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TEACHING

- Kinder HSPVA:** Instructor **PRESENT**
- Stage Combat: Unarmed
- Movement for the Actor
- Duchesne Academy:** Instructor **PRESENT**
- Stage Combat: Unarmed and Single Sword
- Movement for the Actor
- University of Houston:** Instructor **2024**
- Undergraduate, graduate, and doctorate level workshop at the Moores School of Music
- Stage Combat: Unarmed
- Intimacy
- Characterization and dramaturgy for the performer
- Goddard School of the Greater Heights:** Lead Teacher **2023 - PRESENT**
- Adapted and taught Preschool curriculum
- Supported social and emotional development through providing positive guidance
- Established and maintained a safe, healthy, and nurturing learning environment
- Shepherd School of Music:** Teaching Assistant **2024**
- Movement and Unarmed Stage Combat
- University of Houston:** Instructor **2023/2024**
- Graduate-level Workshop at the SOTD
- Intimacy direction
- Texas Intensive Stage Combat Workshop:** Teaching Assistant **2023**
- Unarmed, Grappling, Knife, and Single Sword
- University of Houston:** Instructor **2022 - 2023**
THEA 1340: Fundamentals of Acting
- Developed and taught a curriculum to 14 undergraduate students consisting of Sense Memory, Stanislavsky Method, Action/Objective, Uta Hagen Method, Monologue and Scene Coaching, Vocal Coaching and Improvisation.
- Implemented assessment tools to track individual students' progress and adjust teaching strategies as needed
- Promoted creativity, confidence, adaptability, and teamwork
- Stage Combat**
- Mentored graduate level students in stage combat techniques and practices
- Unarmed, Single Sword, Scene Coaching, Vocal Coaching, Action/Objective

- Oversaw student safety while maintaining an encouraging learning environment

University of Houston: Teaching Assistant **2021 - 2022**

THEA 1331: Introduction to Theatre

- Supported professor in student instruction and communication
- Graded student submissions and maintained grade book for class papers, projects, etc.
- Covered and led in-depth analysis of classical and contemporary plays

The Dramaturgy Association @ VCU: Founder and Instructor **2019 - 2021**

- Established a hands-on learning environment for undergraduate students
- Led workshops and weekly lessons on dramaturgy
- Collaborated with teams on numerous theatre projects in the community, writing and designing materials for production teams and audiences

Centerstage Preschool: Lead Teacher **2018 - 2020**

- Developed and taught a theatre based curriculum to ages 2 - 5
- Created a Montessori learning environment to encourage growth and independence
- Built and maintained strong parent-teacher relationships
- Assisted in administrative duties including completing an internal audit of all employees

Centerstage Preschool: Assistant Teacher **2017 - 2018**

- Supported lead teacher in presenting lessons and managing student interactions
- Supervised online classroom and daily communication with parents
- Maintained an organized and engaging educational setting

EDUCATION

University of Houston PATP - **Master of Fine Arts** **2023**

Virginia Commonwealth University - **Bachelor of Fine Arts, English Minor** **2021**

Childcare Education Institute - **Certificates in Childcare and Early Childhood Education** **2019**