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EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois | Class of 2026
Master of Fine Arts in Stage Design | Area of Focus: Costume Design
Reflective & Effective Teaching Certificate Program
GPA: 4.00

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana | Class of 2022
Bachelor of Arts: Major in Studio Art | Major in German | Minor in History | Glynn Family Honors Program
GPA: 3.99 | Summa Cum Laude

WORK EXPERIENCE

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE - Evanston, Illinois Fall 2025

Teaching Assistant - Instructor of Record

- Redeveloped lesson plans and a scaffolded curriculum for the department's introductory costume design course using universal design for learning (UDL) pedagogical theory
- Served as the primary instructor for twelve undergraduate students in the analysis, research, and artistic skills needed to develop and express point of view as a costume designer
- Provided frequent individualized feedback through summative and formative assessment for each student and facilitated constructive peer-to-peer critique

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE - Evanston, Illinois Fall 2023-Spring 2026

Graduate Assistant

- Served as costume designer for Wirtz Center for the Performing Arts productions
- Completed alterations, costume crafts, and costume stock management as a costume shop assistant

NOTRE DAME SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL - Notre Dame, Indiana Summer 2024, Summer 2025

Assistant Cutter/Draper, Wardrobe/Dresser

- Built and altered garments from designer renderings and research, through a process of patterning, draping, fitting, cutting, sewing, and delegating production tasks to stitchers and shop artisans
- Prepared costumes for performances and dressed actors backstage as a member of the wardrobe and dressing crew

FULBRIGHT COMBINED AWARD - Vienna, Austria Fall 2022-Spring 2023

Researcher, Student, and Teaching Assistant

- Conducted archival research on the intersection between nineteenth-century stage costumes and everyday fashion in affiliation with the University of Vienna
- Prepared and taught thirteen lessons per week on English language and American culture to students ages ten to nineteen at two secondary schools

- NOTRE DAME SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL - Notre Dame, Indiana Summer 2022
Assistant Designer, Costume Shop Artist, Wardrobe/Dresser
- Facilitated communication between the designer and the costume shop artisans and documented the production process for *Romeo and Juliet*
 - Organized, altered, and completed crafts for costumes before opening night, then worked as a dresser and wardrobe assistant for a constantly changing cast due to the continued COVID-19 pandemic
- NOTRE DAME BERLIN PROGRAM - Berlin, Germany Summer 2022
Program Assistant
- Planned activities around the city, led weekend study trips, coordinated visits to high school English classes, provided around-the clock support, and promoted cross-cultural understanding as a residential assistant for a study abroad program of fifty-five students
- THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES - Notre Dame, Indiana Spring 2019-Spring 2022
Tutor
- Assisted graduate, undergraduate, and high school students in mastery of German grammar, reading, writing, and speaking skills
- NOTRE DAME COSTUME SHOP - Notre Dame, Indiana Spring 2021- Spring 2022
Designer and Shop Assistant
- Designed, sourced, and created contemporary costumes for the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre's fall 2021 mainstage play, *This Is Modern Art*, as part of a professional production team
 - Managed inventory and helped with garment fabrication, alterations, laundry, and fittings
- COLLEGE OF SCIENCE - Notre Dame, Indiana Spring 2019-Spring 2022
Marketing Communications Writer and Office Assistant
- Wrote news articles, set up databases, and updated existing content for the college website
 - Completed tasks for the dean's office, such as managing donations, preparing events, making deliveries, and staffing the front desk
- NOTRE DAME OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS - Notre Dame, Indiana Spring 2020-Spring 2022
Tour Guide
- Led comprehensive tours of campus and responded to inquiries from prospective students and parents
- NORTH COUNTRY CENTER FOR THE ARTS AT JEAN'S PLAYHOUSE - Lincoln, New Hampshire Summer 2021
Costume Intern
- Sewed, altered, painted, dyed, and mended costume pieces, styled wigs, assisted in shopping and fittings, and laundered garments for productions of *The Sound of Music*, *Clue*, *Evita*, and *Forever Plaid* in a fast-paced, summer-stock theatre environment
 - Worked backstage as a dresser and member of the run crew
- THE CRUCIFIX INITIATIVE - Notre Dame, Indiana Spring 2020
Researcher
- Engaged in art-historical research, contacted experts, and wrote descriptions for a website highlighting campus' global crucifixes
- THE ART ACADEMY - St. Paul, Minnesota Fall 2015-Summer 2019
Teacher
- Instructed children ages five to thirteen in composition, drawing, pen and ink, and watercolor painting
 - Coordinated with other teachers to assist students individually and in group settings and communicated with parents

Coach

- Taught new high school debaters format and strategy and helped them develop research, writing, and public speaking skills

SERVICE

COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO - South Bend, Indiana; Vienna, Austria; Chicago, Illinois Fall 2018-Present

- Spoke, sang, prayed, and built relationships with residents at Cardinal Nursing Home, coordinated transportation and recruited new students to volunteer on campus, and facilitated virtual meetings and asynchronous encouragement during the COVID-19 crisis
- Participated in ministry to the elderly in Vienna, Austria and to the unhoused in Chicago, Illinois

GIVE SOMETHING BACK TO BERLIN - Berlin, Germany

Summer 2019

- Promoted speaking skills for migrants through casual conversations at "English Language Cafes" while studying abroad

HONORS & AWARDS

- PHI BETA KAPPA SOCIETY | Inducted spring 2022
- DELTA PHI ALPHA NATIONAL GERMAN HONOR SOCIETY | Inducted spring 2022
- DEAN'S LIST | Awarded fall 2018-spring 2022
- REV. LAWRENCE G. BROESTL, C.S.C., AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF GERMAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE | Awarded spring 2022
- FATHER ANTHONY LAUCK, C.S.C. AWARD FOR BEST OF SHOW AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ART, ART HISTORY & DESIGN BA THESIS EXHIBITION | Awarded spring 2022
- MABEL L. MOUNTAIN PAINTING PRIZE | Awarded spring 2022
- CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES EXCELLENCE IN TUTORING AWARD | Awarded fall 2020
- MARVIN O'CONNELL AWARD FOR BEST HISTORY WORKSHOP ESSAY | Awarded fall 2020

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- "Mitschuldige Mitfahrer in 'Schwarzfahrer,'" "Die Folgen des 'unschuldigen Spaßes,'" and "Die schwelenden Flammen der Nazizeit," *andererseits – Yearbook of Transatlantic German Studies*, vol. 9/10.
- "Es war einmal in Berlin: An Illustrated Children's Biography of Gisela von Arnim," 2021 Women in German Conference, virtual, November 5, 2021.

LEADERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP

GERMAN CLUB - <i>Vice President (2020-2022)</i> Notre Dame, Indiana	Fall 2018-Spring 2022
ART HISTORY CLUB - <i>Co-President (2021-2022)</i> Notre Dame, Indiana	Fall 2018-Spring 2022
CLUB SAILING TEAM - <i>Publicity/Social Media Chair (2021-2022)</i> Notre Dame, Indiana	Fall 2018-Spring 2022
SOUTH ASIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION - <i>Apparel Designer (2020)</i> Notre Dame, Indiana	Fall 2018-Spring 2022
NOT-SO-ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY - <i>Costume Designer (2021)</i> Notre Dame, Indiana	Spring 2021
HALL COUNCIL - <i>Brother-Sister Commissioner (2019-2020)</i> Notre Dame, Indiana	Fall 2018-Spring 2020

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Technical: Adobe Suite; Collections Management Systems; Monsido Web Governance Platform, Vectorworks

Language: German C1 (CEFR)

Interests: Knitting, Sailing, Running, Baking, Writing and Illustrating Children's Books