

Curriculum Vita Month Year

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EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts, Set and Costume Design University of Georgia, 2007

Bachelor of Arts, Technical Theatre University of Houston, 2004

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2007-2013 Assistant Professor of Drama, University of Houston-Downtown

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Theatre Stagecraft Advanced Stagecraft Stage Design Costume Design History of Costume and Décor

PUBLICATIONS AND PRODUCTIONS

- "Salvage Design: Going Green Out of Necessity" Poster Presentation for the United States Institute for Theater Technology Annual Conference, March 2009
- "Collecting for Crows" Stage Directions, December 2008

Set and Costume Design Work:

2013 Costume Design, *Tamarie Cooper's Old As Hell*, Tamarie cooper (dir.) Catastrophic Theatre, Houston

2013 Costume Design, *Endgame*, Jason Nodler (dir.), Catastrophic Theatre, Houston 2012 Costume Design, *Fleaven*, Jason Nodler (dir.), Catastrophic Theatre, Houston

2012 Costume Design, *Life Is a Dream,* Pablo Bracho (dir.), Main Street Theatre, Houston 2012 Costume Design, *Tamarie Cooper's Doomsday Revue*, Catastrophic Theatre, DiverseWorks Art Space, Houston

2012 Costume Design, *Endgame* Jason Nodler (dir.), Catastrophic Theatre, DiverseWorks, Houston

2011 Costume Design, *Crave* Jason Nodler (dir.), Catastrophic Theatre, DiverseWorks, Houston

2010 Costume Design, Tattoo Design and properties assistance, *Bluefinger* Jason Nodler (dir.), Catastrophic Theatre, DiverseWorks, Houston

2010 Costume Design, *The Designated Mourner* Jason Nodler (dir.), Catastrophic Theatre, TALA Offices, Houston

2010 Costume Design, *The Amazing Living Theatre* Karina Pal Montano-Bowers, Frenetic Theatre, Houston

2010 Costume Design, *Our Late Night* Jason Nodler (dir.), Catastrophic Theatre, DiverseWorks, Houston

2010 Costume Design, *The Flu Season* Matt Huff (dir.), Mildred's Umbrella Theater Company, Midtown Art Center, Houston

2009 Costume Design, *Night of the Giant* John Harvey (dir.), Mildred's Umbrella Theatre Company, Barnevelder Art Space, Houston

2009 Set Design, *Rough for Theatre I and II* Mike Switzer (dir.), The Ornery Theatre 2009 Set Design, *Last Easter* Jennifer Decker (dir.), Mildred's Umbrella Theatre Company, Gremillion Art Gallery, Houston

2009 Costume Design, *The Three Lives of Marion* Karen Schlag (dir.), Bootown Festival 2009 Set Design, *Tartuffe*, Tom Lyttle (dir.), O'Kane Theatre University of Houston-Downtown

2009 Set Design, *The Third Side*, Tom Vaughn (dir.), Mildred's Umbrella Theatre Company, Diverse Works, Houston

2009 Costume Design, *Compleat Female Stage Beauty*, Ron Jones (dir.), Mildred's Umbrella Theatre Company, Midtown Art Center, Houston

2008 Makeup Design, *Museum of Dysfunction: Family Album*, multiple directors, Mildred's Umbrella Theatre Company, Avant Garden, Houston

2008 Costume Design, *Murder of Crows*, Jennifer Decker (dir.), Mildred's Umbrella Theatre Company, Midtown Art Center, Houston

2008 Costume Design, *One Flea Spare*, Patricia Duran (dir.), Mildred's Umbrella Theatre Company, Midtown Art Center, Houston

2008 Set Design, *Our Town*, Dr. Kate Pogue (dir.), O'Kane Theatre University of Houston-Downtown

2007 Set and Costume Design *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*, Thesis, Dr. Freda Scott Giles (dir.), University of Georgia Fine Arts Theatre, Athens, GA

2006 Set Design, *Religion of the Lie*, Performance Collaboration with visiting artist Randall Packer in conjunction with DRAM 7610 Producing the New Script, Multimedia Performance in Public Spaces, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

2006 Costume Designer, *Polaroid Stories*, Mirla Criste (dir.), UGA Cellar Theatre, Athens, GA

2005 Scenic Assistant to Charles Berliner, *Him* Theoretical Workshop, UGA, Athens, GA 2005 Set Designer, *Begum Barve*, Satish Alekar (dir.), UGA Cellar Theatre, Athens, GA 2004 Assistant Set Designer, *Antigone*, UGA Seney Stovall Chapel, Athens, GA

2004 Set Designer, *Misalliance*, Jennifer Carsrud (dir.), Shaw Festival/Midtown Arts Center, Houston

2003 Set Designer, Oliver!, Sharon Sheppard (dir.), Applause Theatre Company, Houston

2003 Set Designer, *Galveston, The Musical*, Andree Newport (dir.), The Strand Theatre, Galveston, TX

2003 Set Designer, *Speed-the-Plow*, Karen Heimbaugh (dir.), University of Houston Jose Quintero Lab Theatre, Houston

2003 Properties Design, *Cat's-Paw*, Anthony Marsala (dir.), Midtown Arts Center, Houston 2000 Hair Design, *Lysistrata*, Dana Andersen-Wyman (dir.), Brazosport College, Lake Jackson, TX

Related Theatrical Experience

2013 Puppet design and production, *Cthulhu: A Puppet Play,* Mike Switzer (dir.), The Ornery Theatre, Houston

2011 Puppet design and puppeteering, *Autumn Soiree*, Misha Penton (dir.), Divergence Vocal Theatre, Spring Street Sutdios, Houston

2011 Graphic design for promotional items for *There is a Happiness That Morning Is*, Jason Nodler (dir.), Catastrophic Theatre, DiverseWorks, Houston

2011 Puppet and video design, *Bedtime Stories*, Mike Switzer (dir.), The Ornery Theatre as part of the Houston Fringe Festival, Houston, Producer's Pick Winner

2011 Costume construction, *The United States of Tamarie*, Tamarie Cooper (dir.), Catastrophic Theatre, DiverseWorks, Houston

2011 Properties (paintings), August in August, Jon Harvey (dir.), The Fan Factory, Obsidian Art Space

2011 Graphic design for promotional items for *Crave*, Catastrophic Theatre

2010 Puppet construction and puppeteering for *Ant Sandwich*, Bobbindoctrin Puppet Theatre, Joel Orr (dir.), Midtown Art Center, Houston

2010 Graphic design for promotional items for *Anna Bella Eema*, Catastrophic Theatre2010 Graphic design for promotional items for *Hunter Gatherers*, Catastrophic Theatre

2009 Stage Manager, Museum of Dysfunction II: The Evening News, Mike Switzer (dir.),

Mildred's Umbrella Theatre Company, Midtown Art Center, Houston

2008-10 Company Member, Mildred's Umbrella Theatre Company

2007-09 Technical Director O'Kane Theatre University of Houston-Downtown

2008 Draftsperson, Secret Order, Alley Theatre, Houston, TX

2007 Stitcher, Georgia Shakespeare Festival, Atlanta, GA

2006 Stitcher and Wardrobe, Georgia Shakespeare Festival, Atlanta GA

2006 First Hand, University of Georgia Costume Shop

2004-07 Set Construction, Painter, Properties Master, University of Georgia Scene Shop

2004 Lead Carpenter, Houston Shakespeare Festival, Houston, TX

2001-04 Set Construction, University of Houston Scene Shop

2000-01 Set and Costume Construction, Brazosport College, Lake Jackson, TX

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

2012-2012, Emerging Artist Grant, Houston Arts Alliance, \$5000 2012, Kickstarter Campaign for *Cthulhu: A Puppet Play*, <\$2000