



- Promoted an open and safe environment to discuss difficult issues such as cultural bias, ethnocentrism, racism, and lack of awareness and how they create miscommunication.
- Required students to delve deeper and apply knowledge through writing, discussion, and real-world experience.
- Focused on social issues addressed through the world of the play.
- Promoted self-discovery and self-reliance, helping students to own their education and trust in their own judgment and experience.
- Employed a variety of teaching methods to challenge students to explore the deeper levels of critical analysis in all areas of Theater.
- Evaluated students based on participation and effort.
- Used field experience in Theater to help students grab a tangible hold on course material and its application.

**Instructor – Theater** **Moraine Valley Community College**    **2003-2005**

- **Developed Theater Appreciation curriculum.**
- Taught Theater History, Theater Appreciation, Acting
- Taught Master Classes in Improvisation and Acting
- Taught Master Classes in Movement

**Teaching Assistant – Adv/Beg Story Theatre, Scene Study Piven Theatre, Evanston, IL 2000-2002**

- **Created new theatre through instructing acting students, grades 5 - 8, and Adult in Piven Technique**
- Developed the dramatic and social instincts of students resulting in a higher level of performance both on stage and socially.
- Created an efficient, positive, and collaborative rehearsal and performance environment.
- Developed beginning acting students in stage technique including risk-taking, trust work movement and gesture, give and take.
- Taught students how to develop narrative into performance.
- Acted as a resource for adult professional actors in Piven Technique

## Professional/Project Experience

**Artistic Director – Shuman Arts Dance and Theater** **2019-Current**

- **Coaches – Theater, Dance, and Audition Technique**
- Owns professional level dance and theater studio.
- Mentors and Coaches theater teachers
- Promotes the arts and arts community.
- Creates space for performers of all levels to develop their skill.
- Builds and maintains strong relationships with parents and students, focus on their personal development and goals.

**Executive Producer - Miss Illinois Scholarship Organization** **MAO**    **2011-2021**

- Coached Miss Illinois/ Miss Illinois Teen on Public Speaking
- **Successful management of several different staff teams, 100+ staff**
- Build artistic development of show, write scripts, develop all production elements (Set, Lighting, Sound, Costumes, Music)
- Initiated and oversaw all team strategy and organization.
- Assessed success and strategized new policy and procedure

## Director/Choreographer - **Big Deal Productions**

Buffalo Grove, IL

2005-Current

- **Resident Director and Choreographer, 30+ shows**
- Helps build and maintain Theater program from 3 shows per season to 7 shows per season.
- Known and well-regarded for being a strong leader and a collaborator.

## Artistic Residencies and Master Classes:

- Improvisation – Wheeling High School
- Adv/Beg Story Theatre, Scene Study - Piven Theatre
- History of the Lyric Theatre - Northwestern University
- Musical Theatre Techniques - Northwestern University
- Hip-Hop/ Musical Theater Dance – Studio 83
- Hip-Hop – Metropolis SOPA
- Drama Instructor - Chicago Park District
- Director/Teacher – Drama - Camp Chi

## Awards/Publications/Professional Membership

- Board Member – Illinois Theater Association
- Judge – ISHA
- Member – Association for Theater in Higher Education
- Member – National Communication Association
- Member – Miss Illinois Scholarship Organization – Century Club
- Special Judge’s Award
- Spielberg Fellowship
- Co-author *She Still Has Life: Images from the Well*
- Acting Contributor: *In Process* (improvisation text/ Second City)

## Professional Training -Theater/Dance

### **Second City Training Center: Faculty Training**

**Second City Training Center:** IFA 1, IFA 2, Conservatory Graduate, Michael Gellman’s *In Process*

**Piven Theatre Workshop** (Apprentice/Teacher): Byrne Piven, Joyce Piven, Jen Greene

**A Traveling Jewish Theatre** (Apprentice): Aaron Davidman, Donny Masseng

**Northwestern University:** Les Hinderycx, Dominic Missimi

**Joel Hall Dance Center** (Scholarship Student): Joel Hall, Kirby Reed – Ballet, Jazz, Modern

**Gus Giordano Dance Studio:** Michael Taylor, Darryl Howard, Eddie Ocampo, Nan Giordano – Ballet, Jazz, Hip-Hop

**Edna Manley School of Visual and Performing Arts** (Kingston, Jamaica): Various – Ballet, Modern, Afro-Caribbean Folk, Repertoire

**Brandeis University:** Susan Dibble – Moder

## Directing Experience

Director	<i>Rock of Ages</i>	Theater 121	2026
Director	<i>Shrek</i>	Deerfield Theater	2025
Director	<i>Grease</i>	Big Deal Productions	2024

Director	<i>Cinderella (R&amp;H)</i>	Big Deal Productions 2023
Artistic Director	<i>Miss Illinois Scholarship Pageant</i>	Miss America Org. 2011 -20
Director	<i>Addams Family</i>	Big Deal Productions 2019
Assistant Director	<i>Into the Woods</i>	Deerfield Family Theater 2017
Director	<i>All Shook Up</i>	Big Deal Productions 2017
Director	<i>Steel Magnolias</i>	Big Deal Productions 2016
Director	<i>Crescendo (Show Choir)</i>	Big Deal Productions 16-17
Director	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Big Deal Productions 2012
Director	<i>Schoolhouse Rock Live!</i>	Broadway Bound 2012
Director	<i>Once on This Island, Jr.</i>	Big Deal Productions 2011
Director	<i>Honk, Jr.</i>	Big Deal Productions 2009
Director	<i>Alice in Wonderland, Jr.</i>	BG Children's Theater 2008
Director	<i>Annie, Jr.</i>	BG Children's Theater 2007
Director	<i>Once upon a Mattress, Jr.</i>	BG Children's Theater 2006
Assistant Director	<i>Run for Your Wife</i>	Attic Playhouse 2003
Assistant Director	<i>Waa Mu</i>	Northwestern University 99-01
Director	<i>The Chocolate Cake</i>	Northwestern University 1999
Director	<i>Celebration</i>	Brandeis University 1996
Director	<i>Adagio</i>	Brandeis University 1995

### Choreography Experience

Choreographer	<i>Chicago – Teen Edition</i>	Theater 121 2026
Choreographer	<i>Mamma Mia!</i>	Waukegan High School 2026
Choreographer	<i>The Prom</i>	Theater 121 2025
Choreographer	<i>Addams Family</i>	Waukegan High School 2025
Choreographer	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Waukegan High School 2024
Choreographer	<i>Seussical</i>	Waukegan High School 2023
Choreographer	<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor DC</i>	Big Deal Productions 2023
Choreographer	<i>Matilda!</i>	Big Deal Productions 2021
Choreographer	<i>Evita</i>	Big Deal Productions 2019
Choreographer	<i>25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee</i>	Big Deal Productions 2018
Choreographer	<i>The Little Mermaid</i>	Big Deal Productions 2018
Choreographer	<i>Into the Woods</i>	Deerfield Family Theater 2017
Choreographer	<i>All Shook Up</i>	Big Deal Productions 2017
Choreographer	<i>Catch Me If You Can</i>	Big Deal Productions 2016
Choreographer	<i>Crescendo (Show Choir)</i>	Big Deal Productions 16-17/23
Choreographer	<i>Lion King, JR.</i>	Big Deal Productions 2016
Choreographer	<i>Legally Blonde</i>	Big Deal Productions 2015
Choreographer	<i>AIDA</i>	Big Deal Productions 2014
Choreographer	<i>Wedding Singer</i>	Big Deal Productions 2011
Choreographer	<i>Footloose</i>	Big Deal Productions 2010
Choreographer	<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor DC</i>	Big Deal Productions 2009
Choreographer	<i>Once on This Island, Jr.</i>	Big Deal Productions 2011
Choreographer	<i>Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory</i>	Broadway Bound 2010
Choreographer	<i>Honk, Jr.</i>	Big Deal Productions 2009
Choreographer	<i>Big Bad Musical</i>	Broadway Bound 2009
Choreographer	<i>Alice in Wonderland, Jr.</i>	BG Children's Theater 2008
Choreographer	<i>Annie, Jr.</i>	BG Children's Theater 2007

Choreographer	<i>Once upon a Mattress, Jr.</i>	BG Children's Theater 2006
Choreographer	<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor DC</i>	Barrington Middle School 2001
Choreographer	<i>Celebration</i>	Brandeis University 1996
Choreographer	<i>Chess</i>	Brandeis University 1995
Choreographer	<i>Fantastiks</i>	Brandeis University 1994
Choreographer	<i>Company B</i>	Brandeis University 1993

### **Additional Experience**

Exec. Producer	<i>Miss Illinois Scholarship Pageant</i>	Miss America Assoc 2011 - 2020
Assist. Producer	<i>Wizard of OZ</i>	Big Deal Productions 2015
Creator	<i>Bathroom Talk</i>	Second City/ Sky Box 2006
Writer	<i>Jamaica University</i>	Second City/ ETC 2006
Writer	<i>She Still Has Life: Images from the Well</i>	A Traveling Jewish Theatre 2001