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EDUCATION

PhD Student – Interdisciplinary Arts

J.T. & Margaret Talkington School of Visual & Performing Arts

(emphasis in Playwriting and History/Theory/Criticism)

Texas Tech University,* Lubbock, Texas; currently enrolled; projected completion 2022

Master of Fine Arts - Performance & Pedagogy

Texas Tech University,* Lubbock, Texas; 2015

Bachelor of Fine Arts - Acting

The University of Texas, Austin, Texas; 1985

**NAST Accredited*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Theatre – Film & Theatre (Adjunct, Fall 2021)

Instructor of Record

Wayland Baptist University

An immersive course exploring the relationship between theatre and film in the process of storytelling, with an emphasis on differences in technique employed by the screenwriter and a playwright, actors in each medium, and the directors for film and theatre. Discussion and research guide the student to identify and discuss interconnected aspects of live theatre and filmmaking.

Theatre – Playwriting (Adjunct, Fall 2021)

Instructor of Record

Lamar University

An online synchronous course for theatre majors that inspires students to become active storytellers, freeing them to tell their own stories through playwriting techniques. Students were engaged with regular writing prompts and critiqued and encouraged one another's work.

Theatre – Acting I (Adjunct, Fall 2020)

Instructor of Record

Wayland Baptist University

Through activities and exercises, an overview of fundamental principles of acting, with emphasis on establishing a working vocabulary and basic acting process, character development, and scene work. Duties include lecturing, creation of all assignments, presentations and tests, grading of written work, facilitating discussions and maintaining all class correspondence.

Theatre – Advanced Acting II: Audition and Performance I (Adjunct, Fall 2020)

Instructor of Record

Wayland Baptist University

Through activities, exercises, lectures and discussion, a skills-building course in acting, with emphasis on professional vocabulary and the audition process, cold reading, and professional development. Duties include lecturing, creation of all assignments, presentations and tests, grading of written work, facilitating discussions and maintaining all class correspondence.

Communications – Public Speaking (Adjunct, Fall 2020)

Instructor of Record

Wayland Baptist University

Theories and related skills for planning, organizing, rehearsing, presenting and evaluating a variety of types of speeches. Survey of rhetorical traditions, principles, and strategies used in informative, persuasive, and ceremonial speeches. Duties included lecturing, creation of all assignments, presentations and tests, grading of written work, facilitating discussions and maintaining all class correspondence.

Theatre – Advanced Acting I (Adjunct, Spring 2020, class moved partially on-line)

Instructor of Record

Wayland Baptist University

Originally a face-to-face study of analyzing and performing classical texts including Shakespeare, the class moved to online due to the Covid-19 pandemic. To adjust to parameters of distance learning, the class evolved into in-depth, actor-based exploration of Tony Kushner's *Angels In America*. Each student focused on a single character, which they developed and analyzed in detail as if they were cast in a production of the play, culminating in a performance of a key monologue. Duties included lecturing, creation of all assignments, presentations and tests, directing scenes, leading dramaturgical explorations, grading of written work, facilitating discussions and maintaining all class correspondence.

Theatre Arts – Introduction to Cinema (Online Teaching, Summer, 2020)

Instructor of Record

Texas Tech University

Through a survey of cinematic techniques, a brief overview of film technology and the history of film, and critical analysis of a variety of film genres/periods, students develop a broad base knowledge of

the art of storytelling through filmmaking. Duties included creation of all assignments and tests, grading of written work, facilitating, and maintaining correspondence regarding the undergraduate course.

Theatre Arts – Introduction to Cinema (Summer, 2018 & 2019)

Instructor of Record

Texas Tech University

Through a survey of cinematic techniques, a brief overview of film technology and the history of film, and critical analysis of a variety of film genres/periods, students develop a broad base knowledge of the art of storytelling through filmmaking. Duties included creation of all assignments and tests, grading of written work, facilitating, and maintaining correspondence regarding the undergraduate course.

Theatre Arts – Theatre Appreciation for Theatre Majors (Fall, 2018)

Instructor of Record

Texas Tech University

Through lecture, guest artists presentations and seminar discussion, the course functioned as a study and application of the various activities and methods of theatrical practice. The course included discussions and lectures designed to analyze and evaluate all aspects of the theatre experience: scripts, acting, directing, staging, history, and criticism.

Theatre Arts – Introduction to Acting (2014 – 2019)

Instructor of Record

Texas Tech University

Through activities and exercises, an overview of fundamental principles of acting for non-majors, with emphasis on establishing a working vocabulary and basic acting process. Duties included lecturing, creation of all assignments, presentations and tests, grading of written work, facilitating discussions and maintaining all class correspondence.

Theatre Arts – Stage Directing Methods (Spring, 2017; Spring 2018)

Graduate Part-Time Instructor, Texas Tech University

Through activities and script study, an exploration of methodologies for staging theatrical works with emphasis on text analysis, communication, and directorial vision.

While the instructor of record was working out of state, I worked closely with students as the physical presence in the room. Professor Jou would teleconference with the class on many days, but I led the remainder of class time.

Theatre Arts – Period Styles (Spring, 2017)

Graduate Part-Time Instructor, Texas Tech University

An in-depth examination of the works of William Shakespeare and techniques for the actor to communicate the playwright's ideas and language to 20th century audiences. Topics included the

sonnets, language, poetry, meter, scansion, language and meaning, and acting theory in monologue and scenes.

The instructor of record was working out of state for the first six weeks of the semester. I worked closely with students as the physical presence in the room. Professor Jou would teleconference with the class on many days, but I led the remainder of class time.

Theatre Arts – Advanced Scene Study (Spring, 2017)

Graduate Part-Time Instructor, Texas Tech University

A graduate level course investigating a particular area of theatrical performance; in this case, female playwrights. The focus was on women theatre artists of the twentieth century, with particular focus on later twentieth century writers Caryl Churchill and Maria Irene Fornes. Focus was placed on both dramaturgy and specific issues for the actor performing the texts.

The instructor of record was working out of state for the first six weeks of the semester. I worked closely with students as the physical presence in the room. Professor Jou would teleconference with the class on many days, but I led the remainder of class time.

Theatre Arts – Acting for the Camera II (Fall, 2017)

Graduate Part-Time Instructor, Texas Tech University

Through activities and scene work, an exploration of representative acting theories in practice with emphasis on given circumstances and character development for cinematic and television performances. Particular attention given to cold reading technique, emotional preparation and interaction with other actors and the camera.

The instructor of record was working out of state for the first six weeks of the semester. I worked closely with students as the physical presence in the room. Professor Nolen would teleconference with the class on many days, but I led the remainder of class time.

Theatre Arts – Principles of Acting II (Spring, 2014)

Graduate Part-Time Instructor, Texas Tech University

Through activities and scene work, an exploration of representative acting theories in practice with emphasis on given circumstances and character development.

Theatre Arts – Introduction to Cinema (Summer, 2014)

Instructor of Record (Distance Course)

Graduate Part-Time Instructor, Texas Tech University

Through a survey of cinematic techniques, a brief overview of film technology and the history of film, and critical analysis of a variety of film genres/periods, students develop a broad base knowledge of the art of storytelling through filmmaking. Duties included creation of all Blackboard-based assignments and tests, grading of written work, facilitating on-line discussions, and maintaining correspondence regarding the course with 22 distance-learning undergraduates.

Theatre Arts – Stage Management (Fall, 2013)

Instructor of Record

Graduate Part-Time Instructor, Texas Tech University

Through exercises, reading, lectures and instruction, an introduction to the art and craft of the professional stage manager with a particular focus on methodology, organization, areas of responsibility and interpersonal skills as outlined by Actors Equity Association and the TTU Department of Theatre & Dance. Duties included creation of syllabus, selection of text book, creation of class presentations, handouts, quizzes and exams, lecturing, grading and individual mentorship.

Additional Teaching Assignments

Instructor, Texas Tech University's UIL Theatre Summer Camp for High School Actors, 2018 and 2019

Instructor, International Teaching Assistant Workshop (ITA), Texas Tech University, "Academic Communication for ITAs: Status," 2013 and 2014

Instructor, Texas Tech University, Department of Chemistry, "Academic Communication for TAs: Status," 2014

Instructor, Texas Tech University, Department of Classical & Modern Languages & Literatures, "Academic Communication for TAs: Status," 2014

Guest Theatre Instructor at Roscoe Williams Elementary School Gifted & Talented Program, 2014

ADVANCED TRAINING

The William Esper Studio

3-year Meisner Training, New York, New York; 1986-1989

Maggie Flannigan, Bill Esper

ACME Comedy

Improvisation and Sketch Comedy Technique, Los Angeles, California; 1996

Cynthia Szigeti

Braintracks Audio

Voice-over Acting Technique, Los Angeles, California; 2005

Nancy Wolfson

WildWind Performance Lab

Non-traditional and process-oriented developmental theatre laboratory. Texas Tech University; 2012 and 2014

J. Ranelli, Kari Margolis, Rich Brown, Jessica Burr, Matt Opartny, David Kraine, Jaston Williams, Charlotte Boye-Christensen, Shannon Robert, Deborah Anderson, Crosby Hunt, Nancy Foy

Tennessee Williams Institute

In-depth scholarly exploration. Provincetown Tennessee Williams Theatre Festival, 2013 and 2015

David Kaplan, Thomas Keith, Annette Saddik, David Savran, Michael Paller

The Critics Institute

Critical writing and arts advocacy. 2013. Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center

Dan Sullivan, Linda Winer, J. Novick, Michael Feingold, Nelson Pressley

The Kennedy Center

Directing Intensive: Developing the New Play, 2013. Washington, DC

Gregg Henry, Will Davis, Michael Rau, Jim Petosa

The Marfa Intensives

Site-specific, immersive devised theatre intensive, 2016 and 2017. Marfa, Texas

Rich Brown, Dr. Mark Charney, Gary Garrison, Dr. Heather Warren-Crow, Jaston Williams, Doug Wright

DIRECTING

Director and creator of **Canterville**, an original immersive, site-specific theatrical experience based on the Oscar Wilde short story "The Canterville Ghost." Presented as part of the Mainstage season at the Texas Tech School of Theatre & Dance, 2019 <http://randallrapstine.com/director>

Director and creator of **YAWS**, an original, site-specific devised play based on the Tennessee Williams' short story "Mother Yaws." Presented as the first-ever student-originated theatrical production at The Provincetown Tennessee Williams Theatre Festival, 2014

Director of Margaret Cho's original Off-Broadway burlesque review **The Sensuous Woman**, The Zipper, NYC. (Also in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Miami and Chicago. Assisted in local tour managing, technical arrangements with site TDs, etc., publicity discussions, and all production details), 2007

Director of James Judd's hit one-man comedy **7 Sins**, which sold out in San Francisco and has played throughout Canada and in Washington, DC, New York and The Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and on Atlantis Events Cruiselines, 2008

PLAYWRITING

Common Knowledge, an original two-man theatrical that played Los Angeles and New York and toured the United States. Co-Created and written with Doug Budin. 1998

YAWS, an adaptation of Tennessee Williams' short story *Mother Yaws*, presented at The Tennessee Williams Institute at The Provincetown Tennessee Williams Theatre Festival. 2015.

Cindy's Got a Problem, presented as part of *Plays on Tap* at Texas Tech University (a collaboration between the TTU School of Theatre & Dance and the TTU Community, Family, and Addiction Sciences Center), and also a finalist in the 2016 Arts & Humanities Graduate Student Research Conference. 2016

Starcrossed, an original one act presented as part of the Raider Reds One Act Play Spectacular by the Texas Tech School of Theatre & Dance. 2016 Also presented in Dallas, Texas in 2017

BiPolar Boulevard, presented as part of *Plays on Tap* at Texas Tech University (a collaboration between the TTU School of Theatre & Dance and the TTU Community, Family, and Addiction Sciences Center), and also a finalist in the 2017 Arts & Humanities Graduate Student Research Conference. 2017

Half Magic, an adaptation of Edgar Eager's classic children's novel. Unproduced. 2017

Intervening, presented as part of *Plays on Tap* at Texas Tech University (a collaboration between the TTU School of Theatre & Dance and the TTU Community, Family, and Addiction Sciences Center). 2019

Hauntcert 2019, a collaboration presented by the Texas Tech School of Music Orchestra. Writer and host of this university outreach project serving underserved child populations. Orchestral music and interactive comedy.

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Texas University Interscholastic League One-Act Play Adjudicator through Texas Theatre Adjudicators & Officials (TTAO), 2016-present

MFA Representative to the Chair of The Texas Tech University Department of Theatre & Dance, 2014-2015

President, Texas Tech Fine Arts Doctoral Program Student Organization, 2016-2018

Mock Trial and Legal Clinic actor for Texas Tech University School of Law, 2016-2019

Vice President, Texas Tech Fine Arts Doctoral Program Student Organization, 2015-2016

Member, Southeastern Theatre Conference, 2014

Volunteer Marketing Organizer for The Lubbock Arts Festival, 2014

Advocate to Texas Congressional delegations for National Arts Advocacy Day in Washington, DC, March 2014

Dramaturg, Mid-America Theatre Conference Dramatists Lab, St. Louis, 2013

Artistic Director for The MET Theatre, Los Angeles, 1998-2001

Founder, The Choices Theatre Project, 64 E. 4th Street, NYC, 1994

Founder, New Nine Theatre Company, NYC, 1992

AEA Stage Manager since 1996

AWARDS

CH Foundation Scholarship Recipient
Texas Tech University, 2017-2018; 2018-2019

AT&T Chancellor's Graduate Fellowship,
Texas Tech University, 2015-2018

Texas Tech School of Visual & Performing Arts Graduate Fellowship,
Texas Tech University, 2015-2018

Neal Hanslik Regents Scholarship,
Texas Tech University, 2015-2016

CH Foundation Scholarship Recipient
Texas Tech University, 2014-2015

Alan and Lee Ann White Scholarship Recipient
Texas Tech University, 2013-2014

George Sorenson Scholarship Recipient
Texas Tech University, 2013-2014

Ann Bradshaw Stokes Scholarship Recipient
Texas Tech University, 2013-2014

Helen DeVitt Jones Scholarship Recipient
Texas Tech University, 2013

Christmas in November Scholarship Recipient
Texas Tech University, 2012-2013

Edna Oliver Scholarship for Arts Advocacy and Criticism Recipient
Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center Critics Institute, 2013

Irene Ryan Acting Nomination, The Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival 2012

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Region VI Award, The Institute for Theatre Journalism and Advocacy at The Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, 2013

Fellow of National Critic's Institute, The Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center, 2012

AFFILIATIONS and ACTIVITIES

Member Actors Equity Association

Member of SAG/AFTRA

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Texas Tech Arts & Humanities Conference, 2018 "*Lubbock Goes Wilde: Devised, Site-Specific, Immersive Theatre as a Political Act*" (with Dorí Bosnyak, MFA: Project Producer)

Alliance for the Arts in Research Universities, 2018 "*Texas Tech's Marfa Devising Intensive: Collaboration as Practice*" (with Noel Zahler, PhD, Dean of Texas Tech College of Visual & Performing Arts; Rich Brown, PhD, Professor of Acting & Movement at Western Washington University and Artistic Director of Texas Tech's Marfa Devising Intensive; Shannon Robert, Associate Professor of Scenic Design at Clemson University; and Cole Wimpee, MFA, doctoral student at Texas Tech)

Mid America Theatre Conference, 2019 "Can Lubbock Go Wilde? Devised, Immersive Theatre as a Political Act in the New American West"

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Co-host, Producer and Co-Content Developer for **You Talk Funny – a Sociolinguistic Podcast**, 2019

Writer and Host of **Hauntcert 2019**, a collaborative community outreach event in conjunction with Texas Tech School of Music, introducing local underserved child populations to music and performance.

Toured extensively in the United States with his original two-man comedy **Common Knowledge**, 1999-2010

Traveled to Russia as a goodwill and artistic ambassador with **The Barter Theatre of Virginia**. Appeared in the world premiere play **The Angels' Share** by J. Kline in Rybinsk and Yaroslavl, 1996

Assistant to the Producer at **The Vineyard Playhouse** on Martha's Vineyard, 1991-1993

Assistant to producer John Glines on the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning Broadway production **As Is**, 1986

Stage-managed numerous professional theatrical productions as a member of **Actors Equity**.

Assisted casting of major motion pictures such as **Men In Black**, **Snow Falling on Cedars** and **Washington Square**, among others, for renowned casting directors David Rubin and Deborah Zane.

Assisted casting of numerous television programs with legendary casting professionals Lucy Cavallo and Holly Powell.

Created and Executive Produced ABC Television network pilot **Lone Star** in association with Brillstein/Grey and Touchstone Television.

Screenplay **Genius** (based on the Patrick Dennis novel) currently in development with ELM Entertainment and Scenario-LA.

ACTING EXPERIENCE

Theatre

Tigers Be Still	Joseph Moore	Outpost Repertory Theatre, Lubbock, TX
Remember This! A Participatory Theatre Experience	Ensemble	Touring Production (Lubbock, TX, Dallas, TX, El Paso, TX)
The Nether	Sims/Papa	Texas Tech University Maedgen Theatre, Lubbock, TX
The Gnädiges Fäulein	Cockaloonney	The Provincetown Tennessee Williams Theatre Festival
Kirche Küche Kinder	Hotsy	The Provincetown Tennessee Williams Theatre Festival
The Angels' Share	No. 1	Rybink Municipal Theatre, Rybinsk, RUSSIA
Lonely Planet	Jody	The Davison/Valentini, Los Angeles, CA
The Outside In	God	The MET Theatre, Los Angeles, CA
Catch a Falling Star	Buzz	International City Theatre, Long Beach, CA
Zastrozzi, The Master of Discipline	Victor	The Ruby Theatre, Los Angeles, CA
Dando Bohica	Allen	42 nd Street Theatre, New York, NY
Table Manners	Norman	The William Redfield, New York, NY
The Maderati	Ritt	The Director's Company, New York, NY
Lend Me a Tenor	Tito	The Barter Theatre, Abingdon, VA and Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach FL
Blue Window	Tom	The William Redfield Theatre, New York, NY
Dangerous Corner	Gordon	The Barter Theatre, Abingdon, VA
To Kill a Mockingbird	Boo Radley/Gilmer	The Barter Theatre, Abingdon, VA
Richard III	Catesby	The Theatre Row Theatre, New York, NY
Life Class	Victor	The Performance Place, Winston-Salem, NC
She Loves Me!	George	The Vineyard Playhouse, Martha's Vineyard, MA
Three to Get Ready	Rudy	The Barter Theatre, Abingdon, VA
Amadeus	Venticelli I	The Barter Theatre, Abingdon, VA
Run For Your Wife	Bobby	The Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach, FL
Arms and the Man	Nicola	The Directors Company, New York, NY
Sweet Deliverance	Dickie Belafonte	The Barter Theatre, Abingdon, VA and The Hudson, Los Angeles, CA
La Cage Aux Folles	Georges	The Millbrook Playhouse, Mill Hall, PA
Dracula	Renfield	The Barter Theatre, Abingdon, VA
Damn Yankees	Applegate	The Millbrook Playhouse, Mill Hall, PA
Wrong Turn at Lungfish	Dominic	The Barter Theatre, Abingdon, VA
The Dumbwaiter	Gus	The Vineyard Playhouse, Martha's Vineyard, MA
Play with Cars	Nico	Ensemble Studio Theatre, New York, NY
The Merchant of Venice	Bassanio	The Vineyard Playhouse, Martha's Vineyard, MA
Common Knowledge	Creator/Star	Touring Production, US

Television

Valentine	Co-Star	Kevin Dowling (CW)
Boston Legal	Co-Star	Mike Listo (ABC)
Freddie	Guest Star	Katy Garretson (ABC)
The Commuters (Pilot)	Co-Star	Stephen Kay (CBS)
Joey	Co-Star	Kevin Bright (NBC)
Frasier	Co-Star	David Lee (NBC)
A.U.S.A.	Co-Star	Steve Zuckerman (NBC)
Angel	Co-Star	James Contner (WB)
Sabrina, The Teenaged Witch	Co-Star	Ken Koch (NBC)
Roswell	Co-Star	Bill Norton (UPN)
Grosse Pointe	Co-Star	Alan Myerson (WB)
Movie Stars	Co-Star	Gil Junger (FOX)
Norm	Co-Star	Gerry Cohen (ABC)
To Have and To Hold	Co-Star	Michael Pressman (CBS)
Rescue 77	Co-Star	Eric Laneuville (WB)
Brimstone	Co-Star	Felix Alcalá (FOX)
The Magnificent Seven	Co-Star	Gregg Champion (CBS)
Jenny	Co-Star	Lenny Garner (NBC)
Over the Top	Co-Star	Michael Lembeck (ABC)

Film

Mary Christmas (MOW)	Featured	John Schneider	PAX
Our Lips Are Sealed	Featured	Craig Shapiro	TAPESTRY FILMS
Geppetto (MOW)	Featured	Tom Moore	ABC/DISNEY
Every Dog Has Its Day	Featured	Marc Chiatt	RED DOG FILMS
Allen, Your Worst Dating Nightmare	Lead	John Brandeis	INDEPENDENT

REFERENCES

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