s ‘community-based collaboration technique’ for an interactive theatrical exploration of space, time, and body in response to attacks on the Capital in January 2021.
- 11/2020 **THE RACE 2020**
Creative Content Contributor (digital)
 Virginia Tech School of Performing Arts and The Civility Project

Contributed Augusto Boal's *Theatre of the Oppressed* methodology of 'Image Theatre' creative content for an interactive live-streamed theatre performance that combines spectacle and collaborative conversation to investigate the state of our democracy.

09/2020- 11/2020

SYMPTOMATIC: IRL

Project Concept/Lead Collaborator/Director
ODURep Theatre/Old Dominion University

7-week rehearsal process. A devised/new play development. *Symptomatic: IRL* centers on embodying the psychological dilemma and chaos of the COVID-19 pandemic and national regulations.

07/2020

**2020 ODU SUMMER ARTS SERIES: RESILIENT STILLNESS—
A PROJECT ABOUT STILLNESS AND TOGETHERNESS**

Project Lead, Creative Content Development Lead
Virtual Performative Community Engagement Project/Workshop

Documented in the creation of an archivable video montage, *Resilient Stillness* blends together each participant's physical embodiment of embracing the theme of "stillness" during the COVID-19 pandemic. Led and provided a collaborative tool devised from Augusto Boal's *Theatre of the Oppressed* technique 'Image Theatre' in which still images are used to explore abstract concepts, such as relationships and emotions, as well as realistic situations.

07/2020

ADVENTUROUS TEEN SUMMER EXPERIENCE: 'UR ROOTS AMPLIFIED'

Project Lead, Creative Content Development Lead

Community Engagement Project with Dept. of Communication and Theatre Arts at Old Dominion University, Teens with a Purpose, and Open Norfolk

Summer-based creative applied theatre performative project; performance locations: Open Norfolk's The Safe Creative Community Space (SCCS) and Garden, Norfolk Botanical Gardens, St. Paul's Quadrant Neighborhood (Various outdoor locations)

01/2020- 03/2020

ECHOES: TRANSCENDING THROUGH STORY

Project Concept/Lead Collaborator/Director
ODURep Theatre /Old Dominion University

8-week rehearsal process. A devised/new play development. *Echoes* centered on deliberately targeted the generational echoes of caution and criticism that ring in every woman's ear: that "mother within" whose cautions and criticism benefit only their oppressors.

07/2019

LIVING BEYOND SOUTHERN LIVING: PERSONAL NARRATIVES FROM SOUTHERN WOMEN

Project Consultant, Creative Content Development Lead

Creative performative project in script development and performance consulting for the Dept. of Women's and Gender Studies at Virginia Tech

Living Beyond Southern Living, a year-long creative project with the VT Feminist Theory grad seminar exploring issues about their relationship to social justice causes and/or feminism to be read/performed at the yearly Women's and Gender Studies student showcase.

01/2019- 03/2019

VIRGINIA TECH HISTORY PROJECT: VOICE IN THE STONE

Project Co-Collaborator, Creative Content Development

Dept. of Theatre and Cinema, Dept. of English, Dept. of History at Virginia Tech

Long-term creative project in script development and performance consultant in anticipation of Virginia Tech's 150th anniversary in 2022; site-specific dance/theatre piece focused specifically on the narratives of the first Black women to attend Virginia Tech in 1966.

- 02/2019- 03/2019 **BLACK LOVE EXHIBIT, A BLACK LOVE CONVERSATION**
Project Co-Collaborator, Creative Content Development
 Virginia Tech Women's Center
- Performative, audience-immersive projects comprised of pairing with the Perspective Student Gallery, Virginia Tech Women's Center, and Dept. of Theatre exploring the depths of embodying redemption through theatrical performance.
- 09/2018- 11/2018 **RESILIENT SUSTAINABILITY *SIMPLIFIED***
Project Lead, Creative Content Development
 Center for Communicating Sciences, Virginia Tech
- Collaborated with Dr. Madeleine Flint, Assistant Professor in Structural Engineering and Materials and Virginia Tech students to develop a piece on structural sustainability and human involvement.
- 08/2017- 12/2017 **ALWAYS (K)NEW: TRANSLATING IDENTITIES, QUEERING BORDERS**
Project Co-Collaborator, Creative Content Development
 Department of Theatre and Film Studies and Department of Romance Languages (UGA);
 Pontifical Xavierian University (Bogotá, Colombia)
- Original devised theatre project utilizing collected personal narratives to explore the particular issues facing LGBTQ students, faculty, and staff at UGA and in the Athens community.
- 04/2016 **BEAUTY UNCHAINED**
 Director, Playwright, Project Concept
 University of Georgia
 Devised/New Play development. main preface for the project was to embody the essence of Black Theater, script development, devised over the course of the Spring 2016 semester at University of Georgia.

APPLIED CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIP: DIRECTOR

*Applied research and creative scholarship in **directing** includes preparing a theatre production for public performance by researching/dramaturgy, casting, devising/rehearsing, staging, collaborating with designers and the production team.*

- 05/2024- 06/2024 **THE RIVER OF LIFE: WE ALL HAVE OUR OWN STORY/ EL RIO DE LA VIDA**
Devised, Co-Director
 4-VA Org., James Madison University
- 08/2023-11/2023 **BLOOD AT THE ROOT**
Director
 ODURep Theatre /Old Dominion University
 7-week rehearsal process. A stylized ensemble movement-based play by Dominique Morisseau based on *Jena 6* of Louisiana.

- 02/2023- 06/2023 **AHAZAZA: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE, DEvised THEATRE PROJECT**
Devised, Co-Director
 Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village (Rwanda, Africa) and the In[HEIR]itance Project
- 01/2023- 04/2023 **SILHOUETTES: CUT TO BLACK—THE KARA WALKER PROJECT**
Devised, Director
 ROUGE Productions, Virginia Public Arts, Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia African American Cultural Center
- 1/2023-04/2023 **ODUREP NEW PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL [SOLO FEST]**
Director
 Project Overview: produced solo fest new works by 4 aspiring ODU student solo artists. solo pieces were originated as projects in the Acting 3 class taught by Prof. Brittney S. Harris.
 Featured solo pieces: “Blind Marriage” by Tahji McCombs, “Like Father Like Daughter” by Lakasia Moore, “ReMemories” by Orion Posey, and “Bits of R E D” by Amaya Wills.
- 08/2022- 10/2022 **TAG! YOU’RE IT!**
Devised, Director, Playwright
 ODUREP Theatre /Old Dominion University
- 01/2022- 05/2022 **THE IN[HEIR]ITANCE PROJECT: EXODUS HOMECOMING**
Assistant Director
 The IN[HEIR]ITANCE Project, Virginia Arts Festival, WHRO, Virginia Humanities
<https://www.inheirance.org/exodus-coastal-virginia>
- 09/2021- 11/2021 **INTIMATE APPAREL**
Director
 ODUREP Theatre/Old Dominion University
 8-week rehearsal process, regulated by COVID-19 protocols and restrictions. Our production is a patchwork quilt of woven narratives stitched together over time through the themes of gender, race and class, and religion from the words of playwright Lynn Nottage.
- 05/2021- 06/2021 **THE HIDDEN HISTORY: THE BANJO, A CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH**
Devised, Director
 Zeiders American Dream Theater and City of Virginia Beach Cultural Affairs
- 09/2020 -11/2020 **SYMPTOMATIC: IRL**
Devised, Director, Playwright
 ODUREP Theatre /Old Dominion University
- 01/2020- 03/2020 **ECHOES: TRANSCENDING THROUGH STORY**
Devised, Director, Playwright
 ODUREP Theatre /Old Dominion University
- 01/2016- 04/2016 **BEAUTY UNCHAINED**
Devised, Director, Playwright
 University of Georgia

APPLIED CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIP: PERFORMER, PLAYWRIGHT

Applied research and creative scholarship as a performer and playwright includes a mastery of production expertise (director/producer), historical context, and collaborative skills.

PEDIGREE (08/2020, Ongoing)

Solo Performance Short Film/One Woman Show

Project overview: An exploration of artistic defiance against social inequality, *Pedigree* is a solo piece about one's journey of recovery from the inexplicit influences of racial hatred and violence plaguing their mentality and livelihood.

- Love Peace and Freedom Film Festival, (San Cristobal de las Casas, Mexico), *adjudicated* 2025
- International Black & Diversity Film Festival, IBDF (Toronto, CN), *adjudicated* 2025
- *Under Our Skin Festival: Int'l Festival on Human Rights (Kenya, Africa), *adjudicated* 2024
- *Africa International Human Rights Film Festival (Lagos, Nigeria), *adjudicated* 2024
- *Minority Film Festival (New York, NY), *adjudicated* 2024
- San Diego Independent Filmmaker's Festival (San Diego, CA), *adjudicated* 2024
- Freedom Festival International (Columbia, SC), *adjudicated* 2024
- *United We Heal Film Festival (Philadelphia, PA), *adjudicated* 2024
- OHC Criminal Justice Short Film Fest (Chicago, IL), *adjudicated* 2024
- *2024 Virginia Black Film Festival (Hampton, VA), *adjudicated* 2024
- Activists Without Borders Film Festival (London, UK), *adjudicated* 2023
- 2023 Diaspora Festival of Black and Indep. Film (Chapel Hill, NC), *adjudicated* 2023
- *Micheaux Film Festival (Los Angeles, CA), *adjudicated* 2023
- *DMV International Film Festival (Washington DC), *adjudicated* 2023
- *Monarch Short-Film Festival (Norfolk, VA), *adjudicated* 2023
- *Seven Cities Showcase of Hampton Roads (Virginia Beach, VA), *adjudicated* 2023
- *11th International Social Change Film Festival (Atlanta, GA), *adjudicated* 2022
- *7th Annual Neon Festival (Norfolk, VA), *adjudicated* 2022
- *30th Midwestern Conference on Lit., Language, and Media (MCLLM), *adjudicated* 2022
- *2022 Global Conf. on Women and Gender, Christopher Newport Uni. *adjudicated* 2022
- *53rd Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA) in March 2022, *adjudicated* 2022
- *12th African, African American, & Diaspora Studies (AAAD) Conference, *adjudicated* 2022
- *ODU Black History Month 2022 (Norfolk, VA) 2022
- 20th Annual Asheville Fringe Festival (Asheville, NC), *adjudicated* 2022
- 'James River Short Film Festival', *adjudicated* 2022
- *Top 4 finalist in nationally acclaimed '2021 The Breath Project Festival', *adjudicated* 2021
- *Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE) (Austin, TX), *adjudicated* 2021

**Indicates a community-based post-performance/screening talkback discussion on narrative-based solo performance and the artistic pedagogical process of developing and performing Pedigree.*

BEING B.A.D. (04/2017, Ongoing)

Solo Performance/One Woman Show

Project overview: A theatrical production that embodies creative resistance against oppressive gender stereotypes and domestic violence, *Being B.A.D.* is a piece about personal acceptance and redemption from the cycle of abuse.

- *BOOM Charlotte Fringe Festival (Charlotte, NC), *adjudicated* 2023

- The Z Fringe Festival (Virginia Beach, VA) 2023
- *Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA) (Niagara Falls, NY), *adjudicated* 2023
- 6th Annual Neon Festival (Norfolk, VA), *adjudicated* 2021
- KeyBank Rochester Fringe Festival (Rochester, NY), *adjudicated* 2021
- *BorderLight International Theatre + Fringe Festival (Cleveland, OH), *adjudicated* 2021
- 2021 Global Conf. on Women and Gender, Christopher Newport Uni., *adjudicated* 2021
- *19th Annual Asheville Fringe Festival (Asheville, NC), *adjudicated* 2021
- *1st Annual Richmond Fringe Fest (Richmond, VA), *adjudicated* 2020
- *Virginia Theatre Association Conference 2019
- *NC Women’s Theatre Fringe Festival (Raleigh, NC), *adjudicated* 2019
- Black Theatre Network Conference (Winston-Salem, NC), *adjudicated* 2019
- *Gender, Bodies, and Technology Conference (Roanoke, VA), *adjudicated* 2019
- *A Black Love Conversation: Virginia Tech Women’s Center Event (Blacksburg, VA) 2019

**Indicates a community-based post- performance/screening talkback discussion on narrative-based solo performance and the artistic pedagogical process of developing and performing Being B.A.D.*

THE INTERSECTION: THE SANDRA BLAND PROJECT (02/2016, Ongoing)

Solo Performance/One Woman Show

Project Overview: explores the depths of equality, justice, and mental health awareness through theatrical performance. This project focused on the life of Black Lives Matter activist Sandra Bland and the last hour before her body was discovered in her jail cell on July 13, 2015.

- *Little Theatre of Norfolk, Intersections: Art, Activism and Advocacy (Norfolk, VA) 2024
- *ODU Black History Month 2023, Barry Art Museum artist series (Norfolk, VA) 2023
- *1st Midwest Regional Afr. American Studies Biennial Conference, *adjudicated* 2022
- *9th Annual African, Afr. American, & Diaspora Studies Conference, *adjudicated* 2021

**Indicates a community-based post-performance/screening talkback discussion on subsequent adverse effects of violence in the media on POC millennials and the artistic pedagogical process of developing and performing The Intersection.*

THREE HYSTERICAL WOMEN: EXPLORATIONS OF FEMININE RAGE

Solo performer, playwright, co-director

Project overview: Curated three original solo pieces into one production, we explored issues of inclusion and social disparity, including imposed gender roles and racial stereotypes. The work is relevant to our students and campus communities with a cathartic response to the #MeToo and TimesUp Movement.

- *Premiered at Theatre Program at Virginia Tech, School of Performing Arts 11/2018- 01/2019

**Indicates a community-based post- performance/screening talkback discussion on the artistic pedagogical process of developing and performing Three Hysterical Women.*

OTHER REPRESENTATIVE CREATIVE WORK (SELECTED)

Acting (Limited)

2024	<i>The Intersection</i>	Sandra Bland	Little Theatre of Norfolk, Norfolk, VA
2023	<i>Being B.A.D.</i>	Kendra Foster	BOOM Charlotte Fringe The Z Fringe Festival, Virginia Beach, VA
2021	<i>Race</i>	Susan	Generic Theater, Norfolk, VA
2020	<i>‘Untitled’</i>	Principal	Overnight Sensations 2020, Hollins University

2020	<i>Being B.A.D.</i>	Kendra Foster	1 st Annual Richmond Fringe Festival 2020 GCWG, Newport News, VA
2019	<i>Being B.A.D.</i>	Kendra Foster	V.T.A. Conference, Norfolk VA Women Theatre Festival Fringe 2019 Black Theatre Network Conference 2019 G.B.T. Conference, Roanoke VA
2019	<i>The Intersection</i>	Sandra Bland	9 th Annual A.A.A.D Conference
2019	<i>Three Hysterical Women: One-Woman Show Collective</i>	Kendra Foster	Virginia Tech (Solo Perf.)
2018	<i>Resilient Sustainability: Simplified</i>	Self	Virginia Tech, Communicating Sciences
2018	<i>Barbarism: Story of Medea</i>	Jason	University of Georgia (Staged Reading)
2017	<i>The Last Witch</i>	Elsbeth Begg	University of Georgia
2017	<i>Titus Andronicus</i>	Lavinia	University of Georgia
2017	<i>Being B.A.D</i>	Kendra Foster	University of Georgia (Solo Perf.)
2017	<i>The Intersection</i>	Sandra Bland	University of Georgia (Solo Perf.)
2016	<i>Jane Eyre</i>	Jane Eyre	University of Georgia
2016	<i>Fires in the Mirror</i>	Ntozake Shange	University of Georgia
2015	<i>You Can't Take It With You</i>	M. Miriam Kirby	University of Georgia
2015	<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>	Ruth Younger	Keep the Change Productions
2013	<i>Extremities</i>	Marjorie	Iron Street Productions, LLC., VA
2013	<i>Fraction of Light</i>	Nettie	Virginia Playwriting Forum, VA
2013	<i>Raising Awareness/ Raising Hope</i>	Ellen Johnson Sirleaf	Venue on 35th Street Theatre, VA
2012	<i>The Trial of One Short- Sighted: Black Woman...</i>	Judge	Venue on 35th Street Theatre, VA
2011	<i>Julius Caesar</i>	Portia/Calpurnia	Virginia Stage Company (Workshop)
2011	<i>Chaos in the House</i>	Juju	James McNeil Person Productions
2011	<i>Fragments</i>	Solider	Old Dominion University
2010	<i>Intimate Apparel</i>	Esther	Old Dominion University
2009	<i>Persephone Wept</i>	Persephone	Old Dominion University
2009	<i>For Colored Girls...</i>	Lady in Purple	Virginia Commonwealth University
2008	<i>Negras Eros</i>	Principal	Shaffer Street Playhouse
2006	<i>Abolitionist Museum</i>	Harriet Tubman	Juneteenth Festival Players
2005	<i>Goodly Creatures</i>	Chorus	Virginia Stage Company

Film/Television

2021	<i>Pedigree, a Short Film</i>	Person A	Dir. Brittney Harris & Russ Fulmore
2014-	<i>Traffick Stop (Pilot)</i>	Officer Kimberly	Traffick Stop Productions
2017		Ball	
2013-	<i>Precinct 757</i>	Officer LaTia	FulCamp Productions
2017		Britton	
2015	<i>Wicked Attraction- Ep. 303</i>	Co-Star	M2 Pictures
2015	<i>22:42</i>	Lead	Dir. Amena Anderson
2014	<i>The Homecoming</i>	Lead	Dir. Russ Fulmore
2014	<i>Charades</i>	Lead	Dir. Russ Fulmore
2014	<i>Bad Service</i>	Principal	Dir. Chris Abaya
2013	<i>I Dated a Psycho, E. 1.5</i>	Principal	M2 Pictures
2012	<i>Miracle of the Murders</i>	Principal	Dir. Joseph Baum
2011	<i>FBI Criminal Pursuit, E. 402</i>	Supporting	M2 Pictures
2011	<i>Ellie</i>	Supporting	M2 Pictures
2010	<i>Happily Never After, E. 110</i>	Featured	M2 Pictures

Writings (Playscripts)

2020	<i>Pedigree</i>	10-Minute Play
2018	<i>The Amazin' Jason</i>	10-Minute Play
2017	<i>How to Tie a Tie</i>	Short Play/One-Act
2017	<i>The Request (or Prison Fan Fiction)</i>	One Act
2016	<i>Being B.A.D.</i>	Short Play
2016	<i>The Intersection</i>	Short Play/One-Act

APPLIED CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIP: ARTS ADMINISTRATOR

*Applied research and creative scholarship in **arts administration** includes areas such as professional consulting, programming, producing, and/or managing theatre operations of an arts organization or theatre company.*

- 10/2023-04/2024 **2024 Z FRINGE FESTIVAL**
Co-Producer
 Zeiders American Dream Theater
 Project Overview: showcases unique creative works in a weekend of adventurous theater and performance art from the Hampton Roads community and beyond. Premieres at the Virginia April 2023 at the Zeiders American Dream Theater.
- 12/2023-03/2024 **HERSTORY SUMMIT 2024: EMPOWERMENT THROUGH VOICE AND EXPRESSION**
Artistic Director, Co-Project Lead
 Co-sponsored by ODU Department of Communication and Theatre Arts and ODU Women, Gender, and Equity Center (WGEC)
 Project Overview: community engagement event which will provide a perspective of excitement in celebration of Diversity, Equality, and Inclusivity in honor of all things “HER”. This event was created with hopes of having attendees conclude the conference feeling *motivated* and inspired to use their voices in implementing positive “change” on their college campuses and communities.

 The summit includes poetic expression & opera performances, interactive panel discussions concluding the summit with a *Call to Action* in regard to the Crown Act Initiative.
- 12/2023-02/2024 **INTERSECTIONS: ART, ACTIVISM AND ADVOCACY**
Co-Producer
 Sponsored by Little Theatre of Norfolk, community partners: Opera for Us, Teens with a Purpose, YWCA of South Hampton Roads
 Project Overview: community engagement weekend event highlighting utilizing performance as a tool for social change, raising awareness on cultural relevancy of the arts.
- 1/2023-04/2023 **ODUREP NEW PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL [SOLO FEST]**
Co-Artistic Producer
 Project Overview: directed and produced solo fest new works by 4 aspiring ODU student solo artists. solo pieces were originated as projects in the Acting 3 class taught by Prof. Brittney S. Harris
- 12/2022-03/2023 **STORYTELL(HER) SUMMIT 2023: HER VOICE, NARRATIVE & VISION**
Artistic Director, Co-Project Lead
 Co-sponsored by Old Dominion University and Norfolk State University
 Project Overview: community engagement event which will provide a two-day perspective of excitement in celebration of Diversity, Equality, and Inclusivity in honor of all things

“HER”. This event was created with hopes of having attendees conclude the conference feeling *motivated* and inspired to use their voices in implementing positive “change” on their college campuses and communities.

The summit includes spoken word, poetic expression & dance performances, interactive panel discussions and so much more with concluding the summit with a *Call to Action!*

10/2022-04/2023

2023 Z FRINGE FESTIVAL

Co-Producer

Zeiders American Dream Theater

Project Overview: showcases unique creative works in a weekend of adventurous theater and performance art from the Hampton Roads community and beyond. Premieres at the Virginia April 2023 at the Zeiders American Dream Theater.

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CENTERSTAGE INC. CHILDREN’S THEATRE

Artistic Director/Drama and Speech Coordinator

Crispus Attucks Cultural Center and Theatre

Project Overview: developed and created lesson plans as Artistic Director, programming for youth, grades K to 10th, designed to raise an individual’s awareness towards strengthening their self-esteem by using the methods of Performance Arts.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, INVITED TALKS (ADJUDICATED)

2025

International

Harris, B. S. & Rhoades, R. *Counter-Storytelling through The River of Life Exercise in Devised Theatre with Newcomers*

Presenting paper/presentation in session 11th International Drama in Educational Research Institute (IDIERI), University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC., June 2025.

National

Harris, B. S. *‘Here Us Out’: Building Collaborative Community Agreements for Collegiate Classroom Spaces*

Presenting paper/process in session ‘Curriculum, Pedagogy, and Humanities’, Conference on Race, Racialization, and Resistance (CRRR), Seattle, WA., April 2025.

Presenting paper/process in session ‘Mindfulness and the Humanities’, 56th Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA), Philadelphia, PA., March 2025.

Harris, B. S. *Personifying Resistance Through Theatre: Performing Pedigree/ Embodying the #Hashtag*

Presenting paper/process in session ‘Embodying the Revolution: Storytelling and Performance for Social Resilience’, 56th Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA), Philadelphia, PA., March 2025.

2024

International

Harris, B. S. *Performative Narrative-based Storytelling: A Vessel for Social Resilience and Resistance*

Presented paper in session: “Bridging Realms: Exploring Intersections in Humanities and Social Sciences”, New Literaria- 5th International e-Conference, University of Rome Tor Vergata, *Virtual*, October 2024.

Presented paper in session: *'The Art of Storytelling: Archetypes in Focus'*; London Arts-Based Research Centre Conference (LABRC), Edinburgh, Scotland, *Virtual*, May 2024.

National

Harris, B. S. *Personifying Resistance Through Theatre: Performing Pedigree/ Embodying the #Hashtag*
Presented/performed in session *'Justice in Multimedia Artistic Practices: A Dialogue'*: Society for Comparative Literature and the Arts Conference (SCLA), Austin, TX., November 2024.

Presented/performed in session *'Theatre as Catalyst for Liberation: Creativity Within Constraints'*: Philadelphia Theatre Research Symposium 2024 (PTRS), Philadelphia, PA., May 2024.

Presented paper in session *'Activism in Diaspora: Resistance Movements through Literature, Film and Digital Media'*: 55th Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA), Boston, MA., March 2024.

Harris, B. S. *Redefining the Rainbow: A Reframing of For Colored Girls...for GEN Z*
Presented paper in session *'Composing Choreopoems / Choreotexts'*: 55th Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA), Boston, MA., March 2024.

Harris, B. S. *The Umbrella Method: A Tool for Devising Narratives of Social Resilience and Resistance with Collegiate Communities*
Presented paper in session *'Devising Theatre for Social Justice: Methodologies & Strategies for University Classrooms & Production Seasons'* 2024 Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE), Atlanta, GA., August 2024.

Regional

Harris, B. S. *Breathing Life into the Black and White: Performing Sandra Bland.*
Presented/performed in session: 2024 Hampton Roads Social Justice Conference, April 2024.

2023

National

Harris, B. S. *Breathing Life into the Black and White: Performing Sandra Bland.*
Presented paper in session: 2023 Northeast Popular Culture Association Conference (NEPCA) *'Race and Ethnicity in Performance Studies'*, *Virtual*, October 2023.

Presented paper in session: Media & Civil Rights History Symposium (MCRHS), Columbia, SC, *Virtual*, March 2023.

Presented paper in session: Research and Creative Activity Symposium (RCAS), Alabama State University, *Virtual*, March 2023.

Harris, B. S. *Embodying Redemption Through Theatre: Performing Being B.A.D.*
Presented/performed in session *'When Resilience Isn't Enough: Justice for Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors'*: 54th Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA), Niagara Falls, NY. March 2023.

Harris, B. S. *Personifying Resistance Through Theatre: Performing Pedigree/ Embodying the #Hashtag*
Presented in session: 36th American Alliance for Theatre and Education (AATE) National Conference, *Virtual*, July 2023.

Presented/performed in session: Research and Creative Activity Symposium (RCAS), Alabama State University, *Virtual*, March 2023.

Regional

Harris, B. S. *Breathing Life into the Black and White: Performing Sandra Bland*.

Presented/performed in session 'Contemporary Art and Coffee' series, *Black History Month*: Barry Art Museum), Norfolk, VA., February 2023.

Harris, B. S. *Embodying Redemption Through Theatre: Performing Being B.A.D.*

Featured Performer: The Z Fringe Festival, VA Beach, VA., April 2023, *adjudicated*

Harris, B. S. *Personifying Resistance Through Theatre: Performing Pedigree/ Embodying the #Hashtag*

Featured Performer: Freedom on Film: Juneteenth at the Chrysler Museum, June 2023, *adjudicated*

Presented/performed in session: 2023 Hampton Roads Social Justice Conference, April 2023.

2022

International

Harris, B. S. *Embodying Redemption Through Theatre: Performing Being B.A.D.*

Performed/Presented in session: 'International Interdisciplinary Conference on Intimacy, Violence and Power' (IICIVP); South Africa University of Zululand, *Virtual*, September 2022.

Harris, B. S. *Personifying Resistance Through Theatre: Performing Pedigree/ Embodying the #Hashtag*

Presented/performed in session 'Black Lives Matter: Lessons from a Global Movement': Global Institute for Research Education & Scholarship (GIRES), *virtual*, June 2022.

National

Harris, B. S. *Breathing Life into the Black and White: Performing Sandra Bland*.

Invited in session 'Black Women and Environmental Catastrophes': Annual American Society for Theatre Research (ASTR), *Virtual*, November 2022.

Presented/performed in session 'Tough but Necessary Conversations: Social Justice in Literature, Language, and Media': 30th Annual Midwestern Conference on Literature, Language, and Media (MCLLM), *Virtual*, April 2022.

Harris, B. S. *Personifying Resistance Through Theatre: Performing Pedigree/ Embodying the #Hashtag*

Presented/performed in session 'Expressing Change': 94th South Atlantic Modern Languages Association (SAML), Jacksonville, FL., November 2022.

Invited in session 'Burn it all down: Activism and Advocacy': National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference (NWSA), *virtual*, November 2022.

Presented/performed in session 'Tough but Necessary Conversations: Social Justice in Literature, Language, and Media': 30th Annual Midwestern Conference on Literature, Language, and Media (MCLLM), *Virtual*, April 2022.

Performed in session: 2022 Global Conference on Women and Gender, Christopher Newport University, *Virtual*, March 2022.

Presented/performed in seminar/roundtable 'Art and Activism: The Reshaping of Collective Consciousness and Social Justice': 53rd Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA), Baltimore, MD. March 2022.

Presented/performed in session ‘*Navigating Police Brutality, Incarceration, and Care Across the Black Diaspora*’: 53rd Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA), Baltimore, MD, March 2022.

Presented/performed in session: 12th Annual African, African American, & Diaspora Studies (AAAD) Conference, James Madison University, *Virtual*, February 2022.

Regional

Harris, B. S. *Personifying Resistance Through Theatre: Performing Pedigree/ Embodying the #Hashtag*
Featured Performer: 7th Annual NEON Festival, Norfolk, VA., October 2022, *adjudicated*

2021

International

Harris, B. S. *Embodying Redemption Through Theatre: Performing Being B.A.D.*
Performed in session: SATB (Storytelling and the Body): 2nd Inclusive Interdisciplinary Conference, Progressive Connexions; Lisbon, Portugal, *Virtual*, April 2021.

National

Harris, B. S. *Breathing Life into the Black and White: Performing Sandra Bland.*
Presented paper in session ‘*Gender and Performance*’: 2021 Global Conference on Women and Gender, Christopher Newport University, *Virtual*, March 2021.

Presented paper in session ‘*Antiracism: Centering the Voices of Black Women*’: 1st Midwest Regional African American Studies Biennial Conference, *Virtual*, March 2021

Presented paper in session ‘*The Ethics of Narrative: Appropriation and Reinvention in Stories of Injustice*’: 52nd Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA), *Virtual*, March 2021.

Harris, B. S. *Embodying Redemption Through Theatre: Performing Being B.A.D.*
Presented paper/performed in session: 44th Annual Organization for the Study of Communication, Language (OSCLG), *Virtual*, October 2021.

Presented paper/performed in session: 6th Annual International Gender & Sexuality Studies Conference (IGSS), University of Central Oklahoma, *Virtual*, September 2021.

Presented paper/performed in session: 2021 Global Conference on Women and Gender, Christopher Newport University, *Virtual*, March 2021.

Presented/performed in session: 11th Annual African, African American, & Diaspora Studies (AAAD) Conference, James Madison University, *Virtual*, February 2021.

Harris, B. S. *Personifying Resistance Through Theatre: Performing Pedigree/ Embodying the #Hashtag*
Presented/performed in session ‘*Personifying Resistance: Devising Theatre for Social Justice*’, 2021 Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE), *Virtual*, August 2021.

Regional

Harris, B. S. *Embodying Redemption Through Theatre: Performing Being B.A.D.*
Featured Performer: 6th Annual NEON Festival, Norfolk, VA., October 2021, *adjudicated*

2020National

Harris, B. S. *Breathing Life into the Black and White: Performing Sandra Bland.*

Presented paper in session 'Black Girl Banned: Rebellion and Radical Black Girlhood in Literature': 92nd South Atlantic Modern Language Association Conference (SAMLAC), *Virtual*, November 2020.

Practice/Production Symposium 2020: Mid-America Theatre Conference (MATC), Chicago, IL, March 2020.

Harris, B. S. *Embodying Redemption Through Theatre: Performing Being B.A.D.*

Presented paper/performed in session: 2020 Global Conference on Women and Gender, Christopher Newport University, March 2020.

2019National

Harris, B. S. *Breathing Life into the Black and White: Performing Sandra Bland.*

Presented paper in session: Racial Disposability and Cultures of Resistance Conference, Penn State University, October 2019.

Presented paper in session: 33rd Annual Black Theatre Network Conference: *Unapologetically Black*, Winston-Salem, NC., July 2019.

Presented paper in session: GESA Conference: 4th Annual Kinship, Community, and Activism in the Cultural Production of the Black Diaspora Conference, Howard University, March 2019.

Presented/performed in session: 9th Annual African, African American, & Diaspora Studies (AAAD) Conference, James Madison University, February 2019.

Harris, B. S. *Embodying Redemption Through Theatre: Performing Being B.A.D.*

Harris, B. S. Three Hysterical Women: *Embodying Resistance Through Theatre*. Performed in session: Gender, Bodies & Technology Conference: *TechnoLogics: Power and Resistance*, Roanoke, VA., April 2019.

Regional

Harris, B. S. *Embodying Redemption Through Theatre: Performing Being B.A.D.*

Performed in session: Virginia Theatre Association Conference 2019, Norfolk, VA., October 2019.

CONFERENCE PANELS, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS**(ADJUDICATED)****International**

Processing the Pandemic III—Hope: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Emotions in the Wake of COVID 19, University of Warwick, April 2023. (*Virtual*)

Workshop: *Applied Theatre Performance Workshop 'Resilient Stillness'*, *Workshop Lead*

National

2025 Conference on Race, Racialization, and Resistance (CRRR) Seattle, WA., April 2025

Workshop: *Collaborative Community Agreements*, *Workshop Lead*

- 56th Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA) Philadelphia, PA., March 2025
 Panel: *Embodying the Resolution: Storytelling and Performance for Social Resilience, Panel Chair*
- 2025 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) Region IV Annual Conference, Greensboro, GA., February 2025 (Devised Theatre Initiative Coordinator)
 Workshop: *'Ensemble-based Devised Theatre' Workshop Lead*
 Workshop: *Applied Theatre 'Lab Space Exploration', Workshop Lead*
- National Dialogue on Ethics, National Academy of Science and Center for Communicating Science at Virginia Tech, Washington D.C., November 2024 (prep work)
 Seminar: *Bridging Perspectives: National Dialogue on Ethics with Experts and Community Voices*
- 2024 Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC) Mobile, AL., March 2024
 Workshop: *Applied Theatre Performance Workshop 'Resilient Stillness', Workshop Lead*
 Workshop: *Applied Theatre Performance Workshop 'Dare to Devise', Workshop Lead*
- 2024 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) Region IV Annual Conference, Albany, GA., February 2024
 Workshop: *Applied Theatre Performance Workshop 'Dare to Devise', Workshop Lead*
- 2023 Atlanta Black Theatre Festival (ABTF) Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA., September 2023
 Workshop: *'Ensemble-based Devised Theatre' Workshop Lead*
 Workshop: *Applied Theatre Performance Workshop 'Resilient Stillness', Workshop Lead*
- 2023 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) Region IV Annual Conference, Statesboro, GA., February 2023
 Workshop: *'Ensemble-based Devised Theatre' Workshop Lead*
 Workshop: *Applied Theatre Performance Workshop 'Resilient Stillness', Workshop Lead*
- 94th South Atlantic Modern Languages Association (SAMLMA), Jacksonville, FL.
 Session Title: Teaching Change/Changes to Teaching: Pedagogies for Social Justice
 Workshop: *Applied Theatre Performance Workshop 'Resilient Stillness', Workshop Lead*
- Chesapeake Digital Humanities Consortium 2021 Conference: Social Justice and Online Activism.
 Workshop: *Applied Theatre Performance Workshop 'Resilient Stillness', Workshop Lead*
- 19th Annual Asheville Fringe Festival, Asheville, NC., January 2021. (Virtual)
 Workshop: *Flying Solo: Your Story and Solo Performance Exploration, Workshop Lead*
- Women's Theatre Fringe Festival of NC 2020, Raleigh, NC., July 2020. (Virtual)
 Workshop: *Flying Solo: Your Story and Solo Performance Exploration, Workshop Lead*
- Conversations on Applied Theatre Conf., The Playwright's Lab at Hollins University, June 2020.
 Panel(s): *What is Applied Theatre? & Teaching Activism, Invited Panelist*
- Georgia Theatre Conference, Carrollton, GA. February 2018.
 Workshop: *Flying Solo: Your Story and Solo Performance Exploration, Workshop Lead*

Regional

- Virginia Theatre Association Annual Conference, Richmond VA., October 2024.
 Featured Workshop:
 – *Ensemble-based Devised Theatre Workshop 'Dare to Devise', Workshop Lead*

Intersections: Art, Activism and Advocacy, Norfolk VA., February 2024.

Featured Panels:

- *Embodied Resilience: Mental Health, Social Justice, and Women's Empowerment Dialogue*
- *Amplified Artivism: Amplifying Diverse Narratives of Resistance, Resilience, & Change*

Open Forum: ODU Theatre Thursday, October 2023.

Featured presentation: AHAZAZA: Explorations of Devising Theatre Abroad in Rwanda,
Lead Facilitator

Virginia Theatre Association Annual Conference, Richmond VA., October 2023.

Featured Workshop:

- *Applied Theatre Performance Workshop 'Resilient Stillness', Workshop Lead*

Z Artist Member Masterclass hosted by the Zeiders American Dream Theater, April 2023.

Invited Masterclass/Workshop:

- *Masterclass: Devised Theater*

College of Arts and Letters Junior Faculty Forum, ODU Institute for the Humanities. Mar. 2023.

Featured Presentation:

- *Embodying the #Hashtag: Performance as Activism*

Z Artist Member Panel Discussion hosted by the Zeiders American Dream Theater, October 2022.

Invited Workshop/Panel:

- *Making Money Doing What You Love*

Antiracism in the Arts Symposium, hosted by the ODU Dept. of Communication and Theatre Arts, October 2022.

Invited Workshop/Panel:

- *Color Conscious Casting in Dance, Theatre, and Film, Featured Panelist*

2022 Arts in the Libraries Virtual Festival, ODU University Libraries, March 2022.

Panel/Workshop: *Here Us Out': Methods of Theatre Performance as Activism, Lead Facilitator*

ODU Women's History Month Symposium. Norfolk, VA. March 2022.

Featured Workshop/Panel:

- *River Stories—A Sankofa Activity, Lead Facilitator*

#MeToo and the Classroom: *When (and how) Do You Say No?* Post-Show Discussion Talkback Panel for *Taking Measure*. ODU Rep, Feb. 2022, *Moderator*

ODU Black History Month 2022, hosted by the Office of Intercultural Affairs, February 2022.

Featured Workshop/Panels:

- *Personifying Resistance Through Theatre: Pedigree, A Film and Talkback, Lead Panelist*
- *River Stories—A Sankofa Activity, Lead Facilitator*

The Cultural Legacy of the Attucks: *A Creative Exploration*, Norfolk, VA. February 2022.

Hosted by In[HEIR]itance Project and YWCA South Hampton Roads, *Co-Facilitator*

ODU Fall 2021 Themester: Arts and Social Justice: Dialoguing with our Bodies, an Exploration of Performance Activism, October and November 2021.

The New Earth Panel, Virginia Stage Company Public Works, Norfolk, VA. April 2021.

Panel: *Black Theatre in Hampton Roads: Then and Now, Featured Panelist*

ODU Women's History Month Symposium: *Performance and Protest*. Norfolk, VA.

March 2021

Panel: The Performance of Protest, *Featured Panelist*

Virginia Theatre Association Annual Conference, Norfolk, VA., October 2020.

Featured Panels:

- *Flying Solo: Creating Solo Pieces for the Stage*
- *Devising Your Own Work*
- *Finding True Diversity in Theatre*
- *Where to Go to College?*

2020 ODU Summer Arts Series, Old Dominion University, July 2020.

Workshop: *Applied Theatre Performance Workshop 'Resilient Stillness'*, *Workshop Lead*

Why We Protest: Black Actors and Artists Discuss Activism in Their Work' Online Forum, June 2020.

Virginia Stage Company, Norfolk, VA., *Featured Panelist*

Get Virtual with Virginia Stage Company series through the Virginia Stage Company's Education and Community Engagement Department. Norfolk, VA. May 2020.

Workshop: *Flying Solo: Your Story and Solo Performance Exploration*, *Workshop Lead*

Virginia Thespian Conference 2019, Radford University, February 2019.

Workshop: *Flying Solo: Your Story and Solo Performance Exploration*, *Workshop Lead*

Virginia Theatre Association Annual Conference, Norfolk, VA., October & November 2019.

Featured Panels:

- *Where to Go to College?*
- *Career Jumpstart: Make a Career Out of Your Theatre Passion*

Workshop: *Dare to Devise: Ensemble Devised Theatre for Teens*, *Workshop Lead*

Virginia Thespian Conference 2019, Radford University, February 2019.

Workshop: *Flying Solo: Your Story and Solo Performance Exploration*, *Workshop Lead*

Virginia Theatre Association Annual Conference, Norfolk, VA., October 2018.

Featured Panels:

- *Where Should I Go to School to Study Theatre?*
- *Telling Your Story: Devising Your Own Work from a Minority Perspective*
- *Artists of Color: The Diversity Gap in Modern Theatre*

Workshop: *Flying Solo: Your Story and Solo Performance Exploration*, *Workshop Lead*

Presented and performed in session: Center for Communicating Sciences' Advancing the Human Condition Symposium, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA., November 2018.

GRANTS AND PROJECTS AWARDED

Total dollar amounts withheld from CV, can be provided (if requested)

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| 2025 | Virginia Tech, New Faculty Mentor Grant
<i>(Focus: Mentorship with Applied Theatre field experts and practitioners)</i> |
| 2024 | 4-VA Collaborative Research Award (w/ James Madison University)
Lead External Collaborator, Co-Research Contributor |

(Focus: *Utilizing Theatre for Equity & Community Development—Newcomers Translate Experiential Knowledge through Embodied Storytelling*)

- 2024 Center for Artistic Activism (C4AA) Faculty Fellowship
(Focus: *Unstoppable Voters, nonpartisan voting efforts on collegiate campuses*)
- 2023 National Endowment for Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute Faculty Fellow grant
(Focus: *Preserving and Transmitting American Ensemble-Based Devised Theatre*)
- The In[HEIR]itence Project Exodus: Homecoming local artist project funding
(Proj: *StoryTell(HER) Summit 2023: Her Voice, Her Narrative & Her Vision*)
- 2021 ODU Fall 2021 Themester: Arts and Social Justice project funding
(Proj: *Dialoguing with our Bodies, an Exploration of Performance Activism*)
- 2020 Association for Theatre Movement Educators (ATME) Innovation Fellowship,
(Proj. Funding: *Solo piece- Being B.A.D. and the Performance of Redemption*), *matched*
- 2019 Conference Funding,
(Conference: *9th Annual African, African American, & Diaspora Studies (AAAD) Conference*)
- 2018 Emerging Leaders Independent Project Funding, Principal Investigator
(Project Funding: *G.L.A.M: Girls Leadership and Mentors of Athens*)
- 2016 Arts in Community Grant, Principal Investigator
(Presentation: *Atlanta Fringe Festival*)
- Sylvia Pannell Travel Grant, Principal Investigator
(Presentation: *Atlanta Fringe Festival*)
- 2014-2015 American Honda Foundation Grant, Assisted.
(Project Funding: *EUREKA! S.T.E.M-based program, Girls Inc. of the Greater Peninsula*)

Teaching

TEACHING AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Acting—*Stanislavski, Hendricks Method (Black Acting Method)*

Devised and Community-Engaged Theatre

Race and Performance—*Theory and Practice*

Applied Collaborative Technique

Communicating Science

Movement for the Actor

Auditioning Technique

Physical Theatre—*Viewpoints, Laban*

Solo Performance—*Development, Performing, & Directing*

COURSE INSTRUCTION- UNIVERSITY

Assistant Professor of Applied Theatre, Virginia Tech 2024- Present

GRAD 5144 Communicating Science
 TA 2404 Intro to Applied Collaborative Tech (I-ACT) (multiple sections)
 TA 2024 Introduction to Acting (multiple sections)

Assistant Professor of Theatre, Old Dominion University 2019- 2024

COMM/THEA 495 Special Topics: Solo Performance/ Art of Solo (Created New Course)
 COMM/THEA 495 Special Topics: Comm, Performance, & Activism (Created New Course)
 DANC/THEA 152R Acting One/Introduction to Acting (multiple sections)
 THEA 352 Acting Three: Scene Study and Arts Entrepreneurship (multiple sections)
 THEA 241A The Theatre Experience
 THEA 320 Auditioning Technique (multiple sections)
 THEA 347 Movement for the Actor: Physical Theatre, Laban (multiple sections)

Theatre Faculty, Virginia Tech, School of Performing Arts 2018-2019

TA 2024 Introduction to Acting (multiple sections)
 TA 2404 Intro to Applied Collaborative Tech (I-ACT)

Instructor of Record, University of Georgia, Department of Theatre and Film Studies 2015- 2018

THEA 2010 Acting for Non-Majors (multiple sections)
 THEA 2000 Theatre Appreciation
 UNIV 1201S Learning for Success at the University
 THEA 7710S Community-Based Theatre (Asst. Instructor)
 AFAM/THEA 4480 History of African American Drama and Theatre (Asst. Instructor)

Other Teaching (Lecture or Seminar), University Level

Center for Communicating Science, Virginia Tech

– College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, George Washington Carver Graduate Program

Topic: *Aligning Expectations—Open Dialogue with Your Research Mentor* Oct 2024

Topic: *How to Communicate Science* Nov 2024

Guest Lectures and Workshops, University level 2015- Present

FA 2004, Creativity & the Artistic Expression, Virginia Tech 2025
 Topic: *Improv Basic and Creative Expression*

UGA Alumni Panel and Workshop, University of Georgia 2024
 Topic: *Issues of Casting in the Entertainment Industry (ATL & Beyond)*

THEA 328, Women in Theatre Survey, Shepherd University 2023
 Topic: *Artist's Practice—Performance-based Activism Practitioner*

ENGL 300W, Intro to Creative Writing, Old Dominion University 2023
 Topic: *Crafting 'The Intersection: The Sandra Bland Project'*

THEA 152R, Acting One, Old Dominion University 2022
 Topic: *Dare to Devise Workshop/Lecture*

TH 410, Theatre of Diversity I, Virginia Wesleyan University <i>Topic: Theatre of Diversity</i>	2022
ARTS 495, Art for Social Justice, Old Dominion University <i>Topic: Performance as Activism</i>	2022
AFST 1714, Intro to African Studies, Virginia Tech <i>Topic: Theatre of the Oppressed (Dis)Course</i>	2021
WSG 2254, Feminist Activism, Virginia Tech <i>Topic: Theatre of the Oppressed (Dis)Course</i>	2021
Workshop: Performance and Protest (<i>virtual</i>), University of Georgia <i>Workshop Lead</i>	2021
TA 2134, Acting Lab, Virginia Tech <i>Topic: Artistic Process of Solo Performance: Being B.A.D.</i>	2020
THEA 241A, The Theatre Experience, Old Dominion University <i>Topic: Directing 'Echoes: Transcending Through Story'</i>	2020
ENGL 313, Literature and Social Issues Christopher Newport University <i>Topic: Solo Performance for Social Change</i>	2019

Service

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Virginia Tech

Current (2024-2025)

- SOPA Theatre Program Season Selection Committee
- SOPA Theatre Program Outreach and Recruitment Committee
- AAD Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Practice, Directing

2018-2019

- Outreach and Recruitment Advocate: Department of Theatre and Cinema

Old Dominion University

2023-2024

- Director of Recruitment: Theatre Program
- Outreach and Recruitment Advocate: Theatre Program
- College of Arts and Letter Research and Publication Committee
- Dept. of Comm and Theatre Arts Curriculum Committee (Theatre)
- Dept. of Comm and Theatre Arts Audition Committee (Theatre)
- Theatre Arts Program, Faculty Liaison, *That's a Wrap: Theatre Wellness Event*, April 2024
- Theatre Arts Program, Faculty Liaison, *VB S.T.E.A.M. #Beach Girls Rock*, April 2024
- Theatre Arts Program Lead Liaison, Facilitator for ODU Office of Admissions First Fridays
- *Theatre Thursdays*: Explorations of Devising Theatre in Rwanda, ODURep Theatre

2022-2023

- Communication and Theatre Arts Diversity/ Community Engagement & Events Committee
- Black History Month Planning Committee 2022-2023, ODU Office of Intercultural Affairs
- Antiracism in the Arts Symposium, ODU Dept. of Communication and Theatre Arts
- *Theatre as Activism* Arts in the Libraries Virtual Festival, ODU University Libraries
- Love Your Body Day Open Mic, *Creative Liaison*, ODU Writing Center, ODU Women’s Center, and Department of Communication and Theatre Arts
- Theatre Arts Program Lead Liaison, Facilitator for ODU Office of Admissions First Fridays

2021-2022

- Communication and Theatre Arts Diversity/ Community Engagement & Events Committee
- Theatre Arts Program Lead Liaison, Facilitator for ODU Office of Admissions *First Fridays*
- Communication and Theatre Arts Alumni Committee
- *Theatre as Activism* Arts in the Libraries Virtual Festival, ODU University Libraries
- Anti-Racism Speaker Series: *Ògún Yè Mo Yè!*, Department of Communication and Theatre Arts
- Insurrection: The Critical Reflection Forums, Department of Communication and Theatre Arts
- *Black Excellence, Joy, and Resilience* Workshop, Office of Faculty Diversity and Retention

2020

- Lead Facilitator, Anti-Racism Listening Forum, Department of Communication and Theatre Arts
- Theatre Program Host (Lead): Virtual Info Session

University of Georgia*2015-2018*

- Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator, Department of Theatre and Film Studies
- Coordinator, Behind the Scenes at UGA Theatre (Semester-based Outreach Event)
- Assistant Director, Summer Academy @ UGA 2016

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

*Arts-Based (National)****Devised Theatre Initiative Coordinator***

Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) Region IV

September 2024- Present

Devised Theatre Initiative Co-Coordinator

Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) Region IV

October 2022- February 2024

*Outreach-Based****LTN Education Scholarship Committee***

The Little Theatre of Norfolk

February 2024- April 2024

Project Lead and Co-Collaborator

Theatre for Young Audiences Program

Service-learning focused project developed students led workshops at Coile Middle School, Parkview Community Center (in Athens, GA), and other sites.

January 2018- May 2018

Program Lead/Project Coordinator

G.L.A.M. (Girls Leadership and Mentors of Athens)

G.L.A.M is a pilot youth empowerment program sponsored through the Emerging Leaders Program at the University of Georgia

February 2018- April 2018

<i>Dir. of Quality Assurance & Special Projects</i>	April 2014- August 2015
Girls Incorporated of the Greater Peninsula (multiple initiatives)	
– Program Director/ Special Projects Coordinator, L.I.F.T (Leadership Institute for Teens)	
– Program Director/ Special Projects Coordinator, EUREKA! STEM, Girls Incorporated	
<i>Outreach/Community Advocate & Coordinator</i>	June 2013- March 2014
Y.W.C.A of South Hampton Roads	
<i>Chairperson/ Volunteer Coordinator & Event Planner</i>	July 2013- October 2013
Annual Day of Unity – Night of Remembrance Candlelight Vigil	
<i>Youth Educator/ Advisor</i>	Summer 2012 & 2013
Teens with a Purpose (T.W.P)	
<i>Youth Educator/ Intern Supervisor</i>	March 2013- December 2013
Norfolk Botanical Gardens	
<i>Career Service Representative/ Professional Development Coach</i>	November 2011- December 2012
Corinthian Colleges, Inc.	
<i>Program Director/Drama and Speech Instructor</i>	August 2008- January 2010
Centerstage Inc. Children’s Theatre	

Awards and Honors

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Research/Arts-based

- 2025** Finalist for the Love Peace and Freedom Film Festival, Official Selection for *Pedigree*
- Finalist for the International Black & Diversity Film Festival (IBDFF), Official Selection for *Pedigree*
- 2024** Finalist for the Under Our Skin Festival: Int’l Festival on Human Rights, Official Selection for *Pedigree*
- Finalist for the Africa International Human Rights Film Festival, Official Selection for *Pedigree*
- Finalist for the Minority Film Festival, Official Selection for *Pedigree*
- Winner for Best Actress
- Finalist for the San Diego Independent Filmmaker’s Festival, Official Selection for *Pedigree*
- Finalist for the Freedom Film Festival International, Official Selection for *Pedigree*
- Finalist for United We Heal Film Festival, Official Selection for *Pedigree*
- The Workshop Theater (NYC), Winter Intensive Official Selection for *The Request (or Prison Fan Fiction)*
- Finalist for OHC Criminal Justice Short Film Fest, Official Selection for *Pedigree*
- Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) Region IV Achievement in Directing for *Blood at the Root*

Finalist for 2024 Virginia Black Film Festival, Official Selection for *Pedigree*

2023 Emmy Award for Societal Concerns (Short Form Content), National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and WHRO Public Media for *Exodus: Homecoming*

Finalist for 2023 Activists Without Borders Film Festival, Official Selection for *Pedigree*
- Winner for Social Impact Award

Finalist for 2023 Diaspora Festival of Black and Indep. Film, Official Selection for *Pedigree*

Finalist for Micheaux Film Festival, Official Selection for *Pedigree*

Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) Region IV Achievement in Directing for *Tag! You're It!*

Different Strokes! Performing Arts Collective, Three-Six-Nine (3-6-9) Monologue and Short Play Festival 2023, Official Selection for *How to Tie a Tie*

Finalist for 12th DMV International Film Festival, Official Selection for *Pedigree*

Finalist for Monarch Short-Film Festival, Official Selection for *Pedigree*
- Winner for Best Alumni Short-Film

Finalist for 2023 Seven Cities Showcase of Hampton Roads, Official Selection for *Pedigree*
- Winner for Best Actress

Finalist for AudPop 5th Race to Justice Film Festival, Official Selection for *Pedigree*

2022 Finalist for 11th International Social Change Film Festival, Official Selection for *Pedigree*
- Winner for Best Woman Director

The Ivoryton Playhouse, Women Playwrights Festival 2022, Official Selection for *How to Tie a Tie*

The Heritage Ensemble Theatre Company, 2022 Summer Staged Reading Series, Official Selection for *The Amazing Jason* and *How to Tie a Tie*

Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) Region IV Achievement in Directing for *Intimate Apparel*

Finalist for 2022 James River Short Film Festival, Official Selection for *Pedigree*

2021 Finalist for 2021 National 'The Breath Project' Festival, Official Selection for *Pedigree*

Red Clay Plays, Inaugural Southern Black Playwrights Forum 2021: MOJOAA Performing Arts Company, Official Selection for *How to Tie a Tie*

2020 Robert C. Anderson Memorial Award in Post- Graduate Research Accomplishment
Recipient, University of Georgia

Firecracker Productions, 5 Minute Play Virtual Project, Houston, TX.
1st Official Selection for *Pedigree*

2019 Fade to Black Play Fest, 10 Minute Play Competition 2019, Official Selection for *The Amazing Jason*

2018 August Staub Graduate Student Award in Theatre
Recipient, University of Georgia

Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, National Short Play Award
Honorable Mention for How to Tie a Tie

Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, Region IV
National John L. Caubel Short Play Award, *1st Place Winner* for *How to Tie a Tie*

Service-based

- 2024** 2023-2024 High-Impact First-Year, *Faculty Acknowledgment*, Old Dominion University
- 2021** African American Creative Community Series (AACCS), Norfolk Public Library, Service Award *Recipient*
- 2020** 2020 John R. Broderick Diversity Champion Award, *Recipient*, Old Dominion University

Press and Reviews of Creative Work (selected)

Interviews/Podcasts

From the Ground Up Podcast, hosted by HowlRound Theatre Commons
[“Preserving and Transmitting American Ensemble-Based Theatre Part One: Participant Perspectives”](#),
Interview with Brittney S. Harris, et al.
Interviewer: Jeffrey Mosser, October 17, 2024

Black History/Black Futures Resistance Podcast, hosted by Norfolk State Uni. and City of VB
[Episode 3: Black History Black Futures: The Art of Presence](#)
Interviewer: Dr. Cassandra Newby-Alexander, June 2024

WAVY, [“Hampton Roads Show: ‘The Intersection’ at the Little Theatre of Norfolk”](#), February 13, 2024

College of Arts & Letters, [“Professor Shows Theater’s Power to Transform”](#)
Interviewer: McDonald, S., November 2023

Mace and Crown, [“Coffee and Contemporary Art Showcase at the Barry Arts Museum”](#),
Interviewer: Thomas, Ash F.J., February 22, 2023

WTKR, [“Latest conversation in YWCA’s ‘Stand Against Racism’ challenge stresses importance of representation in media”](#), April 15, 2022

Mace and Crown, [“Taking Measure” Talkback: Was the Conversation of Race Left Out?](#)
Chesser, D., March 1, 2022

Red Clay Plays Podcast, [‘How to Tie a Tie: An Interview with Brittney S. Harris’](#)
Interviewer: Marshall, M., July 2021

With Good Reason: Virginia Humanities Podcast, [‘This is SO Not a PBS Special’](#)
Interviewer: McConnell, S., January 2021

Tidewater Family Magazine, [Learning is Fun: Prof. Brittney Harris](#)
Interviewer: Cullen, S., September 2020

American Theatre Artists Online Podcast, [Artist Brittney Harris](#)
Interviewer: Sittig, S., July 2020

Chatham Life and Style, [Brittney S. Harris Inspires Us to Tell Our Own Stories](#)
 Interviewer: Stith, M., July 2020

Press and reviews of shows directed/performed

Blood at the Root

[Harrowing, spellbinding ‘Blood at the Root’: ODURep play draws on history and ‘Strange Fruit’](#)
 Page, L., November 15, 2023

[“Blood at the Root” Explores Intersectionality with Theatre](#)
 Williams, R., November 17, 2023

[“Blood at the Root” Marks the Third Production of Fall 2023](#)
 Thomas, Ash F.J., November 7, 2023

TAG! You’re It!

[TAG! You're It! ODU Alumna Uses Theatre to Change Lives of Students](#), Pg. 12-13
 Eley, T., January 2023

Intimate Apparel

[“Intimate Apparel” is a Patchwork of Participation and Performance](#)
 Haulenbeek, S., November 2021

[ODU Rep's Intimate Apparel Reveals Innermost Details of Characters Lives](#)
 Joy, M., November 19, 2021

Symptomatic: IRL

[In upcoming ODU production about coronavirus stresses, art imitates life](#)
 Poulter, A., November 12, 2020

[COVID-19 Can’t Stop ODURep Theater Production of "Symptomatic: IRL"](#)
 Justice, K., November 10, 2020

Echoes

[ODU play asks: What do you say to yourself when no one is listening?](#)
 Poulter, A., February 19, 2020

[Echoes: Transcending Through Story Creates Poetry from Pain](#)
 Mayes, G. February 2020

Being B.A.D.

[Theatre Review: Best of The Women's Theatre Festival—Being B.A.D.](#)
 Moed, N., July 31, 2019