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EDUCATION

- 2021-2023** **Florida State University**
Tallahassee, FL
Master of Arts in Theatre and Performance Research
- 2017-2021** **Grinnell College**
Grinnell, IA
Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, with honors and English, with honors
Concentration in Technology Studies
- Fall 2019** **Eugene O'Neill Theater Center**
Waterford, CT
National Theater Institute semester
Two-week residency with Complicité in London, UK

HONORS & AWARDS

- Winner, Sandy Moffett Award for Practice in Theatre and Dance, 2021
Winner, Barbara McClenon Clark One-Act Playwriting Competition, 2021
Honorable Mention, Scott-Noun Prize for Racial Justice, 2021
Runner-up, Barbara McClenon Clark One-Act Playwriting Competition, 2020
Pedagogical Development Grant, Digital Bridges for Humanistic Inquiry: A Grinnell College/University of Iowa Partnership, 2018 (co-recipient with John S. Garrison)

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Book chapters

"Mapping the Global Absent in Shakespeare." Co-author with John S. Garrison. *Shakespeare and Digital Pedagogy: Strategies for Teaching and Learning*, ed. Diana Henderson and Kyle Vitale. Bloomsbury Arden Shakespeare (in press).

Plays

All That Glistens: Four Short Plays. Grinnell College Press (Spring 2021).

Conference presentations

- "Mapping Absence in Shakespeare." *Digital Showcase at the Shakespeare Association of America*. Washington, D.C., April 2019.
"Mapping Absence in Shakespeare." *Student Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Symposium*. Grinnell, IA, April 2019.
"Mapping Absence in Shakespeare." *Digital Tech Fair*. Grinnell, IA, December 2018.

RESEARCH

Research Assistant

- Pickle Factory Dance Foundation 2021
Kolkata, India
- Conducted interviews with notable artists and producers to collect information about theatre resources in India
 - Collated a pan-Indian dance and theatre database for Performing Arts Hub Norway (PAHN)

Education Intern

- Steppenwolf Theatre Company 2020
Chicago, IL
- Researched and wrote the production study guide for *Animal Farm* that reached 20,000+ students worldwide
 - Developed and designed marketing collateral; organized and facilitated virtual Young Adult Council events

Lead Student Developer of *Mapping Absence in Shakespeare*

- Vivero Digital Scholarship Fellows 2018—2020
Grinnell, IA
- Collaborated with Dr. John Garrison to create an online pedagogy tool, funded by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
 - Read and mapped the global absent in Shakespeare's 40 plays, troubleshooting technical issues on ArcGIS

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TEACHING & WRITING

Script Reader

2021

The Reminder Plays Project

Philadelphia, PA

- Evaluated the eligibility of the submissions (based on the inclusion of any racist, homophobic, transphobic, misogynistic, ableist, or any other hateful/harmful content) to create a new database for plays centering queer narratives, written by queer-identifying playwrights in the Philadelphia area

Graduate Teaching Assistant

2021

Florida State University

Tallahassee, FL

- Tracking and grading over 100 students in Introduction to Theatre for Non-Majors, which meets the Liberal Studies Humanities core requirement for the state of Florida

Musical Theatre Teaching Intern/Dance Captain

2019

Taproot Theatre Company

Seattle, WA

- Shadowed summer musical theatre studio director and served as assistant director for 6 shows
- Attended production meetings and conducted review sessions with students as lead intern and dance captain

Teacher's Assistant

2018 & 2021

Grinnell College Preschool

Grinnell, IA

- Assisted preschool teachers with daily classroom responsibilities; engaged preschoolers through activities

Reporter

2017—2018

The Scarlet & Black (Student-Run Weekly Newspaper)

Grinnell, IA

- Conducted interviews and wrote 20 articles on news, arts, sports, special features and the Grinnell community

LEADERSHIP

Senator

2020—2021

Grinnell College Student Government Association

Grinnell, IA

- Advocated for students and participate in committees focusing on COVID-19 safety, student transportation during the pandemic, technology, green solutions, campus lighting, and planning a new downtown residence hall

Senior Interviewer / Campus Tour Guide / Administrative Assistant

2018—2021

Grinnell College Office of Admissions

Grinnell, IA

- Conducted student interviews, drafted write-ups, and led information sessions for prospective students & families
- Brainstormed and curated content for social media and engaged in active communication with applicants

Student Educational Policy Committee Representative

2018—2021

Grinnell College Theatre and Dance and English Departments

Grinnell, IA

- Interviewed applicants for faculty positions; conducted reviews of current professors for promotions and tenure
- Articulated student needs to the department, participated in implementing new policies, organized social events

House Manager / Box Office Staff

2018—2020

Grinnell College Theatre and Dance Department

Grinnell, IA

- Managed crowds (ranging from 50 to 200) and filed performance reports for shows

Secretary

2018—2019

Grinnell College International Student Organization (ISO)

Grinnell, IA

- Maintained a record of all cabinet and general meetings and archived all event materials
- Coordinated with administrative staff and students to organize Food Bazaar, Cultural Evening, and ISO Rave

SPECIALIZED SKILLS

Languages: Bengali (fluent, native) | Hindi (intermediate) | French (beginning)

Technology: Microsoft Office | Google Suite | Social media | Website creation | WordFly | Wufoo | WordPress | iMovie | Canva | ArcGIS | QLab | Adobe Photoshop | SketchUp | Episerver

Arts: Theatre (acting and writing/devising resumes available upon request) | Tenor, a cappella | Piano (intermediate) | Bollywood movement | Droznin | Unarmed stage combat