

SOBHA KAVANAKUDIYIL

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EXPERIENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

8/2010-present

City College CUNY, New York, New York
Program Director/Faculty Lecturer

- **Program Director** Manage outreach, admissions, graduation, special programs, oversee adjunct instructors, advise students and development of promotional material for the program with service to the School of Education and City College.
- **Interim Program Director** during Fall 2011 semester, Spring 2014 semester, Summer 2014 semester, beginning of the Fall 2014 semester. Managed outreach, admissions, graduation, special programs, oversee adjunct instructors, advise students of the entire graduate program
- Teach and Develop **Drama in Education, Theatre for Youth and Young Audiences, Fundamentals of Teaching, Teaching Literacy through Drama, Integrating Theatre and other related Arts into the Classroom, Acting I, Children's Theatre, Devising Theatre, Conflict Resolution through Theatre, Devising Theatre, Developing and Facilitating Drama and Dramatic Activities in Non – Traditional Settings, Drama as a Learning Medium, Developing Curriculum in Non – Traditional Settings, Capstone Field Experience and Student Teaching Supervisor.**
- Develop new programs including: **Readings on the Road**, a new graduate candidate staged reading series to be presented at public schools and community settings developing theatre for the very young through high school, paralleled with pre show workshops and post show talk backs with students; Pioneered **Creative Play Workshops** (formerly **Family Arts Saturdays**) classes that involve theatre activities for children in the community with a focus on ages 2-7 years old and their families; **Implemented a residency program** with PS 161 and other public schools in the Harlem area; Pioneered **Harlem Children's Theatre Festival** (formerly **Family Arts Day**) a day of theatre activities and theatre performances for families and .

5/08-8/2010

City College CUNY, New York, New York
Adjunct Instructor

- Taught **Drama in Education**, worked with Program Director to develop course as one of the foundations courses for The Program in Educational Theatre.
- Created, developed and taught **Conflict Resolution through Theatre**, a course using process drama, creative dramatics and applied theatre technique to discuss issues that effect young people as well as theatre for social change in school, as well as non-traditional settings.

1/04 – 5/2010

New York University, New York, New York
Adjunct Instructor

- Taught **Integrating the Arts**, both at the graduate and undergraduate level. The course teaches students how to integrate dramatic strategies to teach core curriculum content area and how to use drama to manage the class.
- Worked closely with staff from Teaching and Learning department, as an adjunct from the Program in Educational Theatre, to develop program to have students utilize drama to teach skills such as math, literacy, and social skills, while focusing on the community rather than the individual and keeping in mind children with special needs. This program is designed for students training to work with early childhood (infant – 2nd grade-spring semester) and childhood (2nd grade – 5th grade-fall semester).
- Taught **Dramatic Activities in the Elementary Classroom K-6**, a class designed to introduce graduate and undergraduate students to dramatic activities to teach in different types of K-6 settings including integrating drama into a general classroom, working in a theater classroom, creating pre/post performance lesson plans, and developing plans for an after school drama program.

- 9/04-5/2010 **Hudson County Community College**, Jersey City, New Jersey
Adjunct Instructor
- Taught **Intro to Acting**, introducing students to Stanislavsky's method to understand character study, as well as introduction to basic theater appreciation.
 - Taught **Speech**, introducing students to basic communication concepts to develop a sense of presentation, including how to research, write and execute instructional, informational and persuasive speeches.

TEACHING ARTIST / ARTS EDUCATION CONSULTANT EXPERIENCE

- 2017-Present **Americans for the Arts (Speaker's Bureau)**, Washington, D.C.
- Provide training for Arts Advocacy
 - Support team in developing curriculum
- 9/2017-Present **Tectonic Theatre**, New York, NY
- Devise Theatre with High School Students
 - Share Moment Work Techniques
- 2016-Present **NYC DOE**, New York, NY
- Mentor for the Arthur Miller Fellows Program
 - Support team in developing rubric
 - Collaborate with other fellows to develop rubric and best practices
- 9/2017-11/2017 **Come From Away**, Broadway Musical, New York, NY
- Support students to prepare to devise performance piece.
 - Collaborate with classroom teacher to create interview questions for research.
 - Pre/Post Show discussions.
- 7/2017-9/2017 **NOAA**, New York, NY
- Collaborate with other grant participants to develop curriculum for STEM students
 - Manage Career and College readiness prep
- 2/2016-4/2016 **NYPL, Kingsbridge**, New York, NY
- Memoir Writing workshop with Seniors
 - Support public speaking skills as well as developing personal memoir narratives.
- 11/2014, 6/2016
9/2016, 1/2017 **Apollo Theater**, New York, NY
- Facilitate professional development for Apollo Teaching Artists having them look at their own personal teaching philosophy, the mission of the Apollo and going deeper into their work.
 - Moderate discussion: "How to utilize experiences with cultural organizations into a classroom".
 - Support teachers on how to use the Apollo Theater as resource for young people.
- 9/2014, 11/2014
2/2015, 8/2015 **Urban Arts Partnerships**, New York, NY
- Facilitated a workshop to explore the potential growth among program managers and teaching artists working relationship at organization.
 - Using Service Learning techniques moderated a discussion about strengthening partnerships with schools.
 - Develop Ensemble among team while exploring working partnerships in the organization.
- 11/2013-3/2015 **TIOS**, New York, NY
- Member of the TIOS Planning Committee and supported conference planning.
 - Managed Interns and Intern Schedule.
 - Moderated *Community Partnership Session*.

- 11/2013, 6/2014,
11/2014, 6/2015
- Center for Arts Education**, New York, NY
- Facilitated a professional development for classroom teachers on how to use theatre arts integration as a classroom strategy.
 - Collaborated with CAE staff to align the professional development with the residency program being implemented in the schools they are working with.
 - Facilitated Workshop with Principals, Assistant Principals, Teaching Artists, Teachers on how to develop strong partnership while working on a Social Studies Integration Residency.
- 9/2013
- Theatre Development Fund**, New York, NY
- Facilitated a professional development for teaching artists on how to engage classroom teachers.
 - Collaborated with Education Department staff to align the professional development to align with the philosophy of TDF.
- 6/13-7/2013
12/2015
- Lifetime Arts**, New York, NY
- Devised theatre with seniors during a summer library program.
 - Piloted working with homebound patients as part of the devised theatre piece.
 - Facilitated and developed professional development.
- 5/2013
- Student Sponsor Partners**, New York, NY
- Facilitated workshop using drama to encourage students to take risks while speaking publically.
 - Developed curriculum for 5th – 9th graders to develop public speaking skills.
- 2/2013
- Ernst & Young**, New York, NY
- Facilitated Corporate Diversity Workshop “Empowerment through Theatre – Giving Woman a Voice”
 - Collaborated with Human Resource Department to align the workshop with corporate philosophy.
- 2/02-8/2010
- Educational Arts Team**, Jersey City, New Jersey
Teaching Artist
- Facilitated workshops by using educational theatre strategies and drama technique to expand the knowledge of elementary, junior high and high school students about social issues in their community, as well as improving literacy, math, and social studies for both in school and after school programs for ages pre-school – high school.
 - Worked closely with administrative staff for special events that include family celebrations during different times of the year.
 - Collaborated with Executive Director and other workshop leaders on the development of new workshops.
 - Developed puppet shows for the after school program and perform them for the Jersey City School District. Shows include: Lazy Jack, Hansel and Gretel, Little Red Riding, among others.
 - Collaborated with staff in developing *Circle of Drama*; 20 lesson plans integrating drama into the Social Studies and Language Arts curriculum in the 4th and 5th grade in Jersey City Public Schools. This teacher’s manual was the culmination of a 3-year Department of Education Grant integrating drama into core curriculum content area and training 4th and 5th grade teachers in Jersey City.
 - Developed lesson plans for a second Department of Education Grant, along with the staff, to integrate drama into working with the core novels for the 6th and 7th graders in Jersey City. This includes training teachers; currently in the 2nd year of the grant.

Director of the Teen Mentor Program and Co-Director at Camp Liberty

- Supervised children during camp day with activities such as drama games, storytelling, singing, art and small group games.
- Created storytelling performance with children who explored their imagination and were guided to devise their own performance in order to share stories with their peers or younger children at camp.
- Managed 13-15 year old teen mentors at the camp as they explored social issues through drama, learned museum skills, and worked with younger campers.
- Assisted Director of Camp with troubleshooting issues, liaison to parents, managing staff and implementing new ideas for the success off the day camp.
- Director of camp play; worked collaboratively with Choreographer, Set Designer, Artists and Executive Director to produce and direct *How the Sun and Moon Got up In to the Sky*, *How Ganesh Got His Elephant Ears*, *Erlang and His Suns*, *Osiris and Isis*, *Ra the Creation Story*, and *A Treasure's Trove*, and *Brave Margaret*.

Program Facilitator

- Sold programs to Principals and Facilitators of schools and other outside agencies that are interested in our work, include outreach to districts throughout the state.
- Collaborated with Executive Director and Principal and Facilitator at schools to utilize the budget to its maximum potential at each school.
- Assisted in assigning work to our staff.
- Maintained an on-going relationship with Principal and Facilitator at each school; begin to discuss potential work for the following school year.

***The New Victory Theater*, New York, New York**

1/04 – 8/2011

Teaching Artist

- Conducted Pre and Post performance workshops in elementary, junior high school and high schools in New York City that participate in The New Victory Theater Education program.
- Developed and implement residency program for a 5th grade classroom at PS 295, for 3 seasons. (2007-2010)
- Developed and implement residency program for Success Is Possible, a school giving students the opportunity to take ownership of their learning, and bridge them back to the public school system. This is the first season.
- Member of the innovative Enrichment Team, fostering the development of the Teaching Artist Ensemble, as well as mentoring first season Teaching Artists. (2008-2010).

***Luna Stage*, Montclair, New Jersey**

1/08-6/2008

Teaching Artist

- Facilitated in classroom workshops developing acting technique in elementary, junior high and high school students.
- Performed for the New Playwrights Staged Reading Series.

***Playwrights Theatre*, Madison, New Jersey**

1/08-1/2009

Contest Reader

- Critiqued writing competition for Young Playwrights, Inc.
- Provided constructive feedback for playwrights.

***New Jersey Performing Arts Center*, Newark, New Jersey**

10/05 – 1/2010

Teaching Artist

- Facilitated in classroom workshops developing acting technique in elementary, junior high and high school students.
- Conducted professional development workshops on how to use drama for conflict resolution.

- 4/09-9/2009 **Laurie Beechman Theatre**, New York, New York
Director/Producer
 •Collaborated with partner on project in creation, development and execution of “How Can I Keep From Singing: A Celebration of Eva Cassidy” cabaret.
- 10/01- 2/2004 **East River Theatre Company**, New York, New York
Actor / Storyteller / Teaching Artist
 •Taught English through Drama in Seoul, Korea at a drama camp to 4 – 6th graders with a 1st grade English level.
 •Assisted Founder and Director of the Company with rehearsal schedule, booking, promotional material, and manage administrative duties.
 •Worked with the Ensemble to create new tools to use to teach children about cultural diversity; coming up with new songs, new stories, revamping traditional stories and songs, and involving current events in performances.
 •Performed *Patchwork* at various locations around New York City. *Patchwork* performances include stories, songs and games from all over the world for children, including an opportunity for audience members to participate in games and stories during performance.
- 10/02-05/2003 **Step Up Drama Program**, East Harlem, New York
Assistant Director
 •Assisted director in managing a group of 7th and 8th grade girls in an after school drama program at The Young Women’s Leadership School.
 •Taught and discuss literature using educational theatre technique in order to better prepare students for the performance.
- 7/02-7/2002 **Westminster City School**, Westminster City, London, England
Guest Workshop Leader / Drama Specialist
 •Developed workshop on gang violence, working alongside educator from the school, to challenge students to understand problems young people face with bullying and to explore other options in problem solving.
 •Developed process drama workshops to facilitate with students over a three-day period.
 •Taught stage combat to year 9 students.
- 9/01-10/2001 **Black Box Theatre**, New York, New York
Stage Manager
 •Assisted director (Ann McCormack) for rehearsals and performances of *Burr Ferry*.
 •Worked closely with Assistant Director and Producer on rehearsal schedule.
 •In charge of calling the show the nights of the performances and making sure everything ran smoothly.
 •Operated Light board for dress rehearsals and performances.
- 4/02-4/2002 **Provincetown Playhouse**, New York, New York
Guest Workshop Leader
 •Assisted Graduate Assistant of the Program in Educational Theatre at NYU to develop a workshop for 9th and 10th graders to facilitate following the performance.
 •Facilitated workshop for 9th and 10th graders from a Brooklyn High School following a performance of *Blood Wedding*.

- 6/01-7/2001 **Stage Manager**
 •Co-Stage managed 4 staged readings in the month of June including: *Riding the Wind: Story Plays from Old China, Burr Ferry, Franklin's Apprentice, and Sacagawea: Breath of an American Spirit.*
 •In charge of calling the show the nights of the performances and making sure everything ran smoothly.
- 2/01-5/2001 **Assistant Stage Manager**
 •Assisted Stage Manager (Vik Keenan) and Director (Nancy Swortzell) in rehearsals and performances for *And Then They Came for Me.*

INVITED TO PRESENT AT REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CONFERENCES

- Kavanakudiyil, S. (August 2019). Plenary Panel Moderator “Gender and Gender Identity with Alexis Roblan and Ty Defoe.” American Alliance for Theatre and Education, New York, NY.
- Kavanakudiyil, S. (August 2019). Panel Moderator “Hearing Youth Voices.” American Alliance for Theatre and Education, New York, NY.
- Kavanakudiyil, S. (February 2019). “Arts Integration and Restorative Justice Practices.” Americans for the Arts. Tampa, Florida.
- Kavanakudiyil, S., Boddie, C.J., Miles, J., Demas, E. (September 2018). Live Podcast. “Teaching Artistry with Courtney J. Boddie.” International Teaching Artist Conference. New York, NY.
- Kavanakudiyil, S. (August 2018). “Exploring Policy: Advocacy for Theatre Education in Changing Political Times.” Americans for the Arts at AATE. Minneapolis, MN.
- Kavanakudiyil, S., & Atkins, E. (August 2018). “Equity, Diversity and Inclusion: The New York City Arts in Education Roundtable’s Journey in Implementation and Practice.” American Alliance for Theatre and Education. Minneapolis, MN.
- Kavanakudiyil, S. Panel. (February, 2017). “Career Pathways in Educational Theatre.” League of Professional Women in Theatre. New York, NY.
- Kavanakudiyil, S., & Salvatore, J. (July 2016). “The Tip of the Iceberg: Moving Beyond What We See.” American Alliance for Theatre and Education. Boston, MA.
- Kavanakudiyil, S., & Wiggins, M. (April 2016). “Moving Beyond I Have a Dream.” Face-to-Face Conference. New York, NY.
- Kavanakudiyil, S., Giardina, J., & Paul Rajeckas. (January 2016). “Creative Partnerships: Artists and Professors Working Together.” APAP Conference. New York, NY.
- Kavanakudiyil, S., & Boddie, C.J., Miles, J., Wiggins, M. (April 2015). “In Full Color: Cultivation A New Generation of Leaders in Arts Education.” Face-to-Face Conference. New York, NY.
- Kavanakudiyil, S., & Montgomery, A. (July 2014). “Practicing Partnership: Forging Strong Relationships with Classroom Teachers.” American Alliance of Theatre Educators. Denver, CO.
- Kavanakudiyil, S., & Montgomery, A. (April 2014). “Practicing Partnership: Forging Strong Relationships with Classroom Teachers.” NYU Teaching Artist Forum. New York, NY.
- Kavanakudiyil, S., & Jost, L. (April 2014). “The Many Hats of a Teaching Artist.” Face-to-Face Conference. New York, NY.
- Kavanakudiyil, S. Panel. (March 2014). “A Conversation about Partnership.” Theatre in Our Schools Conference. New York, NY.
- Kavanakudiyil, S., Abrams, S., & Waldman, J. (July 2013). “Civic Engagement and the Arts.” American Alliance of Theatre Educators Conference. Washington, D.C.

Kavanakudiyil, S., Abrams, S., & Waldman, J. (April 2013). "Civic Engagement and the Arts." Face-to-Face Conference. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. Plenary Panel Moderator. (March 2013). "Breaking Down the Barriers to Learning." Theatre in Our Schools Conference. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S., Boddie, C.J., DiBella, J., Lopez, M., & Stallings, H. (February 2012). "The Wisdom is in the Room; Using Teaching Artists as Mentors." Face-to-Face Conference. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. & Boddie, C.J. (July 2011). "Process and Performance-Devising Non-Traditional Theatre with Teens." American Alliance of Theatre Educators Conference. Chicago, IL.

Kavanakudiyil, S. & Boddie, C.J. (February 2011). "Process and Performance-Devising Non-Traditional Theatre with Teens." Face-to-Face Conference. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. & Boddie, C.J. (October 2010). "Process and Performance-Devising Non-Traditional Theatre with Teens." Educational Theatre Association Conference. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. & Buccafusco, D. (November 2009). "Theatre Infusion." New Jersey Education Association Teacher's Convention. Atlantic City, NJ.

Kavanakudiyil, S. & Arrojo, R. (August 2009). "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf? Integrating Conflict Resolution into the Classroom." American Alliance of Theatre Educators Conference American Alliance for Theatre Educators Conference. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. & Stallings, H. (August 2009). "The Guiding Principles." American Alliance of Theatre Educators Conference American Alliance for Theatre Educators Conference.. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (April 2009). "Theatre Infusion." New York University Pedagogy Conference. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. & Stallings, H. (February 2009). "The Guiding Principles." New York City Arts in Education Roundtable Face To Face Conference. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. & Tabone, C. (November 2008). "Integrating Drama into the Classroom" New Jersey Education Association Teacher's Convention. Atlantic City, NJ.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (October 2008). "A Discussion about Teaching Artistry". Panelist. New York, Arts in Education Roundtable Face To Face Conference. New York, NY.

INVITED TO PRESENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATIONS

Kavanakudiyil, S. (January, August 2019). Guest Facilitator. Arts Integration Professional Development. MLP. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (April 2018). Guest Facilitator at Gobierno Municipal Puebla, Instituto Municipal Arte Cultura, Puebla, Mexico.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (March 2018). Guest Lecturer at International Graduate School of English Education, Seoul, Korea. Fulbright recipient.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (March 2017). Pod Cast "Teaching Artistry with Courtney Boddie." New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (June 2017). Panel "Resources for Teaching Artistry." Cultural Community Board 9. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (October 2016). Keynote Presentation "Devising Theatre." Apollo Theater. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (September 2016). "Engagement and the Arts: What Makes a Strong Partnership." American Alliance for Theatre and Education. Webinar.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (September 2016). "What is Your Teaching Philosophy? Going Deeper into our Work." Apollo Theater. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (June 2016). "Making Curricular Connections with Drama." Apollo Theater. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (December 2015). "Arts Integration with Intergenerational Work." LifeTime Arts New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (June 2015). "Strong Partnership and Quality Arts Education." Center for Arts Education. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (February 2015). "Nurturing Urban Arts Partnerships." Urban Arts Partnerships. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (November 2014). "Nurturing Urban Arts Partnerships." Urban Arts Partnerships. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (November 2014). "Dialogue for an Emerging Teaching Artist." American Alliance for Theatre and Education. Webinar.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (September 2014). "Teaching Artist Symposium: Arts in the Changing Face of New York City Education." Young Audiences New York. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (September 2014). "Nurturing Urban Arts Partnerships." Urban Arts Partnerships. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (June 2014). "Integrating the Arts into Social Studies Curriculum - Professional Development." Center for Arts Education. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (November 2013). "Integrating the Arts into English Language Arts Classrooms - Professional Development." Center for Arts Education. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (September 2013). "Teaching Artists Social Responsibility – Reflective Practices." Theater Development Fund. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (June 2013). "Public Speaking." Student Sponsored Partners, Inc. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (February 2013). "Corporate Diversity Training using Drama." Ernst & Young. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (August 2012). "Using your Toolbox." Girls Scouts of America. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. & Boddie, C. J. (August 2011). "Process and Performance-Devising Non-Traditional Theatre with Teens." New York City Department of Education P-Credit Course. New York, NY.

Kavanakudiyil, S. (June 2011). "Theatre Infusion." Flushing Town Hall Professional Development..

Kavanakudiyil, S. (March 2011). "Integrating the Arts." KIPP School Professional Development..

Kavanakudiyil, S. & Tabone, C. (Fall & Spring 2006-2010). "Professional Development for Jersey City Public School Teachers" Educational Arts Team Professional Development. Jersey City, NJ.

OTHER SCHOLARLY WORK

Kavanakudiyil, S. 2018 Fall 2018. Incite/Insight. Mi Experiencia con Artistas de Puebla.

Kavanakudiyil, S. 2018 Spring 2018. Incite/Insight. Reflect on the Past #RiseUp to the Future.

Kavanakudiyil, S. 2017 November 1. Don't Forget About Teaching Artists.
<https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2017/11/01/dont-forget-about-teaching-artists.html>

Kavanakudiyil, S. 2017 March 15. Building A Sustainable Career in the Arts.
<http://current.nyfa.org/post/158239629088/coming-to-twitter-on-march-15-artisthotline>

Kavanakudiyil, S. 2016 April 8. 10 Think Action Steps When Thinking About Diversity.
<http://blog.americansforthearts.org/2016/04/08/10-think-action-steps-when-thinking-about-diversity>.

Kavanakudiyil, S. 2016 February 5. From Here to Diversity: Where Do We Go From Here?
<http://aieconversation.org/conversations/opinion-matters-a-teaching-artist-today>.

Kavanakudiyil, S. 2014 September 19. A Teaching Artist Today. Blog Continuing the Conversation at the Arts in Education Program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.
<http://aieconversation.org/conversations/opinion-matters-a-teaching-artist-today>.

Paredes [Kavanakudiyil], S. 2011 September 16. Teaching Teachers: City College to the New Vic. Blog New Victory Theater. <http://newvictorytheater.blogspot.com/search?updated-max=2011-09-20T10:00:00-04:00&max-results=3&start=30&by-date=false>.

Arrojo, R., & Bruno, D., Buccafusco, D., LaBrusciano, P., Paredes [Kavanakudiyil], S., & Tabone, C. (2010). *Bringing Literature to Life, Drama Strategies and Sample Lesson Plans for Middle School Literacy, A Teacher's Handbook integrating Drama to teach core novels in the Middle Schools*. Unpublished manuscript (accompanied the dissemination process in the final year of a three year Federal Department of Education Grant in partnership with the Jersey City Public Schools).

Arrojo, R., & Bruno, D., Buccafusco, D., LaBrusciano, P., Paredes [Kavanakudiyil], S., & Tabone, C. (2008). *The Magic Circle of Drama, a Teacher's Handbook integrating Drama in to Language Arts and Social Studies Classrooms*. Unpublished manuscript (accompanied the dissemination process in the final year of a three year Federal Department of Education Grant in partnership with the Jersey City Public Schools).

AWARDS

Kavanakudiyil, S. Citation from City of New York, Council Member Mark Levine. (2017).

Kavanakudiyil, S. Fulbright Specialist Program. (2017-2020)

Byram Hills High School Achievement in the Arts Award for Alumni. (2017)

Kavanakudiyil, S. Citation from American Alliance for Theatre and Education, Co-Chair of the AATE National Conference in Boston, MA. (2016)

Kenny, S., Sarian, A., Lopez, A., Brewster, P., Austin, S., and Kavanakudiyil, S. (NYTIOS Planning Committee). Rees Evans Theatre In Our Schools Award. (2015).

Kavanakudiyil, S. Powell Center Service-Learning Faculty Fellowship. (2011-2012).

AFFILIATION

Arts Education Committee to the Panel on Educational Policy for the New York City Department of Education – September 2018 – present.

New York City Arts In Education Roundtable – Co-Chair; Board of Directors (2017-present). *Vice Chair; Board of Directors (2014-2017); Conference Co-Chair for Face-to-Face Conference (2014-present); Co-Chair for A Day of Learning: Equity and Access for All; Co-Chair Teaching Artist Affairs Committee (2013-2016), Member (2011-2013), Programming Committee Member (2014-2016).*

Association of Teaching Artists – *Member; Board of Directors (2015-2017)*

Spellbound Theatre – *Board of Directors, (2016-2017), President (2015-2016, 2014-2015)*

American Alliance for Theatre and Education – *National Programming Director; Board of Directors (2016-2019); Member (2003 – 2016); TIOS – Conference Committee Member (2013-2016); National AATE Conference Co-Chair (2016).*

EDUCATION

New York University, New York, New York
Masters of Arts, Educational Theatre, May 2003

Fordham University, Bronx, New York
Bachelor of Arts, Communications/Spanish, May 1996

TRAININGS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Radical Healing	Professional Development
Master Class	Devising Theatre with Johnny Saldana
Brecht Forum	Theater of the Oppressed with Julian Boal
Tectonic Theater Company	Moment Work with Moises Kaufman
Lincoln Center Institute	Professional Development (January 2010)
The New Victory Theater	Professional Development with Jonothan Neelands
The New Victory Theater	Professional Development
Round About Theatre-	Professional Development
Thirteen/WNET	Professional Development
Jennifer DeRosa	Vocal Coach
Heidi Stallings	Vocal Coach
Adam Roebuck	Vocal Coach
New York University	Exploring Diversity, Teaching Pluralism
	Effective Teams
	Process Drama with Cecily O'Neill

	Process Drama with Tony Goode
	Development of Theatre I & 2
	Leaders in Educational Theatre
	Drama in the Secondary Classroom
	Physical Improvisation and Movement
	Drama in Education I & 2
	Dramatic Criticism
	Styles of Acting & Directing
Creative Arts Team	Shakespeare in the Classroom
	Exploring Social Issues through Drama
	Storytelling in the Classroom
CUNY/Baruch College	Portuguese I
TVI Actors Studio	Soap Opera Acting, Film Audition Technique, Monologue
Weist Barron	Commercial Acting
School of Acting	
HB Studios	Scene Study and Technique with Joseph Daly
Theatre Arts	Vocal Training, Scene Study
Workshop	
Acting I	Fordham University

TELEVISION EXPERIENCE

7/00-11/00	<p>NBC NEWS, New York, New York Booking Producer, Dateline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pre-interview, book guests, and field produce for network news magazine program. •Monitor news of the day and pitch story ideas. •Field Produced Emmy nominated one hour Dateline “<i>Waterfight</i>.”
11/97-2/01	<p>News Executive Assistant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Providing administrative support for the Vice President of NBC News; Executive Producer of Broadcast Standards; and Senior Producer of Broadcast Standards with responsibilities for Dateline NBC, Nightly News with Tom Brokaw, The Today Show, CNBC and MSNBC. <p>Researcher/Assistant Producer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Assisted with research and booking for DAYS OF DOUBT, an MSNBC Special on Election 2000. •Supported Specials Unit in control room by coordinating and confirming live shots for New Years Eve-Millennium 2000 coverage for NBC News. •Support NBC News Executives and Specials Unit with Decision 2000 Network Election coverage, and Election Night 1998. •Researched information for “<i>Back To Bedlam</i>” and “<i>Women In Prisons</i>” Geraldo Rivera- NBC News one-hour specials.
2/03-6/03	<p>E Asylum, Jersey City, New Jersey Co-Host/Correspondent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Host of a hip, new entertainment news program, targeting 18-25 years olds, developed by Comcast in Jersey City, New Jersey. •Write, research, and pitch stories including ideas for fashion, television, movies, entertainment gossip, and theatre. •Taped on location stand ups, including live interviews.
6/97-11/97	<p>FOX -TV, WNYW, New York, New York News Trainee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provided administrative support to News Director and Associate News Director; handled footage requests, and press releases, pitched story ideas, and solicited interviews. • Booked interviews, field produced, managed on site research, and screened b-roll for <u>Fox 5 News at Noon</u> and <u>The 10 O'clock News</u>.

Production Assistant

- WNYW special “*Starting Over: A Road To Recovery,*” and “*Starting Over: A Road To The Statehouse.*”

1/97 - 5/97
THIRTEEN/WNET, New York, New York
Stations Relations Coordinator, Program Administration & Station Relations

- Wrote releases and made cold calls to promote Thirteen/WNET produced programs to PBS stations.

10/96 - 1/97
Project Coordinator, Outreach Department

- Co-wrote a brochure for *Liberty & Limits: The “Federalist” Idea 200 Years Later.*
- Booked multiple outreach discussion/programs events for Bill Moyers “*Genesis*” outreach events.
- Wrote newsletters addressing outreach topics and events.

9/95 - 12/95
WABC-EYEWITNESS NEWS, New York, New York
Production Associate, Planning Unit

- Booked, researched, set-up and field-produced feature and community packages.
- Tracked upcoming court cases of press interest in the five boroughs for the assignment desk.

5/95 - 8/95
READING RAINBOW, New York, New York
Research/Production Assistant

- Worked with publishers to generate lists of appropriate books to be featured on Reading Rainbow.
- Read and reviewed the selected books and made recommendations for final books covered on the broadcast.
- Booked children for the production and prepared them for taping in the studio.