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**ACADEMIC VITA**

**EDUCATION**

## M.F.A. in Directing: Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, 2009

B.A. Theater/Communications: Linfield College, 1994

## Acting: Portland Actors Conservatory, 1996-98

Directing: Amy Saltz, Pamela Berlin, William Carden, Beth Harper,

Israel Hicks, Chris O’Connor

Acting: Deborah Hedwall, JoAnn Johnson, John Basil, Dennis Turney,

Eric Ruffin

Voice/Dialect/Movement: Betsy Richards, Bill Tate

Clown/Michael Chekhov: Lenard Petit

Playwright/Directing Relations: Israel Hicks, Lee Blessing

Film: Buck Skelton, Beth Wicke, A.C. Weary

Lighting: F. Dana Mitchell

Combat (certified): J. Allen Suddeth

**MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND POSITIONS HELD**

Guest Judge for 2nd year auditions for Portland Acting Conservatory, present-2012

Festival Judge at Post 5 Theatre Annual Shakespeare Festival, Summer 2011

Finalist Judge for KCATCF, Region VII, Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, 2011

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Portland Acting Conservatory, Faculty Member and Director for Graduation Showcase, 2014

Linfield College, Department of Communications and Fine Arts, Adjunct Professor for Acting 1, present-2012

University of Portland, Performing and Fine Arts Department, Adjunct Professor for Acting for Non Majors, Fine Arts 207, present-2011

Portland Acting Conservatory, Faculty Member for Meisner Technique and Acting in Studio, present-2012.

George Fox University, Theater Department, Adjunct Professor for Acting 3 and Women in Theatre Studies, present-2012.

University of Portland, Performing and Fine Arts Department, Teaching Assistant for Acting 1 & 2, Fine Arts, 2011

Rutgers University, Performing and Fine Arts Department, Teaching Assistant for Theatre History, 2008-2009

Rutgers University, Performing and Fine Arts Department, Teaching Assistant for Theatre Appreciation, 2008

**MAJOR RESEARCH INTEREST**

Exploring the understanding and performance of human behavior and the condition as it pertains to acting and directing.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Present-2012 Adjunct Professor

**Linfield College**

Department of Communications and Fine Arts Acting One

McMinnville, OR present-2011

**University of Portland** DRM 325 Acting for Non Majors Performing and Fine Arts Department Majors

Portland, OR, present-2011 FA 207 Fine Arts (Theatre, Film, Architecture, Music & Visual Arts)

**George Fox University** Acting 3 and Women in Theatre Studies

Theater Department

Newberg, OR present-2012

**Portland Actors Conservatory** Acting One

Portland, OR present-2012 Meisner Technique

Graduation Showcase

2011 Teaching Assistant

**University of Portland** Attended all Acting 1 & 2 classes,

Observed and assisted with feedback and material selection.

*Other Teaching, Portland* Private coaching for Auditioning and Acting techniques

2009-2008 Teaching Assit for Theatre History

**Rutgers University**

Department of Performing and Fine Arts Attended all classes. Graded all papers

New Brunswick, NJ essays and oversaw all tests and lectures.

2008 Teaching Asst for Theatre Appreciation Attended classes. Oversaw tests and lectures.

*Other Teaching, NJ & New York, NY*Private coaching for Auditioning and Acting techniques

**PROFESSIONAL DIRECTING: SCHOLARSHIP (wp=world premiere)**

**Off Off Broadway**

2011 *Pas.sage-*wpDark Luna Productions

2011 *Us vs. Them-*wpDark Luna Productions

2010 *Brothers Delphina-*wp Dark Luna Productions

**Regional**

2013 *The House of Bernarda Alba* George Fox University (Guest Director)

2013 *UMW-wp* Linfield College (Guest Director)

2010 *Eygptology-*wp Rutgers Theater Company (Guest Director)

2009 *Walking Shadows*-wpRutgers Theater Company (Guest Director)

2009 *Yuletide Shorts*-wpDark Luna Productions

2009 *Dog Sees God: A Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead* Jameson Studio (Guest Director)

2009 *Lee Blessing Reading Series*-wp Mile Square Theatre

2009 *7th Inning Stretch-*wp Mile Square Theatre

2006 *Vamp-*wp Stark Raving Theatre

2005 *Flu Season*  Theatre Vertigo

2005 *The Principal and the Pee-*wp Stark Raving Theatre

2004 *Thrust-*wp Stark Raving Theatre

2004 *In the Air (The 24hr Play)-*wpTheatre Vertigo

2003 *Weeping Woman-*wp Stark Raving Theatre

2003 *ElectroPuss-*wp Stark Raving Theatre

2001 *Win, Lose, Draw* Magdelyn Theatre Company

**Rutgers University: Rutgers Theater Company**

2009 *Cloud Tectonics* Rutgers Theater Company

2009 *Revision-*wpJameson Studio

2008 *Wilde Abandon-*wpJameson Studio

2008 *Voir Dire* Jameson Studio

2007 *Stop Kiss* Jameson Studio

2007 Marshal’s Law-wp Jameson Studio

2007 *Rosemary With Ginger* Jameson Studio

2006 *Feeding the Moonfish*  Jameson Studio

**Linfield College, McMinnville, OR**

1993-1994

*The Stonewater Rapture* Linfield College Studio

*Pvt. Wars*  Linfield College Studio

**RELATED DIRECTING EXPERIENCE: SCHOLARSHIP**

2010-11 Artistic Director Dark Luna Productions

2009 Asst. Director (*Hamlet)* John Basil (dir.) American Globe Theatre

2009 Asst. Director (*Blackbird)* Amy Saltz (dir.) St Louis Repertory Theater

2008 Asst. Director (*Self-Portrait)* Pamela Berlin (dir.) Ensemble Studio Theatre

2008 Stage Manager (*Priceless)* Mary Robinson(dir.) Ensemble Studio Theatre

2008 Asst. Stage Manager (Marathon Series B) Ensemble Studio Theatre

2007 Asst. Director *(Marianne)* Benjamin Endsley Klein The Eugene O’Neil Theatre

2006 Asst. Director (*Cloud Nine)* Amy Saltz(dir.) Rutgers Theater

2006-03 Director and Actor in Residence Stark Raving Theatre

**PROFESSIONAL THEATER EXPERIENCE: SCHOLARSHIP – ACTING**

**Off Off Broadway**

2011 *Us vs Them* TWesley Broulik, Director

**Stark Raving Theatre, Portland, OR**

2001-2006

*Darkstep and Dawning* Fanny Stefanie Sertich, Director

*Landscape with Stick Figure* Judy Matthew Zrebski, Director

*Kiss It* Various Characters Matthew Zrebski, Director

*Frogwoman* Burley/Frog/Surgeon Sarah Hardy, Director

*Cupid and Psyche* Aphrodite Matthew Zrebski, Director

**Theatre Vertigo**

2001

*24 Hour Play* Dora Antonio Sonera, Director

**Quintessence Language & Imagination, Portland, OR**

2001

*Treatment* Lenore JoAnn Johnson, Director

**M9 Productions, Portland, OR**

2000

*Serenading Louie* Mary Darcy Lynne, Director

**H.A.R.T Theatre, Portland, OR**

2000-2001

*Twelfth Night* Viola Andy Alcala, Director

*Women of Troy* Andromache Virgina Belt, Director

*Private Lives* Amanda Kammi Harris, Director

**Portland Actors Ensemble, Portland, OR**

2000

*Romeo & Juliet* Lady Montague John Monteverde, Director

**Triangle Productions, Portland, OR**

1999

*A Gay Christmas Carol* Bobby Angela Keene, Director

**Portland Actors Conservatory, Portland, OR**

1996-1998

*And the Rain Came to Mayfield* Emma Beth Harper, Director

*The Importance of Being Earnest* Miss Prism Jim Eikrem, Director

**University of Wyoming Summer Theatre, Larmie Wyoming**

1994

*Bus Stop* Elma Duckworth Rebecca Hilliker, Director

*Isn’t it Romantic* Janie BlumbergJim Bartruff, Director

*Hayfever* Sorel Bliss Kathleen Toledo, Director

*Harvey* Myrtle Mae Bill Streib, Director

**Linfield College, McMinnville, OR**

1990-1994

*Les Liaisons Dangereuses*La Marquise de Merteuil Thomas Gressler, Director

*The Heidi Chronicles* SusanKate Hawkes, Director

*The Miracle Worker* Aunt Ev Thomas Gressler, Director

*Hedda Gabler* Thea Thomas Gressler, Director

**FILM**

The Waiting, Featured 80th Street Studios

Oregon Lottery, Featured Moffit Rosenthal

The Hunted, Featured Paramount Pictures Wiiliam Freidkin, Director

Melody, Featured SoSo Cool Productions Justin J Lowe, Director

**CONSULTANTSHIPS, WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS: SERVICE**

Finalist Judge for KCATCF, Region VII, Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Job duties include watching ACTF nominee’s Irene Ryan competition performances and selecting winners.

Feb. 2010 Reno, NV

Workshop for 40 students, “How to get the most out of your monologues,” KCACTF, Region V11, conference.

**SERVICE WORK**

Board Member of Stark Raving Theatre, 2002- 2005

Portland Area Theatre Alliance Judge for 300+ auditioners, 2004

**AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS**

## Certificate of Merit in Direction (*UMW)* from The Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival

## Drammy Winner for Best Acting Ensemble (*ElectroPuss),* 2004

## Irene Ryan Semi-Finalist Winner, 1994