# LARA SOUTHERLAND BERICH

**CURRICULM VITAE** 

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# Costume Technology / Draper / Tailor / Educator

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# **Primary Qualifications:**

- Extensive experience teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels: course generation, implementation, improvement and effectiveness in program development and implementation.
- Strong mentorship with students and professional early-career contacts
- Extensive, ongoing, and active professional creative engagement with major theatre companies, publications, and national theatre organizations
- Social Justice, Access, and Equity / Inclusion training and emphasis throughout all aspects of personal, professional, and educational work
- Careful crafting of best practices within classroom and fitting environments without sacrificing integrity of design and technology work

# **Education:**

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Master of Fine Arts	Boston University, Boston, MA Costume Technology Thesis Topic: Fashion Shift from 1910-1920	May 2006
Bachelor of Arts	Greensboro College, Greensboro, NC Theatre Performance, cum laude Theatre Education Licensure, K-12	May 1999

# UNIVERSITY / TEACHING EXPERIENCE

# **University of Montana**

# Assistant Professor of Costume Technology and Design Missoula, MT

2019-present

**Academic Year** 

- Mentoring MFA, BFA, and BA students in design and technology.
- Designing costumes for the mainstage season with student assistants.
- Draping & Patterning, Tailoring, supervising student work on builds
- Altering garments and coaching student alterations for productions
- Participating in recruitment and interviewing prospective undergraduate students during campus visits, high school thespian unified auditions in various states, and through
- Development of course structure for design / technology curriculum.

- 2021 present Leadership for Equity, Access, and Inclusion Initiative within College of the Arts and Media
- 2020-2021 Faculty Senate
- 2020-2021 Theatre and Dance Faculty Evaluation Committee
- 2020-present Theatre and Dance Access Committee
- 2020-present University of Montana Lambda Club Advisor
- 2020-present University of Montana Crafters Club Advisor
- 2020-present University of Montana Circus Club Advisor
- 2019-present University of Montana Diversity Advisory Council
- 2019-present Theatre and Dance Curriculum Committee

#### Academic Advisees – 2019-2021

Tiffany Ballantine pre-BFA Acting
Breanna Bramlett pre-BFA Acting
Morgan Brooks BFA Costumes
Ember Cuddy BFA Costumes

Quinn Degel BA Costumes / BA History

Justin Freeny pre-BFA Costumes
Tatum Kirschenheiter BA Theatre Education

O'Leary Kennedy
Ashley Lindgren
Sara Kutz-Yeager
Kari Nelson
Sarah Sizemore
BA Theatre
BFA Acting
BA Theatre
BFA Costumes

Aurrora Watkins BFA Costumes / Lighting

Clarissa Wren Roe BFA Acting

Harlan Vaska pre-BFA Musical Theatre

# Thesis Committee / Senior Capstone Advisor

Jadd Davis	MFA Directing	Thesis Committee	2021
Kenna Karjala	BA Costumes	Senior Capstone Advisor	2021
Ashley Lindgren	BA Costumes / Performance	Senior Capstone Advisor	2021
Meghan Stroup	MFA Vocal Performance	Thesis Committee	2020

# **Courses Taught at University of Montana:**

#### THTR 102A Introduction to Theatre Design

Basic understanding of the principles of design for the theatre and television, including the production elements of scenery, costumes and lighting. In teaching this course I include elements of sound design and portfolio building as well as in-depth script analysis, collaboration, and production analysis. Projects are accessible to students with little to no theatre background but familiarize the student with terminology, process, and technique well enough that they can easily move on to more advanced coursework.

#### • THTR 202 Stagecraft

Fundamental theories and hands-on application in the areas of costuming, lighting, scenery, and properties. This course has a three-area rotation of five weeks for each section and includes training in and familiarity with the tools, staff, and operations of all areas of production support. Students in the costume section are given introductory projects and samples to create in order to understand the basics of costume technology and procedure. In 2019 and in the interest of promoting sustainability I implemented a project of cutting and constructing a reusable grocery bag. In Fall of 2020 students were provided a mask project out of school-spirited fabric which they could have completed in-person or by hand if they were quarantined.

#### • THTR 245 Intermediate Costume Construction

Intermediate costume construction focusing on the development of skills needed to function as a stitcher. Students advance from stagecraft level skill to the development of quality control aesthetic and the ability to lead projects. Projects include a handmade necktie, a machine-constructed shirt with cuff and collar, and drafting and constructing a tailored skirt.

# THTR 336 (undergraduate) and 591 (graduate special topics) Costume History

Exploration of garment history from pre-history to the present, inclusive of non-western styles and history. Students will report on details from readings as well as generate a re-drawing of both a male typical outfit and female typical outfit with items of costume labeled and defined.

# THTR 345 (undergraduate) and 591 (graduate special topics) Flat Pattern Design and Drafting

Use of various flat pattern methods including metric (Winnefred Alderige), imperial (Natalie Bray), and vintage (Hillhouse-Mansfield 1948) to draft and manipulate patterns for bodice, sleeve, skirt, and collar. Students drafted each of these patterns to their own measurements and selected a project to manipulate through flat patterning methods into a style for creating a project garment. Students were taught dart manipulation, waist reduction techniques, pattern symbols, cutting technique, and developing an order of operations in construction. Complex pattern manipulations were performed in ¼ scale. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic students were encouraged to use themselves as models, leading to choices involving front closure garments or garments that would otherwise not rely on assistance to dress.

# THTR 346 (undergraduate) and 591 (graduate special topics) Textile Selection and Manipulation

Analysis of fibers, yarns, structures and finishes, as related to selection and use for the theatre. Basic dyeing, distressing and painting. Students read and study various fabrics including cellulosic, protein, manmade, and synthetic and learn to identify them. Upon studying the fabrics the students are also taught not just the most appropriate dye technique per fiber but also various dye techniques incorporating manipulation of dye intensity percentages with their mordants and catalysts to satisfy the weight of goods, fiber reactive dye, acid dye, creation of dye paints and pastes, shibori, ice dyeing, natural dyeing, screen printing, heat and steam setting, correct use of personal protective equipment, union dyes, discharge chemicals, appropriate prescouring and rinsing technique per dye type and fabric, devore, digital fabric design, ageing and distressing of garments to reflect a personal narrative, and proper use of industrial dye vats.

# • THTR 391 / 591 Corsetry (Special Topics)

Taught as a special topics course, students are guided through the technical elements involved in both patterning and constructing corsets in various materials and styles. Students were able to complete a basic initial corset, but due to COVID-19 the second part of the semester when they were to draft and construct a more difficult individual corset the class became lecture / demonstration and discussion. Students showed excellent comprehension of method and technique through discussion, quiz, and responses to coming up with construction order of operations as a group.

# • THTR 445 Draping

Focusing on the art and craft of Draping as dress design students are led through basic exercises including padding out a form to accurate body dimensions, draping basic garments based on research in both half- and full-scale, and then draping and constructing couture garments using research from the design and works of 20<sup>th</sup> century designers.

#### THTR 491 Period Patternmaking (Special Topics)

Taught as a special topics course, students are guided through half-scale draping of period silhouettes within structured female garment eras. Students chose and implemented design and construction of a gown from a specific era. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic students were encouraged to use themselves or folks with whom they were cohabiting / not social distancing as models. The challenges with fitting period styles in this environment were myriad, but successfully overcome using a combination of room-mate assistance and front closing garments.

# THTR 492 Men's Tailoring (Independent Study)

This class covers the drafting and construction of a traditional men's suit, using both traditional and theatrical tailoring techniques and working with wool, suit structures, tailored pockets, and hand-tooled buttonholes. This class does exist as a dedicated course number but due to scheduling and student skill set only one student was capable of taking it in Spring of 2021, with several more students ready to take it by fall of 2021.

# • THTR 545 Graduate Design Seminar I: Collaboration

In a series of graduate design seminars students are coached through developing the skills to interact with other areas of design, technology, and the artistic team as well as the performers. This seminar is a production project-based course which focuses on appropriate and effective collaboration and communication with others in mounting the project. Due to COVID-19 this course lost its project / performance-based element and instead became a quite lively discussion-based course exploring communication methods and how to be a better partner to your production team through tactical empathy, situational analysis, and the use of various communication styles.

# **Ohio University**

# <u>Costume Technology Lecturer / Costume Studio Manager</u> Athens, OH 2017-2019 Academic Year

- Mentoring Graduate and Undergraduate advisees throughout their career at OU.
- Complete redevelopment of costume technology courses and curricular trajectory due to absence of syllabi either in paper or digital format.
- Supervising graduate technology and design students as well as undergraduate majors and lab students in production lab.
- Scheduling and structuring work done on multiple shows simultaneously in shop as well as mentoring / managing third year student shop manager on mainstage productions
- Draping & Patterning, Tailoring, supervising student work on builds
- Altering garments and coaching student alterations for productions
- Participating in interviewing prospective graduate students during campus visits, LINK, URTA, SETC, and USITT.
- Development of favorable rental / borrowing / loan policies among local and Midwest universities due to friendly relationships with faculty and staff in costumes.
- Music Theatre Director Search Committee 2017-2018
- Scheduling Committee 2018-2019

#### Academic Advisees – 2017-2019

Maggie Horstman BFA Costume Technology
Ethan Lowe BFA Costume Technology
Margaret Caster MFA Costume Technology
Cass Huscher MFA Costume Technology
Elizabeth Kzyrzanowski MFA Costume Technology
Sydney Lokant MFA Costume Technology

Megan Rogers MFA Costume Technology

## **Thesis Committee**

Megan Rogers	MFA Costume Technology	Thesis Committee Chair	2019
Kelly Myers	MFA Costume Design	Thesis Committee	2018
Elizabeth Kzyrzanowski	MFA Costume Technology	Thesis Committee Chair	2018

# **Courses Taught at Ohio University:**

# • THAR5360/2360 Stagecraft – Couture Technique

Stagecraft is required of all costume masters' candidates regardless of emphasis. The dual-listed 2360 course listing is an intermediate course taking the undergraduate costume major to a level at which they may proceed to more advanced costume courses. For graduate students this course is taken in the first semester to establish fabric identification and usage, a high level of machine and hand technique mastery and quality control, project time management, and universal communication standards including cultural competency in fitting awareness and measurement technique.

# • THAR5361/3361 Costume Technology I – Patternmaking

Students develop flat patterns to the body and drape to the body, addressing patternmaking challenges suitable to their skill level, learning to grade patterns, learning to fit and address fitting challenges, and producing a project garment to a fit model representing the breadth of their acquired learning.

# THAR5362/3362 Costume Technology II – Advanced Patternmaking Students work through patterning challenges in half-scale that are historically based with full-scale challenges including a structured garment base with a draped overlayer and a final project that is pre-1910 completely realized in fabric. Understructures are pulled from stock.

- THAR5363/3363 Costume Technology III Contemporary Men's Tailoring
   Students draft a contemporary three-piece suit for a model and hand-tailor the suit to completion, learning shortcuts as they go for future reference (but not taking them for their final project).
- THAR5364/3364 Costume Technology IV Silhouettes and Structures
   Students produce corsets and understructures of various time periods, learn about methods of body padding and arbitrary silhouette adjustment, and produce a body padding silhouette of their choice.

# • THAR5365/3365 Costume Technology V – Rendering Interpretation

Students produce a research packet from an assigned piece of primary research in a week, drape and pattern the garments in that research, and discuss / evaluate each other's work in the following week with the guidance of the intstructor at every stage. Emphasis is placed on refinement of technique and observation. Collaboration as would take place in a regional theatre is established with each assignment and evaluation is collaborative.

# • THAR7360 Costume Seminar (rotating / alternating)

- o Bias and Stretchwear patternmaking and construction
- Period Men's Tailoring / Women's Tailoring
- o Tutu and Dance Bodice construction (may be incorporated into THAR5362)
- Non- Western patterning, construction, and drape

## Management (every Spring)

The course leads students through personal self-management through small-group leadership, workroom dynamics, costume directorship, and the big-picture of production management perspective. Speakers from all over the country join us in the last part of each class via Skype to lend their perspective and answer questions, everyone from the costume director of the Metropolitan Opera to a former Production Manager at the Guthrie.

#### Thesis

Can be management-based or equivalent. Students in their third year manage the costume studio for a semester for their thesis or perform an equivalent level of work after submission of a proposal in their second year that is evaluated and mentored to meet high standards of performance. The non-management thesis is something which I have developed because not all of our graduates wish to manage as a career, yet I will require them to perform a management requirement to a lesser degree since I believe management to be a core part of their learning. This would be a course number usually reserved for designers called "creating the realized design."

#### Internship

Students in or before third year must take between 9-12 credit hours of internship at a professional company or institution relevant to their major at the discretion of their mentor. Evaluation by internship supervisor serves as both grade for internship as well as relationship between internship and University.

# **Indiana University**

# Costume Technology Instructor / Staff Draper / Tailor Bloomington, IN 2007-2012

**Academic Year** 

- With Costume Design Professor Linda Pisano, formed curriculum and was instrumental in proposing and forming Indiana University's costume technology program.
- Participated in interviewing prospective graduate students during campus visits.
- Scheduled and structured work done on multiple shows simultaneously in shop
- Draped, patterned, tailored, supervised student and overhire work on productions
- Altered garments and coached student alterations for productions
- Developed and taught multiple courses, creating new course numbers where they did not yet exist as needed to serve educational needs and interests of students.
- 2012 Served as a respondent to final project presentation for classes in Apparel
- Merchandising
- 2009/2010 Served on production department committee for NAST accreditation
- 2008-2010 Served as a member of Theatre & Drama Department Safety
- 2008 Served on search committee for Theatre Marketing Director

# **Courses Taught at Indiana University:**

# T230 Costume Design & Technology I Lab, occasional lecture

This course follows T100, Introduction to Theatre. All undergraduates are required to participate in 200 level courses to develop their understanding of the production side of theatre. T230 is the costume course on this level. I directly supervised / taught the undergraduate students basic hand, domestic, and industrial machine sewing skills as well as training and supervising graduate assistants in doing the same. Whenever the professor of Costume Design was unable to teach for any reason I or the graduate assistants would take over teaching the lecture section.

# Costume Technology II - T430 (undergraduate) / T531 (graduate) 2008-present

- Basic patternmaking and pattern adjustments
- Draping / patternmaking from research
- Conducting Fittings
- Advanced costume construction techniques
- Fabric identification and care including dye techniques
- Basic crafts techniques

This class serves to bring incoming graduate students to a similar place as far as skill set and technical communication in the shop as well as a springboard for undergraduate students to advance from Costume Design and Technology I to the more advanced Costume Technology coursework listed below.

# Costume Studio Practicum - T291 (undergraduate)

This course is essentially supervised work in the costume studio by undergraduates for credit. When a student registers for this course their goals and needs are evaluated and the work they do in the studio is arranged to address those goals and needs as much as possible in the given time frame.

- Understructures for Historical Costumes T465 (undergraduate) / T560 (graduate)
  A study of underwear from the 1500's to the 1900's, this class covers fashion silhouette
  and how it is achieved through the centuries as well as providing the student with the
  opportunity to make both corsets and understructures (panniers, petticoats, bustles)
  from a variety of time periods and in a variety of ways. The students' final project is an
  undergarment set of their choosing to be patterned by them and constructed for a
  model, including fabric and materials choice, pattern and construction research, and
  fitting.
- Period Patternmaking and Construction T466 (undergraduate) / T561 (graduate) In this class students focus on the evolution of fashion from 1600 to 1930. From selected primary research students use a ½ scale form to create ½ scale period accurate patterns through the costume timeline. Students are also introduced to adapting patterns from period drafts, lifting a pattern from an existing vintage garment, and as a final project pattern and construct a period ensemble and fit it to a model. This course focuses very heavily on process and procedure and how they are affected by research and materials

# Men's Tailoring - T562 (graduate only)

This course familiarizes the student with men's tailoring and fitting. The student will draft a suit to their model's measurements, use traditional techniques to cut, mark, and assemble their suit, and then fit it to their model. Specific methods of materials handling and preparation are discussed in depth as well as sourcing and selecting materials.

#### Independent Study in Textiles and Fabric Manipulation

At the request of a third year graduate student (Jennifer Sheshko-Wood) I formed a very student-driven course where, using multiple texts about textile characteristics and behavior as well as methods of fabric manipulation, we selected primary source material (paintings, portraits, photographs) through time and swatched for the research as if it were a costume rendering. Each piece of research also involved a fabric manipulation technique such as smocking, pleating, embroidery, etc. and suggestions on how to duplicate that treatment in an expedient manner for theatrical purposes. Our poster used three of these portraits with currently sourced materials including cost, yardage, width, textile composition, and of course location as well as physical examples of the fabric treatments. The poster project included a handout describing each of the examples and processes.

# The Santa Fe Opera

# Apprentice Scenes Costume Technology Supervisor Santa Fe, NM 2013-present

**Late Summer** 

- With scenes design supervisor, led 20+ apprentice costumers through production of scenes featuring professional directors, fellow apprentice technicians, and apprentice singers.
- Taught workshops in fitting, mini-workshops in construction techniques, machine use and care, alteration technique, and other topics as they arose.
- Provided feedback and mentoring through fittings, rehearsals, alterations, and builds.

# **Muhlenberg College**

Costume Shop Manager / Draper / Dyer / Craftsperson
Allentown, PA 2006-2007 Full Time

- Supervised two stitchers, twelve work-study, and various students in construction and wardrobe for shows in production
- Taught multiple workshops in construction
- Draped / Patterned build garments and supervised construction
- Worked with professional and student designers on a nine-show season
- including dance concerts both professionally and student choreographed
- Scheduled and conducted all fittings
- Tracked budget
- Made purchases and returns as needed both for shows and shop maintenance
- Generated brochure for tech / design student recruitment

# **Boston University Theatre**

Graduate Assistant - Instructor
Boston, MA 2003-2006

# **Courses Taught:**

Introduction to Theatre Technology: Costumes 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006

- Developed with fellow graduate assistants a curriculum for two twelve week semester classes with one two-hour class a week
- Coached college freshmen of various design and production areas in:
  - Hand sewing
  - Basic sewing tools and use
  - Differences & uses of materials
  - Following a basic commercial pattern
  - Stitching sample binder including basic fabric swatches
  - Pajama pants made to fit from a commercial pattern
  - Skirt with zipper from commercial pattern

- Shirt with set in sleeves, collar, button placket from commercial pattern
- Boned and flatlined bodice from theatrical pattern
- Basic pattern alterations (dart manipulation)

# **Boston University Theatre**

<u>Graduate Assistant - Draper / Tailor / Wardrobe Supervisor</u>

Boston, MA

2003-2006

- Draped, Patterned, and Tailored for both Boston University shows and Boston University Opera Institute productions
- Worked with Student Designers, Shop Supervisor, and First Hands on
  - Organization of work load to Stitchers
  - Scheduling of fittings
  - Fabric estimation and purchasing
- Worked with Student Stitchers on
  - Proper alterations
  - Fabric preparation and care
  - Methods of construction
  - Using unfamiliar tools or machines appropriately
  - Working on a garment from start to finish
  - Working under a deadline
- Worked with freshmen assigned to wardrobe on:
  - Running wardrobe in a professional manner
  - Proper care and repair of garments
  - Organizing quick-changes with multiple actors and dressers

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

# **Draper / Tailor**

# The Santa Fe Opera

Santa Fe, NM 2007-present Summer Seasons

- Patterned and constructed / supervised construction on garments for chorus and principal singers.
- Cut and marked garments for sewing, guided team members to do the same
- Conducted fittings on performers and fitting workshops for apprentices
- Supervised first hands, stitchers, and apprentices in alterations and construction
- Attended draper meetings and dress rehearsals
- Worked on special projects at the request of management as needed (constructed body padding for singer Ricky Martin, body padding for multiple productions, stiltwalker, etc.)
- Worked in 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and various 20<sup>th</sup> century, modern, East Asian, Indian, Japanese, Chinese, clerical wear of many different denominations, and fantasy time period and design with men's, women's, and children's clothing.

# Santa Fe Opera productions (2021 preseason work in process):

2021 *The Marriage of Figaro* Laurent Pelly

The Lord of Cries Chrisi Karvonides-Dushenko

Eugene OneginGary McCannMidsummer Night's DreamNetia Jones

2020 Season Cancelled due to COVID-19

2019 The Thirteenth Child Rita Ryack

Cosi fan TutteTerese WaddenJenufa (rental)Jon Morell

**Pearl Fishers** (remount) Brigitte Reiffensteul

La Boheme Camillia Koo
2018 Ariadne auf Naxos Tobias Hoheisel
Italian Girl in Algiers David Woolard
Doctor Atomicl Gabriel Berry

Madame Butterfly Brigitte Reiffensteul

Candide Laurent Pelly

\*2017 Golden Cockerel Gary McCann
Alcina Gideon Davey
The (R)evolution of Steve Jobs Paul Carey

\*2016 Romeo et Juliette Ashley Martin-Davis **Tobias Hoheisel** Capriccio Vanessa James Schuette \*2015 **Daughter of the Regiment** Allen Moyer Rigoletto Adrian Linford La Finta Gardiniera John Morell **Cold Mountain** David Woolard \*2014 *Fidelio* Camille Assaf The Impresario / Rossignol Fabio Toblini Dr. Sun Yat-sen James Schuette \*2013 La Donna Del Lago **Kevin Knight** 

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La Traviata

Oscar

2012 Tosca

Pearl Fishers

Kevin Knight

Laurent Pelly

David Woolard

Yannis Thavoris

Brigitte Reiffensteul

Maometto II Jon Morell

King Roger Ann Hould-Ward Arabella Tobias Hoheisel

<sup>\*</sup>After joining Oregon Shakespeare Festival in 2012 I was only able to work a late season contract with the Santa Fe Opera and therefore only able to work on the last three shows of the season until 2018.

2011 Faust Susan Wilmington

La BohemeKevin KnightGriseldaDunya RamicovaLast SavageAllen Moyer

Wozzeck Robert Innes Hopkins
2010 Madame Butterfly Brigitte Reiffensteul
The Magic Flute Tobias Hoheisel
Tales of Hoffman Constance Hoffman

Life is a Dream
Albert Herring

2009 Alceste
Don Giovanni
The Letter

Lessica Jahns
Kevin Knight
Louis Desire
David Zinn
Tom Ford

Elixir of Love Ashley Martin Davis

La Traviata
Laurent Pelly
2008 Adriana Mater
Radamisto
Martin Pakladinaz
Gideon Davey

Billy Budd Robert Innes Hopkins

The Marriage of Figaro
Paul Brown
Clare Mitchell
Paul Brown
Clare Mitchell
Laurent Pelly

Worked with principal artists such as Elza Van Den Heever, Richard Troxell, Suzanne Majeski, Mary Ann McCormick, Kevin Burdette, Brenda Rae, Anna Maria Martinez, David Daniels, Jamie Barton, Thomas Hammons, Kate Lindsey, James Maddalena, Mika Shigematsu, Wayne Tigges, Victoria Livengood, Jill Grove, Heidi Stober, Mark Doss, Patricia Risley, Kelly Kaduce, Bill Burden, Patrick Carfizzi, Anthony Roth Costanzo, Jarrett Ott, Sasha Cooke, Garrett Sorenson, A.J. Gleuckert, Kevin Burdette

# **Oregon Shakespeare Festival**

#### Ashland, OR 2012-2017

- Patterned and constructed / supervised construction on garments in a variety of time periods and materials.
- Cut and marked garments for sewing
- Conducted fittings on performers
- Supervised first hands, stitchers, and interns in cutting, alterations, and construction
- Attended draper meetings and dress rehearsals
- Stepped in for other drapers / tailors as needed when emergencies arose
- Worked with Wardrobe to determine best construction methods to survive between 70 and 130+ performances (depending on venue), quick changes, scenic limitations, weather restrictions (outdoor stage can be extremely hot), laundry necessities, and movement needs.

Oregon Shakespeare Festival productions:

Beauty and the Beast	Ana Kuzmanic	2017
UniSon	Dede Ayite	2017
Shakespeare in Love	Susan Tsu	2017
The Wiz	Dede Ayite	2016
Great Expectations	Deb Dryden	2016
Antony & Cleopatra	David Woolard	2015
Fingersmith	Deb Dryden	2015
Guys & Dolls	Mara Blumenfeld	2015
Into the Woods	Linda Roethke	2014
A Wrinkle in Time	Alex Jaeger	2014
The Tempest	Anita Yavich	2014
The Sign in Sydney Brustein's Window	Christal Weatherly	2014
The Liquid Plain (body padding)	Constanza Romero	2013
The Heart of Robin Hood	Paloma Young	2013
My Fair Lady	Devon Painter	2013

# Freelance Draper / Tailor / Craftsperson

2020-21	Quantum Theatre (Pittsburgh)	Far Away	Susan Tsu
2019	WaxFactory NYC	LULU XX	Miodrag Gubernic
2019	Huntington Theatre Company	Yerma	Olivia Gajic
2019	Quantum Theatre (Pittsburgh)	King Lear	Susan Tsu
2018	Theatre Under the Stars (Houston)	The Wiz	Dede Ayite
2018	City Theatre (Pittsburgh)	The Revolutionists	Susan Tsu
2016/17	The Santa Fe Opera	Lucia de Lammermo	or
	(pattern and c	onstruction of petticod	nts for women's chorus)
2014	Gotham Chamber Opera (New York,	NY)	
	Alexandre Bis /The C	omedy on the Bridge	Fabio Toblini
2014	The Metropolitan Opera La Don	na Del Lago	Kevin Knight
	(supp	lementing initial 2013 .	Santa Fe Opera build)
2013	The Santa Fe Opera Water dame	age rebuild in off-seasc	on for stock shows:
	Beatrice et Benedict		
	La Somnambula		
	Venus and Adonis		
2011	Indiana Repertory Theatre	I Love to Eat (body po	adding) Guy Clark
2011	Indiana Repertory Theatre	Diary of Anne Frank	Linda Pisano
2010	Jacobs School of Music Indiana University Opera Theatre		
		La Rondine	Linda Pisano
2006	Huntington Theatre Company		
	Les Liasons De	angereuses	Erin Una Chainani
	Love's Labour	's Lost	Mariann Verheyen
2005	Opera Boston	The Crucible	Nancy Leary
2004	Pearl Theatre (New York, NY)	Imaginary Invalid	Barbara Bell

2005 (fall)	Utah Shakespearean Festival (Cedar City, UT)	
	Pippin	Janet Swenson
2005	Shakespeare Santa Cruz (Santa Cruz, CA)	
	Engaged	B. Modern
2005	Texas Shakespeare Festival (Kilgore, TX)	
	A Midsummer Night's Dream	Steven Graver
	The Miracle Worker	Joel Ebarb
	Macbeth	Margaret McKowen
	Cyrano de Bergerac	Val Winkleman
2004	Weston Playhouse (Weston, VT)	
	The Drawer Boy	Mara Blumenfeld
	Swingtime Canteen	Rachel Kurland
	Big River	Barbara Bell
	The Full Monty	Miranda Hoffman
	Topdog / Underdog	Ilona Somogyi
	Tartuffe	Daryl Stone

2001 -2003 North Shore Music Theatre (Beverly, MA)

Year-round draper / tailor fitting and altering music theatre rental packages, supplementing packages with builds as needed, restoring rental garments. Details upon request. Worked with performers such as Deborah Gibson and Chuck Wagner

# First Hand / Junior Draper

The Santa Fe Opera

Santa Fe, NM 2006, 2007 Summer Season

- First Hand / Junior Draper to Assia Popoff (27-year veteran of the Santa Fe Opera)
- Constructed / supervised construction on garments by stitchers and apprentices
- Cut and marked garments for sewing
- Conducted fittings on supers and children's ensemble
- Patterned and led work on garments as necessary / provident
- Took notes for draper in fittings
- Supervised stitchers and apprentices in alterations and construction

2007	La Boheme	Kevin Knight
	Cosi fan tutte	David Woolard
	Daphne	Joan Greenwood
	Tea: A Mirror of Soul	Masatomo Ota
2006	Carmen	Kersti Vitali
	The Magic Flute	<b>Tobias Hoheisel</b>
	Cendrillon	Laurent Pelly
	Salome	Neil Patel
	Tempest	Paul Brown

<u>Designer / Costume Coordinator / Design Mentor</u>

2021 University of Montana (UM) "Dance New Works" Choreographer: G. Littig

2021 University of Montana "Dance New Works" Choreographer: Alma Stephens

2021 DESIGN MENTOR UM Mother Courage and Her Children

Designer: Kylie McDonald

2020 University of Montana "Dance Up Close" Choreographer: Amber Laiche

2020 University of Montana She Kills Monsters (Virtual Realms)

Director: Jadd Davis

2020 DESIGN MENTOR UM Pride and Prejudice Designer: Kylie McDonald 2019 University of Montana Twelfth Night Director: Bernadette Sweeney

2011 Department of Modern Dance "Lucy's Bones" Choreographer: Elizabeth Shea

**Indiana University** 

2010 Cardinal Stage (Bloomington, IN) Christmas Carol Director: Randy White

2010 Department of Modern Dance Winter Concert – Coordinator

**Indiana University** 

2009 Cardinal Stage (Bloomington, IN) **boom** Director: Randy White

2009 IU Department of Modern Dance "Taking Flight" Choreographer: Elizabeth Shea

"Wind Studies" Choreographer: Martha Wittman

- Of Liz Lehrman Dance Company

2002 New Rep Theatre (Boston, MA) *The Real Thing* Director: Rick Lombardo

2001 American Stage Festival (Nashua, NH) *Travels with my Aunt* Director: Rick Rose

2001 California Theatre Center (Sunnyvale, CA) *Puss in Boots* Director: Will Huddleston 2000 California Theatre Center (Sunnyvale, CA) *The Cay* Director: Will Huddleston

2000 American Stage Festival (Nashua, NH) *Comedy of Errors* Director: Moritz Von

Stuelpnagel

**Little House** Director: Elaine Vaan Hogue

1999-2000 Circuit Playhouse

(Memphis, TN) *Gross Indecency* . . . Director: David Landis

Swingtime Canteen Director: Michael Paul Duggan

Alice in Wonderland Director: John Maness

Is there Life After High School? Director: Bob Hetherington

Cinderella Director: Kevin Jones
Old Wicked Songs Director: Miriam Ragland

**Assistant Designer** 

2009 Cardinal Stage (Bloomington, IN) *Treasure Island* Designer: Alexandra Morphet 2008 Cardinal Stage (Bloomington, IN) *Diary of Anne Frank* Designer: Amanda Bailey

2003 Boston University Theatre Holiday Memories Designer: Randi Fowler-Kudner

# **Costume Shop Manager**

**American Stage Festival** 

Nashua, NH 2001 Summer Season

- Worked with Management and Designers on:
- Budget division and implementation
- Fabric purchase and use
- Establishing favorable relationships in the community with dry cleaners, hair salons, formalwear boutiques, etc.
- Coached Costume Intern in methods of construction and running wardrobe

# Assistant Costume Designer / Class and Workshop Instructor

**California Theatre Center** 

Sunnyvale, CA 2000-2001

- Designed and implemented two shows of an 18 show nationally touring season (please see design resume for details)
- Assisted in design on all other shows
- Patterned and supervised construction for elements of all shows
- Developed and conducted lesson plans for several six-week programs with students ages four to eight and nine to twelve
- Co-developed and led several one-day workshops with students aged from six to eighteen on various topics

# <u>Professional Internship in Costume Design</u>

Circuit Stage, Playhouse on the Square Memphis, TN 1999-2000

- Designed second stage season working with various directors
- Patterned build garments and supervised stitchers in construction and alterations
- Assisted Resident Designer in mainstage construction
- Supervised and ran wardrobe as necessary on both main and second stages

# **Early Career Related Experience (Education Training):**

**Student Teaching** 

**Weaver Education Center** 

Greensboro, NC Spring 1999

- Developed and conducted lesson plans and directed plays for high school student performers and technicians in two class "companies" of a magnet-style program.
- Developed and implemented lesson plans for a Media Performance class involving television resources, writing interviews, and student use of technology
- Observed my cooperating teacher to obtain an idea of effective classroom management and teaching style

# **Education Fieldwork**

# **Guilford County Public Schools**

Greensboro, NC

1996-1998

- Observed theatre classes grades K-12 in rehearsal and production
- Helped supervise classroom theatre activities
- Observed and occasionally led after-school theatre activities
- Observed special needs students grades K-5
- Helped supervise special needs students in lower grades (specifically kindergarten)

\*When my fieldwork in the resource room was complete I continued to volunteer; the resource room was understaffed and in need of more people to provide direct supervision.

# **Assistant Designer / Assistant Shop Manager**

# **Greensboro College Costume Shop**

Greensboro, NC

1997-1999

- Assisted in design and construction on productions
- Helped supervise student work and progress
- Supervised wardrobe on most productions

# **Costume Related Coursework and Skills:**

Extensive work in all weights of leather, silk, cordura, Tyvek, canvas, corsetry, tailoring with visquene, PVC, stretch, sequin, beaded, and many other unusual fabrics.

#### **Tailoring**

*Tetsuo Tamanaha*, Fellowship Professor of Tailoring 2003-2004, Boston University *Nancy Leary*, Associate Professor of Costume Production, Boston University.

- Studied modern metric suit draft methods
- Have and use multiple metric and imperial modern and period drafts for men's and women's wear
- Studied various drafting systems including the Vincent System, the Mitchell System, and the Blue Book of Men's Tailoring. I have since learned a variety of systems from other texts including Master Designer, Supreme System, and Bunka system.
- Studied and implemented all above drafts as well as various methods of construction based on materials and time available.

#### Patterning / Draping

Nancy Leary, Associate Professor of Costume Production, B.U.

- Draping
- Drafting
- Radial expansion
- Period garment drafting

# **Fabric Dyeing & Painting**

Denise Wallace-Spriggs, Huntington Theatre Company Crafts Artisan

Using various Pro Chem dyes with appropriate fabrics, dyeing yardage to match

 Various dye techniques including ombre, shibori, using resists, printing methods, and devore'

#### Millinery

Denise Wallace-Spriggs, Huntington Theatre Company Crafts Artisan

- Basic and advanced millinery techniques
- Worked with felt, buckram, straw, wire, and cloth

#### **Costume History**

Nancy Leary, Associate Professor of Costume Production, B.U.

- Thorough examination of fashion and clothing from prehistory to the present
- Understanding of period silhouette, materials, understructures, influences

## Honors, Leadership, Memberships, Workshops, Publications, and Related Activities:

In Process: *Consultant,* Theatrical Design and Production (textbook) 9<sup>th</sup> Edition: Costume Construction

2020-present Jeanette Rankin Peace Center volunteer (Missoula, MT)

**Member, USITT** (United States Institute of Theatre Technology) **2005-present:** 

# 2021 Member of Cross-Programmatic Terminology Workgroup

Adapting outdated and gendered or othering language and terms in the backstage area to reflect inclusive and equitable practices.

PRIMP (portfolio, resume, interview materials prep) Reviewer

- Panelist on workshop "All Shapes and Sizes" discussing appropriate and equitable treatment of and work with plus-size performers. Postponed due to COVID-19, presented USITT 2021
- Poster project "Tyvek Tailoring" how to work with the building insulation material Tyvek as a garment construction material (Candide 2018, the Santa Fe Opera) offering sourcing, suggestions and advice in manipulation and painting / sewing / finishing. Postponed due to COVID-19, Presented USITT 2021.
- **2020** Registered as a Gateway Mentor (agender non-binary) awaiting mentee assignment.
  - **Micro-session presenter** on "Being the Good You Wish to See in the World" on expo floor, introducing everyday ways to incorporate inclusivity, social justice, empathy, sensitivity, and fostering positive work environments backstage and in shop cultures. Postponed due to COVID-19

**2014, 2015, 2016, 2017** Served as a Young Technicians Forum respondent

**2013** Presented a high-attendance and well-received workshop (with other

panelists Ellen Bredehoft of Rutgers University, Jenny Kenyon (Costume and Scenic Designer), and Marilyn Deighton of Niagara University) on creating body padding out of a variety of materials and for a variety of

venues entitled "A Pound of Flesh."

**2011** Exhibited poster project on historical textiles & fabric treatments as the

culmination of work done for an independent study in textiles with then

graduate student Jennifer Sheshko.

# **Guest Lectures**

# 2020 Let's Talk Shop: Crafting the Inclusive Fitting Room

Salem State University, Salem, Massachusetts

at the invitation of Becca Jewett, Costume Shop Manager

Lecture / discussion on best practices to craft and maintain not just an inclusive but an equitable fitting and backstage environment. Emphasis here is placed on gender equity and empathy / appropriate terminology and mutual respect but there is no equity without intersectionality, so discussion topics ranged from working with BIPOC to genderqueer, disabled, and neurodiverse performers and costumers to a policy of consent extended both to and from costume personnel and performers.

# 2020 Womxn and Non-Binary Advocacy – Women in Theatre (special topics elective) – Boston Conservatory at Berklee

at the invitation of Dr. Alyssia Schmidt, Assistant Professor

Addressing the female and non-binary presence in design and technology, wage disparity, cultural cognizance, microaggressions, and the flaws in national wage studies based upon gender dominant culture in theatre industry subcategories.

#### 2020 Costume Design Seminar -

#### **University of Connecticut**

at the invitation of **Summer Lee Jack, freelance costume designer / adjunct faculty**Addressing the impact of guiding a fitting in a productive manner, elevating the interests of all collaborators in the room including the performer, and working with all parties in a respectful, productive, efficient, and growth-focused manner regardless of circumstance.

**2020 Montana Thespian** workshop in screen printing with graduate student Kylie McDonald

**2020** guided **Hellgate High School** students through development and implementation

of fabric-covered wire Aslan puppet for *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* 

# **2019, 2020, 2021** Portfolio development workshops, **University of Montana Theatre Design** and **Technology**

- 2020 Masterclass in metric trouser draft Florida State University
- 2019 Masterclass in machine comprehension University of Montana
- **2019** Masterclass in welt pockets **Florida State University**
- 2018 Masterclass in Bias Draping University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

#### 2018, 2019 Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC)

Served on University / Resident Theatre Association panels on choosing to go to Graduate School, Portfolio and resume development

# 2014-2017 OSF (Oregon Shakespeare Festival)

# Costume Department Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion workgroup

Participated as a member of the workgroup encouraging and implementing strategies of promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion in the costume department by engaging in constructive discussion and improvement of inclusive language, actions, and policies.

#### Theatrical Costume Technology and Design resumes also available

Note: a complete list of all productions worked on both professionally and educationally is available upon request – no single resume contains a complete list.