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EDUCATION

MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN DIRECTING

University of California-Irvine 2003

DOTTORATO STUDIES IN PHILOSOPHY

Pontificia Universitas Urbaniana, Rome, Italy. Coursework completed 1992

LICENTIA IN PHILOSOPHY

Pontificia Universitas Urbaniana, Rome, Italy. Summa cum Laude 1990

DIRECTING & DEVISING

The Rock Opera of Ustrzyki	Teatr Brama	Ustrzyki,	Poland	2023
The Rock Opera of Sandfjord	Stella Polaris/Teatr Brama	Sandfjord,	Norway	2023
Ma Solo Trentasei?	DAMS/UNIPA	Palermo,	Italy	2023
Could you Look into the Camera?	Trinity University	San Antonio, TX		2023
Virennu Facennu	Comunità di Sant'Egidio	Catania,	Italy	2022
Waiting for Godot	Trinity University	San Antonio, TX		2022
Città Invisibili (Co-Direction) F.L.I.P.T – Teatro Potlatch		Fara Sabina, Italy		2022
Forum Theatre Medical Dilemma	UT-Health	San Antoni	o, TX	2020
GAIA - A Video Play	Trinity University	San Antoni	o, TX	2020
Understand Me – Documentary	Performing Human Rights	Catania,	Italy	2020
Il Sogno di Prospero	Teatro del Drago	Ravenna,	Italy	2019
Forum Theatre Resident's Mistreatment UT-Health		San Antonio, TX		2019
Forum Theatre On Substance AbuseTrinity University		San Antonio, TX		2019
Città Invisibili (Co-Direction)	F.L.I.P.T – Teatro Potlatch	Fara Sabin	a, Italy	2018

End Stigma, End HIV/AIDS	Mellon Institute	San Antonio, TX	2018
Lady M A Commedia Dell'Arte	Trinity University	San Antonio, TX	2018
Forum Theatre On Family Abuse	Trinity University	San Antonio, TX	2018
The Bald Soprano	Trinity University	San Antonio, TX	2017
A Traves del Muro	International Fest of Theatre	San Antonio, TX	2017
On the Porch with the Lavens	International Fest of Theatre	San Antonio, TX	2017
Forum Theatre on Skin Tones	CREA-SHAKTY	Chennai, India	2016
14 - TransPerformance 7*	Attic <i>Rep</i> at the Tobin	San Antonio, TX	2016
Città Invisibili (Co-Direction)	F.L.I.P.T – Teatro Potlatch	Fara Sabina, Italy	2015
From The Mahabharata TransPerf.6	6* Attic <i>Rep</i> at the Tobin	San Antonio, TX	2015
The Irish Curse*	AtticRep at the Tobin Center	San Antonio, TX	2015
Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*	AtticRep at the Tobin Center	San Antonio, TX	2014
God of Carnage*	AtticRep at the Tobin Center	San Antonio, TX	2014
Elizaveta*	COSA	San Antonio, TX	2014
Libby Larsen: Rodeo Queen	SOLI Chamber Ensemble	San Antonio, TX	2014
Die Zauberflöte	National Pingtung University	Kaohsiung, Taiwan	2013
La Tempesta	Teatro del Drago	San Antonio, TX	2012
God of Carnage*	Attic <i>Rep</i>	San Antonio, TX	2012
Mozart and Salieri	Musical Bridges International	San Antonio, TX	2011
Smudge*	AtticRep	San Antonio, TX	2011
8 - TransPerformance 5	Trinity University	San Antonio, TX	2010
Forum Theatre On Immigration	Luminaria Art Festival	San Antonio, TX	2010
Taming of the Shrew*	New Theatre	Coral Gables, FL	2010
The Reason of the Insane Ones	Attic <i>Rep</i>	San Antonio, TX	2010
The Servant of Two Masters	Trinity University	San Antonio, TX	2009

As You Like It*	New Theatre	Coral Gables, FL	2008
Forum Theatre On Homelessness	AtticRep	San Antonio, TX	2008
One for the Road*	Capital Fringe Festival	Washington, DC	2008
Lincolnesque*	AtticRep	San Antonio, TX	2008
Back of the Throat*	Attic <i>Rep</i>	San Antonio, TX	2007
Julius Caesar*	New Theatre	Coral Gables, FL	2007
Fat Pig*	Attic <i>Rep</i>	San Antonio, TX	2007
Guys and Dolls	Trinity University	San Antonio, TX	2007
Much Ado About Nothing*	New Theatre	Coral Gables, FL	2006
Romeo and Juliet	Trinity University	San Antonio, TX	2006
The Triumph of Love	Trinity University	San Antonio, TX	2006
Pastiche TransPerformance 4	Davidson College	Davidson, NC	2005
Dancing at Lughnasa	Davidson College	Davidson, NC	2004
King Lear	UC-Irvine	Irvine, CA	2003
Marisol	UC-Irvine	Irvine, CA	2002
O'Keeffe!*	Hollywood Blvd. Theater	Hollywood, FL	2002
Heather?	OCHSA	Santa Ana, CA	2002
Sabbia TransPerformance 3	OCHSA	Santa Ana, CA	2001
Seven of Seven*	New Theatre	Coral Gables, FL	2001
How I Learned to Drive*	New Theatre	Coral Gables, FL	2001
TransPerformance 2	Nova SE University	Fort Lauderdale, FL	2000
Reckless	UC-Irvine	Irvine, CA	2000
A Moon for the Misbegotten*	New Theatre	Coral Gables, FL	2000
Kiss of the Spider Woman*	Coconut Grove Playhouse	Miami, FL	2000
Gandhi Goes Fishing*	City Theater	Coral Gables, FL	1999
Between East and West*	New Theatre	Coral Gables, FL	1998

Still Life*	TWYC	Hollywood, FL	1998
The Storyteller*	Miami Choral Society	Miami, FL	1998
Offending the Audience	NWSA	Miami, FL	1998
Guernika*	New Theatre	Coral Gables, FL	1997
The Collection *	Edge/Theater	Miami Beach, FL	1997
That Sound You Hear*	New Theatre	Coral Gables, FL	1997
Guernika TransPerformance 1	Potlatch Theater Lab	Miami, FL	1997

(*) AEA

PLAYWRITING

Ma Solo Trentasei with the students of DAMS at UNIPA, 2023

Virennu, Facennu with the Amazons of Comunità di Sant'Egidio, 2022

AGADEZ, Performing Human Rights, Catania/San Antonio, 2021

Lisa, with Francesca Ciommei, Rome Italy, 2020

GAIA, in collaboration with First Year Students of Trinity University, 2020

From the Mahabharata, AtticRep at Tobin Center for the Performing Arts 2017

14, AtticRep at Tobin Center for the Performing Arts 2016

8, Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, 2010

Pastiche, Davidson College, Davidson, NC, 2004

Undertones, Cayuga Community College, Auburn, NY, Second Place New York State Theater Festival, 2003

Sabbia, (co-writer), Orange County High School of the Arts (OCHSA), Santa Ana California, 2001

Heather? (co-writer), Orange County High School of the Arts (OCHSA), Santa Ana, CA, 2002

Murder at the Oscars (co-writer), Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 1999 *Giorgio*, New Theatre, Coral Gables, FL, 1997

Giorgio, Theater With Your Coffee, Hollywood, FL, 1997

Undertones (staged reading), Theater With Your Coffee, Hollywood, FL, 1998

KAOS (staged reading), Theater With Your Coffee, Hollywood, FL, 1998

Guernika, Potlatch Theater Lab, Miami, FL, 1996-7

The Reason of the Insane Ones, Edge/Theater, Miami Beach, FL, 1995 and AtticRep, San Antonio, 2010

Coffee Christmas Cabaret (co-writer), Theater With Your Coffee, Hollywood, FL, 1999

The Reason of the Insane Ones, Studio Five/Living Room Theater Company, New York City, NY, 1996

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

TRINITY UNIVERSITY, San Antonio, TX

Associate Professor, Department of Human Communication and Theatre (August 2005 to present)

<u>Classes taught:</u>

Directing I & II (sixteen semesters) individual manifesto, artistic sensibility and objectives, concepts and collaboration, rhythm, picturization, communication, action, masters of directing, staging, working with actors, scene analysis, and directing pragmatics.

Theater for Social Change (Fourteen semesters) Drawing from the work of Augusto Boal, Invisible Theater, Image Theater, and Forum Theater, this course investigates the critical issues and creative process that charts the field of community-based theater. **Performing Human Rights** (Two Semesters) An exploration of the tools of theatre in the realm of political science and human rights.

Arts Entrepreneurship Mindset (Five Semesters) Merging the mindset of the artist and the one of the entrepreneurs to give the student access to a variety of tools to achieve their own professional and personal goals.

Contemporary Drama (Seven semesters) analysis of the significant literary, aesthetic, and performative western trends of contemporary drama

Physical Theatre Laboratory (Five semesters) through movement, dance, text, mask, song, Commedia dell' Arte, clowning, and puppetry, students develop a creative vocabulary that will lay the foundation of a physical approach to theatre.

Acting I (Six semesters) physical/vocal warm-up (Fitzmaurice), movement for the actor (contact improvisation and Lecoq), Meisner and Hagen exercises, scene analysis (literal/essential action, "as if," tactics, stakes, urgency), development of solo presentations, and scene work. Introduction to Stanislavski

Acting II (One semester) scene study and realism, using Meisner and Chekhov techniques

Intro to Theatre (One semester) introduction to the various art forms of theater: acting, directing, design, performance, and playwriting.

Intro to Dramatic Literature (Eleven semesters) A survey of dramatic western literature from Ancient Greeks to contemporary times.

First Year Experience on Creative Genius (Eight semesters)

DAVIDSON COLLEGE, Davidson, NC

Visiting Assistant Professor, Theatre Department (January 2004-July 2005)

<u>Classes taught:</u>

Acting I (three semesters, four sections) physical/vocal warm-up (Fitzmaurice), movement for the actor (contact improvisation and Lecoq), Meisner and Hagen exercises, scene analysis (literal/essential action, "as if," tactics, stakes, urgency), development of solo presentations, and scene work. Introduction to Stanislavski **Fundamentals of Directing** (two semesters) individual manifesto: artistic sensibility and objectives, concepts and collaboration, rhythm, picturization, communication, action, masters of directing, staging, working with actors, scene analysis, and directing pragmatics

Intro to Theatre Arts (one semester) theatre history, criticism, and theory; prominent American playwrights and plays

NEW WORLD SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, Miami, FL

Adjunct College Faculty, Theater Division, 1996-2000 Adjunct College Faculty, Opera Division, 1995-1996

- <u>Theater Division classes taught</u>: **Playwriting** (eight semesters) Aristotelian structure, dramatic vs. narrative, dialogue, and character development **Scene Study** (five semesters) analytical study of dramatic narrative structures **Theater History** (two semesters) ancient theater through modern **Theater Problems** (four semesters) theory and praxis: from Neoclassicism through the post-modern aesthetics One Division places to path.
- <u>Opera Division classes taught</u>: **Acting** (two semesters) relationship and action work. Monologue and scene study

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Acting Teacher, Theater/Arts Program, Student Life Department, 1998-2000

• Classes taught:

Acting (four semesters) monologue and scene work with feedback. Stanislavski based Acting for the Camera (four semesters) television scenes and film monologues with feedback.

ADMINISTRATION

TRINITY UNIVERSITY – Department of Human Communication and Theatre, San Antonio, Texas

Director of Theatre Program, 2011-2014

Oversee the day-to-day operations of the Theatre Program and its five Faculty and Staff Members.

Manage Budgeting and Operational Calendars.

Manage the productions of four main-stage plays and six laboratory productions each year.

Major Committee Assignments

Senate 2021-2024 University Curriculum Council 2018-2021 CLAC- Cultures and Languages Across the Curriculum 2020-2023 Diversity and Inclusion 2014-2017

ATTICREP, San Antonio, Texas

Co-Founder/Producing Artistic Director, 2005-2020

- Initiated the formation of this theater company in residence at Trinity University. The company is dedicated to performance-driven works that challenge the creative imagination of the community, using local professional artists and Trinity University students.
- I produced forty-four productions for a total of 440 performances
- Gained university support and recruited co-founders/volunteer staff
- Developed artistic vision, mission, and long-term strategic plan
- Managed volunteer administrative and professional creative staff
- Selected seasons, developed creative projects, directed plays, and oversaw artistic concerns. The company was honored with many local theatre awards for "Best Theatre" by the San Antonio Current and SA Express News
- Signed off on marketing materials, press releases, website, and programs
- Oversaw day-to-day operations
- Spoke publicly about the program to journalists and in the community
- Worked with University departments on joint projects and events
- Sat on the Board of Directors and recruited members
- Wrote and received various grants totaling about \$86,000.00. Also, eleven grants from the Office of Cultural Affairs of the City of San Antonio for \$102,000.00 and one grant of \$5,000.00 from the Artists Foundation of San Antonio. Four Grants of \$1,200.00 from the Ford Foundation/Difficult Dialogue Initiative. One Special Project Grant of \$5,750.00 from the Office of Cultural Affairs of San Antonio. I have also raised more than \$ 120,000 through individual donations.

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

- Theater/Arts Program Founder and Coordinator, 1997-2000
 - Implemented and coordinated campus arts programming for the Student Life Department. Grew program from a five-member Drama Club to over two hundred students participating in classes and performances annually
 - Created and maintained budget
 - Oversaw six adjunct faculty and one part-time staff member
 - Created curriculum
 - o Worked with academic department heads on cooperative programs
 - o Tended to on-campus marketing of program and administrative tasks
 - Advised on planning for the construction of theater space in the library
 - Laid the groundwork for a theater major, which was later implemented

DAVIDSON COLLEGE, Davidson, NC

- Production Coordinator, 2004-2005.
 - Facilitated communications and scheduling between the theatre department staff and the Duke Family Performance Hall production team
 - o Created and maintained the production calendar
 - Oversaw play selection process
 - Managed contractual matters with guest artists, designers, and outside production support
 - o Worked with marketing and theater departments on public relations/marketing
 - Communicated with technical staff and directors on logistical arrangements

THEATER WITH YOUR COFFEE, Hollywood, FL

Co-Founder/Artistic Director, 1994-2000

- Developed artistic vision and long-term plan for this theater company dedicated to new play development
- Maintained budget and tended to financial reports
- Managed volunteer administrative and creative staff
- Sat on the Board of Directors and recruited members
- Selected plays as a member of play selection committee that read over four hundred script submissions annually from local and national playwrights
- Lent dramaturgical support
- Wrote grants. Received maximum allotted small arts organizations
- Lead post-show discussions
- Created and oversaw marketing materials, press releases, and programs
- Initiated opportunities for student actors and writers

POTLATCH THEATER LAB, Miami, FL

Co-Founder/Co-Artistic Director, 1996-1997

- Recruited volunteer actors and designers, and coordinated production needs
- Collaborated with an artistic staff consisting of a dance therapist, visual artist, composer, actors, and co-director on the development of a cross-disciplinary methodology as applied to the creative process of performance art
- Designed company as a bridge for student actors between the college and professional world

NEW WORLD SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, Miami, FL

• Coordinated New Playwrights Festival. Worked with students and faculty on play selection, scheduling, and production, 1996-98

NEW WORLD REP, Miami, FL

Founding Company Member/Assistant Director, 1995-1997

- Assisted in the planning and start-up of company comprised of New World School of the Arts faculty
- Assistant Director for productions

MIAMI SKYLINE THEATER COMPANY, Miami, FL

Literary Manager and Dramaturg, 1993-1994

- Managed the New Play Development Project, reading scripts and tracking submissions
- Researched theater's history used to develop script for *Our Time*, a fundraising event starring Tracy Ullman.

STUDIO FIVE/LIVING ROOM THEATRE COMPANY, New York City, NY

Co-founder/Member, 1992-1993

• Co-founded this artists' collaborative, which presented original works Off-Off-Broadway

ACADEMIC WRITING AND PUBLICATIONS

Addressing Resident Mistreatment Through the Use of a Forum Theatre Intervention. Botros-Brey S, Hutcherson L, Dyurich A, Pfeiffer A, **Prestigiacomo R**, Wang H, Page-Ramsey SM, Basler J, Beggren R. Acad Med. 2021 Nov 1;96(11S):S177-S178. doi: 10.1097/ACM.00000000004334. PMID: 34705675 No abstract available.

Addressing Peer-to-Peer Resident Mistreatment Through the Use of Forum Theatre: A Pilot Intervention.

Botros-Brey S, Dyurich A, Pfeiffer A, **Prestigiacomo R**, Wang H, Page-Ramsey SM, Basler JW, Berggren R. Acad Med. 2022 Dec 1;97(12):1780-1785. doi: 10.1097/ACM.00000000004759. Epub 2022 Jun 1. PMID: 36449918

Introducing Performing Human Right 2023, Ilaria Riccioni (ed.) Theater(s) and Public Sphere in a Global and Digital Society. Case Studies, Volume: 2 Page Numbers: 124-28 Publication Date: 2023 Publication Name: Ilaria Riccioni (ed.) Theater(s) and Public Sphere in a Global and Digital Society. Case Studies, Volume 2

Case Studies, TransPerformance and Plays available in <u>Academia.edu</u>

WORKSHOPS

TRINITY UNIVERSITY, San Antonio, TX

- Auditioning, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022
- Clowning, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

SOUTHWEST THEATRE AND FILM CONFERENCE, Lubbock, TX

• Commedia, 2005

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, Fort Lauderdale, FL

- Workshops for graduate students
 - Law School: Acting
 - o School of Business: Interview and Presentation Skills

NATIONAL WRITERS' ASSOCIATION, SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER, Miami, FL

• Playwriting, 1999

ADDITIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION WORK

TRINITY UNIVERSITY, San Antonio, TX

- Developed a community-based theatre project in collaboration with Gruppo Teatro Torretta in Sicily, Italy, as creative work for fellowship grant, 2009, 2012, 2022
- Developed four new courses (Physical Theater Laboratory, Theater for Social Change, Arts Entrepreneurship Mindset, and Performing Human Rights), which were approved and added to the curriculum
- Advised students and mentored student productions, 2005-Present

- Sat on faculty search and other administrative committees, 2005-Present
- Participated in the Difficult Dialogue Initiative Planning Committee
- Planning Committee Walls Symposium at Trinity University
- Tended to general faculty administrative work, 2005-Present

DAVIDSON COLLEGE, Davidson, NC

- Royal Shakespeare Company Residency Committee Member, 2004-2005.
 - Planned departmental workshops
 - Collaborated on cross-disciplinary "Ides of March Playwriting Project" Worked with students individually on new plays in preparation for workshop with RSC and public reading
- Play Selection Committee Member
- Sat on the committee that selected plays for the theatre department seasons, 2004-05
- Dance Concentration Planning Committee Member, 2004-2005
- Advisor for Crew Club, 2004-2005
- Initiated the hiring and coordinated guest artist workshop, 2004
- Assisted Core Humanities faculty with letters of introduction and itinerary for summer program in Italy, 2004

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-IRVINE, Irvine, CA

- Advisor/Teacher
 - Taught and counseled undergraduate student directors during rehearsal process and post-performance critique, 2001-2003
- House Manager
 - Front of house responsibilities, worked closely with student production staff and professional personnel, 2000-2003
- Mentor
 - Guided M.F.A. and B.F.A. ArtsBridge (outreach program) scholars in standardsbased curriculum design, lesson preparation, and classroom management, 2003
- Liaison.
 - Facilitated introductions between the U.C.I. faculty director and the Italian theater community to bring a company of student actors to Italy, 2002.
- Language Advisor. *The Prince*, 2001.

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

- Drama Director, 1994-1998
 - Directed and produced plays for the Student Life Department

NEW WORLD SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, Miami, FL

- Worked with college students in script development and rehearsal process for One-Person Shows, 1997-2000
- Advised students during writing and rehearsal processes for New Playwrights Festival, 1995-2000
- Coached performers on Italian pronunciation for Theater and Opera Division productions, 1995, 1996

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- Creative Capital week-workshop, TX
- Creating Ways Conference, San Antonio, TX
- Mid-American Theatre Conference, Chicago, IL
- Biomechanics Workshop with Kathleen Baum, Davidson College, Davidson, NC
- Contact Improvisation Workshop with Nancy Stark Smith and Martin Keogh, Teacher's Exchange at EARTHDANCE, Plainfield, MA
- Lecoq Workshop with David Gains, Davidson College, Davidson, NC
- North Carolina Theater Conference, Charlotte, NC
- Artist Showcase production support, Orange County Performing Arts Center, Costa Mesa, CA
- Production observership, Teatro del Drago, Ravenna, Italy
- Theater directing class, New School for Social Research, New York, NY
- Playwriting class, HB Studios, William Packard, New York, NY
- Directing observership, Russell Treyz at Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival

AWARDS/HONORS/GRANTS

- Summer Stipend Professional Development \$ 9,000.00 + 5,200.00 (Travel)
- Best Production of a Play 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016
- 1 Grant of \$ 5,000.00 from the Artists' Foundation of San Antonio, 2008
- 11 Grants for a total of \$102,000.00 from the Office of Cultural Affairs of San Antonio, 2008-2019
- 4 Grants of \$ 1,200.00 from the Ford Foundation through the Trinity University Difficult Dialogue Initiative, 2006-2008
- 1 Special Project Grant of \$ 5,750.00 from the Office of Cultural Affairs of the city of San Antonio
- 3 Faculty Fellowships, Trinity University, each one of \$ 5,000 for 2006, 2007, and 2008
- Faculty Development Fund Grant, Trinity University, 2006, 2007, 2017, 2019, 2021
- Best Director of the Year for Trinity's production of *The Servant of Two Masters*, Alamo Theatre Arts Council Awards, San Antonio, 2010
- Best Director of the Year for Attic*Rep*'s *Fat Pig*, Alamo Theatre Arts Council Awards, San Antonio, 2007.
- Artist of the Month (June 2010) Office of Cultural Affairs of San Antonio, Texas
- Finalist for San Antonio Artist Foundation Grant, 2007
- Outstanding Arts Educator Nomination, Arts Orange County Awards, Orange County, California, 2002.
- Summa cum Laude, Pontificia Universitas Urbaniana, Rome, Italy,1990.
- Magna cum Laude, Pontificia Universitas Urbaniana, Rome, Italy, 1990.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Former Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers - Association for Theatre in Higher Education - Theatre Communications Group - San Antonio Theatre Coalition - NoPassport

MORE INFORMATION/WORK SAMPLES

<u>WebPage</u>

Facebook - AtticRep

YouTube - Performing Human Rights

Facebook – Theatre for Social Change

Instagram

Vimeo – 14 Trailer

LANGUAGE SKILLS: Fluent in English and Italian

COMPUTER SKILLS: Dreamweaver, MS Word, Photoshop, PowerPoint