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ARTISTIC & EDUCATION POSITIONS

Arizona State University – School of Music, Dance and Theatre, Tempe, AZ Assistant Professor in Theatre for Youth and Community and Acting	August 2022 – present
Theatre and Dance for the Very Young Conference Conference Founder and Chair	August 2021 – present
Lawrence Arts Center , Lawrence, KS Associate Director of Performing Arts and Education Founder & Coordinator of the Theatre and Dance for the Very Young program	June 2017 – July 2022 April 2018 – July 2022
Kerfuffle , Midwest Region Associate Artistic Director	August 2015 – present
International Performing Arts for Youth , Philadelphia, PA IPAY Associate / Co-Director of the Rye and Porter Programs	Nov. 2018 – Dec. 2021
Arizona State University – School of Film, Dance and Theatre, Tempe, AZ Community Engagement Coordinator	August 2015 – May 2017
St. Lou Fringe Festival , St. Louis, MO Artist Services and Volunteer Coordinator / Fringe Family Coordinator	August 2012 – July 2014

EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts in Theatre for Youth Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ Applied Project: <i>wonderwander: An Embodied Exploration of Dance Between Adult Dancers, Very Young Children, and their Caregivers</i> Committee: Mary McAvoy (chair), Eileen Standley, Becky Dyer	2014 – 2017
Bachelor of Arts in Theatre with a Directing Emphasis, Summa Cum Laude Chadron State College, Chadron, NE	2007 – 2011

RESEARCH & DEVISING: THEATRE & DANCE FOR THE VERY YOUNG

<i>Hello, World!</i>	Project Consultant	Arizona State University	2021-2022
<i>Over, Under, All Around</i>	Researcher / Director / Performer	Lawrence Arts Center	2021
<i>Splash!</i>	Researcher / Director / Performer	Lawrence Arts Center	2021
<i>Hubbub</i>	Researcher / Director	Lawrence Arts Center	2021 & 2022
<i>Atmosphere</i>	Researcher / Director	Lawrence Arts Center	2020
<i>Spill, Squish, Crunch</i>	Researcher / Creator	Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Baby Disco</i>	Researcher / Creator	Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Color Play</i>	Researcher / Director	Center of Creative Arts	2018
<i>Color Play</i>	Researcher / Director / Performer	Lawrence Arts Center	2018
<i>Dot</i>	Researcher / Choreographer / Dancer	Lawrence Arts Center	2018
<i>wonderwander</i>	Researcher / Choreographer / Dancer	Dance and the Child Intl.	2018

<i>wonderwander</i>	Researcher / Choreographer / Dancer	Kerfuffle	2017
<i>The Caterpillar's Footprint</i>	Collaborator / Performer	Kerfuffle	2016
<i>Baby Garden</i>	Collaborator / Performer	Metro Theater Company	2013

DIRECTING & DEISING

<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>		Lawrence Arts Center	2021
<i>Summer Youth Theatre Virtual Variety Show</i>		Lawrence Arts Center	2020
<i>Willy Wonka</i>		Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Chicago</i>		Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Conqueror of the Western Marches</i>		Moss Arts Center	2019
<i>Goodnight Moon</i>		Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>		Lawrence Arts Center	2018
<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>		Lawrence Arts Center	2018
<i>Intergenerational Storytelling Project</i>		Childsplay	2017
<i>Conqueror of the Western Marches</i>		Arizona State University	2016
<i>The JunGirl Book</i>		Homestead Comm. Playhouse	2016
<i>An Iliad</i>		Arizona State University	2016
<i>Evan's Story or the Clang Echoed in All of Us</i>		Arizona State University	2015
<i>Amazon Rainforest Tour</i>		Childsplay	2015
<i>Connecting Cultures: Storytelling WWII Experiences</i>		Childsplay	2015
<i>[De/As]cending</i>		Arizona State University	2015
<i>Creative Spark</i>		Arizona State University	2015
<i>Spring Awakening</i>		Binary Theatre	2015
<i>Tales: A Devised Circus Play</i>		Center of Creative Arts	2014
<i>Turn of the Screw</i>		Center of Creative Arts	2013
<i>The Sparrow</i>		Center of Creative Arts	2013
<i>How I Learned to Drive</i>		Chadron State College	2011

CHOREOGRAPHY

<i>REHURSAAL</i>		Charlotte Street Foundation	2022
<i>The Big One-Oh! A Zoomsical</i>		Lawrence Arts Center	2020
<i>Willy Wonka</i>		Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Jungle Book</i>		Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Oliver</i>		Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Ish</i>		Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Goodnight Moon</i>		Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Pinkalicious</i>		Lawrence Arts Center	2017
<i>Les Miserables</i>		Lawrence Arts Center	2017
<i>Choose Your Own Adventure</i>		Arizona State University	2016

PERFORMANCE

<i>The Vagina Monologues</i>	Ensemble	Lawrence Arts Center	2020
<i>Oliver</i>	Mrs. Sowerberry	Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Twin Peaks: Welcome to the Black Lodge</i>	Lucy/Nadine	Lawrence Arts Center	2017
<i>The Conference of the Birds</i>	Dancer	Arizona State University	2017
<i>Macbeth</i>	Lady Macbeth	Arizona State University	2017
<i>Choose Your Own Adventure</i>	Dancer	Arizona State University	2016
<i>Pillars of Core</i> (film)	Dancer	Arizona State University	2016
<i>Made to Music</i> (film)	Dancer	Arizona State University	2016
<i>[De/As]cending</i>	Ensemble	Arizona State University	2015
<i>Creative Spark</i>	Ensemble	Arizona State University	2015

<i>Unsorted</i> (Staged Reading)	Sweater	Metro Theater Company	2013
<i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i>	Miss Prism	Chadron State College	2011
<i>Ounce Dice Trice</i> (Tour)	Ensemble	Chadron State College	2010
<i>Dead Man's Cell Phone</i>	Jean	Chadron State College	2010
<i>Once Upon a Mattress</i>	Winnifred	Chadron State College	2010
<i>Godspell</i>	Gilmer	Chadron State College	2009

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Look, Listen, Move: Building Collaborative Dance Spaces with 2-6 Year Olds
Theatre and Dance for the Very Young Virtual Conference, April 2022

American Theatre Environments for Very Young Teams (Invited Session Leader)
Arts Council Korea, March 2022

Dancing is Learning: Embodied Investigation in the K-6 Classroom
American Alliance for Theatre and Education Virtual Conference, August 2020

Circus and Dance for Babies and Toddlers Panel (Moderator and Panelist)
International Performing Arts for Youth Showcase, Philadelphia, PA, January 2020

Dance and Imaginative Play for 2-6 Year Olds
American Alliance for Theatre and Education Conference, Minneapolis, MN, August 2018

Child Led Choreography
American Alliance for Theatre and Education Conference, Minneapolis, MN, August 2018

wonderwander: Exploring Dance for the Very Young
Dance and the Child International Congress, Adelaide, Australia, July 2018
International Performing Arts for Youth Showcase, Philadelphia, PA, January 2018
National Dance Education Organization Conference, San Antonio, TX, November 2017
American Alliance for Theatre and Education Conference, New Orleans, LA, August 2017

Immersive Theatre Laboratory: BOOM!
American Alliance for Theatre and Education Conference, New Orleans, LA, August 2017

Wonder Out Loud: Mapping Your Creativity and Other Useful Things
2K17 Leadership Conference, Chandler, AZ, February 2017

Finding Magic in Chaos: The Making of Kerfuffle
American Alliance for Theatre and Education Conference, Boston, MA, July 2016

Creating Interdisciplinary Units with STEM: Amazon Rainforest Tour
21st Century STEM: Integrate to Innovate Conference, Phoenix, AZ, January 2016

Brain to Body Connection: Observation/Experience of Movement in Theatre for the Very Young
American Alliance for Theatre and Education Conference, Milwaukee, WI, August 2015

In My Skin: An Autoethnographical Look at Educators with Tattoos
Redefining Theatre & Performance Symposium, Tempe, AZ, November 2014

RESEARCH GRANTS

Recurring Three Year Grant (\$75,000 total) Sabatini Family Foundation - 2022 – 2025
Funds the Theatre and Dance for the Very Young program and Play Lab research series at the Lawrence Arts Center; I moved on from this position, but secured the next round of grant funding prior to departure to ensure program sustainability

Recurring Four Year Grant (\$80,000 total) Sabatini Family Foundation - 2018 – 2022
Funded the Theatre and Dance for the Very Young program and Play Lab research series at the Lawrence Arts Center

Artistic Support Grant Tempe Public Library - 2017
Applied Project Grant Arizona State University - 2016 – 2017
Funded the development of *wonderwander*

Student Enrichment Grant Arizona State University - 2015, 2016
Funded research travel to Stockholm, Sweden

Travel Grant Recipient Arizona State University - 2015 – 2017
Funded travel to the American Alliance for Theatre and Education Conference, the National Dance Education Organization Conference, and the International Performing Arts for Youth Showcase

Jim Rye Fellowship International Performing Arts for Youth Showcase - 2015
Funded travel to the showcase

PUBLICATIONS

Movement and Dance: Working with Young People and Personal Practice
TYA/USA Blog - January 2016

Redefining Research
The Society for Theatre Research: New Researchers' Network Blog - September 2015

Boundaries and Identities: A Discussion about Navigating the Personal and the Professional
TYA/USA Blog - February 2015

Freelancing: A Choose Your Own Adventure Profession
TYA/USA Blog - May 2014

Past, Present, Future: An Inside Look at Metro Theater Company's Teaching Artist Fellowship
Co-Author, TYA/USA Blog, - March 2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: UNIVERSITY

Instructor on Record, Arizona State University - School of Music, Dance and Theatre
THP 494/598 Theatre for Young Audiences Performance Lab- Spring 2023
THF 102 Acting Introduction- Spring 2023
THE 524 Advanced Studies in Theatre for Youth - Fall 2022
THF 101 Acting Introduction - Fall 2022

Guest Lecturer, Arizona State University - School of Film, Dance and Theatre
THE 791 Performance as Research - March 2019 & 2020
THP 102 Acting I: Fundamentals - October 2016

THF 101 Acting Introduction - April 2016

Guest Lecturer, Kansas State University – School of Family Studies and Human Services
ECED 310 Early Childhood - October 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: TEACHER TRAINING

K-6 Dance Integration Specialist

Tennessee Arts Academy, Virtual Academy - July 2020 & 2021
Dance Integration for K-6 Elementary Educators and Librarians

Early Childhood Dance Specialist

Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS - May 2020 – present
Classroom Management, Lesson Planning, and Creative Strategies for Emerging EC Educators

Arts Education Specialist

Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS - September 2018
Creative Classroom Management Tactics and Tools for K-12 Multi-disciplinary Arts Educators

Elementary Education Specialist

Create Academy, Phoenix, AZ - August 2016
Classroom Management and Theatre Techniques for K-6 Elementary Educators

Early Childhood Specialist

Center of Creative Arts, St. Louis, MO - May 2014
Play-Based Strategies for Early Childhood Faculty

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: PRE-K THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

Lawrence Arts Center , Lawrence, KS Drama, Devising, STEAM Contemporary Dance, Early Childhood, & Family Dance Internship Program Mentor and Play12 Youth Company Facilitator	June 2017 – present
Kerfuffle , Tempe, AZ Early Childhood Creative Drama and Research	September 2015 – May 2017
Montessori Day School , Chandler, AZ Drama, Movement, and Devising	January 2015 – May 2017
Childsplay , Tempe, AZ Drama, Arts Integration, and Devising	September 2014 – May 2017
VOICES , Scottsdale, AZ Musical Theatre Performance	June 2015 – August 2016
Metro Theater Company , St. Louis, MO Forum Theatre Specialist Teaching Artist Fellow: Arts Integration, Drama, and Devising	August 2012 – August 2014
Center of Creative Arts , St. Louis, MO Arts Integration, STEAM, and Early Childhood	June 2013 – August 2014

Shakespeare Festival St. Louis , St. Louis, MO Teen Company Movement and Performance	October 2013 – May 2014
Mainstages: Emma Kaufmann Camp , Morgantown, WV Drama Specialist	June 2012 – August 2012
Emerald City Theatre , Chicago, IL Drama and Musical Theatre	February 2012 – May 2012
Dream Big Performing Arts , Chicago, IL Creative Drama and Theatre Performance	February 2012 – May 2012
CLIMB Theatre , St. Paul, MN Theatre in Education	August 2011 – January 2012

TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teacher Training in Physically Integrated Dance AXIS Dance Company, Oakland, CA	November 2019
Study of Early Childhood Dance Practices Claire Parsons Co., Stockholm, Sweden	September 2016
Developing and Implementing Dance Curricula A Luna Dance Institute, Berkeley, CA	August 2016
Moment Work Levels I and II Tectonic Theater Project, Tempe, AZ	August 2015
Theatre for Young Audiences Internships Aprildfestival, Denmark American Alliance for Theatre and Education Adventure Stage Theatre, Chicago, IL Seattle Children's Theatre, Seattle, WA Lexington Children's Theatre, Lexington, KY The Rose Theater, Omaha, NE	April 2017 August 2015 February 2012 – April 2012 June – August 2011 June – August 2009, June – August 2010 June 2006 – May 2007, June – August 2008

AWARDS & HONORS

American Alliance for Theatre and Education

Zeta Phi Eta-Winifred Ward Outstanding New Children's Theatre Company Award - 2020
Distinguished Thesis Honorable Mention - 2018
Presidential Citation - 2018
Doyle Special Recognition Award - 2016
Special Talent Award - 2014 – 2017
Fine Arts General Award - 2014 – 2015

International Performing Arts for Youth

Colleen Porter Artist Development Award - 2017 – 2018

The Fulbright Program

U.S. Student Program Semi-Finalist - 2016 & 2017

SERVICE

Arizona State University

School of Music, Dance and Theatre Season Selection Committee - 2022 – present
School of Music, Dance and Theatre Committee on Mentorship and Senior Projects - 2022
Travel Grant Reviewer/Leadership Fellow - 2015 – 2016
Graduate and Professional Student Artist Association Committee Member - 2014 – 2015

American Theatre for the Very Young: A Digital Festival

Invited Speaker - February 2022

American Alliance for Theatre and Education

Co-Chair for the Early Childhood Network - 2017 – 2020
Research Awards Juror - 2018 – 2019

International Performing Arts for Youth Showcase

Chair for the Early Childhood Programming and Audiences Affinity Group - 2018 – 2019
Master Workshop Moderator - Claire Parsons Company - January 2019

Lawrence Arts Center

Post-Show Discussion Moderator - *The Vagina Monologues* - February 2020
Artist Talk Moderator - AXIS Dance Company Guest Series - November 2019

Theatre for Young Audiences / USA

Blog Committee Member - 2014 – 2016

Arizona State One Act and Speech

Debate Judge - 2015

Chadron State College

Costume Shop Foreman - 2009 – 2011

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Alliance for Theatre and Education - 2015 – 2021
National Dance Education Organization - 2017 – 2018
International Performing Arts for Youth - 2015 – 2017
Theatre for Young Audiences/USA - 2015 – 2016