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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

Doctor of Philosophy in Theatre Arts (History, Literature, and Theory)

Dissertation: Dolls, Bell Bottoms, and Beats: Resisting Inequalities,

Producing Identifications 2008

University of Chicago

Master of Arts in Humanities (MAPH)

Thesis: Putting the Jeannie Back Into the Bottle: The Use of Prologues and

Epilogues by Female Actors on the Restoration Stage 1999

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Bachelor of Arts in English and Political Science

1994

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

El Vez, The Mexican Elvis

Dramaturgy: Theory, Writing, Research, and Practice

Contemporary USAmerican Subject Formation

Dramaturgy and Devised Theatre: Theory and Practice

Performance Studies Theory

Consumer Culture Theory and Neoliberalism

American Girl Dolls, Products, Environments, and Theatre

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

PUBLICATIONS: REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND BOOKS

- "Profiling El Vez, The Mexican Elvis: A Dramaturgical Methodology to *Make the Dream Real*," *Pamiętnik teatralny.* (Forthcoming Fall 2022).
- "Holding the Colonizers Accountable: The Dramaturgy of Esther Almazán's *Indian School,*" Decolonizing Dramaturgy, ed. Taiwo Afolabi, Focus on Dramaturgy Series, Routledge. (Under Review).
- "Tripped Up by the Small Things: Dramaturging Institutional Processes in DEI Work," coauthored with Nicola Olsen. *LMDA Review*. vol. 27 (2021), 9-18.
- "'And I say who has ever ever seen this place?': Feeling Change at the Performances of El Vez, The Mexican Elvis." *Theatre Annual*. vol. 73 (2020), 18-34.
- "Dancing Around White Fragility: El Vez 4 Prez in the Time of Trump." *Popular Entertainment Studies*. 8:2 (2017), 6-19.
- "Ain't That a Shame?: Trayvon's Trauma Revealed through the Theatre of TNT." *Cultural Studies & Critical Methodologies.* 15:4 (August 2015), 271-277.
- "The Way Through': Social Action and the Critical Embrace of Failure." *Theatre Topics*. 25:2 (June 2015), 149-160.

- "The Truth N Trauma Project: Addressing Community Violence Through a Youth-Led, Trauma-Informed and Restorative Framework." (Lead Author: Troy Harden; Contributing Authors: Thomas Kenemore, Kimberly Mann, Michael Edwards, Christine List, and Karen Jean Martinson). Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal. 32:1 (February 2015), 65-79.
- "Relic, Souvenir, or Just Hair?: Exploring the Complexities of Objects as Actants and Things as Mementos in the Merchandise of El Vez, The Mexican Elvis." Performing Objects and Theatrical Things. eds. Joanne Zerdy and Marlis Schweitzer. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014, 174-184.
- "Introduction to Stadium Devildare Part B." Red Frogs and Other Plays. By Ruth Margraff. South Gate: NoPassport Press, 2012, 141-142.

PUBLICATIONS: REVIEWS

- The Reverend Billy Project: From Rehearsal Hall to Super Mall with the Church of Stop Shopping. (Book Review). Ecumenica. 14:1 (2021), 189-192.
- The Fall: A Lecture Performance. (Performance Review.) SDC Journal. Fall 2018/Winter 2019, 44-
- Ameryka. (Performance Review.) Theatre Journal. 68:3 (October) 2016, 454-456.
- A Practical Guide to Ensemble Devising. (Book Review.) Theatre Topics. 26:1 (March) 2016, 149-150. Teatro Caliente. (Performance Review.) Theatre Journal. 57:3 (October) 2005, 485-489.

PUBLICATIONS: OTHER

- "The Total Theatre Eye: A Conversation About Dramaturgy and Creativity," co-authored with Nicola Olsen. *Theatre Topics* Notes from the Field, 31:2 (July 2021), 145-152.
- Guest Book Review Co-Editor. Ecumenica. 14:1 (2021).
- "Gazing through Windows," *Dramaturging the Phoenix*, curated by LMDA. https://lmda.org/dramaturging-phoenix-essays-2020, April 2020.
- "The Murals of Pilsen," Chicago City Explorations Podcast for the LMDA Conference. Curated by LaRonika Thomas. https://www.laronikathomas.com/lmda-2019-chicagoturgy, June 2019.
- "The Chicago Cultural Center," Chicago City Explorations Podcast for the LMDA Conference. Curated by LaRonika Thomas. https://www.laronikathomas.com/lmda-2019- chicagoturgy>, June 2019.
- "Tiki-Turgy with Karen Jean Martinson," The Context: A Podcast for the Dramaturgy of Everything Awesome. Created and hosted by Kate Langsdorf. https://context.fireside.fm, 16 October 2018.
- "Chasing Democracy: New Play Development and Utopia at the Network of Ensemble Theater's Micro-Fest: Los Angeles." (Online trade publication). Network of Ensemble Theater Website. http://www.ensembletheaters.net/microfests/previous- microfests/new-play-development-los-angeles/documentation-essay>/ http://www.ensembletheaters.net/sites/default/files/files/MartinsonArticle.pdf (no longer active), January 2014.
- "Dramaturgs Like to Talk: A Production Dramaturg and an Installation Dramaturg Discuss Their Approaches to Making Art," (co-authored with Lisa Arnold). LMDA Review. 19:2 (Summer) 2009.
- "Provocative Dramaturgy: The Creative Collaboration of The Re:Actions Project," LMDA Review. 18:1 (Winter) 2008.

PUBLICATIONS: WORKS IN PROGRESS

Make the Dream Real: World Building through Performance by El Vez, The Mexican Elvis. Monograph in progress.

PERFORMANCE/LECTURES

- El Vez and Mr. Bob: A Critical Cabaret, sponsored by the Theatre and Performance of the Americas (TPOA) PhD Program, Arizona State University, 16 February 2022.
- Robert Lopez/El Vez, The Mexican Elvis, Dreamocracy in America: Conversations to Save America (Invited Guest Panelist, Recorded on Zoom), 24 April 2020.
- Irreverent Pop Anthropology hosted by El Vez, Tiki Oasis (Invited Guest Panelist), San Diego, CA, 21 May 2018.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES: PRESENTATION OF ORIGINAL RESEARCH			
Performing the Anthropocene			
ASTR Working Group Co-Facilitator	New Orleans, LA	2022	
LASER Talk: Seize the Moment Grant Updates			
Leonardo Artists @ ASU	Tempe, AZ	2022	
Real World Dramaturgies and Rehearsing Possibili	ty: A Reading Group		
ATHE Panel Organizer and Presenter	Detroit, MI	2022	
We Need to Rest			
LMDA Hot Topic Presenter	Philadelphia, PA	2022	
LMDA's Anti-Oppression Task Force	-		
LMDA Panel Presenter	Philadelphia, PA	2022	
Anthropocene In Progress	_		
Leonardo Artists @ Espronceda	Barcelona, Spain	2022	
"It Was Like a Titanic Party": El Vez, The Mexican	Elvis Under COVID		
ASTR Working Group Paper Presenter	San Diego, CA	2021	
Re-Reading Dramaturgy and Sociology: Dramaturg	gies of the Real World Reading Group		
ATHE Panel Organizer and Presenter	Virtual Conference	2021	
From Grads to Undergrads: Building Dramaturgical Rigor and Engagement			
ATHE Panel Presenter	Virtual Conference	2021	
"and by this structure shall Texas transmit herself to posterity": A Visit to the Texas State			
Capitol Building	-		
ATHE Panel Presenter	Cancelled due to COVID	2021	
Toolkits for University Dramaturgs and the Studen	ts They Teach		
ATHE Panel Presenter and Organizer	Virtual Conference	2021	
Stop and Breathe: Reflections on a Year of Pandemi	c Theatre		
LMDA Hot Topic Presenter	Virtual Conference	2021	
LMDA's Anti-Racism Task Force			
LMDA Panel Presenter	Virtual Conference	2021	
Tiny Humans, Big Wonder: Dramaturgy and Theat	re for the Very Young		
ASSITEJ Panel Presenter	Virtual Conference	2021	
The Process of Dramaturgy/The Dramaturgy of Process			
ATHE Panel Presenter	Virtual Conference	2020	
Dramaturgy Focus Group: LMDA's Phoenix Project			
ATHE Panel Presenter	Virtual Conference	2020	

Montreal, QB, Canada

2015

ATHE Roundtable Presenter

2018

Boston, MA

Facilitated by Sister Sylvester

Advanced Workshop: Devising New Dramaturgica	al Structures for Forum Theatro	e
Facilitated by Julian Boal	Chicago, IL	2017
Forum Theatre: Examining Oppressive Systems, Ex		2017
Facilitated by Julian Boal	Chicago, IL	2017
Tectonic Theater: Moment Work	O.1 1- EI	2012
Intensive Workshop Network of Ensemble Theaters (NET) Micro-Fest	Orlando, FL	2013
Planning Committee Member	Los Angeles, CA	2010
Dramaturgy Call-to-Action	Los migeles, CM	2010
Academic Respondent		
Director's Lab West		
Lab Member	Los Angeles, CA	2010
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RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS		
360 Nation; Danton Floyd, PI	26237	2015 2010
Performing Arts Consultant	360 Nation	2015-2018
Truth N Trauma (TNT) Research Project; Dr. Troy I		2012 2012
Head of Theatre Component	Chicago State University	2012-2013
CREATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITY: PRODUCTION HIS	STORY	
DRAMATURGY		
Anthropocene conceived and directed by Rachel Boy	vditch	
ASU Theatre	Tempe, AZ	2021-present
Whitewashed by Kirt Shineman	1	1
Theatre Artists Studio (Virtual)	Scottsdale, AZ	2021
Enferma by Straton Rushing		
Phoenix Theatre Company	Phoenix, AZ	2021
Speed Dramaturgy Event		
LMDA SW Region	Via Zoom	2021
Entanglements by Kirt Shineman		
New Play Development (Virtual)	Phoenix, AZ	2020
The Mysterious Disappearance by Kirt Shineman	DI	2020
Phoenix Theatre Company	Phoenix, AZ	2020
The Crucible by Arthur Miller	T 17	2010 2020
ASU Theatre	Tempe, AZ	2019-2020
<i>Indian School</i> by Esther Almazán ASU Theatre	Tompo A7	2019-2020
Soul in Suburbia by Dana N. Anderson	Tempe, AZ	2019-2020
Collaboraction Theatre Company	Chicago, IL	2018-2019
Elegy for Miss Lucy by Tsehaye Geralyn Hébert	Cincago, 1L	2010-2017
New Play Development	Chicago, IL	2017-2018
Robin & William by Cola Needham	8-7,	
CSU Theatre	Chicago, IL	2017
Harvey by Mary Coyle Chase	8 /	
Court Theatre	Chicago, IL	2017
Severed Togetherness by CMAT 3090 Ensemble		
CSU Theatre	Chicago, IL	2015
1000001 by Billy Richards		
CSU Theatre	Chicago, IL	2015

2012-2018

2012-2018

2012-2013

Chicago State University

Theatre Workshop (CMAT 4350/5350) Chicago State University

Stage Direction (CMAT 4360/5360) Chicago State University

Communication for Professionals (CMAT 1130) Chicago State University		2011-2015
COURSES TAUGHT		
Production Dramaturgy (THP 301)		
Arizona State University		2019-present
Introduction to Storytelling (THF 160)		1
Arizona State University		2019
Senior Thesis (CMAT 4397)		
Chicago State University		2015-2018
Basic Speech (CMAT 2030)		
Chicago State University		2014-2017
INVITED LECTURES		
Academia and Dramaturgy: Learning with ATHE		
Dramaturging the Phoenix Forum Series	LMDA Online	2022
Rock and Roll Performance: Conversing and Colla	borating with El Vez	
Music as Performance	Brigham Young University	2022
Sites of Research: El Vez, The Mexican Elvis		
THE 591: Approaches to Research/Practice	e Arizona State University	2022
Teaching Dramatic Analysis		
THR 832: Script Analysis	Michigan State University	2022
#ispydramaturgy		
Dramaturging the Phoenix Forum Series	LMDA Online	2021
University Dramaturgy Amid the Pandemic		2020
Dramaturging the Phoenix Forum Series	LMDA Online	2020
Indian School at Arizona State University	A	2020
AIS Seminar, Dr. Martinez	Arizona State University	2020
A Crash Course in Michael Rohd's Civic Dramatu LMDA Conference	0.	2019
Theatre and Social Action	Chicago, IL	2019
MSW Core Coursework	Chicago State University	2013
Dramaturgical Collaborations	Cincago State Othversity	2013
Invited Artist, Directors Lab West	Pasadena, CA	2011
The Dramaturgical Sensibility as an Approach to S		2011
Research Methodologies	Arizona State University	2009
Bertolt Brecht's <i>Life of Galileo</i> at Caltech		
Gal/Con: Galileo Conversation	California Institute of Techn	ology 2009
SERVICE		
ARIZONA STATE: STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS	5	
Fade In: Faculty Advisor	_	2021-present
Graduate and Professional Student Artist's Associ	ation Faculty Advisor	2021-present
ARIZONA STATE: UNIT		
Cultural Context Representative, Safe at Home		2022-2023
Asst. Professor of TFYC/ Acting Search Committee		2021-2022
Cultural Context Representative, Healing Wars		2021
Production Season Selection Committee (Member-at-Large)		2019-present
Production PR/Marketing Committee		2019-2020

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Asst. Professor of Acting Search Committee THF 125 Recitation Section Leader	2019-2020 2019
ARIZONA STATE: SCHOOL	
MDT Equity Cohort	2022-2023
DEI Committee	2020-2022
DEI Curriculum Subcommittee	2020-2022
CHICAGO STATE: DEPARTMENTAL	
CMAT PR Search Committee (Chair)	2018
CMAT Honors Committee (Chair)	2017-2018
CMAT ERG Committee (Chair)	2017-2018
CMAT Assessment Committee	2011-2018
CMAT DPC Committee	2017-2018
PME Committee	2017-2018
CMAT Curriculum Committee @CSU Contributor	2017-2018 2014-2015
CMAT PME Unit Facilitator	2012-2016
CMAT DAC Revision Committee	2012-2010
Theatre Club Faculty Advisor	2012-2018
CSU Theatre Artistic Associate and Advisor	2011-2018
CMAT Program Review Committee	2011
CHICAGO STATE: UNIVERSITY	
University Accreditation Steering Committee (Co-Chair)	2017-2018
Director of Public Relations Search Committee	2015
Obama Presidential Library Committee	2014
Co-Managing Editor, Barack Obama Presidential Library RFQ	
Institute for Youth and Community Engagement Advisory Board Member	2013-2014
Speaker, New Faculty Orientation	2012
Presenter, Provost's Colloquium	2012-2015
NATIONAL	
Article Peer Reviewer, LMDA Review	2022
LMDA Code of Conduct Ad Hoc Committee	2022
ATDS Graduate Student Award Committee	2020-present
VP Advocacy, LMDA Executive Committee	2020-present
LMDA Anti-Oppression Task Force	2020-present
LMDA Anti-Harassment Committee	2020-present
LMDA Componentian Task Force	2020-present
LMDA Compensation Task Force ATHE New Play Development Workshop Dramaturgical Reader	2020-present 2021-present
Tenure File Written Research Reviewer (Northern Arizona University)	2021-present 2021
ATHE Theory & Criticism Focus Group Member-at-Large	2020-2021
Article Peer Reviewer, Theatre/Practice	2020
Article Peer Reviewer, Theatre Topics	2020
ATHE Secretary	2016-2020
ATHE Electronic Technology Committee (Chair)	2016-2020
ATHE Award for Excellence in Digital Scholarship Subcommittee (Chair)	2019
ATHE Career Achievement Award Subcommittee	2019

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LMDA 2019 Conference Committee	2018-2019	
Tenure File Outside Reviewer (Loyola University Chicago)		2018
NEH Digital Humanities Institute Applicant Revie	0 ,	2018
LMDA Membership Committee		2018
ATHE 2018 Conference Committee		2017-2018
ATHE Dramaturgy Focus Group Nominations (Ch	air)	2015-2017
ATHE Dramaturgy Focus Group By-Laws Commit		2015-2017
ATHE Subcommittee on Multi- and Inter-Disciplin		2015-2016
ATHE Task Force on Focus Group Activities		2015-2016
ASTR Collaborative Research Grants Committee (Chair 2017)		2015-2017
PTO Conference Chicago Community Committee		2015
MATC Emerging Scholars (Co-Chair)	•	
ATHE Intimate Acts: An Evening of Banned Performances Co-Curator		2013-2014
ATHE 2014 Conference Committee Member		2012-2014
ATHE Dramaturgy Focus Group Representative		2013-2015
ATHE Dramaturgy Focus Group Conference Planr	ner	2010-2013
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COMMUNITY		
360 Nation Board Member		2015-2018
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS		
Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the America	s (LMDA)	1999-present
Association of Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE		2001-present
American Society for Theatre Research (ASTR)		2002-present
		2008-present
Mid-America Theatre Conference (MATC)		2014-2016
AWARDS, GRANTS, AND RECOGNITIONS		
Seize the Moment Grant	Leonardo @	2021-2022
(Anthropocene)	Arizona State University	
Institute for Humanities Research Seed Grant	Arizona State University	2021-2022
(Anthropocene)	,	
Outstanding Faculty Mentor Finalist	Arizona State University	2020
Grant for Researchers with Heavy Teaching Loads	ASTR	2015
CTRE Faculty Development Stipend: ASTR	Chicago State University	2014
CTRE Faculty Development Stipend: MATC	Chicago State University	2014
CTRE Faculty Development Stipend: ASTR	Chicago State University	2013
CTRE Faculty Development Stipend: IVAT	Chicago State University	2013
CTRE Faculty Development Stipend: ATHE	Chicago State University	2013
CTRE Faculty Development Stipend: ICQI	Chicago State University	2013
CTRE Enrichment Grant: Cinco de Mayo	Chicago State University	2013
CTRE Enrichment Grant: ATHE	Chicago State University	2012
CTRE Enrichment Grant: Teatro ZinZanni	Chicago State University	2012
CTRE Enrichment Grant: ASTR	Chicago State University	2011
Academic Respondent, LA Micro-Fest	LMDA/NET	2010
Horace J. Bond Fellowship in Dramaturgy	Penumbra Theatre Company	2002
CURA Fellowship	Penumbra Theatre Company	2001