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EDUCATION

Columbia University School of the Arts, New York, NY

August 2019 - Present

M.F.A. in Playwriting

Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA

August 2013 - May 2017

B.A. in English Literature (with honors) and Political Science

ADMINISTRATION

Fresh Lime Soda Productions, New York, NY

January 2020 - Present

Co-founder and Artistic Director

- Hosted company launch and staged reading of original one-act Ghost Play for 100+ attendees
- Organize workshops, staged readings, and watch parties of new online works both in person and via Zoom for South Asian theater community, with membership from around the globe

Wellesley College Shakespeare Society, Wellesley, MA

January 2014 - May 2017

Vice President

- Revised organization policies and updated applications to increase representation among society members
- Managed application processes, coordinated campus-wide holiday performances and lectures, advertised on social media, collaborated with campus organizations, and met regularly with school administration

Atlantic Theater Company, New York, NY

October 2019 - February 2020

Community Outreach Ambassador

Collaborated with local businesses and cultural organizations to welcome and cultivate underrepresented audiences
at Atlantic events through open mics, community leader mixers, discounted sales, and post-show talkbacks

White & Case LLP, Washington, D.C.

June 2017 - June 2019

St. Andrew's Auditorium, Mumbai, India

Legal Assistant, International Arbitration Group

- Acted as primary assistant to trial coordinator during two-week hearing at World Bank location in Paris, including managing all trial logistics, assisting witnesses, and providing support to team of 15 attorneys
- Researched corruption in international arbitration for treatise authored by a Partner of the firm
- Revised, proofread, and prepared legal documents for hearings and submissions in a timely manner

WRITING

Plays

- Arjun's Dilemma full-length
- Charles B. Meyer v. The Republic of Malaysia full-length
- Ghost Play one-act
- Nocturnal Admissions one-act
- The Divine Feminine one-act
- We Resume one-act

Pilots

- Please Clap, half-hour dark comedy
- Disorientation, half-hour comedy

Short Fiction

- Jet Lag (recipient of the Charlotte Paul Reese '38 Memorial Prize for Creativity in a Collection of Short Fiction)
- Continuum

Speeches

- "Growing with Wellesley" Wellesley College commencement speech finalist, published in Counterpoint magazine
- "Interphase" American School of Bombay class-nominated graduation speech

The Importance of Being Earnest

DIRECTING

Miss Prism

Director	Guards at the Taj	Diana Chapman Walsh Alumnae Hall, Wellesley, MA
Director	Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo	Diana Chapman Walsh Alumnae Hall, Wellesley, MA
Asst. Director	Return to the Forbidden Planet	St. Andrew's Auditorium, Mumbai, India
ACTING		
Claudia (Claudio)	Much Ado About Nothing	Wellesley College Shakespeare Society
Gonzalo	The Tempest	Wellesley College Shakespeare Society
Rocky	The Rocky Horror Picture Show	Wellesley College Shakespeare Society
Calpurnia	Julius Caesar	Wellesley College Shakespeare Society