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EDUCATION

Master of Arts, Theatre and Child Drama	Arizona State University
Bachelor of Arts, Education	University of South Florida
Certification: State of Florida Teaching Certification	General Education K-6

TEACHING EXPERIENCE- UNH

Sr., Murkland Lecturer, Faculty-in-Residence, University of New Hampshire: 1992- 2015
Principal Lecturer -2015 Present

Courses Past and Present: Introduction to Puppetry, Introduction to Puppetry Online, Advanced Puppetry, Creative Drama, Storytelling, Methods of Teaching Theatre, Theatre for Young Audiences, Education ,Through Dramatization, Independent Study, Intro to Theatre, Capstone Projects, The London Experience

Instructor, Theatre Ed. Summer Workshop for Teachers, UNH Dept. of Theatre and Dance: 1994-1999
Courses: Creative Drama and Puppetry, Production Design, Directing the Musical

Instructor, UNH Dept. of Theatre and Dance, Summer Workshops for Youth: 1995-Present
Courses: Puppetry and Mask Making, Musical Theatre, Playwriting and Acting, Puppetry and Storytelling

Drama Instructor, Portsmouth Middle School: 1996-2007
Courses: Play Production, Musical Theatre, Puppetry

Drama Instructor, Boston Children's Theatre: 1987-1993
Courses: Acting, Play Production

Drama Instructor, Natick Recreation Department: 1984-1993
Courses: Play Production, Creative Drama, Set Design and Construction, Art

Drama Teacher, Concord Youth Theatre/Act-Tunes, 1986-1993
Courses: Play Production, Drama for Pre-School, Musical Theatre

Drama, Puppetry Instructor, Middlesex Summer Arts, Carlisle: 1985-1987
Courses: Puppetry, High School Play Production

Teacher, Kindergarten Creative Extended Enrichment, Natick Public Schools: 1987-1993

Artist-in-Residence, Lynn Public Schools: 1985-1987
Course: Playwriting and Performance- Puppetry enrichment for gifted students

Puppetry Instructor, After-school Arts Enrichment, Norwood Public Schools, Norwood, MA: 1985-1989

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Program Development, University of New Hampshire Dept. of Theatre and Dance TRY, 1995- 1996
Duties included: Creating and developing summer theatre workshops for youth, hiring of artistic staff, managing finances, promotion and publicity

Director of Program, Natick Drama Workshop, Natick Recreation Dept. Natick, MA: 1983-1994
Duties included: Directing drama program for youth, hiring artistic staff, managing budget, coordinating volunteers, publicity and promotion

Touring Director, Concord Youth Theatre (Act-Tunes), Concord, MA: 1987-1989
Duties included: Developing summer touring production, managing state grant, directing, hiring of professional staff, supervision of youth actors, publicity, scheduling and advertising

Touring Director, Boston Children's Theatre, Boston, MA: 1991-1993
Duties included: Coordinating program, supervision of staff, tour manager, set and costume designer

THEATRICAL EXPERIENCE – DIRECTING

University of New Hampshire, Dept. of Theatre and Dance

2020	HERSHEL & THE HANUKKAH GOBLINS Dance	Online Streaming Production, Dept. of Theatre and Dance
2019	ODYSSEY - Puppetry	Johnson Main Stage, Dept. of Theatre and Dance
2019	MOMOTARO:PEACH BOY HERO	UNH Dept. of Theatre and Dance (Zornio)
2017	MADAGASCAR	ARTS REACH –Summer Drama Camp
2012	AVENUE Q	Mainstage, Dept. of Theater and Dance
2011	STREGA NONA	ARTS REACH, Spring and Summer Tour
2009	UGLY DUCKLING	Theatre Resources for Youth (TRY), Summer Tour
2008	MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL	Playwriting, TRY Summer Youth Workshop
2007	AESOP'S FABLES	TRY Summer Tour
2007	FRACTURED FAIRY TALES	Playwriting, TRY Summer Youth Workshop
2007	THE FUNNY LITTLE WOMAN	Advanced Puppetry Performance
2006	TREASURE ISLAND	TRY Summer Tour
2006	WORDS OF ART	Playwriting, TRY Summer Youth Workshop
2006	SEUSSICAL	Main Stage
2006	PETER AND THE WOLF	TRY Spring Tour
2005	NEAR SIGHTED KNIGHT	TRY Summer Tour
2004	THE DANCING SPIDER	Main Stage, Advanced Puppetry performance
2004	THE DANCING SPIDER	TRY Summer Tour
2003	ALADDIN	TRY Summer Tour
2002	WESTERN TRAIL	Main Stage, (Anna Zornio Playwriting winner)
2002	THE RELUCTANT DRAGON	TRY Summer Tour
2001	WILEY AND THE HAIRY MAN	TRY Summer Tour
2000	JUNGLE BOOK	Main Stage, Advanced Puppetry performance
1999	NEAR SIGHTED KNIGHT	TRY Summer Tour
1998	PIPPY LONGSTOCKING	Main Stage
1997	ALICE IN WONDERLAND	Advanced Puppetry performance
1996	CHARLOTTE'S WEB	Theatre for Young Audiences performance
1996	WIZARD OF OZ	Main Stage
1995	CREATURE CONCERT	Main Stage, Anna Zornio Playwriting winner)

1994 HOUSE AT POOH CORNER Theatre for Young Audiences performance)

Page Elementary School, K-6 Musical, West Newbury, MA
2008 CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Blanchard/Stonybrook Middle School Productions, Westford, MA
1998-2009 THE WIZ, PETER PAN, GREASE, BYE-BYE BIRDIE, THE WIZARD OF OZ,
MUSIC MAN, OLIVER, BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, JOSEPH AND THE
AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT, ANNIE, ALL SHOOK UP

Portsmouth Middle School Drama, Portsmouth, NH
1994-2007 CHARLOTTE'S WEB, 12 DANCING PRINCESSES, THE TRIAL OF THE
WICKED WITCH, GREASE, CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY,
ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Natick Drama Workshop, Natick Recreation Dept., Natick, MA
1982-1993 THE WIZARD OF OZ, BABES IN TOYLAND, PETER PAN, ROBIN HOOD,
ANNIE, ALICE IN WONDERLAND, PINOCCHIO, CHARLOTTE'S WEB,
OLIVER, CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY, SNOW WHITE,
THE WIZ

Boston Children's Theatre, Boston, MA
1989-1993 ALADDIN, HOUSE AT POOH CORNER, PINOCCHIO, ALICE IN
WONDERLAND, GOLLIWHOPPERS, THE WIZARD OF OZ

Concord Youth Theatre, Concord, MA
1986-1993 ALICE IN WONDERLAND, CHARLOTTE'S WEB, ROBIN HOOD, SNOW
WHITE, NEAR SIGHTED KNIGHT, RANSOM OF RED CHIEF

THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS – DESIGN for COSTUMES/ SCENERY/ PUPPETRY

The University of New Hampshire, Dept. of Theatre and Dance

- 2020 HERSHEL & THE HANUKKAH GOBLINS - Puppet design and construction
- 2020 SPLASH - Puppet design and construction for UNH Dance Co.
- 2019 ODYSSEY - Giant Puppets design and construction
- 2019 MOMOTARO-PEACH BOY HERO, puppet design and construction
- 2018 WIZARD OF OZ, UNH Dance Co, - costumes
- 2017 – SHREK- puppets
- 2016- BIG FISH--puppets
- 2016 - MAN'S WORLD - costumes
- 2015 DEAD MAN'S CELL PHONE- costumes
- 2014 CHICAGO- costumes
- 2013 SILA-puppets, ALICE IN WONDERLAND- set
- 2012 AVENUE Q – costumes, puppets
- 2011 SPOON RIVER – costumes
- 2011 WIZARD OF OZ – costumes
- 2011 STREGA NONA – costumes, set, puppets
- 2010 BALLET - costumes
- 2009 THE POINT DANCE COMPANY – costumes
- 2008 UGLY DUCKLING – costumes, set, puppets
- 2007 ALL SHOOK UP – costumes

- 2006 SEUSSICAL – co –costumes
- 2006 X-FACTOR - costumes
- 2006 PETER AND THE WOLF – costumes, set, puppets
- 2006 TREASURE ISLAND – costumes, set
- 2005 AND THEN THEY CAME FOR ME – costumes
- 2005 NEAR SIGHTED KNIGHT – costumes
- 2004 THE DANCING SPIDER – costumes, set, puppets
- 2004 ALICE IN WONDERLAND – set
- 2003 LEND ME A TENOR – costumes
- 2002 WESTERN TRAIL – puppets
- 2002 LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW – puppets
- 2001 WILEY AND THE HAIRY MAN – costumes, set, puppets
- 2000 JUNGLE BOOK – puppets
- 2000 ALICE IN WONDERLAND – puppets
- 1999 MOBY DICK – costumes
- 1998 RUMPLESTILTSKIN - costumes
- 1997 PINOCCHIO – costumes
- 1996 CHARLOTTE’S WEB – puppets
- ROMEO AND JULIET – set
- 1995 CREATURE CONCERT – co-costumes
- 1994 THE HOUSE AT POOH CORNER – set, puppets

Merrimack College Theater Dept.

- 2017 Collaboration with students and faculty for construction of giant dragon puppets for “She Kills Monsters

UNH Cooperative Extension- Pest Management

- 2015 Bedbug Puppet project for education, media, and grant support
- 2015 COMOCEAN- puppetry construction for UNH Marine Program and UNH ArtsReach Summer Tour

Community Design Projects, Prescott Park Summer Arts Festival, Portsmouth NH

- 2011 PETER PAN – set and puppet design
- 2014 SHREK – puppets, 30 ft. dragon
- 2016 LITTLE MERMAID- puppet design and construction
- 2017 MARY POPPINS – set design
- 2018 SUESSICAL – set design
- 2018 SHREK – Puppet reconstruction
- 2019 BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, set design

GRANTS

- UNH COLA- Lecturer Faculty Development Grant 2019
- UNH, Faculty Development Grant 2019
- UNH, International Faculty Development Grant: 2007
- UNH, Faculty Development Grants 1990-2017
- State of MA Arts Development Grant: 1985-1987
- State of MA Lottery Arts Grants: 1986-2000

SERVICE

- Facilitator, Spooky Stories, UNH Storytelling and Puppetry Showcase: 1998-2013
- Presentation of drama projects for community outreach

Presenter, Instructor, UNH Dept. of Theatre and Dance Drama Day: 2002-present
Workshop presentations for elementary, middle school, high school students in storytelling, design, directing, puppetry and creative drama

Facilitator, Instructor, Page Elementary School, West Newbury, MA 2008-present
Elementary classroom workshops in creative drama, puppetry, set and costume design

Facilitator, Destination Imagination, Page Elementary School: 2008-2009
Team Coordinator for 6th grade creative arts competition team

Presenter- New England Drama Festival (various years 2009- 2018)
Puppetry workshops for New England HS drama students

UNH Committee Member- Lecturer Promotion, ArtsReach, Curriculum 2007-Present

Student Supervisor, Child Development and Studies Center, UNH: 2001-present
Workshops with students for preschool in puppetry and drama

UNH Faculty Development- Pedagogical Leave-Research and Study of Puppetry Arts in France
Research project for interviews of current puppetry artists and focused research of applications of French Puppetry Arts at Ecole de la Marionette, Charleville, France

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Alliance for Theatre Education
Puppeteers of America & UNIMA-USA-National Puppet Arts Organization
UNIMA-International
New England Theatre Conference