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CURRICULUM VITÆ

EDUCATION

♦ Ph.D. Theatre May 2018 University of Illinois

Dissertation: "The *Ludus de Antichristo* and the Making of a Monastic Theatre: Imperial Politics and Performance at the Abbey of Tegernsee 1000-1200."

Dissertation Advisor: Carol Symes, Ph.D Recipient of Departmental Distinction Award

♦ M.A. Theatre History & Practice May 2012 University of Illinois

Thesis: "The Ludus de Antichristo: Playing Power in the Medieval Public

Sphere"

Thesis Advisor: Carol Symes, Ph.D.

♦ B.A. Musical Theatre May 2005 Ouachita University

Musical Theatre Recital: Loves | Labours | Lost

Advisors: D. Scott Holsclaw, Ph.D. & Jon Secrest, Ph.D.

Directing Project: Absence with Pictures by Kendra A. Thomas

Advisor: D. Scott Holsclaw, Ph.D.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Missouri State University (Springfield, MO)

2019 - Present

Assistant Professor of Theatre, Department of Theatre & Dance

Coordinator of the BA/BS Theatre Program

Honors College Faculty

Graduate College Faculty (M.F.A. in Dramatic Writing Program)

- THE 101: Introduction to Theatre (Honors Section)
 - THE 122: Tools of the Actor
 - THE 130: Script Analysis
 - THE 210: Writing for the Theatre
 - THE 226: Intermediate Voice & Movement
 - THE 323: Acting Performance & Literature
 - THE 430: Directing I
 - THE 482: Senior Project in Theatre
 - THE 497 (Topics): Creative Leadership in Theatre
 - THE 497 (Topics): Staging Medieval Drama Online
 - THE 497 (Topics): YouTube Content Creation
 - THE 742: Dramatic Theory & Criticism (Graduate Course)
 - UHC 110: Freshman Honors Seminar "The Dramatic Impulse in the Middle Ages"

University of Indianapolis (Indianapolis, IN)

2018 - 2019

Associate Adjunct Professor, Department of Theatre

- THE 110: Introduction to Theatre
- THE 130: Introduction to Acting
- THE 132: Speech for the Stage
- THE 241: Script Analysis

Illinois Wesleyan University (Bloomington, IL) 2017 - 2018Adjunct Professor, Department of Theatre THEA 371: Theatre History I THEA 372: Theatre History II Parkland College (Champaign, IL) 2012 - 2020Adjunct Professor, Theatre Program THE 100: Theatre Appreciation (Live & Online) THE 101: Theatre History (Live & Online) THE 103: Performance of Literature - THE 124: Film Appreciation (Live, Hybrid, & Online) THE 125: Film History (Online) COM 103: Voice and Diction University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2010 - 2018Teaching Assistant, Department of Theatre Teaching Assistant, Department of Communications (2012-2013) THEA 101: Introduction to Theatre (Live & Online) O Supervising T.A. for all online sections (2015-2018) THEA 110: Broadway Musicals & American Culture THEA 208: Script Analysis THEA 360: Theatre History I THEA 361: Theatre History II THEA/GWS 218: Introduction to Social Issues Theatre THEA 400M INNER VOICES: Social Issues Theatre Ensemble CMN 101: Public Speaking Westminster Christian School (Miami, FL) 2007-2010 Theatre & Speech Teacher Ouachita University (Arkadelphia, AR) 2006-2007 Admissions & Recruitment Officer

Peking University (Beijing, China)

2005 (Summer Term)

Adjunct Professor, Department of English

- Fundamentals of Theatre Acting

PUBLICATIONS

- **❖** Editorial
 - o Editor-in-Chief: *ROMARD: Research On Medieval And Renaissance Drama* (Medieval Institute Publications).
 - Volume 58 (2021)
 - Volume 59 (2022)
 - o Editorial Assistant: *Ecumenica: Journal of Theatre and Performance* vol. 4, issue 2 (Fall 2011).

❖ Books

o The Play About the Antichrist (Ludus de Antichristo): A Historical Exegesis, Performance Dramaturgy, and Latin Edition. With verse translation by Carol Symes. Kalamazoo, MI: Medieval Institute Publications (Forthcoming in 2023).

Book Chapters

- o "Monks at the World's End: Performing an Eschatological Monasticism in the Twelfth-Century *Ludus de Antichristo*," in *Dies irae, dies illa: Music in the Apocalyptic Mode*, Colin McAllister and Lorenzo DiTommaso, eds. (Leiden: Brill, forthcoming in 2023).
- o "The Performing Arts and Their Audiences," in *A Cultural History of Leisure: the Medieval Age (500-1450)*, Peter Borsay and Jan Hein Furnée, eds. (New York: Bloomsbury Academic, forthcoming in 2023).
- "Laying Down the RUG: Andrew Lloyd Webber, the Really Useful Group, and Musical Theatre in a Global Economy," in *The Palgrave Handbook of Musical Theatre Producers*, Laura MacDonald and William Everett, eds. (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017), 325-332.

❖ Articles and Essays (* = peer-reviewed work)

- o "Playful Performance: Gameplay and Theatre in the Early Middle Ages," in *European Medieval Drama*, vol. 26 (2022): 185-213.*
- o "The Medieval Space: Early Medieval Documents as Stages," in *Theatre Survey*, vol. 59, issue 1 (January 2018): 4-22.*
- o "Theatre in a Mobile World: Critiquing Convention and Calling for Innovation," online article at Howlround.com (June 3, 2015).
- o "Finding the Practice in Your Theory Getting a PhD in Theatre Today," in *TYA Today* 28.2 (November 2014): 22-26.
- o "A Ph.D. in Theatre: Working in Theory to Work in Practice," online article at Howlround.com (December 18, 2013).
- o "Profile: Nedjeljko Fabrio's *The Reformers*," in *Ecumenica: Journal of Theatre and Performance* vol. 5, issue 2 (Fall 2012): 79-82.*

❖ Book Reviews

- O Review of *Dramatic Justice: Trial by Theater in the Age of the French Revolution* by Yann Robert, in *Theatre History Studies*, vol. 41 (2022): 203-205.
- o Review of *Mind-Travelling and Voyage Drama in Early Modern England* by David McInnis, in *Theatre Survey*, vol. 55, issue 3 (September 2014): 400-402.

FEATURED/INVITED GUEST LECTURES

- "Monastics Making Theatre: Towards a More Complete History of Early Medieval Theatre." Alumni Lecture Series: the Program in Medieval Studies at the University of Illinois. March 30, 2022.
- "Medieval Theatre in Modern Spaces." The Institute for Medieval Studies Damico Spring Lecture Series at the University of New Mexico. April 30, 2021.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- Paper Presentation: "Wearing it on the Sleeve: Costuming and Inner Character in Latin Drama." Mid-America Medieval Association. October 8, 2022, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR.
- Respondent: "Teaching Medieval Drama to Today's Students." International Congress on Medieval Studies, panel sponsored by the Medieval & Renaissance Drama Society. May 13, 2022, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- Panelist: "Concepts and Practices of Performance in Medieval European Culture." International Congress on Medieval Studies, panel sponsored by the Medieval & Renaissance Drama Society. May 14, 2021, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- Panel Organizer: "Performing Medieval Drama in the Twenty-First Century." International Congress on Medieval Studies, panel sponsored by the Medieval & Renaissance Drama Society. May 14, 2021, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- Paper Presentation: "Towards an Early Medieval Dramaturgy: Affective Performance and the Monastic Community." International Congress on Medieval Studies, panel sponsored by the Medieval & Renaissance Drama Society. May 13, 2021, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- Paper Presentation: "Apocalypse When?: *Total Immediate Collective Imminent Terrestrial Salvation* and Medieval Apocalyptic Dramaturgy." American Society for Theatre Research. November 7, 2020. Theory & Criticism Virtual Conference Session.
- Paper Presentation: "Upcycling the Theatre Antique: Premodern Practices for Postmodern Performance," Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE). July 23, 2020, Virtual Conference Session.
- Paper Presentation: "Medieval/Postmodern Performance: Brechtian Approaches to a the 12th-Century *Play of Adam*," New Chaucer Society Congress. July 14, 2018, Victoria University, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- Panelist & Performer: "Performance as Research: Medieval Text, Modern Performance, Contested Ground (A Performance)," International Congress on Medieval Studies, panel sponsored by the Medieval & Renaissance Drama Society. May 13, 2016, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.

- Staged Reading Director & Moderator: "New Approaches to Medieval Drama," The Newberry Library Medieval Studies Symposium. September 25, 2015, Chicago, IL.
- Featured Roundtable Participant: "Changing Scenes: Production Then and Now," International Congress on Medieval Studies, panel sponsored by the Medieval & Renaissance Drama Society. May 14-17, 2015, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- Paper Presentation & Workshop Leader: "Learning to Act Medieval: Contextual Layering and Performing Medieval Plays," American Society of Theatre Research (ASTR). November 7-10, 2013, Dallas, TX.
- Paper Presentation: "Play it Again: The Manuscipted (After)Life of the *Ludus de Antichristo*," International Congress on Medieval Studies, panel sponsored by the Medieval & Renaissance Drama Society. May 9-12, 2013, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
 - Nominated for the 2014 Alexandra F. Johnston Award for Best Paper Presented at a Conference by a Graduate Student as awarded by the Medieval & Renaissance Drama Society
- Paper Presentation: "The Absent Body: Embodiment and Representation in the Tenth-Century *Quem quaeritis* Trope," Theatre & Drama Graduate Symposium on Theatre & Performance Studies. March 23, 2013, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
- Panel Respondent: "Sensory Landscapes" Panel, Landscapes: Performing Space and Culture Conference. April 6, 2013, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL.
- Paper Presentation: "Out from Under the RUG: How The Really Useful Group Has Redefined the Theatrical Commodity in the Global Economy," Canadian Association of Theatre Research (CATR). May 26-29, 2012, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada.
- Paper Presentation: "Talking Twelfth Century: Negotiating History Through Performance," Theatre and Drama Graduate Student Conference University of Wisconsin. March 24, 2012, Madison, WI.
- Paper Presentation: "Medieval Body Building: Concepts of Embodiment in the Twelfth Century *Ludus de Antichristo*," American Society of Theatre Research (ASTR). November 17-20, 2011, Montreal, Canada.

DEPARTMENTAL GUEST LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Missouri State University

"The PRIFT Technique for Devising Theatre." Acting Studio. October 4, 2019.

University of Illinois

- "Laying the Text Bare: Directing Historical Plays." For the THEA 399: Director's Workshop, Department of Theatre. September 27 & 29, 2016.
- "Dramaturgy and the Process of Script Analysis and Development." For the THEA 410: Dramaturg's Workshop Seminar, Department of Theatre. February 24, 2016.

- "The Teaching Space: The Classroom as Performance Space." The Sociology Graduate Seminar. March 19, 2014 and (Repeated) February 2, 2016.
- "Cultivating Your Online Profile." For the Graduate Theatre Studies Working Session in the Department of Theatre. October 14, 2015.
- "Dramaturgy and Performance in the University of Illinois Theatre Department's Production of *Oh What a Lovely War*." For the "Literature and World War I" Seminar, Department of English. November 20, 2014.
- "Exploring Content Using Theatre Techniques." Department of Curriculum and Instruction Course CI 522. November 13, 2014.
- "Staging Science: Using Theatre Techniques for Effective Scientific Presentations." The Immunobiology Graduate Seminar. February 19, 2013.

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

- Arkansas State Thespians Festival. "Giving Direction: Fundamental Approaches to the Art of Directing." Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Arkansas. February 2023.
- Illinois High School Theatre Festival. "Giving Direction: Fundamental Approaches to the Art of Directing." University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois. January 2023.
- Missouri State Thespians Festival. "Giving Direction: Fundamental Approaches to the Art of Directing." Kansas City Convention Center, Kansas City, Missouri. January 2023.
- Illinois High School Theatre Festival. "The Center of it All: Using the Physical Self in Character Creation." Illinois State University, Bloomington, Illinois. January 2016.
- Mithya: The Indian Dramatics Society. "Body, Voice, and Character: An Introduction to Acting." University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois. October 2015.
- Illinois High School Theatre Festival. "Hello, My Name Is...The First Two Minutes of Your Audition." University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois. January 2015.
- Illinois High School Theatre Festival. "The FIRST Foot in the Door." University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois. January 2013.
- Arkansas State Thespians Festival. "Are You a George Clooney? Using A/B Acting Practice." Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. January 2007.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTING, DRAMATURGY, & ACTING EXPERIENCE * Please see pages 10-11.

PROFESSIONAL THEATRE COMPANY EXPERIENCE

Storefront Theatre of Indianapolis (Indianapolis, IN) *Advising Director of Education and Outreach*

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL THEATRE PRACTICE TRAINING

- ❖ Acting and Devising for the Theatre. Anne Bogart and SITI Company. January 2012.
- ❖ Devising and Movement Training. Sturan Leslie (Royal Shakespeare Company). April 2014.

PUBLIC-FACING RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

- Host: The Theatre History Professor Channel on YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyiuezyz8xAvYDFKcpRMPZQ.
- Co-Host: "The Teaching Drama Podcast." Multi-episode podcast about theatre, education, and training with over 1,300 unique downloads.

 https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/teaching-drama/id1457256243?mt=2.
- Expert Contributor: *Mysteries of the Abandoned: Hidden America*. Seasons 1-2. The Discovery Science Channel, 2022.
- Expert Contributor: "'Profanely Sacred': The Dual Face of European Medieval Theatre." Working Over Time Podcast. February 1, 2022. https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/profanely-sacred-the-dual-face-of-european/id1518403959?i=1000549651185.
- Expert Contributor: "Experts Weigh In on Current Job Market Trends." Zippia: The Career Expert (Zippia.com). November 14, 2020. https://www.zippia.com/theatre-instructor-jobs/trends.
- Expert Contributor: "Episode 13: Staging a Medieval Play in the 21st Century." *Theatre History Podcast*. Michael Lueger, producer and host. November 21, 2016. https://howlround.com/theatre-history-podcast-13.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

Community Foundation of the Ozarks Funding Grant for	the LTC	2021
❖ Director's Award for Outstanding Faculty Research (MS	U)	2021
❖ Missouri State University 1st-Year Faculty Research Aw	ard	2020
University of Illinois Department of Theatre Arts Fellow	ship	2017
University of Illinois Program in Medieval Studies Trave	el Scholarship	2014, 2015
University of Illinois Graduate College Travel Grant Aw	ard	2013
University of Illinois Department of Theatre Travel Gran	t Award	2011, 2012, 2013
❖ Work-Study Fellowship – American Society for Theatre	Research	2011
❖ Wilbur D. Menefee Fellowship – University of Illinois		2010 - 2015
❖ Presidential Scholar of Theatre Dept. – Ouachita Baptist	University	2001 - 2005

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- ❖ Missouri State University, Department of Theatre & Dance
 - Faculty producer/sponsor of the Laboratory Theatre Company (2020-2022)
 - Building, Investing, Dreaming Committee (curricular overhaul & reformation, 2021-22)

- Student Advising (completed Master Advisor training, 2019)
- Recruitment and Retention Committee Member, 2019-2022
- Season Selection Committee Member, 2019-2022
- Student Travel Fund Committee Member, 2019-2021
- Studio Series Selection Committee Co-Chair, 2019-2021
- ❖ University of Illinois, Department of Theatre
 - Season Selection Committee Member, 2016-2018
 - Student Advisory Council Member, 2014-2015.
 - Amory Theatre Residency Selection Committee Member, 2013-2014

UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ❖ Missouri State University
 - Faculty Senate, 2021-2022
 - Council on General Education and Intercollegiate Programs, 2020-2022
 - Judge for "Missouri State Live" Homecoming Event, 2020
 - Master Advisor Certification (awarded December 2019)
 - College and Career Advising: Pursuing a Degree in Theatre TRIO: Upward Bound Saturday Academy for grades 9 through 12 (October 2019)
 - Facilitation and direction of an abbreviated performance of *Comedy of Errors* for the Any Given Child arts initiative, Springfield, MO (November 2019)
 - Judge for Southwest MSHSAA District Readers Theatre Competition (March 2020)
 - Sponsor for Student Organizations:
 - o MSU Stand-Up
 - o Missouri State Improv
- University of Illinois
 - Search Committee Member Counseling Center Research Data Analyst Search Committee, 2015

SERVICE IN THE FIELD

❖ American Society for Theatre Research (ASTR)	
- Conference Planning Committee	2023
❖ Medieval and Renaissance Drama Society (MRDS)	
- Stevens Award Selection Committee	2020
- Palmer Award Selection Committee	2020
- Alexandra F. Johnston Award Selection Committee	2021

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE)	2019 – Present
Medieval and Renaissance Drama Society (MRDS)	2013 – Present
Medieval Academy of America	2012 – Present
American Society for Theatre Research (ASTR)	2011 – Present
Canadian Association for Theatre Research (CATR)	2012 - 2015
Educational Theatre Association (EdTA)	2007 - 2011

HONORS

*	University of Illinois "List of Teacher Ranked as Excellent by Their Students"	2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
*	President of Theatre Studies Organization (Univ. of Illinois RSO)	2012 - 2014
*	National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) State Finalist in Upper Musical Theatre Division	2005
*	President of Theta Alpha Phi Honorary Theatre Fraternity	2004 - 2005
*	Director of KCACTF Region VII Performance Nominee	2004
*	National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Regional Finalist in Upper Musical Theatre Division	2004

RELEVANT SKILLS

Languages: German (Experienced), Latin (Intermediate), Old English (Foundational)

Certifications: CPR, First Aid

Computer: WYSIWYG, Google SketchUp, ETC Lighting Systems, Martin Lighting Equipment,

Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Final Cut, ProPresenter, Microsoft Office 365, Apple Keynote

KYLE A. THOMAS DIRECTING & DRAMATURGY RESUME

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<u>Production</u>	Producer/Theatre	<u>Location</u>	<u>Year</u>
Waiting for Lefty	Missouri State University	Springfield, MO	2023
Much Ado About Nothing	Missouri State University	Springfield, MO	2021
Everybody	Missouri State University	Springfield, MO	2021
Comedy of Errors	Missouri State University	Springfield, MO	2019
It's a Wonderful Life: The Radio Play	University of Indianapolis	Indianapolis, IN	2018
The Heart of Robin Hood	Interlochen Center for the Arts	Interlochen, MI	2017
Viva Verdi! A Night of Italian Opera	Lyric Theatre @ Illinois	Urbana, IL	2017
The Play of Adam	The Met Museum, Cloisters	N.Y.C., NY	2016
I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change	Champaign-Urbana Theatre Co.	Champaign, IL	2016
Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom	Parkland College	Champaign, IL	2015
Babio	Newberry Library	Chicago, IL	2015
The Pajama Game	Urbana Summer Theatre	Urbana, IL	2015
Floyd Collins	The Station Theatre	Urbana, IL	2015
How I Became a Pirate	Parkland College	Champaign, IL	2013
The Play of Antichrist	University of Illinois	Urbana, IL	2013

DRAMATURGY:

<u>Production</u>	Theatre Company	Location(s)	<u>Year</u>
Tom.	Theatre Collabor8	Illinois, Northern Ireland	2015
Oh What a Lovely War!	Illinois Theatre	University of Illinois	2014
Cabaret	Illinois Theatre	University of Illinois	2012

TRAINING:

Concentration	Teacher/Practitioner	<u>Organization</u>	Year(s)
Devising/Movement	Struan Leslie	Royal Shakespeare Company	2015
Acting/Directing	Anne Bogart	SITI Company	2011
Acting/Directing	Scott Holsclaw	Ouachita University	2001-2005
Voice	Jon Secrest	Ouachita University	2001-2005

KYLE A. THOMAS TALENT RESUME

ON-CAMERA:

Role	Production	Classification/Market	Producer	Year
Craig	Red Horse	SAG Short Film	Swede Films	2020
Taxation Simple	The Missing Deduction	Promotional/YouTube	BKD Firm	2020
Scaramucci	Grand Bargain	Music Video/National	Shatterglass Studios	2018
Jay Roberts	The Karaoke Singer	Short/YouTube	Swede Films	2017
Featured Non-Speaking	Busey Bank	Commercial/Regional	Surface 51	2017
Featured Non-Speaking	Volume App	Commercial/Regional	Swede Films/Volume App	2016
Bjorn Bjornson	Examples of Magnetism	Music Video/YouTube	Swede Films	2016
Lance Lawson	Lance Lawson*	Short/YouTube	ACE Films	2016
Featured Speaking	Ethics Training Films	Internal to Organization	University of Illinois	2016
Rye	Holly	Feature/YouTube	HD Productions	2015
Office Worker	Better Days	Short/YouTube	PranaYama Productions	2015
Featured Non-Speaking	Riverside Plaza	Commercial/Regional	D. Hudson Productions	2014
Blake	Figured Out	Feature/Regional	Burk/Harger Productions	2007
*Critic's Choice Award. Illin	i Film Festival (2017)			

^{&#}x27;Critic's Choice Award, Illini Film Festival (2017)

ON-STAGE:

Role	Production	Theatre/Producer	Location	Year
George Hay	Moon Over Buffalo	Tent Theatre	Springfield, MO	2022
Thornton Wilder	Master Wilder and the Cabala	University of Illinois	Urbana, IL	2018
Doctor/Ideal Man	St. Louis Stories	La Petite Theatre .ZACK	New Orleans, LA St. Louis, MO	2017
Bruce Granit	On the Twentieth Century	Lyric Theatre @ Illinois	Urbana, IL	2014
Younger Man	Putting it Together	The Station Theatre	Urbana, IL	2014
Senator Lyons	Of Thee I Sing	Lyric Theatre @ Illinois	Urbana, IL	2013
Main Ensemble	Gone Missing	Krannert Center for the Performing Arts	Urbana, IL	2012
Andrew	Kissing	New Theatre	Miami, FL	2009
John Proctor	The Crucible	The Studio Theatre	Little Rock, AR	2007

VOICE:

Role	Production	Type/Reach	Producer	Year
Multiple Featured	USASMA Training Series	Gameplay Character/National	Vertex Solutions/US	2019
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Henry Schoolcraft	The Sound the Stars Make	Character/Local Art Exhibit	Figure One Gallery	2017
The Fish Man	Sumerian Scrolls Exhibit	Character/Local Museum	Spurlock Museum	2014