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EDUCATION:

University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Master of Fine Arts, 2018-21–
Painting and Drawing

Northwestern University, Master of Fine Arts, 1998-2001, Theatre Design –
Primary Costume Design/ Secondary Scenic Design

Sam Houston State University, Bachelor of Fine Arts, 1993-98
Major in Technical Theatre - Minor in Studio Art

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Lawrence University, Appleton, WI, Lecturer in Theatre Arts: Set
Design and Staging Coordinator - 2012- 2018

COURSES TAUGHT:

Academic Year:

Freshman Studies – FRST 100 Fall 2014, Fall 2015

Freshman Studies – FRST 101 Winter 2017, Winter 2018 Introduction
to Theatre - THAR 111 Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Winter 2014, Fall 2016,
Spring 2017

Introduction to Design for Theatre - THAR 231 Winter 2013, Spring
2013, Winter 2014, Spring 2014, Winter 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2016,
Fall 2017, Spring 2018

Stage Lighting - THAR 553 Winter 2013 Set Design - THAR 555 Spring
2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018

Advanced Design Studio – THAR 581 Winter 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017

D TERM:

Technical Drawing – DEC 222 D-Term 2016

TUTORIALS:

Scenic Painting – THAR 390 Spring 2016, Fall 2017

Scenography – THAR 590 Spring 2016 Dramatic Interpretation

Harry Potter - THAR 590 Fall 2015

Portfolio and Resume Building – THAR 390 Spring 2015

Design Model Building – THAR 390 Fall 2014, Winter 2015, Fall 2015,
Winter 2018

Character Psychology in Clothing – THAR 390 Spring 2014

Stanislavsky Character Building – THAR 590 Winter 2014

Scenic design - THAR 590 Fall 2012 Figure Drawing – THAR 390
Spring 2018

DIRECTED STUDIES:

Hand Drafting for Theatre – THAR 591 Winter 2016 Hand Drafting
for Theatre – THAR 391 Winter 2016, Spring 2016,

Fall 2017

INDEPENDENT STUDIES:

Advanced Model Building - THAR 699 Winter 2016, Spring 2016 The
Advanced Blind Study – THAR 699 Spring 2016

DESIGN MENTOR:

SENIOR PROJECTS:

JR Vanko – Fred Gaines - Scenic Design
Winter 2012
Cloak Theatre
Director – Tim Troy

Jill Salisbury – Fred Gaines - Scenic Design
Winter 2014
Cloak Theatre
Director – Tim Troy

Emily Allen – The Liar – Co Scenic Design
Spring 2016
Stansbury Theatre
Director – Kathy Privatt

Yvonne Tessman – GINT - Scenic Design
Spring 2017
Stansbury Theatre
Director – Kathy Privatt

ADVISEMENT:

4 years of academic advising experience

COMMITTEE:

2 years on the Assessment Committee

Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, IL, Lecturer in
Scenic Design- 2007-11

Courses Taught:

Advanced Set Design (31-3610) Spring 2008, Spring 2009, Spring
2010, Spring 2011

Set Design (31-2610) Spring 2011

Scenic Model Making for Theatre (31-2511) Fall 2007, Spring
2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010,
Spring 2011

Introduction to Design for the Stage (31-1600) Fall 2010

Drafting for Theatre (31-1510) Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008,
Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010

ADVISEMENT:

10 students per semester on their academic progress.

Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, IL, Adjunct
Faculty-2004-07

Courses Taught:

Drafting for Theatre (31-1510) Fall 2004, Spring 2005, Fall 2005,
Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007

Advanced Set Design (31-3610) Spring 2007

PARTICIPATION AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO:

FRESHMAN FOUNDATION COMMITTEE – Advising on the curriculum
development for incoming students core classes.

University of Chicago Laboratory School, Chicago, IL,
Summer Lab Instructor - 2008 – 2011

Courses Taught:

Sculpture Summer 2008, Summer 2009, Summer 2010, Summer
2011

Drawing Summer 2008, Summer 2009, Summer 2010, Summer
2011

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL Graduate student instructor
2000 – 2001

Courses Taught:

Design Process: Set Design (241-1) Undergraduate Set Design,
Spring 2001

Design Process: Costume Design (241-2) Undergraduate
Costume design, Fall 2000

University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI,
Graduate Teaching Assistant

Art 106 – Art Survey 2019-2021

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, Graduate Teaching Assistant
1999 – 2000

Design Process: Set Design (241-1) Undergraduate Set Design,
Fall 1999 and Spring 2000

ART EXHIBITIONS:

2021 Group Exhibit, MFA Thesis Show, INOVA Gallery at Kenilworth East Square, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 2020

2021 Group Exhibit, Art in the Time of Corona, Dab Art, Virtual Exhibit

2021 Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 2021 Group Exhibit, 48th Annual Juried Show, Union Art Gallery, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

2020 Solo Exhibit, MFA Grad Review Installation, KSE 4th Floor Gallery, Kenilworth East Square – Peck School of the Arts, University of

2020 Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 2020 Group Exhibit, 47th Annual Juried Show, Union Art Gallery, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

COLLECTIONS:

PRIVATE:

Jeremy G. Shouldis collection, Los Angeles, CA, USA, 2000-2020

Charles David Ferguson collection, Chicago, IL, USA, 1998-2019

Andrew Shouldis collection, Chicago, IL, USA, 2017-2020

J. Salisbury collection, New York, NY, USA

White Raven Wing, 2017 - Shane Kullberg collection, Austin, Texas 2020

PUBLICATIONS:

2012: Henhouse: How to Raise Your Own Chickens: The International Book for Chickens and Their Lovers by Buddy Wakefield, pg. 78 , *Anatomy*.

SELECTED PRESS and REVIEWS:

- 2019 GwendolynRice.com: My Best of the Year List for Madison Theater by Gwendolyn Rice
- 2019 Isthmus: Bloody good fun
"Evil Dead" harnesses the horror tropes to maximum effect by GWENDOLYN RICE
- 2018 BroadwayWorld.com: PIPPIN Does Its Magic at the Skylight Music Theatre by Kelsey Lawler
- 2018 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: Skylight's 'Pippin' a musical tale of innocence that ages well by Elaine Schmidt
- 2014 Chicago Tribune: Flower children of 'Hair' live in the real world this time by Chris Jones
- 2014 Chicagoist: American Theater Company's Re-imagined 'Hair' by Melody Udell
- 2013 ChicagoTheatreReview: A Recipe for Following One's Dream by Colin Douglas
- 2013 Milwaukee Magazine: For Art's Sake by Paul Kosidowski
- 2012 Wall Street Journal: Angels and Demons by Terry Teachout
- 2011 Shepard Express: Jacques Brel At The Skylight
Opening Night With The Skylight Opera Theatre's JACQUES BREL
- 2011 Wall Street Journal: Smile as the bombs go off by Terry Teachout
- 2010 Newcity Stage Review: Frost/Nixon/ TimeLine Theatre by Nina Mentz
- 2009 TalkinBroadway.com: The Piano Lesson by John Olson
- 2009 Sheperad Express: Balance and Milwaukee Chambers Around the World in 80 Days by Sheperad Express Staff

PROFESSIONAL SET DESIGN:

Chicago Commercial Collective, Chicago, Illinois

To Master the Art dir. William Brown September 2013

Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

State of the Union dir. Michael Halberstam September 2008

Steppenwolf Theatre, Chicago, Illinois
Arts Exchange Program:

Adventures of Huckleberry
Finn dir. Ed Sobel February 2007

The Chosen dir. Ed Sobel October 2004

First Look Series:

A Blameless Life dir. Anna Shapiro August 2005

Men of Tortuga dir. Amy Morton August 2005

The Sparrow Project dir. Hallie Gordon August 2005

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Curriculum Vita

Forward Theatre, Madison, Wisconsin

<u>The Mytilenian Debate</u>	dir. Mark Hairston	February 2022
<u>Fun Home</u>	dir. Jennifer Uphoff-Gray	Nov 2018
<u>Mr. Burns</u>	dir. J. Uphoff- Gray	March 2016
<u>The Other Place</u>	dir. Brenda DeVita	January 2015
<u>Good People</u>	dir. Jennifer Uphoff-Gray	March 2013

Children's Theatre Madison, Madison, Wisconsin

<u>Charlotte's Web</u>	dir. Mike Lawler	October 2018
<u>A Year with Frog and</u>	dir. Erica Berman	<u>Toad</u> May 2017
<u>Suessical</u>	dir. Brian Cowing	February 2017
<u>James & the Giant Peach</u>	dir. Patrick Holland	October 2015

Writer's Theatre, Glencoe, Illinois

<u>The Liar</u>	dir. William Brown	May 2013
<u>Heart Break House</u>	dir. William Brown	April 2011
<u>Old Glory</u>	dir. William Brown	February 2009
<u>As You Like It</u>	dir. William Brown	February 2008
<u>Savannah Disputations</u>	dir. Michael Halberstam	Sept 2007
<u>Othello</u>	dir. Michael Halberstam	May 2007
<u>The Puppet Master</u> <u>Lodz</u>	dir. Jimmy McDermott of	March 2007

Peninsula Players, Fish Creek, Wisconsin

<u>A Trick of the Light</u>	dir. Tom Mula	June 2019
<u>The Mystery of Erma Vepp</u>	dir. Greg Vinkler	August 2014
<u>Lombardi</u>	dir. Greg Vinkler	Sept 2013
<u>The Fox on the Fairway</u>	dir. Linda Parsons	August 2011
<u>Making God Laugh</u>	dir. Tom Mula	August 2011
<u>Panic</u>	dir. Kristine Tatcher	June 2011
<u>Wait Until Dark</u>	dir. Joe Foust	Sept 2010
<u>Little Shop of Horrors</u>	dir. Shawn Stengel	August 2009
<u>Angel Street</u>	dir. Tom Mula	August 2007
<u>Noises Off</u>	dir. Joe Foust	June 2007
<u>Master Class</u>	dir. Peter Amster	July 2006
<u>Deathtrap</u>	dir. Joe Foust	June 2006
<u>Into the Woods</u>	dir. Todd Schmidt	Sept 2004
<u>Soufflé Surprise</u>	dir. Greg Vinkler	August 2004
<u>Fools</u>	dir. Karin Sheridan	August 2004

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<u>Broadway Bound</u>	dir. David New	June 2004
<u>The Taffetas</u>	dir. Mark Lococco	Sept 2003
<u>Proof</u>	dir. Todd Schmidt	August 2003
<u>Caught in the Net</u>	dir. Joe Foust	July 2003
<u>A Man for All Seasons</u>	dir. Michael Halberstam	June 2003
<u>The Odd Couple</u>	dir. Greg Vinkler	June 2003
<u>The Foreigner</u>	dir. Todd Schmidt	Sept 2002
<u>Shady Business</u>	dir. Amy McKenzie	August 2002
<u>Last Night of Ballyhoo</u>	dir. Kate Buckley	July 2002
<u>Musical Comedy Murders of 1940</u>	dir. Greg Vinkler	June 2002

Victory Gardens, Chicago, Illinois

<u>Blue Door</u>	dir. Andrea Dymond	January 2009
<u>The Defiant Muse</u>	dir. Andrea Dymond	Sept 2007
<u>The Cradle of Man</u>	dir. Sandy Shiner	March 2006

Skylight Opera Theatre, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

<u>Jacques Brel...</u>	dir. by Ray Jivoff	January 2011
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Skylight Music Theatre, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

<u>Pippin</u>	dir. Ray Jivoff	September 2018
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First Stage Children's Theatre, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Seussical dir. Tony Clements September 2011

My Son Pinocchio dir. Jeff Frank November 2010

The Court Theatre, Chicago, Illinois

The Piano Lesson dir. Ron Parsons May 2009

Canamac Productions, Chicago, Illinois

The Botanic Garden dir. Olympia Dukakis February 2008

Apple Tree Theatre, Highland Park, Illinois

Vincent in Brixton dir. Kurt Johns February 2005

Jammin' with Pops dir. Chuck Smith December 2004

Drury Lane, Oakbrook, Illinois

Curtains dir. William Brown April 2009

American Theatre Company, Chicago, Illinois

Hair dir. PJ Paparelli April 2014

Welcome to Arroyo's dir. Jaime Castenneda April 2010

Hedwig and
the Angry Inch dir. PJ Paparelli April 2009

Top Dog UnderDog dir. Derrick Sanders January 2009

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<u>True West</u>	dir. PJ Paparelli	January 2009
<u>Speech and Debate</u>	dir. PJ Paparelli	April 2008
<u>Heritage</u>	dir. Ed Sobel	April 2006
<u>Orpheus Descending</u>	dir. Damon Kiely	October 2005
<u>American Dead</u>	dir. Ed Sobel	February 2004
<u>Two Rooms</u>	dir. Brian Russell	February 2003
<u>The Trip to Bountiful</u>	dir. Sarah Whitney	April 2002
<u>A Lie of the Mind</u>	dir. Brian Russell	October 2001
<u>Endgame</u>	dir. Nick Rudell	September 2000

Chambers Theatre, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

<u>Strange Snow</u>	dir. Michael Wright	February 2019
<u>Slow Girl</u>	dir. Michael Wright	February 2016
<u>Art</u>	dir. Tyler Marchant	August 2013
<u>Heroes</u>	dir. Michael Wright	November 2011
<u>Around the World in 80 Days</u>	dir. Patrick Holland	August 2009
<u>Crime and Punishment</u>	dir. Patrick Holland	February 2008

Northlight Theatre, Skokie, Illinois

<u>Season's Greetings</u>	dir. B.J. Jones	November 2011
<u>She Stoops to Conquer</u>	dir. William Brown	March 2007

A Red Orchid Theatre , Chicago, Illinois

Weapon of Mass
Impact dir. by Ed Sobel October 2007

The Next Theatre , Evanston, Illinois

After the Revolution dir. Kimberly Senior April 2012

Maple and Vine dir. Damon Kiley October 2011

The Piano Teacher dir. Lisa Portes October 2010

Defiance dir. Jason Loewith November 2007

Helen dir. Andrea Dymond September 2006

Accidental Death
of an
Anarchist dir. Linda Gillum April 2005

Timeline Theatre , Chicago, Illinois

To Master the Art dir. William Brown October 2010

Frost/ Nixon dir. Lou Countey August 2010

When She Danced dir. Nick Bowling October 2009

Weekend dir. Damon Kiely August 2008

Harmless dir. Ed Sobel January 2007

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Capital City Theatre , Madison, Wisconsin

On the Town dir. Josh Walden May 2019

Violet dir. Stephen Amato June 2015

Lawrence University , Appleton, Wisconsin

Love and Information dir. Kathy Privatt May 2018

Le Comte Ory dir. Copeland Woodruff March 2018

The Burial at Thebes dir. Tim Troy October 2018

Fred Gaines Festival dir. Tim Troy February 2017

Man of No Importance dir. Tim Troy October 2016

The Liar dir. Kathy Privatt May 2016

The Beggar's Opera dir. Copeland Woodruff February 2016

The Test and Sganarelle dir. Tim Troy October 2015

The Rimmers of Eldrich dir. Kathy Privatt May 2015

Fred Gaines Festival dir. Tim Troy February 2015

God Spell dir. Tim Troy October 2014

Absurd Shorts dir. Tim Troy May 2014

Street Scene – Opera dir. Tim Troy March 2014

Street Scene dir. Kathy Privatt February 2014

The Sweetest Swing
in Baseball dir. Tim Troy October 2013

The Plough and the Stars dir. Tim Troy May 2013

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Ted-X Lawrence University

May 2013

The Drowsy Chaperon dir. Kathy Privatt

October 2012

Show Your Faces dir. Kathy Privatt

May 2012

University of Wisconsin – Madison, Madison, Wisconsin

Julius Caesar dir. Mark Hairston

February 2020

Evil Dead the Musical dir. Jace Nichols

August 2019

Stupid Fucking Bird dir. Patricia Boyette

October 2016

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The All Night Strut dir. Sheri Pannell

May 2023

University of Wisconsin – Whitewater, Whitewater, Wisconsin

Claybourne Park dir. Jim Butchart

December 2014

Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

The Rocky Horror Show dir. Greg Graham

October 2015

Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Lombardi dir. Greg Vinkler

February 2019

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Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

An Ideal Husband dir. William Casey April 2010

Landscape of the Body dir. Susan Padveen October 2008

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

A Dybuk dir. David Winitzky May 2004

WAA MU dir. Dominick Missimi May 2003

Picnic dir. Anjalee Deshpande March 2000

Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois

"Harrison, Texas" dir. Mark Lewis April 2003

Rosenstrasse dir. Michael Stoffer February 2002

PROFESSIONAL COSTUME DESIGN:

Peninsula Players Theatre, Fish Creek, Wisconsin

A Murder is Announced dir. Joe Foust July 2019

Drury Lane Oak Brook, Oak Brook Illinois

And Then There Were None dir. Michael Halberstam August 2006

Writers Theatre, Glencoe, Illinois

The Chosen dir. Shade Murry April 2004

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Apple Tree Theatre, Highland Park, Illinois

Jammin' with Pops dir. Chuck Smith October 2004

American Theatre Company, Chicago, Illinois

Two Rooms dir. Brian Russell February 2003

A Lie of the Mind dir. Brian Russell October 2001

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

Our Country is Good dir. David Wisniewski April 2003

Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

Spring Awakening dir. Greg Graham November 2012

Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin

Fred Gaines Festival dir. Tim Troy February 2015

HONORS AND AWARDS:

2018-2021 UWM Chancellor's Graduate Student Award

2018-2021 UWM Peck School of the Arts – Fredrick R. Layton Fellowship Award

2016 Named a 2016 Best Theatre Designer in Milwaukee

2011 JOSEPH JEFFERSON AWARD NOMINATION FOR BEST SCENIC DESIGN for
Heart Break House, 4/2011

2009 JOSEPH JEFFERSON AWARD NOMINATION FOR BEST SCENIC DESIGN for
Weekend, 8/2008

2007 JOSEPH JEFFERSON AWARD NOMINATION FOR BEST SCENIC DESIGN for
The Defiant Muse, 9/2007

2005 JOSEPH JEFFERSON AWARD NOMINATION FOR BEST SCENIC DESIGN for
Vincent in Brixton, 2/ 2005

2005 AFTER DARK AWARD FOR BEST PRODUCTION DESIGN for Orpheus
Descending, 10, 2005

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

U.S.A.A. Local 829 since 2009

S.O.F.K.A.G. Member 2018-2020

AMERICAN THEATRE COMPANY MEMBER 2001 - 2009