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Education

- M.F.A Hollins University 2012
- B.A. University of Virginia 2008

Teaching/Leadership Experience

- Playwright-in-Residence, First Look Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 2022- Present
- Workshop Leader, "Writing from Another's Perspective", Roanoke Children's Theatre, Feb 2020
- Artist-in-Residence- University of Virginia Department of Drama- Charlottesville, VA Spring 2016
- Workshop Leader, University of Virginia Department of Religious Studies, Charlottesville, VA Fall 2015, 2016, Spring 2020
- Visiting Professor of Theater, Hollins University, Roanoke, VA, Summer, 2015
- Playwright-in-Residence, SkyPilot Theatre, Los Angeles, CA, 2010-2016
- Workshop Leader, <u>Determined to Succeed</u>, Los Angeles, CA, 2011-2014

Presentations

- Panelist- Festival of New Works, Roanoke, VA Summer, 2023
- Guest Artist: "To the New Girl", Peace Mountain Theatre, Bethesda, VA Spring 2021
- Panelist: "Curating Culture" Hollins University C3 Conference, Virtual September 2020
- "Crash Course in Adaptation" Hollins University, Roanoke, VA July 2020
- Guest Artist: "Page to Screen", University of Virginia Religious Studies Dept. March 2020
- Panelist: "The Writing Life" University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA April 2017
- Guest Critic "One Act Play Festival" University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA April 2017
- Guest Artist "Clown at War" Screening, Hollins University, Roanoke, VA, February 2017
- Guest Artist: "Writing Documentary Theater" University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA Nov. 2016
- Keenan Lecturer "It's Not Like You Think" University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, April 2016
- Moderator: "2016 Festival of Student Work"- in association with the University of Virginia, Washington, DC, - April 2016
- Guest Artist: "Dramatizing Personal Essays" University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, Oct. 2015
- Guest Artist: "Making a Documentary Film"- Hollins University, 2015
- Filmmaker Panel: Various Festivals 2015
- Moderator: "2015 Festival of Student Work"- The Lyceum in Alexandria, VA in association with the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA- February, 2015
- Guest Artist: "Writing a Monologue from Personal Experience"- University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, October 2014
- Panelist: Various, C3 Conference at Hollins University, Roanoke, VA, October 2014
- Co-Leader: Improv Workshop (with Hank Azaria), Los Angeles, CA Spring, 2013
- Guest Lecturer: "Translating Art to Career", Tesseract Theatre, St. Louis, Missouri, March 2013
- Panelist: "Bridging the Generation Gap"- Alliance of Los Angeles Playwrights Summer, 2012

Publications

- Contributor: *Playwriting & Young Audiences* (interview)- Intellect Press
- War Bride (full-length play)- Original Works Publishing
- Contributor: *Pushed* Plays about bullying for teens- YouthPLAYS
- The Arctic Circle *and a recipe for Swedish Pancakes (full length play)- Original Works Publishing.

- To the New Girl: Sound Advice for my Former Husband's Wife or Mistress (full length play)
 Original Works Publishing
- Contributor: Aesop Refabled modern adaptations of Aesop's Fables YouthPLAYS
- O Holy Nite: Charmingly Irreverent Christmas Plays for Students (5 short plays) -YouthPLAYS.
- Contributor: Best Ten Minute Plays of 2012: Iceberg to Nowhere- Smith & Kraus
- Interview with Adam Szymkowicz: "I Interview Playwrights"
- LA Stage Times: Article- "Very. Seriously. Collaborative."
- LA Stage Times: Article- "Women take over the Arctic Circle"

Podcasting

St. Mary's School (for Children with the Stigmata) Writer/Producer 2021-Present

Awards/Recognition

- Semi-Finalist- Dramatist's Guild National Fellow, 2023
- St. Mary's School... 100,000+ downloads; Top 100 Spotify Audio Dramas in multiple countries
- "Best Writer- Gold Medalist" Queen Palm Film Festival, Sept. 2020 To the New Girl
- "Official Selection" Queen Palm Film Festival, Sept. 2020 Palm Springs, CA
- "Official Selection" Femvnsta Film Festival, June 2020 Brooklyn, NY- To the New Girl
- "Official Selection" Golden State Film Festival, Feb 2020- To the New Girl
- "Runner Up" Da Vinci Film Festival July, 2020- The Echo
- "Commissioned Writer" Roanoke Children's Theater- February 2019-February 2020
- "Commissioned Writer" Roanoke Children's Theater- July 2017- March 2018
- "Commissioned Writer" Roanoke Children's Theater- April 2016-December 2016
- "Keenan Lecturer" University of Virginia Drama Department Spring 2016
- "Official Selection" Albuquerque Film and Music Experience 2016 –Last Pyramid
- "Official Selection" Las Vegas Galaxy Film Awards 2016 –Last Pyramid
- "Princess Grace Playwriting Award"- Semi-Finalist- New Dramatists 2015- Reset
- "Film of the Year" winner- NOVA Film Festival 2015- Last Pyramid
- "NOVA Award" nominee- NOVA Film Festival 2015- Last Pyramid
- "Best Short Documentary" winner NOVA Film Festival 2015 –Last Pyramid
- "Best Virginia Film" winner- PUSH! Film Festival 2015 Last Pyramid
- "Best Professional Film" winner UPIKE Film Festival 2015 –Last Pyramid
- "Best Professional Documentary" winner- UPIKE Film Festival 2015 –Last Pyramid
- "Audience Award" winner- UPIKE Film Festiva 2015l –Last Pyramid
- "Official Selection" New Haven Film Festival 2015 —Last Pyramid
- "Official Selection" Maine International Film Festival 2015- Last Pyramid
- "Official Selection" Independent Boston Film Festival 2015- Last Pyramid
- "Official Selection" Guam International Film Festival 2015 Last Pyramid
- "Best World Premiere Play" Stage Scene LA 2012 War Bride
- "Reva Shiner Writing Award" Finalist, Bloomington Playwright's Project 2011- Arctic Circle
- "Dolce Revolution Playwriting Award" Finalist, Dolce Revolution Theater, DC 2011- Arctic Circle
- "Delauney Prize for Excellence in Playwriting" Winner 2008- Folks Like You

Theatrical Productions (Playwright)

2025

Aesop Refabled- FCHS ASL Club, Cummings, GA

2024

- Aesop Refabled- Robinson Secondary School, Fairfax, VA
- Aesop Refabled- Bridgehampton School, Bridgehampton, NY
- Please Say Yes Whitney High School, Cerritos, CA

2023

- Do the Spirits Convey? (10 minute play) First Look, Buffalo, NY
- O Holy Nite Mount Saint Bernard College, Queensland, Australia

2022

- Reset First Look, Buffalo, NY
- O Holy Nite McNair Middle School, Atascosa, TX
- Aesop Refabled Ray D. Corbett Junior High School, Schertz, TX

2021

- To The New Girl... Peace Mountain Theatre Company, Bethesda, MD
- To The New Girl...First Look, Buffalo, NY
- Aesop Refabled New Lutheran High School, Green Bay, WI
- Aesop Refabled Memorial High School, Tampa, FL

2020

- The Fakes Roanoke Children's Theater, Roanoke, VA
- Aesop Refabled Hackley School, Tarrytown, NY
- Aesop Refabled Readers Theater 2.0, Baytown, TX
- Aesop Refabled SCVTHS, Bridgewater, NJ
- O Holy Nite, The Clemson Little Theatre, Pendleton, SC

2019

- Please Say Yes Benson High School Drama, Omaha, NB
- Aesop Refabled Ray D. Corbett Jr. High, Schertz, TX
- O Holy Nite St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Overland Park, KS

2018

- O Holy Nite Mountain View High School, Mesa, AZ
- Aesop Refabled Neighborhood Music, Denver, CO
- Iceberg to Nowhere Atascedero High School Atascedero, CA
- ILY: Hang Up and Drive Roanoke Children's Theater, Roanoke, VA
- To the New Girl... Courage Company, Reston, VA

To the New Girl... Bob Carter Actors Repertory Company, West Palm Beach, FL

2017

- Babyland Roanoke Children's Theater, Roanoke, VA
- Aesop Refabled Pasture Bedtime Players, Charlton, MA
- Please Say Yes Abraham Lincoln High School, Council Bluffs IA
- Please Say Yes Poway High School, Poway, CA
- Please Say Yes Poway Maryvale High School, Phoenix, AZ
- To the New Girl... Tesseract Theater, St. Louis MO
- To the New Girl... Renaissance Theater, Lynchburg, VA
- RESET Courage Company, Reston, VA

2016

- Iceberg to Nowhere California Lutheran University
- Aesop Refabled Dallastown Performing Arts Club, Dallastown, PA
- O Holy Nite Trinity Lutheran Church, Stevens Point, WI
- The Warrior's Belt Canistota High School, Canistota SD
- The Arctic Circle *and a recipe for Swedish Pancakes- University of Virginia Dir. Doug Grissom

2015

- To the New Girl... Foundlings Theatre, Chicago, IL Dir. Cheryl Snodgrass
- Aesop Refabled: Four County Players, Barboursville, VA
- Aesop Refabled: Ilion Little Theater Club, Ilion, NY
- Aesop Refabled: Basalt, CO
- Aesop Refabled: Smedberg Middle School, Sacramento, CA
- Rev and Wendy's Annual Martini Party- Mill Mountain Theatre, Roanoke, Virginia (READING)
- Rev and Wendy's Annual Martini Party- SkyPilot Theatre, Los Angeles, CA (READING)

2014

- This is Banned-- A Theatre Connection, Los Angeles, CA Dir. Jonathan Price; JR Esposito
- The Proposal- A ten-minute play, SkyPilot Theatre, Los Angeles, CA
- To the New Girl... A benefit for TAPS Sabrina House, Roanoke, VA Dir. Cheryl Snodgrass
- Aesop Refabled: KICK Performance Group, Naremburn, New South Wales, AUSTRALIA
- Aesop Refabled: Irma School Irma, Alberta, CANADA
- Aesop Refabled: Reflect Productions London, ENGLAND
- When I was your God, Sacred Fools Theatre Company, Los Angeles, CA

- The Arctic Circle, Klepto Theatre Company, Los Angeles, CA Dir. McKerrin Kelly
- To the New Girl...A benefit for TAPS Sabrina House, Roanoke, VA Dir. Cheryl Snodgrass
- To the New Girl...Tesseract Theatre, St. Louis, MO Dir. Brittany Boado
- *Iceberg to Nowhere,* Tesseract Theatre, St. Louis, MO
- O Holy Nite, Fridge Door Live Theatre Company Mount Brydges, ON, Canada
- The Warrior's Belt, Fridge Door Live Theatre Company Mount Brydges, ON, Canada
- Aesop Refabled, Alconbury Middle/High School, Alconbury, ENGLAND
- Aesop Refabled, Northeast High School, Pasadena, MD
- Aesop Refabled, Archbishop Spalding High School, Severn, MD
- Aesop Refabled, Burlington Christian Academy, Burlington, NC
- Requiem for a Bud, Sacred Fools Theatre Company, Los Angeles, CA
- This Used to be My Buffet, Sacred Fools Theatre Company, Los Angeles, CA

2012

- War Bride, SkyPilot Theatre Company, Los Angeles, CA, Dir. Nancy Dobbs Owen
- The Arctic Circle, Playwright's Lab at Hollins University, Roanoke, VA Dir. Bob Moss
- The Arctic Circle, Playwright's Lab at Hollins University, Playwrights Horizons, New York NY Bob
 Moss
- To the New Girl, Studio Roanoke, Roanoke, VA Dir. Cheryl Snodgrass
- Good Intentions, Young Actors Studio, North Hollywood, CA Dir. Jeff Alan-Lee
- Election Day, Spider Island, Red Eye Coast-to-Coast Playwriting Festival (Various)
- Baked Alaska, Monthly One-Act Festival, SkyPilot Theatre, Los Angeles, CA
- Iceberg to Nowhere, Monthly One-Act Festival, SkyPilot Theatre, Los Angeles, CA
- The Warrior's Belt, Monthly One-Act Festival, SkyPilot Theatre, Los Angeles, CA
- First Flight, SkyPilot Theatre, Los Angeles, CA
- Wankan Tanka, Sacred Fools Theatre Company, Los Angeles, CA

2011

- To the New Girl, SkyPilot Theatre, Los Angeles, CA Dir. Jeanette Farr-Harkins
- To the New Girl, Manhattan Repertory Theatre, New York, NY Dir. Ben Kawaller
- Special Collections, Mill Mountain Theatre, Roanoke, VA Dir. Bob Moss
- Zombie Chix, Sacred Fools Theatre Company, Los Angeles, CA
- Iceberg to Nowhere, Manhattan Repertory Theatre, New York, NY
- Iceberg to Nowhere, Theatre of NOTE, Los Angeles, CA
- Beautiful Princess Megan Tries to get Fired from the Video Palace, SkyPilot Theatre, LA, CA
- Iceberg to Nowhere, Middleburg Academy, Middleburg, VA
- O Holy Nite, Middleburg Academy, Middleburg, VA

Directing

- Ten Minute Benders, SkyPilot Theatre, Los Angeles, CA
- Plane Talk, SkyPilot Theatre, Los Angeles, CA

Acting

- Kong: A Goddamn Thirty Foot Gorilla- Ensemble- By Adam Hahn Dir. Jaime Robledo
- Earthbound- Brickle- By Adam Hahn, Jonathan Price and Chana Wise Dir. Christian Levatino

Theatrical Productions (Producer)

- To the New Girl... Courage Company, Reston, VA, February 2018
- RESET Courage Company, Reston, VA- September 2017
- Adverse Effects- Courage Company, Washington, DC- November 2015
- 2015 Festival of Student Work- The Lyceum in Alexandria, VA in association with the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA- February, 2015
- This is Banned, A Theatre Connection, North Hollywood, CA 2014
- Ten Minute Benders, SkyPilot Theatre, Los Angeles, CA 2014
- Klepto-Mania! Klepto Theatre Company, 2013
- Kong: A Goddamn Thirty Foot Gorilla, SkyPilot Theatre, Los Angeles, CA 2012
- SkyPilot Theatre Monthly One-Act Series, Los Angeles, CA 2012
- Weyward Sisters Productions, Resident Producer 2012-2014
- Board Member , SkyPilot Theatre Company, Los Angeles, CA 2013-2014

Set Design

- Nancy Kerrigan/Tonya Harding 1994 Museum, Consultant- Brooklyn, NY 2015
- The Matador- Mill Mountain Theater (Waldron Stage)- Roanoke, VA 2013

Costume or Puppetry Design

- Winchester, Consultant- A Theatre Connection, Los Angeles, CA 2014
- The Matador- Klepto Theatre Company Los Angeles, CA 2013
- The Matador- Mill Mountain Theater (Waldron Stage)- Roanoke, VA 2013
- Kong: A Goddamn 30 Foot Gorilla, (Puppets) SkyPilot Theatre, Los Angeles, CA 201

Film Production

2020

- To The New Girl- New Girl Films- Writer/Producer- released to Amazon Prime
- The Echo- animated short- New Girl Films- Writer/Producer

2017

Otis v. the Bike- Short Narrative Comedy (complete)- National Geographic- Exec. Producer

2016

• You Should Be In Here, Too- Short Documentary (in post-pro)- Courage Co.- Director/Writer

2015

- Clown at War- Short, experimental narrative (in post-pro)- Courage Co.- Writer/Producer
- Glory River- Feature-length Drama (in pre-pro)- Glory River Productions- Producer

2014

Last Pyramid- Documentary Film commissioned by the Epilepsy Foundation, 2014, Executive
 Producer, Greg Grunberg; Brad Savage

2013

- Nevada Line- Music Video- Writer/Composer- Weyward Sisters Productions
- Baby Beautiful- Short Narrative Comedy- Writer/Producer Weyward Sisters Productions
- Where are the Cocoa Puffs? Feature-Length Drama- Writer- J. Weinheimer Productions

2012

- Adam and Abby- Feature-Length Comedy- Writer- Victory Films, LLC
- Surrender to the Mystery- Music Video- Producer- Weyward Sisters Productions

Miscellaneous Productions

2015

• "So Whose Fault is it then?" Podcast Writer/Producer- Recording April 2015

Volunteer Work

2024-Present

Sensory Storytime Leader, We Rock The Spectrum Kids Gym- Novi