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EDUCATION:

2012	PhD, Performance Studies, New York University
2007	MA, Performance Studies, New York University
2004	BA, Film Studies, Columbia University

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

2024 – Present	Texas A&M University; College of Performance, Visualization &Fine Arts
	Associate Professor
2022 - 2024	Texas A&M University; School of Performance, Visualization &Fine Arts
	Associate Professor
2021 - 2022	Texas A&M University; Department of Performance Studies
	Associate Professor
2015 - 2021	Texas A&M University; Department of Performance Studies
	Assistant Professor
2014 - 2015	University of Maryland; Department of English
	Lecturer
2013 - 2015	University of Maryland; School of Theatre, Dance, and Performance Studies
	Visiting Assistant Professor
2010 - 2013	New York University; Departments of Drama, Performance Studies
	Adjunct Instructor

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

2024 - Present	Texas A&M University; College of Performance, Visualization & Fine Arts
	Associate Dean for Industry and Community Engagement
2023 - 2024	Texas A&M University; School of Performance, Visualization & Fine Arts
	Associate Dean for Industry and Community Engagement
2022 - 2023	Texas A&M University; School of Performance, Visualization & Fine Arts
	Assistant Dean for Industry and Community Engagement
2022 - 2023	Texas A&M University; School of Performance, Visualization & Fine Arts
	Executive Director of the Visual and Performing Arts Center
2020 - Present	Texas A&M University; Academy for the Visual and Performing Arts
	Director
2018 - 2020	Texas A&M University; Department of Performance Studies
	Director of Undergraduate Studies

RESEARCH FIELDS:

Political spectatorship; performance and politics; diplomatic performance; interactive and immersive aesthetics; performance and the law.

TEACHING FIELDS:

Theories of performance studies; political theatre; art activism; performance and the law; contemporary performance; collaborative creation and devising.

PUBLICATIONS: Refereed Academic Books

Monographs

2020

- Theater of State: A Dramaturgy of the United Nations (Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press).
 - Reviewed in: *TDR: The Drama Review* (Summer, 2021; Vol. 65, No. 2, 185-187), *The Journal of Dramatic Theory and Criticism* (Fall, 2021; Vol. 36, No. 1, 239-241), *H-Diplo* (January, 2022; Review Essay 406, <u>https://hdiplo.org/to/E406</u>), *International Affairs* (September, 2022; Vol. 98, No. 5, 1795-1797).

Collections

2024 (Paper.)	Performing Statecraft: the Postdiplomatic Theatre of Citizens, Sovereigns, and States.
2023 (Hard.) Methuen Drama Agitations: Text, Politics and Performances, Anja Hartl and	
. ,	Boles, series eds. (London: Methuen Drama).
	Reviewed in: Drama Research (Vol. 14, April 2023)

Edited Volumes of Refereed Journals

2020 Special Issue: "The Zoom Function." *International Journal of Performance Arts and Digital Media*, Volume 16, Issue 3. Co-edited with Weiling He and Louis G. Tassinary.

Articles in Refereed Journals

2020	"Editorial Introduction: The Zoom Function," co-authors Weiling He and Louis G. Tassinary. <i>International Journal of Performance Arts and Digital Media</i> , Volume 16, Issue 3: 221-225.
2020	"Spectatorship at the Border: Watching Pancho Villa From a Safe Distance," The Journal of Dramatic Theory and Criticism, Volume 34, Number 2 (Spring): 27-51.
2018	"Eye Contact: Mesmeric Revelations in Baltimore," <i>TDR: The Drama Review</i> , Volume 62, Number 4 (T240): 81-104.
2017	"Inhabiting Empathy: Locating the <i>Verfremdungseffekt</i> in an Era of Immersion," <i>Brecht Yearbook</i> , Volume 41: 270-289.
2013	"Staging the Twitter War: Toneelgroep Amsterdam's <i>Roman Tragedies</i> ," <i>TDR: The Drama Review</i> , Volume 57, Number 4 (T220): 163-170.
2012	"What Was the War Like?' Experiencing <i>Surrender</i> , Talking with Josh Fox," co-author, Gelsey Bell. <i>TDR: The Drama Review</i> , Volume 56, Number 2 (T214): 56-80.
2012	"The Live Archive of the World Stage: Engagement and Spectatorship in the United Nations Webcast," <i>e-Misférica</i> , Volume 9, Issues 1 & 2. http://hemisphericinstitute.org/hemi/en/e-misferica-91/ball

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Refereed

2016 "Proximity to Violence: War, Games, Glitch," *Reframing Immersive Theatre: the Politics and Pragmatics of Participatory Performance*, James Frieze, Ed. London: Palgrave Macmillan. 229-242.

Invited 2019	"Popular Musicking and the Politics of Spectatorship at the United Nations," <i>Popular Music and Public Diplomacy: Transnational and Transdisciplinary Perspectives</i> . Mario Dunkel and Sina Nitzsche, eds. Bielefeld: Transcript Verlag. 255-276.
Reprints 2018	"Staging the Twitter War: Toneelgroep Amsterdam's Roman Tragedies," Ivo Van Hove Onstage, David Willinger, Ed. New York: Routledge. 304-309.
Book Reviews 2023	Review of <i>Institutional Theatrics: Performing Arts Policy in Post-Wall Berlin</i> , by Brandon Woolf, <i>Theatre Journal</i> , Volume 75, Number 4 (December): 581-582
2022	Review of <i>Scenes from Bourgeois Life</i> , by Nicholas Ridout, <i>Theatre Survey</i> , Volume 63, Number 1 (January): 128-130.
2021	Review of <i>Performing Flight: From Barnstormers to Space Tourism</i> , by Scott Magelssen, <i>Theatre Journal</i> , Volume 73, Number 4 (December): 588-590.
2021	Combined Review of <i>Shakespeare, Technicity, Theatre</i> , by W. B. Worthen, and <i>Shakespeare, Spectatorship and the Technologies of Performance</i> , by Pascale Aebischer, <i>TDR: The Drama Review</i> , Volume 65, Number 3 (T251): 170-3.
2020	Review of Orchestrating Public Opinion: How Music Persuades in Television Political Ads for US Presidential Campaigns, 1952-2016 by Paul Christiansen, the world of music (new series), Volume 9, Issue 1: 152-5.
Exhibitions 2023	Metabolism, a Happening: an Exhibition, J. Wayne Stark Gallery, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.
2021	<i>COVID-19 Micro-grant Showcase</i> , Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University, Colleg Station, TX. Online. https://glasscockcenter-tamu.squarespace.com/c19-microgrant-showcase-projects.

Work In Press

Chapters in Edited Volumes

"Playing Attention in an Escape Room: Strange Bird Immersive's *The Man From Beyond*," *Enveloping Worlds*, E. B. Hunter and Scott Magelssen, eds. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2025.

HONORS, GRANTS, AWARDS:

2021 - 2024	Ray A. Rothrock '77 Fellowship College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University
2019 - 2022	The Crawley Family Faculty Fellowship in Performance Studies Department of Performance Studies, Texas A&M University
2020	Virtual Workshop Grant, \$500 Academy for the Visual and Performing Arts, Texas A&M University

2020	Glasscock COVID-19 Micro-grant, \$500 Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University
2020	Arts Enhancement Grant, \$7,500 Academy for the Visual and Performing Arts, Texas A&M University Co-P.I. with Christine Bergeron (Dance), Carisa Armstrong (Dance), Jinsil Hwaryoung Seo (Visualization), Adam Seipp (History)
2019	Presidential Transformational Teaching Grant, \$60,000 Office of the President, Texas A&M University Co-P.I. with Christine Bergeron (Dance), Carisa Armstrong (Dance), Adam Seipp (History)
2019	Arts Enhancement Grant, \$7,500 Academy for the Visual and Performing Arts, Texas A&M University Co-P.I. with Christine Bergeron (Dance), Carisa Armstrong (Dance), Jinsil Hwaryoung Seo (Visualization), Adam Seipp (History)
2018	Common Ground Faculty Fellow, \$1,000 College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University
2017	Arts Enhancement Grant, \$7,500 Academy for the Visual and Performing Arts, Texas A&M University
2007 - 2011	Corrigan Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, NYU
2008	Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, NYU
CONFERENC	CE ACTIVITY:
2024	"I like to read aloud': Staging the People's Voice," Performance Studies international #29: Assembly. London, United Kingdom, June.
2023	"Wandering Minds," co-authored with Daniel Oliver and Kim Kattari, Performance Studies international #28: Uhambo Luyazilawula: Embodied Wandering Practices. Johannesburg, South Africa, August.
2021	"Three Séances," American Society for Theatre Research: After Repetition. San Diego, CA, October.
2019	"Theatres of Public Diplomacy," Working Session Convener, American Society for Theatre Research: Theatre's Many Publics. Arlington, VA, November.
2019	"Devising Justice at the International Criminal Court," Performance Studies international #25: Elasticity. Calgary, Canada, July.
2018	"Watching Violence From a Safe Distance," American Society for Theatre Research: Arousal—Theatre, Performance, Embodiment. San Diego, CA, USA, November. Conference canceled, work shared with working group electronically.

2018	"Epistemologies of Immersion: Metonymy and Spectatorship in Thanatourism," Performance Studies international #24: Performance as Network: Arts, City, Culture. Daegu, Republic of Korea, July.
2017	"The Magic of the Data Body," American Society for Theatre Research: Extra/Ordinary Bodies: Interrogating the Performance and Aesthetics of "Difference." Atlanta, GA, USA, November.
2017	"Within Spectacular Politics," Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Performance Studies Focus Group Pre-Conference: Spectacle. Las Vegas, NV, USA, August.
2017	"Theatricality and Empathy in Virtual Reality (VR) Spectacle," Association for Theatre in Higher Education: Spectacle: balancing education, theory, and praxis. Las Vegas, NV, USA, August.
2017	"Staged Whispers: Autonomous Sensory Meridian Response (ASMR) Videos and Theatricality," Performance Studies international #23: Overflow. Universität Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany, June.
2016	"Mesmeric Revelations in Baltimore," American Society for Theatre Research: Trans-, Minneapolis, MN, USA, November.
2016	"Immersive Spectatorship in James Turrell's Skyspaces," Performance Studies international #22: Performance Climates, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia, July.
2016	"Alienated and Relaxed: Locating the <i>Verfremdungseffekt</i> in an Era of Immersion", <i>Brecht—Surveillance—Visibility</i> , session of the International Brecht Society at the convention of the Modern Language Association, Austin, TX, USA, January.
2015	"Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and the Politics of Participation," Popular Music and Public Diplomacy, Dortmund, Germany, November.
2015	"Hamlet in the Security Council: Text, Space, and Institutional Memory at the United Nations," Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Performance Studies Focus Group Pre-Conference: Vital Memories, Montreal, QC, Canada, July.
2014	"Darfsteller Politics: Performing Robots and Presidential Elections," American Society for Theatre Research: What Performs?, Baltimore, MD, USA, November.
2014	"Dreams of Engagement and Enforcement: Staging International Law," Association for Theatre in Higher Education: Dream Acts, Scottsdale, AZ, USA, July.
2014	"Precarious Spectatorship at the International Criminal Court," Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, USA, May.
2011	"The Trials of Gaius Baltar: <i>Battlestar Galactica</i> at the UN," Performance Studies international #17: Camillo 2.0, University of Utrecht, Utrecht, Netherlands, May.
2010	"Diplomacy's Public Faces," Performance Studies international #16: Performing Publics, York University, Toronto, Canada, June.

2008	"Embodied Borders: Peacekeeping as Performance," Performance Studies international
	#14: Interregnum – In Between States, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen,
	Denmark, August.

INVITED PANELS:

2021	Featured Panelist, "'Remember to React': Performance Practices, Politics, and the Institution," <i>Possessing a Common Logic</i> , Houston, Texas, April.
2019	Panel Chair, "Memorials: Tourism or Activism," Performance Studies international #25: Elasticity, Calgary, Canada, July.
2014	Featured Speaker, " <i>The Threepenny Opera</i> Tweet Up," Signature Theatre, Arlington, VA, May.
2014	Featured Panelist, "Between Theatre and Politics: <i>The Memo</i> as Dissidence," Single Carrot Theatre, Baltimore, MD, April.
CAMPUS	STALKS
2024	Featured Researcher Interview, "Alice in the Archives," Cushing Memorial Library, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, May-September.
2022	Host, "Glasscock Book Brunch: <i>Marking Time</i> , by Nicole R. Fleetwood," Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, February.
2021	Keynote, Liberal Arts Development Council Fall Meeting, "Growing Harmony," Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, October.
2021	Speaker/Author, Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, "Glasscock Book Chats: Dr. Leonardo Cardoso and Dr. James R. Ball III," Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, March.
2015	Speaker, Department of Performance Studies Faculty Colloquium, "Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and the Politics of Participation," Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, October.
2015	Host/Moderator, "Taylor Mac: The 20 th Century Conversation," The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, April.
2014	Featured Panelist, " <i>Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992</i> Talkback," The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, May.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Texas A&M University Department of Performance Studies

<u>Graduate</u> "Theories of Performance Studies" – Graduate seminar on performance theory. (Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall

"Spectacle and Performance" - Graduate seminar on political spectacle. (Fall 2020, Fall 2015)

Graduate Committee Chair

2023, Astrid Lange, M.A. Performance and Portfolio, Performance Studies

- 2021, Kailey Belt, M.A. Thesis, Performance Studies
- 2019, Elvis Bendaña Rivas, M.A. Thesis, Performance Studies

Graduate Committee Member

2024, Sarah Luster, M.S. Capstone, Visualization

2024, Elizabeth Perry, Ph.D., English

2022, Walker Register, M.S. Thesis, Visualization

2020, Grace Adinku, M.A. Thesis, Performance Studies

2020, Edudzi Sallah, M.A. Thesis, Performance Studies

2019, Brandon Kempf, M.A. Thesis, Performance Studies

2019, Salvador Garcia, M.A. Thesis, Performance Studies

2019, Hannah Sensenbrenner, M.S. Thesis, Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences

2018, Breigha Adeyemo, M.A. Thesis, Performance Studies

2016, Lydia Abell, M.A. Thesis, Performance Studies

Graduate Directed Study Fall 2021, Patton Small, "Bakhtin and Performance"

Undergraduate

"Creating Performance" – Upper-level workshop on performance composition and devising. (Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2021)

"Introduction to Performance Studies" – Introductory course on theories, methods, and practices in Performance Studies for majors and non-majors. (Fall 2022, Spring 2020, Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016)

"Seminar in Performance Theory: Theories of Spectatorship" – Upper-level seminar on theories of spectatorship and relevance to creative practices. (Fall 2020)

"Collaborative Performing" – Collaborative creation workshop with an emphasis on dramaturgy; staged *Mr. Burns, a post-electric play*, by Anne Washburn. (Fall 2019)

"Capstone Seminar: Performance as Research" – Capstone seminar for majors in their final year. (Spring 2018)

"Special Topics in Performance Studies: Interactive Theatre" – Seminar on spectatorship and participation in performance. Included honors section. (Spring 2017)

"Performing Literature" – Seminar on the relationship between page and stage. (Fall 2016, Spring 2016)

"Performance in World Cultures" – Historical and contemporary survey of global performance practices. Included honors section. (Spring 2018, Spring 2016)

Honors Undergraduate Research Scholars Supervision

2022, Olivia Parker, "To the Moon and Back: Cultural Consequences of George Méliès's *Trip to the Moon*."

2021, Olivia Parker, "Technologically Mediated Live Art and Performance During the COVID-19 Pandemic."

2019, Corie Depue, "Bipartisanship Through the Eyes of the Supreme Court."

2018, Rebecca Roberts, "Temporarily Machiavellian: Performing the Self on Survivor."

Undergraduate Directed Study

Spring 2020, Anna Villalobos, "Where There's Hope..." Fall 2019, Joseph Ramsbacher, "Poetry as Performance." Fall 2018, Rodrigo Gonzales-Torres, "Environmental Scenography." Fall 2017, Braylie Harris, "Directing Theatre: Diadem Theatre presents *Proof*."

UMD School of Theatre, Dance, and Performance Studies

Graduate

"Theatre of State and Government" – Independent study/supervised research with advanced doctoral candidate on performance, politics, and governance. (Spring 2014)

"Performance, Media, Technology" – Critical theory seminar investigating the impact of technology on our aesthetic, social, and political lives. (Fall 2013)

Undergraduate

"Histories and Theories of Interactive Theatre" – Seminar on strategies of participation, immersion, and simulation in theatre and performance. (Spring 2015)

"Subversive Cultures" – Large general education lecture course on subversive practices in art, politics, and everyday life. (Spring 2015)

"Center for Creative Collaboration" – Collaborative workshop on documenting live performance in scholarly, creative, and journalistic writing. (Winter 2015)

"Adaptation and Intertextuality" – Seminar on intercultural and transhistorical adaptations in theatre and the performing arts. (Fall 2014)

"Comedy and Laughter in Drama and Performance" – Seminar on the primary theories of comedy, comic genres, and laughter in performance. (Summer 2014)

"Carnival: Festive Culture and Performance" – A multi-disciplinary study of the history of carnival and its place in literary and performance genres. (Spring 2014)

"Text and Context in Western Theatre" – Introductory exploration of the social, political, and cultural development of theatre from Ancient Greece to the present. (Fall 2013)

"Un-American Theatre: Theatre, Democracy, and Dissent During the Cold War" – Theatre history and theory course on art and politics during the Cold War. (Fall 2013)

UMD Department of English

<u>Undergraduate</u> "Professional Writing: Business Writing" – Advanced composition workshop. (Spring 2015, Fall 2014)

NYU Department of Drama

<u>Undergraduate</u> "Un-American Theatre: Theatre, Democracy, and Dissent During the Cold War." (Spring 2013)

"Studies in Shakespeare" – Survey of Shakespeare's plays with an emphasis on performance theory for advanced undergraduates. (Fall 2012, Fall 2011, Fall 2010)

"Introduction to Theatre Studies" – Theatre and performance studies survey course for first year students, emphasizing drama theory, theatre history, and performance. (Spring 2012)

NYU Department of Performance Studies

Undergraduate

"Performance and Technology" – Undergraduate seminar examining of the impact of technology on the performing arts. (Fall 2011)

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

2009 - 2013Security Council Report New York, NY
Research Assistant
Researched and wrote monthly forecasts (750–2000 words) on Security Council
work in Africa, Europe, and the Middle East for web and print publication
(http://securitycouncilreport.org and http://whatsinblue.org).

THEATRE EXPERIENCE:

2004 - 2006	Two Distinct Motions New York, NY
	Artistic Director
	Arctic Project X (June 2006): Director.
	Marat/Sade (August 2004): Director.

2002 – 2004The Guerrilla Theatre Organization New York, NY and Washington, DC
Founder, Director, Producer
Six Characters in Search of an Author (March 2004): Producer, Actor.
No Exit (August 2003): Director.
Picasso at the Lapin Agile (March 2003): Producer, Actor.
Peer Gynt (December 2002): Director.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION:

2024	Routledge, Proposal Review
2023 - present	Performance Studies international, Treasurer
2023	Vanderbilt University Press, Manuscript Review
2023	Cooperation and Conflict, Manuscript Review
2023	Texas A&M University Press, Manuscript Review
2022	Latino Studies, Manuscript Review
2022	International Journal of Performance Arts and Digital Media, Manuscript
	Review
2021	Fulbright Program – Poland, Graduate Student Application Review
2021	International Journal of Performance Arts and Digital Media, Manuscript
	Review
2020	Journal of Dramatic Theory and Criticism, Manuscript Review
2020	Routledge, Manuscript Review
2019	Fulbright Program – Poland, Application Review
2019	Theatre Topics, Manuscript Review
2018 - 2021	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Drama/Performing Arts Field of
	Study Advisory Committee
2017	Routledge, Manuscript Review
2016	University of Massachusetts Press, Manuscript Review
2014 - 2015	Association for Theatre in Higher Education
	Performance Studies Focus Group, Member at Large

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY AND UNIT:

Texas A&M University:

Academy for the Visual and Performing Arts, Director, Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020

The Path Forward Working Group #8: Invest in heritage, culture, and art assets at Texas A&M, Spring 2022.

The Path Forward Working Group #10: Visual and Performing Arts School, Spring 2022.

The Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, 22nd Glasscock Humanities Book Prize Nominations Committee, Summer 2021.

Academy for the Visual and Performing Arts, Advisory Board Member, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2017.

Task Force on the Creative, Performing, and Visual Arts at TAMU, Spring 2020, Fall 2019.

Texas A&M University School of Performance, Visualization & Fine Arts

Artists and Scholars in Residence Committee, Chair, Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022 Performance Studies BA Program Committee, Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023 Theatre BFA Faculty Cluster, Chair, Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023 Theatre TRUH Search Committee, Chair, Spring 2024, Fall 2023 Theatre APT Search Committee, Spring 2024, Fall 2023 Virtual Production Faculty Cluster, Spring 2024, Fall 2023 Virtual Production TT Search Committee, Spring 2024, Fall 2023 Devised Theatre Faculty Cluster, Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Summer 2022 Visual, Material, Performance Cultures Faculty Cluster, Fall 2023 Interdisciplinary Arts Faculty Cluster, Spring, 2024 Fall 2023, Summer 2022

Texas A&M University Department of Performance Studies

Curriculum Committee, Member, Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2017.
Curriculum Committee, Chair, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018.
Kurrus Essay Award and Kurrus Family Scholarship in Film Studies, Judge, Fall 2021.
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Summer 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Summer 2018, Spring 2018.
Head Search Committee, Spring 2017.
Student Success Committee, Spring 2017, Fall 2016.
Performance Theory and Practice Search Committee, Fall 2016.

Undergraduate Enhancement Events Committee, Spring 2016, Fall 2015.

UMD School of Theatre, Dance, and Performance Studies

Artist-in-Residence Committee, Spring 2014, Fall 2013. Producer/Liaison, QuestFest Festival of Visual Theatre, Spring 2014, Fall 2013. Dramaturg, The Festival of Subversive Artists and Minds, Spring 2015, Fall 2014.

NYU Department of Drama

Faculty Mentor, Student Production: An Enemy of the People, Spring 2012.

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY:

2022 – Present Arts Council of the Brazos Valley, Board of Directors Member 2017 – 2019 KEOS Community Radio, Board of Directors Member

LANGUAGES:

French. Speaking, reading, writing: proficient.