

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

MFA

University of Southern Mississippi
School of Visual and Performing Arts
Aug. 2023-Present
Advisor: Jeremy Weing

BFA

University of Wyoming
Department of Theatre and Dance
August 2012-December 2017
Advisor: Sharon Huzinga, Casey Kerns
Minor: Music

Academic Appointments

2023-2025

Graduate Assistant
Lighting and Sound Production
University of Southern Mississippi

Teaching Experience

Fall 2023-2025

Assistant Instructor Practicum
(4 Section, Avg. 10Students) Students learn hands on skills for preparing and running a show in lighting and sound areas.

Spring 2024-2025	Graduate Teaching Assistant Intro to Light and Sound (3 Section, 10 Students) Students were introduced to concepts and techniques used in lighting and sound on productions of every level as well as hands on experience.
Spring 2025	Guest Lecturer Intro to Theatre (1 Section, 25 Students) Students were taught how lighting is employed by industry professionals.
Fall 2024	Guest Lecturer Intro to Costume and Makeup (1 Section, 10 Students) Students learned how lighting interacts with costume and makeup.
Fall 2021-2023	Assistant Instructor Dance Production (4 Sections, Avg. 45 Students) Students learned the basics of technical production and received hands on practice in running live shows.
Spring 2019-2020	Assistant Instructor Production (3 Sections, Avg.30 Students) Students received hands on instruction in preparing lighting, projection, and sound for theatrical shows.

Professional Experience

2025	<i>The Mousetrap</i>	Lighting Designer	Southern Arena Theatre
2025	<i>Elephant & Piggie: We are in a Play!</i>	Sound Designer	Southern Arena Theatre
2024		Sound and Projection Supervisor	Des Moines Metro Opera
2021-2023		Production Specialist	Sam Houston State University (SHSU)

2023	<i>Discovering Three</i>	Technical Dir., Lighting Mentor	SHSU
2023	<i>Dance Spectrum</i>	Lighting Designer, Technical Dir.	SHSU
2023	<i>Senior Studio.</i>	Lighting Designer, Technical Dir.	SHSU
2023	<i>Twenty Four, or The Cure for Love.</i>	Lighting Designer	SHSU
2023	American College Dance Association	Master Electrician	SHSU
2023	<i>The Voyage.</i>	Lighting and Projection Designer, Technical Dir.	SHSU
2022	<i>Dance Spectrum</i>	Lighting Designer, Technical Dir.	SHSU
2022	<i>Senior Studio.</i>	Lighting Designer, Technical Dir.	SHSU
2022	Opera Scenes	Lighting Designer	SHSU
2022	<i>Dances@8</i>	Lighting Designer, Technical Dir.	SHSU
2022	<i>Life's a Beach</i>	Lighting Designer, Technical Dir.	SHSU
2022	Aimed Dance Festival	Lighting Designer	Lamar University
2022	<i>Masters of Dance.</i>	Lighting Designer, Technical Dir.	SHSU
2022	<i>Avalanche</i>	Lighting Designer, Technical Dir.	SHSU
2021	<i>Dances@8</i>	Lighting Designer, Technical Dir.	SHSU
2021	<i>Masters of Dance.</i>	Lighting Designer, Technical Dir.	SHSU
2019-2020	Supervisor of Lighting, Projection, and Sound.		Univ. Of Houston
2019	<i>Gentleman</i>	Lighting Designer	Midtown Arts and Theatre Center
2018		Stagehand	Rhino Staging
2017		Stagehand	Associated Student Technical Services
2016	<i>Hairspray Live!</i>	Lighting Intern	Universal Studios Backlot
2016	<i>East of Heart Mountain</i>	Sound Designer	Wyo Performing Arts
2016	Snowy Range Summer Theatre	Master Electrician	Univ. of Wyoming

2014-2016	Stagehand	Technical Services Univ. of Wyoming
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Academic Experience

2025	<i>Big Fish</i>	Lighting Designer	Univ. Of Southern Mississippi
2024	<i>The Lieutenant of Inishmore.</i>	Lighting Designer	Univ. Of Southern Mississippi
2024	<i>Dontrell Who Kissed the Sea</i>	Sound Designer	Univ. Of Southern Mississippi
2024	<i>Electra</i>	Lighting Designer	Univ. Of Southern Mississippi
2017	<i>Limitless</i>	Lighting Designer.	Univ. of Wyoming
2017	<i>Fall for Dance</i>	Lighting Designer	Univ. of Wyoming
2017	<i>The Man Who Turned Into a Stick.</i>	Lighting Designer.	Univ. of Wyoming
2015-2016		Master Electrician	Univ. of Wyoming

Awards and Nominations

KCATF Region 4.	<i>The Lieutenant of Inishmore</i> Nominated 2024	Univ. of Southern Mississippi Lighting Designer
KCATF Region 4	<i>Dontrell Who Kissed the Sea</i> Nominated 2024	Univ. of Southern Mississippi Sound Designer
KCATF Region 4	<i>Electra</i> Nominated 2024	Univ. of Southern Mississippi Lighting Designer

Recognized by the Sam Houston State Office of Student Affairs as a staff member who contributed significantly to students academic success and personal development.