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EDUCATION:

Master of Fine Arts - University of Tennessee, 1986 Bachelor of Creative Arts - University of North Carolina, Charlotte, 1983

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Professor, Arizona State University, 2014-present
Associate Professor, (with tenure), Arizona State University, 2003-2012
Assistant Professor, Arizona State University, 2001-2003
Guest Artist, Arizona State University, 2000-2001
Associate Professor (with tenure), University of Florida-Gainesville, 1994-1998
Assistant Professor, University of Florida-Gainesville, 1989-1994

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC) (1980-Present) United States International Technical Theatre (USITT) (2000-Present) United Scenic Artist, Local 829 (1998-Present) Costume Society of America (2010-Present)

TEACHING:

Courses at Arizona State University:

History of Fashion (redesigned as an online course 2013) History of Fashion II (redesigned as an online course 2015)

Costume Crafts

Drawing

Advanced Scenography

Scenography

Introduction to Costuming

Costume Design

Costume Design II

Advanced Costume Design (Graduate Students)

Advanced Scenography (Graduate Students)

Design Studio

Advanced Costumes

Orientation to Theatre and Film

Production supervision (student designers) at Arizona State University:

Dryland (2015)

Brooklyn Bridge (2015)

Streetcar Named Desire (2015)

This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing

romeo & juliet void (2014)

Shallow Grave (2014)

Before You Ruin It (2014)

Emperor Wolf (2014)

Nation (2014)

Circle, Circle, Dot, Dot (2014)

Dog Act (2013)

Black Art (2013)

Fall of the House of Escher (2013)

Soot and Spit (2013)

Fat Boy (2013)

Half-Way House (2013)

Los Santos (2013)

POVV (2012)

Nosferatu (2012)

Drones (2012)

The Misanthrope (2012)

The House of the Spirits (2011)

The Skriker (2011)

In the Penal Colony (2011)

Bridge to the Stars (2011)

26 Miles (2010)

Allegra (2010)

Big Love (2010)

These Shining Lives (2010)

Dreaming Darwin (2009)

Triangle (2008)

Dark Play (2008)

Iphigenia (2008)

We Won't Pay (2008)

Don Coyote (2008)

Jonnie May's Kitchen (2007)

Black Sheep Gospel (2007)

La Vida Loca (2006)

Taking Leave (2006)

King Stag (2005)

The Vine (2004)

The 5th of July (2004)

Good and Plenty (2004)

Alchemy of Desire (2003)

Suburbia (2003)

Dancing at Lughnasa (2002)

Costume Designs for Arizona State University:

These design assignments involve significant collaboration with students and so are considered here as teaching rather than creative activity.

Bocon! (2012)

American Victory (2012)

Zoot Suit (2011)

Sherlock Holmes (2011)

Machinal (2007)

Venus- Selected for inclusion in the 2007 Prague Quadrennial (2006)

Comedie of Errors (2007)

Orchids in the Moonlight (2005)

Reckless (2004)

The Cherry Orchard (2004)

IB (2003)

Don Juan (2002)]

Electropus (2002)

Cyrano (2002)

The Birds (2002)

Alicia in Wonder Tierra (2001)

A Sense of Place (2000)

Courses at University of Florida-Gainesville

Costume Design

Costume Design II

Graduate Costume Design 1

Graduate Costume Design 2

History of Fashion and Décor

Costume Crafts

Intro to Costume

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY

BOOKS:

Furr, C. and Jewett, J., <u>Liberace Extravaganza!</u>, New York: HarperCollins, 2013. This is a co-authored book. I was lead author and sole photographer for the 176 images (excluding historic photos) in the book.

ARTICLES:

Furr, C. and Jewett, J., "Liberace Extravaganza!," USITT td&t, pgs.34-43, 2013

EXHIBITION CATALOGS:

Prague 2003 Exhibition Catalogue; *Macbeth*, producing organization Actors

Theatre of Louisville

Prague 2007 Exhibition Catalogue: Venus; producing organization Arizona State

University

World Stage Design 2005: *Pinocchio*, producing organization Children's Theatre of Charlotte

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

Prague Quadrennial of Scenography - "Liberace, A Life in Costume", 2011 Prague Quadrennial of Scenography - "Hopi Indian Headdresses and Masks", June 2003

NATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

Desert State, Regional Section of USITT- Workshop on Portfolio - October 2010 USITT Annual Conference - "Designing *Augusta* for Actors Theatre of Phoenix," Phoenix. 2007

Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC), Maskmaking, Old Ways and New Means, 2005

Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC), Rendering Techniques, 1997 Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC), Maskmaking, Old Ways and New Means, 1996

Association for Theatre in Higher Learning (ATHE), Maskmaking, 1992

REGIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

Arizona Thespian Festival – Maskmaking Workshop – November 2014 Arizona Thespian Festival – Neoprene Workshop – November 2010

Arizona Thespian Festival - Life Mask Workshop - November 2007

Arizona Thespian Festival - Technical Olympics -November 2006

Arizona Thespian Festival - Resume Workshop - October 2004

Arizona Thespian Festival - Mask Workshop - November 2002

Arizona Thespian Festival - Puppetry Workshop - November 2001

High Museum - Charlotte, North Carolina, Maskmaking Workshop, 1999

GRANTS RECEIVED:

United States Institute for Theatre Technology granted \$6,000 to assist with the research for *Liberace Extravaganza!*

Sabbatical granted by Arizona State University for the 2009-2010 academic year for "Liberace: Extravaganza" principle photography.

COSTUME DESIGN AT NATIONALLY PROMINENT THEATRES:

Brooklyn Academy of Music:

Glory to the World, directed by Les Waters, 2016

Playwrights Horizon:

The Christians, directed by Les Waters, 2015

Mark Taper:"

The Christians, directed by Les Waters, 2015

Actors Theatre of Louisville:iv

The Christians, directed by Les Waters, (World Premiere), 2014

Brownville Song (b-side for Trey), directed by M. McDonough, (World Premiere), 2014

Gnit, directed by Les Waters, (World Premiere), 2013

Appropriate, directed by Gary Griffin, (World Premiere), 2013

How We Got On, directed by Wendy Goldberg (World Premiere) 2012,

Eat Your Heart Out, directed by Adam Greenfield, (World Premiere), 2012

Edith Can Shoot Things and Hit Them, directed by May Adrales, (World Premiere) 2011

Maple and Vine, directed by Annie Kauffman, (World Premiere) 2011 Greater Tuna, directed by Marc Masterson 2009

Vanishing Point, directed by Les Waters (World Premiere), 2004

After Ashley, directed by Marc Masterson, (World Premiere), 2004

Macbeth, directed by Marc Masterson, 2003, (Selected for 2003 Prague Quadrennial)

The Fabulous Palm Springs Follies:

Let the Good Times Roll, directed by Riff Markowitz, 2007

Get Your Kicks, directed by Riff Markowitz, 2006

Tin Pan Alley, directed by Riff Markowitz, 2005

Gotta Dance, directed by Riff Markowitz, 2004

Surprise, directed by Riff Markowitz, 2003

Hooray for Hollywood, directed by Riff Markowitz, 2002

Flying Down to Rio, directed by Riff Markowitz, 2001

Charlotte's Children's Theatre: vi

101 Dalmatians, directed by Janet Stanford, (World Premiere), opening 2014

Miracle on 34th Street, directed by Adam Burke, 2013

The Secret Garden, directed by Michelle Long, 2013

Seussical, directed by Alan Poindexter, 2012

Beauty and the Beast, directed by Alan Poindexter, 2011

Alice in Wonderland, directed by Alan Poindexter, 2010

Charlotte's Web, directed by Alan Poindexter, 2008

Pinocchio, directed by Alan Poindexter, 2005 (Selected for 2005 World Stage Design)

Childsplay. Phoenix Arizona:vii

Monsters and Peas, directed by Dwayne Hartford, 2015

Robin Hood, directed by Dwayne Hartford, 2013

Click Clack Moo, directed by Dwayne Hartford. 2013

Sun Serpent, directed by Rachel Bowditch, (World Premiere), 2011

Peter and the Wolf. 2009 National Tour. Directed by David Saar

What's in Grandma's Purse, 2009, Directed by Jon Gentry

Androcles and the Lion, directed by D. Scott Withers, 2009

Miss Nelson is Missing, directed by Dwayne Hartford, 2008

The Tale of Two Cities, directed by Dwayne Harford, (World Premiere), 2008

The Secret Garden, directed by Alan Burke, 2007

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, directed by David Saar, 2006, 2011

Schoolhouse Rock, directed by Michael Barnard, 2002

The Wind in the Willows, directed by G. Whitehead, 2001

Selkie, directed by David Saar, 2000

The Highest Heaven, directed by David Saar, 1999 (World Premiere)

Phoenix Theatre: viii

39 Steps, directed by Matthew Weiner, opening Fall 2013

Dream a Little Dream: The Nearly True Story of the Mamas and the Papas,

directed by Michael Barnard, 2007 and 2012 (World Premiere)

Lucky Star, directed by Michael Barnard, 2009 (World Premiere)

Robber Bridegroom, directed by Michael Barnard, 2009

Unbeatable, directed by Michael Barnard, 2008 (World Premiere)

Route 66, directed by Michael Barnard, 2007

Smokey Joe's Café, directed by Robbie Harper, 2006

Best Little Whorehouse, directed by Michael Barnard, 2005

Into the Woods, directed by Michael Barnard, 2004

The Man of La Mancha, directed by Michael Barnard, 2003

Steel Magnolias, directed by Bob Sorenson, 2002

Six Degrees of Separation, directed by Michael Barnard, 2001

How to Succeed in Business, directed by Michael Barnard, 2000

Nunsense, directed by Scott Harris, 1999

Orlando Opera - Orlando, Floridaix

La Cenerentola, directed by Robert Swedberg, 1996

Pique Dame, directed by Alan Brun, 1995

Hansel and Gretel, directed by Alan Brun,

Los Angeles Opera - Los Angeles, California: * (assistant costume designer)

The Fantastic Mr. Fox, designed by Gerald Scarfe, 1999

Rigoletto, designed by Johann Stegmeir, 2000

COSTUME DESIGN AT REGIONALLY PROMINENT THEATRES:

Actors Theatre of Phoenix: xi

Time Stands Still, directed by Matthew Weiner, 2012

Body Awareness, directed by Matthew Weiner, 2012

Hunter Gatherers, directed by Ron May, 2011

Circle Mirror Transformation, directed by Paul Barnes, 2011

In the Next Room (or the Vibrator Play), directed by Matthew Weiner, 2010

Shipwrecked, directed by Matthew Weiner, 2010

A View of the Harbor, directed by Ron May, 2009 (World Premiere)

A Busy World is Hushed, directed by Matthew Weiner, 2008

Speak Spanish to Me. directed by Matthew Weiner, 2008 (World Premiere)

Lieutenant of Inishmore, directed by Matthew Weiner, 2008

The Pillowman, directed by Matthew Weiner, 2007

Augusta, directed by Ron May, 2007

The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow, directed by Matthew Weiner, 2006

Benefactors, directed by Ron May, 2005

Edward Albee's The Goat or, Who is Sylvia?, directed by Marshall Mason, 2005

Nickel and Dimed, directed by Matthew Weiner, 2005

Sight Unseen, directed by Matthew Weiner, 2004

Tapestries, directed by Matthew Weiner, 2004

Frame 312, directed by Matthew Weiner, 2003

Rounding Third, directed by Matthew Weiner, 2002

Dinner with Friends, directed by Matthew Weiner, 2001

The Archbishop's Ceiling, directed by Matthew Weiner, 2001

Something in the Air, directed by Matthew Weiner, 2000

Spinning into Butter, directed by Matthew Weiner, 2000

Baltimore Waltz, directed by Victoria Holloway, 1999

Florida Stage:

Dream a Little Dream: The Nearly True Story of the Mamas and the Papas, directed by Michael Barnard, 2009

Stages Repertory Theatre, Houston Texas:

Unbeatable, directed by Michael Barnard, 2008

Sedona Shakespeare Festival, Sedona Arizona:

Romeo and Juliet, directed by Patrick Page, 2000

Much Ado About Nothing, directed by Jared Sakren, 2000

A Midsummer Night's Dream, directed by Patrick Page, 1999

Mill Mountain Theatre, Roanoke, Virginia:

Only a Kingdom, directed by Jere Hodgin (Pre-Broadway Tryout), 1997

Picasso at the Lapine Agile, directed by Jere Hodgin. 1996

The Mystery of Irma Vep, directed by Doug Zschiegner, 1996

Yes Virginia There is a Santa Claus, directed by Jere Hodgin, 1996 (World Premiere)

Once Upon This Island, directed by John Glenn, 1995

The Pirates of Pezance, directed by Jere Hodgin, 1995

The Last Ballyhoo, directed by Doug Zschiegner, 1994

Inherit the Wind, directed by Doug Zschiegner, 1993

Stage One, Louisville Kentucky - From 1986-1998 Thirty Productions were Conceived and Designed Including:

Macbeth, directed by Moses Goldberg

The Great Race, directed by Moses Goldberg

A Wrinkle in Time, directed by Moses Goldberg

Rumpelstilskin, directed by Moses Goldberg

The Wizard of Oz, directed by Jinny Koste

Little Women. directed by Moses Goldberg

The Emperor's Nightingale, directed by Moses Goldberg (des. both sets and costumes)

Brave Little Tailor, directed by Robert Miller

Charlotte's Web, directed by Moses Goldberg (National Tour and Opened The Kennedy Center's Imagination Celebration)

The Snow Queen, directed by Moses Goldberg

The Hobbit, directed by Moses Goldberg

Georgia Shakespeare Festival - Atlanta, Georgia

Henry the Fourth, directed by Drew Frazier, 1998

Othello, directed by Nancy Keystone, 1997

Kentucky Shakespeare Festival, Louisville, Kentucky:

-Nine Seasons Eleven Productions Including:

Taming of the Shrew, directed by Curt L. Tofteland, 1996

Richard the III, directed by Curt L. Tofteland, 1995

Henry IV, Part 1, directed by Drew Fracher, 1994

Julius Caesar, directed by Hal Park, 1988

King Lear, directed by Michael Hankins, 1987

Henry V, directed by Jimmy Bohr, 1987

Two Gentlemen of Verona, directed by Michael Hankins, 1988

The Clarence Brown Theatre, Knoxville, Tennessee:

Tapestries, directed by Mac Pirkle, 1999

Peter Pan, directed by Albert Harris, 1986

The Lion in Winter, directed by Albert Harris, 1985

Syracuse Opera - Syracuse, New York

Fidelio, directed by Ken Cazan, 1996

Charlotte Shakespeare - Charlotte, North Carolina

A Midsummer Night's Dream, directed by L. Bumgardner, 1987 Measure for Measure, directed by L. Bumgardner, 1988

COSTUME DESIGN AT INTERNATIONAL THEATRE:

Taganka Theatre, Moscow, Russia

Hey There Hello, directed by Moses Goldberg, 1988

TELEVISION:

GPTV - PBS

Salsa, produced by Melissa Sykes (show was nominated for 12 Regional Emmys) 1999 (Design and execution of Puppets)

KET-TV/PBS

The Snow Queen, directed by Moses Goldberg, 1987
The Wind in the Willows, directed by Moses Goldberg, 1988

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS:

INTERNATIONAL:xii

Bakhrushin Museum, Moscow Russia 2015 – designs for *Macbeth* and The Follies exhibited

Prague Quadrennial 2003, designs for *Macbeth* exhibited

Prague Quadrenniel2007, designs for Venus exhibited

World Stage Design 2005, designs for *Pinocchio* exhibited

REGIONAL:

USITT Design Expo 2005, designs for Macbeth Spirit Square Gallery - Charlotte, N.C. - Costume Exhibition, 1996 American College Theatre Festival Faculty Design Exhibition, 1992

SELECTED AWARDS:

REGIONAL:

Metrolina Theatre Awards - Best Costume, Seussical, 2012***

Metrolina Theatre Awards - Best Costume, Beauty and the Beast, 2010

Metrolina Theatre Awards - Best Costume, Alice in Concert, 2009

Zoni Award - Best Costumes, Sun Serpent, 2012xiv

Zoni Award - Best Costumes, Peter and the Wolf, 2010

Zoni Award - Best Costumes, Into the Woods, 2003

Arizona Republic Award - Best Costumes, *The Birds*, 2002

Zoni Award - Best Costume, Alicia in Wonder Tierra, 2001

Zoni Award - Best Costume, The Birds, 2001

Creative Loafing Best of Charlotte - Best Costume The Wizard of Oz, 1997

ACADEMIC:

University of Florida Teaching Award -1991

University of Florida Teaching Award - 1994

SERVICE

Professional Service

Costume Society of America - Award Committee, 2015

Liberace Foundation Advisory Board - 2015

External Evaluation, promotion and tenure, University of North Carolina of Charlotte, 2012

External Evaluation, promotion and tenure, University of Richmond, 2013

University Service

Women in Philanthropy - 2012 -Guest Speaker/Organizer; *The Art of Costume Design*

Personnel Committee - Fall 2010

Personal Committee - Spring 2008

Personnel Committee - 2005-2007

Personnel Committee - Spring 2004

Program Review Member - Fall and Spring 2006

College of Fine Arts Grants Reader - 2005

Saluting Women in the Arts - Guest Speaker - 2003

College of Fine Arts Standards Committee - 2002 and 2003

College of Fine Arts Grants Reader - 2002 and 2003

Campaign for Leadership Gala - ASU Foundation - Costume Designer 2001

Department/School Service

Search Committee Chair Clinical Costume Technologist, 2014 Design and Production Area Coordinator - 2005-2015 Entrance Committee for the School of Theatre and Film - 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Executive Committee - 2009, 2012-2014

URTA - 2008, 2014

Cirque du Soliel Internship Retreat - July 2007

Search Committee Member Director's Search 2006

Co-Undergraduate Concentration Coordinator - 2003-2006

USITT Member - Represented the Department - March 2006

MFA Cohort - 2005-2006

Coordinator of BA Design and Production Design and Production Concentration - 2002-2006

Search Committee Member - Directing Search Spring 2006

Search Committee Member - Lighting Design Search 2006

Search Committee Head of Digital Media Design Position - 2005

Coordinator - High School Day April 2002

MFA in Performance Committee - 2002-2003

MFA in Scenography Committee - 2003

Community Service

Scottsdale Public Library - Mask Workshop - January 2015

Arizona Thespian Festival - Mask Workshop - November 2014

Phoenix Art Museum - Lecturer for Education Series, *The Profession of Costume Design*, 2014

Phoenix Art Museum - Presenter Liberace Extravaganza!

Channel 8 - Lecturer for *Downton Abbey PBS* Fundraising Event, 2012

Arizona Thespian Festival - Portfolio Reviewer - November 2011

Scottsdale Art League - Presenter *Costume Design and Technology*- February 2003

Glendale Public Library - The Field of Costume Design - October 2001

Artswork: The Kax Herberger Center for Children and the Arts - Costume
Design Workshop - December 2001

Brooklyn Academy of Music: The Brooklyn Academy of Music is a multi-arts center located in Brooklyn, New York. For more than 150 years, BAM has been the home for adventurous artists, audiences, and ideas—engaging both global and local communities. With world-renowned programming in theater, dance, music, opera, film, and much more, BAM showcases the work of emerging artists and innovative modern masters

[&]quot; **Playwrights Horizons:** Playwrights Horizons' 45-year-old mission is unique; they are the only major theater in New York with the specific mission of supporting and developing contemporary American playwrights, composers and lyricists, and to the production of their new work.

- "Mark Taper Forum: The Mark Taper is the preeminent theatre in Los Angeles whose mission is to serve the diverse audiences of Los Angeles by producing and presenting theatre of the highest caliber, by nurturing new artists, attracting new audience and by developing youth outreach and arts education programs.
- of New American Plays is the leading showcase of new work for the stage in the United States. Actors Theatre's achievements and devotion to the production of new works have resulted in the theatre receiving the three most prestigious awards given to regional theatres. In March 1979, Jory and the theatre won the Margo Jones Award, awarded for the encouragement of new playwrights. Later that year, the theatre received the Shubert Foundation's James N. Vaughan Memorial Award for Exceptional Achievement and Contribution to the Development of Professional Theatre. And in 1980, Actors Theatre became the second theatre to receive the Special Tony Award as an outstanding non-profit resident theatre. Internationally Actors Theatre evolved in the fall of 1980, when it launched an overseas tour to Yugoslavia, Ireland and Israel. Since then, the international touring program has included more than 1,500 invitational performances in over 29 cities in 15 foreign countries. I have designed twelve productions for them; ten of the twelve were world premieres.
- The Fabulous Palm Springs Follies: This company, founded by Riff Markowitz, has entertained over two million audience members. It has garnered a worldwide reputation, and has been reviewed by a wide array of publications including the *New York Times* and the *L.A.Times*. It is well known for producing high quality entertainment. My collaborator at the Follies was David Mitchell, Broadway Designer. I designed a new show for this company for seven years.
- Children's Theatre of Charlotte: This theatre is one of the premiere TYA companies in the country. Most recently they were honored as the winner of the 2011 Thomas DeGaetani Award by the United States Institute for Theatre Technology. This award honors an outstanding contribution to the performing arts or entertainment industry by an individual or a performing arts/entertainment –focused organization. This award recognizes CTC's many years of enriching you people's lives by engaging them in the world of live theatre.
- Thildsplay: Childsplay's mission is to create theatre so strikingly original in form, content or both, that it instills in young people an enduring awe, love and respect for the medium, thus preserving imagination and wonder, those hallmarks of childhood which are the keys to the future. This company has an

excellent reputation both nationally and internationally. http://childsplayaz.org/mission.php

- Phoenix Theatre is the oldest arts organization in Arizona and remains one of the oldest in the country. It has a mission of creating "dynamic, professional productions while educating and elevating the growing Phoenix artistic and cultural community. Phoenix Theatre also has a mandate to create new work; specifically musicals. Several of these musicals have since been produced at Florida Stage, Stages Repertory Theatre, and Arkansas Repertory. I have designed three world premieres for this organization.
- * Orlando Opera: Orlando Opera was Florida's premiere professional opera company. Unfortunately it closed its doors in 2009.
- Actors Theatre of Phoenix: Actors Theatre has consistently proven to be an important force in presenting creative and thought provoking programming. This company makes significant contributions to the arts and specifically to the Arizona community. Working with this company provides me the opportunity of involving the students in creating quality production working with seasoned professionals. I have designed twenty five productions for this company. http://actorstheatrephx.org/
- The Prague Quadrennial: is the principal international theatre design exhibition that is held every 4 years. Approximately 60 countries participate. The competition is juried and acceptance into the festival is a high honor. I have had work exhibited in both 2004 and 2007 (*Venus* and *Macbeth* designs represented work from the United States). I have also been invited to present two workshops at the Quadrennial; in 2003 I did a workshop with Marianne Custer on the Masks/Kachinas of the Hopis and in 2011 a solo workshop on *Liberace Extravaganza!*

The work of two recent ASU undergraduates (2010) represented the United States in Prague in 2011, Wrara Plesiou in scenic design and Jayoung Yoon in costume design. Most recently Jayoung received her MFA in costume design at Yale (along with Summer Jack, ASU graduate 2007).

Metrolina Theatre Award: This not-for-profit association, representing more than sixty organizations and hundreds of artists in North Carolina looks to advance the field by engaging the community and promoting the arts. An adjudicating process is held where as individuals are awarded for their work whether it be in design, choreography or acting. Currently I have been award three awards from this organization for excellence in costume design.

*** ariZoni: The ariZoni Theatre Awards is a not-for-profit organization devoted to promoting the visibility and growth of theatre in the Valley of the Sun & Maricopa County. Each year at its annual awards ceremony, the Board bestows an outstanding contribution award and a distinguished service award to deserving individuals or organizations for their contributions to theatre. Most importantly, after completion of an exhaustive judging process, (involving close to 100 Adjudicators) awards of excellence are presented to those individuals who have excelled in performance and production during the just-completed season http://www.arizoniawards.com/aboutzon.shtml