CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor: Entertainment Design & Technology

Communications, Media, and Theatre Arts

124 Judy Sturgis Hill Building Eastern Michigan University

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

EDUCATION

MFA in Lighting Design, Hilberry Repertory Theatre, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 2013

MA in Theatre Arts, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI 2005

BS in Theatre Arts, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI 2003

RELATED EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, 08/17-Present, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI

- Teacher of record for the following:
 - EDT 152: Introduction to Scenery and Lighting
 - EDT 253: Lighting Technology
 - o EDT 255: Stage Management
 - o EDT 268: Portfolio Development
 - EDT 351: Scenic Design
 - EDT 355: Drafting for the Entertainment Industry
 - o EDT 362: Lighting Design
 - o CTAA 167, 267, 367: Theatre Practice
 - o CTAR 100: Theatre Appreciation
 - EDT 368: Applied Design I
 - o EDT 468: Applied Design II
- Designs lighting, scenery, sound and or props for at least two mainstage productions each semester.
 - Mentors assistant designers when applicable
- Academic advisor for over thirty students.
- Serves on Personnel and Finance Committee overseeing promotion and tenure proceedings for faculty, budgetary issues, refines and creates policy for departmental procedures.
- Serves on Season Selection Committee.
- Mentors students assigned to lighting design and stage management roles for all mainstage, second stage, lab theatre, and dance productions.

Assistant Professor, 08/14-06/17, Frostburg State University, Frostburg, MD

- Teacher of record for the following:
 - o ORIE 101: Introduction to Higher Education
 - o THEA 106: Introduction to Theatre
 - o THEA 202: Stage Management
 - THEA 304: Sound Design
 - o THEA 306: Stage Lighting Design
 - o THEA 425: History of Theatre I
 - o THEA 426: History of Theatre II
 - o THEA 400: Theatre Practicum in Stage Management
 - o THEA 465: Theatre Practicum in Lighting or Sound Design
 - o THEA 499: Special Topics in Theatre
- Designed lighting, scenery, and or sound for at least two productions per semester.
- Academic advisor for up to twenty students.
- Faculty liaison for the student organization C.A.S.T.
- Mentored all students in Lighting Design, Sound Design, and Stage Management.
- Maintained the Theatre Department Website.

Assistant Technical Director, Michigan Shakespeare Festival, 2014 Season, Jackson, MI

- Aided and supervised construction of all scenery.
- Assisted in transport and load in of all scenic elements.
- Developed scenic shift schedules for changeovers between performances.
- Acted as liaison between Jackson College and Michigan Shakespeare Festival.

Lecturer, 7/13-05/14, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI

- Teacher of record for the following:
 - o Introduction to Theatre (Summer '13, Fall '13,)
 - o Introduction to Scenery and Lighting (Fall '06, Fall '13, Winter '14)

Graduate Research Assistant (Lighting Design) 8/10-5/13, Hilberry Repertory Theatre, Detroit, MI

- Associate Lighting Director, Hilberry Repertory Theatre 1/12-12/12.
- Maintained a repertory hang of 300+ instruments.
- Mentored up to 8 undergraduate students in lighting and sound for conceptual and realized designs.
- Managed budgets for each show as well as a yearly departmental budget.

Teaching Assistant, 1/13-5/13, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

Assisted teaching Stage Lighting.

Master Electrician, Michigan Shakespeare Festival, 2005 Season, Jackson, MI

- Responsible for the safe hanging, focusing, and maintenance of all lighting equipment.
- Engineered and ran sound for the festival.

Manager, Ulrich's Spirit Shop, 5/05 – 7/10 Ann Arbor, MI

- Implemented sales techniques nearly doubling in-store sales within 3 years.
- Oversaw developments in the store's website leading to a 100% sales increase.
- In constant communication with buyers and vendors to design and deliver an optimal product to a unique clientele.
- Recruited, interviewed, and trained new employees to maintain a staff of 5.

Theatre Technician/Graduate Assistant, 9/00-6/05, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI

- Assisted in the construction of scenery for theatrical performances in both a 400-seat proscenium and 275-seat thrust theatres.
- Responsible for the training of students and volunteers in the proper methods of scene construction, painting, lighting, and sound design, and the training of crews for the aforementioned duties.

UNITED STATES ARMY, 8/91-1/98 MOS 67R10, AH-64A Attack Helicopter Crewchief

• Received HONORABLE discharge.

DESIGN

LIGHTING			
Rocky Horror Show	Phil Simmons	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2025
Silent Sky	Jennifer Goff	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2024
Dontrell Who Kissed the Sea	Wallace Bridges	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2024
A Wrinkle in Time	Jen Felts	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2023
Be Here Now	Rob Roznowski	Williamston Theatre	Willamston, MI 2023
Spring Dance Concert	Rebecca Stephenson	Center College	Danville, KY 2023
9 to 5	Phil Simmons	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2023
Peter and the Starcatcher	Meriah Sage	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2022
The Hatbox	John Leppard	Williamston Theatre	Williamston, MI 2022
25th Annual Putnam County	Pam Cardell	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2022
Spelling Bee			
A Year with Frog and Toad	Jenn Felts	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2021
A Comedy of Errors	John Seibert	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2021
In My Shoes	Phil Simmons	Virtual	Ypsilanti, MI 2021
North Star	Wallace Bridges	Sponberg Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2020
Still Life with Iris	Patricia Zimmer	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2019
Sweat	Pirooz Aghssa	Sponberg Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2019
James and the Giant Peach	Christine Tanner	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2018
She Loves Me	Phil Simmons	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2018
Detroit *67	Wallace Bridges	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2018
Threepenny Opera	Lee Stille	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2017
The Taming	Tony Caselli	Williamston Theatre	Williamston, MI 2017
Father Comes Home	Nicole Mattis	The Studio Theatre	Frostburg, MD 2017
from the Wars Parts 1,	, 2 and 3		
A Christmas Carol	Chris McCabe	The Drama Theatre	Frostburg, MD 2016

*See Awards and Honors

LIGHTING (continu	ıed)			
Fall Dance Concert	Jamie McGreevy	The Studio Theatre	Frostburg, MD 2	016
Around the World in	Mairzy Yost-Rushton	The Drama Theatre	Frostburg, MD 2	
Eighty Days	•		G	
Spring Dance Concert	Jamie McGreevy	The Drama Theatre	Frostburg, MD 2	016
[title of show]	Mairzy Yost-Rushton	The Studio Theatre	Frostburg, MD 2	016
Coney Island Christmas	Mairzy Yost-Rushton	The Drama Theatre	Frostburg, MD 2	015
Fall Dance Concert	Jamie McGreevy	The Studio Theatre	Frostburg, MD 2	.015
The Mousetrap	Jennifer Goff	The Drama Theatre	Frostburg, MD 2	.015
Spring Dance Concert	Jamie McGreevy	The Drama Theatre	Frostburg, MD 2	015
Romeo and Juliet	Mairzy Yost-Rushton	The Drama Theatre	Frostburg, MD 2	.015
Choose Your Own En	ding			
A Year with Frog and Toad	Nicole Mattis	The Studio Theatre	Frostburg, MD 2	015
The Trial of Ebenezer	Mairzy Yost-Rushton	The Drama Theatre	Frostburg, MD 2	014
Scrooge				
Fall Dance Concert	Jamie McGreevy	The Studio Theatre	Frostburg, MD 2	014
The Red King's Dream	Chantel Pascente	Tipping Point Theatre	Northville, MI 2	014
The Shape of Things	Terry Heck	The Sponberg Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2	2014
Over the River and Through	Tony Caselli	Williamston Theatre	Williamston, MI	
the Woods			2	2013
Fiddler on the Roof	Pirooz Aghssa	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2	2013
Bat Boy, The Musical	Michael Barnes	Bonstelle Theatre	Detroit, MI 2	2013
Postcards	Barbara Busby	Detroit Repertory Theatre	Detroit, MI 2	2013
Goodnight Desdemona	Tony Schmitt	Hilberry Repertory Theatre	Detroit, MI 2	2012
(Good Morning Juliet,)			
Othello	Blair Anderson	Hilberry Repertory Theatre	Detroit, MI 2	2012
Gruesome Playground	Jordan Whalen	Elizabeth Theatre	Detroit, MI 2	2012
<i>Injuries</i>				
Major Barbara	Carolyn Gillespie	Hilberry Repertory Theatre	Detriot, MI 2	2012
Frank Langella's Cyrano*	Blair Anderson	Hilberry Repertory Theatre	Detroit, MI 2	2012
Noises Off	David Magidson	Bonstelle Theatre	Detroit, MI 2	2011
The Winter's Tale*	Janice Blixt	Michigan Shakespeare Festival	Jackson, MI 2	2011
Much Ado About Nothing	Janice Blixt	Michigan Shakespeare Festival	Jackson, MI 2	2011
Tartuffe	Rob Kauzlaric	Michigan Shakespeare Festival	Jackson, MI 2	2011
The Misanthrope	Jesse Merz	Hilberry Repertory Theatre	Detroit, MI 2	2011
On the Verge	Lee Stille	The Sponberg Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2	2006
Soaring on Black Wings	Ben Vereen &	The Sponberg Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2	2005
	Wallace Bridges			
The Compleat Wks of	Brian M. Scruggs	Eastern Michigan University's	Ypsilanti, MI 2	.005
Wllm Shkspr (abridge	ed)	Lab Theatre		
Biloxi Blues	Wallace Bridges	Sponberg Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI 2	2004

SOUND	-	_	_	
The Crucible	Lee Stille	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2022
Richard III	Lee Stille	Virtual	Ypsilanti, MI	2020
Much Ado About Nothing	Lee Stille	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2019
Fall Dance Concert	Jamie McGreevy	The Studio Theatre	Frostburg, MD	
Coney Island Christmas	Mairzy Yost-Rushton	The Drama Theatre	Frostburg, MD	2015
Fall Dance Concert	Jamie McGreevy	The Studio Theatre	Frostburg, MD	2015
The Shape of Things	Terry Heck	Sponberg Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2014
Gruesome Playground Injuries	Jordan Whalen	Elizabeth Theatre	Detroit, MI	2012
The Cider House Rules (Parts 1 & 2)	Blair Anderson & Lavinia Hart	Hilberry Repertory Theatre	Detroit, MI	2011
Of Mice and Men	Tony Schmitt	Hilberry Repertory Theatre	Detroit, MI	2010
Anyone Can Whistle	Pirooz Aghssa	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2005
Brighton Beach Memoirs	Terry Heck	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2004
As Bees in Honey Drown	Ken Stevens	Sponberg Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2003
Othello	Daniel Gerics	Flint City Theatre	Flint, MI	2003
The Actor's Nightmare	Brian M. Scruggs	Eastern Michigan University's Lab Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2002
Crimes of the Heart	Wallace Bridges	Sponberg Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2002
A Bright Room Called Day	Michael Page	Catalyst Theatre Project	Ypsilanti, MI	2002
The Boys Next Door	Wallace Bridges	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2001
Ubu Roi	Lee Stille	Sponberg Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2001
SCENERY				
Cause Play	Randy Stewart	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2025
Rocky Horror Show	Phil Simmons	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2025
Alice by Heart	Pam Cardell	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2024
Cyrano (Martin Crimp)	John Seibert	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2024
Sweet Charity	Phil Simmons	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2023
Stick Fly	Randy Stewart	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2023
Pipeline	Wallace Bridges	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2022
Cabaret	Pam Cardell	Legacy Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2019
The Trojan Women	Jennifer Felts	Sponberg Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2018
Father Comes Home from the Wars	Nicole Mattis	The Studio Theatre	Frostburg, MD	2017
lack Goes Boating	Michael Williams	The Blackbird Theatre Company	Ann Arbor,MI	2008
Arms and the Man	Charles Jabour	Michigan Classical Rep. Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2008
Video Games:	Joshua Casey	The Corner Productions	Ypsilanti, MI	2005
The Rock Opera				
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The Compleat Wks of Wllm Shkspr (abridg	Brian M. Scruggs ed)	Eastern Michigan University's Lab Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2005

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TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE	CE				
MASTER ELECTR	ICIAN				
Marriage	Leah McCall	Hilberry Repertory Theatre	Detroit, MI	2013	
Arabian Nights	Thomas Schraeder	Bonstelle Theatre	Detroit, MI	2013	
Summer and Smoke	Samuel G. Byers	Hilberry Repertory Theatre	Detroit, MI	2012	
Richard III	Jason Pratt	Hilberry Repertory Theatre	Detroit, MI	2010	
Hay Fever	Jason Pratt	Hilberry Repertory Theatre	Detroit, MI	2010	
Twelfth Night	Rob Murphy	Michigan Shakespeare Festival	Jackson, MI	2005	
Merchant of Venice	Rob Murphy	Michigan Shakespeare Festival	Jackson, MI	2005	
TECHNICAL DIREC	CTION				
The Importance of Being Ernest*	Janice Blixt	Michigan Shakespeare Festival	Jackson, MI	2014	
Hamlet *	Janice Blixt	Michigan Shakespeare Festival	Jackson, MI	2014	
Cymbeline*	Rob Kauzlaric	Michigan Shakespeare Festival	Jackson, MI	2014	
Hamlet	Daniel Gerics	Flint City Theatre	Flint, MI	2004	
Hamlet	Barton Bund	Black Bag Productions	Ypsilanti, MI	2003	
*Assistant Technical Directo	or				
STAGE MANAGEM	IENT				
A Year with Frog and Toad	Ken Stevens	Sponberg Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2005	
DIRECTING					
Not from Around Here	Pioneer Playhouse		Danville, KY	2025	
The Compleat Wks of	•	igan University's Lab Theatre	Ypsilanti, MI	2005	
Wllm Shkspr (abrid	ged)	,	-		
Breathing	Eastern Michigan University's Lab Theatre		Ypsilanti, MI	2004	
The Actor's Nightmare	Eastern Michigan University's Lab Theatre		Ypsilanti, MI	2003	
PLAYWRITING					
Not from Around Here	Production	Pioneer Playhouse, July 2025			
(Full Length)	Production				
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WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

Workshops Attended:

Anybody Have a Map? Projection Mapping and QLab: Ann Arbor, MI. June 2016;

Dustin Miller and Jeromy Hopgood

USITT Electrician Masterclass: Denver, CO. June 2016;

Mitch Heftner and Ken Vannice

ION and EOS Console Masterclass: Detroit, MI. August 2011;

Abby Downing Tutorow, Electronic Theatre Controls, ETC

Shakespearean Acting: Ypsilanti, MI. 2002;

Gillian Eaton and The Royal Shakespeare

Actor's Boot Camp: Ypsilanti, MI. 2001;

Sandra Birch and Michelle Mountain, Purple Rose Theatre Company

Conferences Attended/Workshops/Panels/Papers Presented:

USITT Annual Conference:

2025 - Columbus, OH

2019 – Louisville, KY (Panelist Member: Gender Bias in the Lighting Design Classroom)

2017 – St. Louis, MO

2016 – Salt Lake City, UT

2015 – Cincinnati, OH

2013 - Milwaukee, WI

MATC Annual Conference:

2019 – Cleveland, OH (Original Play *5 Minutes Early* accepted to Playwriting Symposium)

2018 – Milwaukee, WI

2017 – Houston, TX (Presenter: From Reality to Page to Stage)

SETC Annual Conference:

2023 – Lexington, KY (Workshops Taught: *Syllabi Slam*)

2022 - Memphis, TN (Workshops Taught: *Sketching, Rendering, and Model Making for Theatre* and *Metacognition and Production: Reflection in College Theatre Practices*)

2020 - Louisville, KY

2019 – Knoxville, TN (Workshop Taught: *Developing a Light Plot in Three and a Half Easy Steps*)

ATHE Annual Conference:

2020 - Virtual, Roundtable Panelist on Accessibility for the Theatre

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

USITT (United States Institute of Theatre Technology): Member since 2013

SETC (South Eastern Theatre Conference): Member since 2018

MATC (Mid-America Theatre Conference): Member since 2017

Etudes: Peer reviewer for online academic journal

AWARDS AND HONORS

Las Vegas Little Theatre New Works Competition 2024

- Awarded first place for writing the new play *Not from Around Here*
- A full production of the play was part of the award performed in May of 2024

Wilde Award

• Awarded in 2012 for the Lighting Design of *The Winter's Tale* at the Michigan Shakespeare Festival **The Rogue Gallery**

 Nominated in 2012 for the Lighting Design of *Frank Langella's Cyrano* at the Hilberry Repertory Theatre

EMU Graduate Artistic Recognition Award

• Awarded in 2005 for the Scenic and Lighting Design of *Biloxi Blues* at the Eastern Michigan University's Sponberg Theatre

SERVICE

Eastern Michigan University:

- Recruitment
 - o Michigan Thespian Festival. DeVos Center, Grand Rapids, MI. Dec 14-16, 2017
 - Participated in technical presentations for scholarship students
 - Taught classes to perspective students
 - o Michigan Thespian Festival. TCF Center, Detroit, MI. Dec 12-14, 2019
 - Helped field questions from perspective students at our booth
 - Taught classes to perspective students
 - SETC. Kentucky International Convention Center, Louisville, KY Feb 26-29, 2020
 - Ran a booth to bolster our recruitment on a more national level
 - o EMU Drama Day
 - Welcomed perspective students to our facilities offering tours, classes, and advising
- Departmental Needs
 - Maintenance and Cleaning of All Departmental Lighting Equipment
 - Maintains, services, and repairs all departmental lighting equipment.
 - Developed a repertory light plot for the Sponberg Theatre.
 - Worked with students to develop, hang, and focus a light plot in the Sponberg Theatre that will:
 - Provide general lighting for many shows or events that may take place in the space.
 - Is able to be used with any lighting console in the current EMU Theatre inventory.
 - Give budding designers a safe space to experiment with lighting a production.
 - Assisted in the set-up of the Dance Concert in January of 2018
 - Assisted with hang and focus
 - Set up show control
- Committees
 - o Area Head (2023-Current)
 - o Personnel and Finance Committee (2022- Current)
 - o Instruction Committee (2018-2022)
 - Oversees new course proposals, course and curriculum revisions
 - Season Selection Committee (2018-Current)
 - o Library Liaison for CMTA (2020-2022)
 - McAndless Committee Representative (2020-2022)
 - Alternate for College Advocacy Council, CAC (Winter 2018)
 - o Design Expo Committee (2021-Current)
- Search Committees
 - Simulation Animation and Gaming
 2019-2020
 - Position: Assistant Professor Simulation, Animation, and Gaming Program
 - Communication Media and Theatre Arts 2020
 - Position: Technical Director for Theatre Arts

Frostburg State University:

- Recruitment:
 - Maryland State Thespian Festival, 2015, 2016
 - o Montgomery County Public Schools Theatre Festival, 2015, 2016
- Grants:
 - Awarded a PELEF grant to help students gain membership to the United States Institute of Theatre Technology and attend the 2015 annual conference
- Webmaster:
 - o Maintains content for Department of Theatre and Dance website
- C.A.S.T. (Creative Artists Supporting Theatre)
 - o Faculty representative for this student organization
 - o Provided mentorship and guidance
 - o Maintained all finances the organization acquired
- Curriculum Development
 - Defined workload responsibility and graduation requirements for students within the Design Technology track of the Theatre and Dance Major
 - Redefined and reconstructed classes to meet with current industry and educational standards
- Assessment
 - Revised learning goals of the Design and Technology track
 - Assessed students during their capstone projects
 - Developed reporting methods compliant to the Middle States criteria
 - Developed rubrics for university wide assessment of public speaking
- Mentor
 - All student sound and lighting designs, stage managers, and the department master electrician
 - Holds weekly meetings with all designers, technicians, and stage managers to ensure adequate progress and help solve inevitable issues
 - Attends all technical rehearsals to offer support, advice, and solutions
- Photographer
 - Photographs each performance as well as department functions for record and publicity

Wayne State University:

- Hilberry Company Representative, Lighting Design Area Representative
 - Served as a liaison between faculty, management, and other departments in the Hilberry Company
 - Distributed updates regarding schedules & special events
 - o Represented the Lighting Area in faculty/production meetings

SKILLS

• Theatre

Effectively able to read ground plans, light plots, and technical drawings

Basic carpentry skills

Experienced with power tools and shop safety

Extensive programming with ETC consoles (ION, EOS, Congo, and Expression family)

Has experience installing and supporting ETC NET

Software

Vectorworks Spotlight

Lightwright

Augment3d

Adobe Creative Suite

Soundforge

Audacity

Microsoft Office

SFX 5.6 and 6.0

Qlab

• Management

Excellent customer service skills

Experienced in organizing and maintaining a constantly rotating stock

Works well within budgets

Collaborates well with outside groups

Military

Understands the tenets of leadership and how to effectively utilize personnel and resources in both a technically and tactically proficient manner

Basic military science

Helicopter maintenance (Logbooks and basic helicopter flight theory)

Basic combat training

Small arms safety, operations, and maintenance