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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh

PhD, Theatre and Performance Studies

Pittsburgh, PA

anticipated 2027

Dissertation: “‘It’s Just Like Broadway’: Reprisal Dramaturgies in U.S. Musical Production (2021-2026)”

Committee: Michelle Granshaw, Qianru Li, Cynthia Croot, Bryan M. Vandevender

Immersive Practice Credential: Dramaturgy

MA, Theatre and Performance Studies

2024

The Pennsylvania State University

B.A. Theatre

B.A. Comparative Literature

University Park, PA

2022

2022

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

“*Dear Evan Hansen*.” In *Fifty Key Stage Musicals*. Ed. Robert W. Schneider. New York: Routledge. 2022.

Published Conference Papers

“It’s a Scandal! It’s an Outrage!: Disrupting Nostalgia in Daniel Fish’s revived *Oklahoma!*” *MusicTheatreDance*. 2025.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Utah

Adjunct Instructor

Broadway: The Development of the American Musical

Spring 2027

University of Pittsburgh

Graduate Student Instructor

Introduction to Dramatic Art

Fall 2026, Fall 2025,
Spring 2024, Fall 2023

Beyond Broadway: Musical Theatre Across the Globe

Spring 2025

Introduction to Performance

Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant

Asian Diaspora and Pacific Islander Theatre & Performance

Spring 2026

Enjoying Performances

Fall 2024

New Play Practicum

Spring 2023

The Pennsylvania State University

Undergraduate Student Instructor

American Musical Theatre History: 9/11 to COVID-19 Spring 2022, Spring 2021

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Musical Theatre Fall 2020, Spring 2020
Introduction to Theatre Fall 2019

PRESENTATIONS, ROUNDTABLES, TALKS

Conference Papers & Roundtable Participation

- 2026 “We’re All In This Together: Affective Stock in High School Musicals.” American Society for Theatre Research. Minneapolis, MN. Upcoming.
- 2026 “*Smash* Was(n’t) A Documentary or, The Recuperation of the Dramaturg.” Northeast Popular Culture Association. Virtual. Upcoming.
- 2026 “Everything will be so different when I’m on the stage tonight: Staging Broadway at Cumberland Valley High School.” Song, Stage and Screen Conference. Virtual.
- 2026 “I Wanna Go Back: The (Musical) Theatre as Memory Machine in *The Notebook* (2024).” Mid-America Theatre Conference. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2025 “Holding Space (and Time) for Rewrites: Reprisal Dramaturgies On Screen in *Dear Evan Hansen* (2021) and *Wicked* (2024).” Association for Theatre in Higher Education. Virtual.
- 2025 “Independently Owned (and Operating): The Revival of Conventions in *Shucked*.” Song, Stage and Screen Conference. DePaul University. Chicago, IL.
- 2025 “It’s Time to Build [an Afterglow]: *The Prom* Post-Broadway.” Mid-America Theatre Conference. Atlanta, GA.
- 2025 “Back to High School: Reflections on The High School Musical Podcast.” Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas Digital Conference. Virtual.
- 2025 “Further Fracturing Fairy Tales: Reworking *Shrek* for the Road.” Music Theatre Dance Association Winter Symposium. Virtual.
- 2024 “It’s a Scandal! It’s an Outrage!: Disrupting Nostalgia in Daniel Fish’s *Oklahoma!*” Bruce Kirle Memorial Debut Panel. Association for Theatre in Higher Education. Atlanta, GA.
- 2024 “Independently Owned (and Operating): Nostalgia and the Dramaturgy of *Shucked*.” Mid-America Theatre Conference. University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, WI.
- 2023 “Enter the Mouse: How Disney ‘Transformed’ Broadway with a Beauty and a Beast.” Mid-America Theatre Conference. Minneapolis, MN.

Panels & Roundtables Facilitated

- 2026 Bruce Kirle Memorial Debut Panel. Association for Theatre in Higher Education. Baltimore, MD.
- 2026 “State of Pittsburgh Theatre.” Mid-America Theatre Conference. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2025 “Training Trans and Nonbinary Students: Academy to Industry.” Music Theatre Dance Association. Virtual.
- 2025 “Crafting a Compelling Conference Paper and Presentation: An MTDA Graduate Student and Early Career Scholar Workshop.” Association for Theatre in Higher Education. Virtual.
- 2025 “Screen-to-Stage: The Gameshow.” Association for Theatre in Higher Education. Virtual.

Guest Lecture

- 2025 “#YouWillBeCancelled: *Dear Evan Hansen* 10 Years Later.” Binghamton University. Binghamton, NY.
- 2025 “Everything I First Learned about Dramaturgy, I Learned from *Smash*: A manifesto for musical theatre dramaturgy.” Harrisburg Area Community College. Harrisburg, PA.
- 2023 “Queer Theory for the Undergraduate Theatre Artist.” The Pennsylvania State University. University Park, PA.
- 2022 “Enter the Mouse: How Disney Transformed Broadway with a Beauty and a Beast.” Wilkes University. Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Invited Talks

- 2027 “Over the Rainbow: The Legacy of *The Wizard of Oz*.” Theatre Harrisburg. Harrisburg, PA.
- 2026 “You Are Here: 9/11 and the Musical.” Theatre Harrisburg. Harrisburg, PA.
- 2026 “The Dramaturgy of *Godspell*.” Theatre Harrisburg. Harrisburg, PA.
- 2026 “We Are That Smart: The Dramaturgy of *Spelling Bee*.” Valley High School. New Kensington, PA.
- 2026 “The Dramaturgy of *The Last Five Years*.” Theatre Harrisburg. Harrisburg, PA.
- 2025 “Thank You For the Music: ABBA and *Mamma Mia*.” Cumberland Valley High School. Mechanicsburg, PA.
- 2025 “The Dramaturgy of *Guys and Dolls*.” Theatre Harrisburg. Harrisburg, PA.
- 2025 “A Dramaturg’s Guide to *A Gentleman’s Guide...*” Theatre Harrisburg. Harrisburg, PA.
- 2025 “The Dramaturgy of *Dra! The Cat!*” J2 Spotlight Musical Theatre Company. New York, NY.
- 2025 “Kander and Ebb.” J2 Spotlight Musical Theatre Company. New York, NY.
- 2025 “The Dramaturgy of *Smile*.” J2 Spotlight Musical Theatre Company. New York, NY.
- 2025 “The Dramaturgy of *Hedwig*.” Open Stage. Harrisburg, PA.
- 2025 “The Dramaturgy of *Godspell*.” Grand Rapids Christian High School. Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2023 “*Anything Goes* and the 1930s Musical Comedy.” Cumberland Valley High School. Mechanicsburg, PA.
- 2023 “Dancing with Nuance: LGBTQ+ Representation and *The Prom*.” Keystone Theatrics. Boiling Springs, PA.
- 2023 Invited Guest. Dramaturgy class. University of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2022 “#WeAreHome: Celebrating 60 Years of CV Musical.” Cumberland Valley High School. Mechanicsburg, PA.
- 2022 Invited Guest. Dramaturgy class. Bucknell University. Lewisburg, PA.
- 2021 “Kick Off Your Sunday Shoes: Faith and Community in *Footloose*.” Cumberland Valley High School. Mechanicsburg, PA.

Audience Talkbacks

- 2026 “*Come From Away*: 25 Years Later.” Theatre Harrisburg. Harrisburg, PA.
- 2023 “*John Proctor is the Villain*.” University of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2023 “*Abduction*.” University of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, PA.

PUBLIC FACING SCHOLARSHIP

Digital Essays

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| 2025 | <i>Dramaturg’s Digest</i> | Substack |
| 2025 | “The Program Note Project” | Medium |

Podcasts

2024 – Present	<i>The High School Musical Podcast</i>	Host, Producer
2022	<i>Fifty Key Stage Musicals: The Podcast</i>	Guest (Ep. #50: <i>Dear Evan Hansen</i>)

AWARDS & GRANTS

Awards

2026	Mary Sachs Research Fellowship, Historic Harrisburg Association
2026	Graduate Student Research/Travel Award, American Society for Theatre Research
2026	Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Summer Award, University of Pittsburgh
2026	Careers Beyond Academia Award, Department of Theatre Arts, University of Pittsburgh
2026	Professional Development Award, Department of Theatre Arts, University of Pittsburgh
2025	Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Summer Award, University of Pittsburgh
2025	Careers Beyond Academia Award, Department of Theatre Arts, University of Pittsburgh
2024	Bruce Kirle Memorial Debut Panel Emerging Scholar, ATHE
2022	Sue Carson Esprit de Corps Award, Penn State University
2022	Undergraduate Emerging Scholars Symposium, MATC
2022	Award for Outstanding Playwriting (<i>Headspace</i>), KC/ACTF Region II
2021	Alumni Association Scholarship Recipient, Penn State University
2021	Beinecke Scholarship Nominee, Penn State University
2021	Award for Outstanding Research (<i>Angels in America</i>), KC/ACTF Region II
2020	Golumbic Scholarship Recipient for Humanistic Achievement, Penn State University
2020	Award for Outstanding Dramaturgy (<i>A Little Night Music</i>), KC/ACTF Region II
2019	THEA 100 Undergraduate Award Recipient, Penn State University
2018	Hershey Theatre Apollo Award for Outstanding Play (<i>The Great Gatsby</i>)

Grants

2025	Song, Stage and Screen Travel Grant, ISSM
2024	Humanities Engage Immersive Summer Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
2024	Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Summer Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
2023	Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Summer Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
2020	Student Engagement Network Remote Innovation Grant, Penn State University
2019	Student Engagement Network Grant, Penn State University

MEMBERSHIPS

Mid-America Theatre Conference (MATC)	2022-Present
Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas (LMDA)	2024-Present
Music Theatre Dance Association (MTDA)	2024-Present
Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE)	2024-Present
International Society for the Study of Musicals (ISSM)	2025-Present
American Society for Theatre Research (ASTR)	2026-Present
American Theatre and Drama Society (ATDS)	2026-Present

SERVICE

Professional Service

Graduate Student Representative	Music Theatre Dance Association	2024-Present
Pittsburgh CLO Ambassador	Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera	2024-Present

Interim Assoc. Conference Planner	Mid-America Theatre Conference	2025-2026
Graduate Student Liaison	Mid-America Theatre Conference	2024-2026
Conference Planning Committee	Mid-America Theatre Conference	2023-2025

University Service

Curriculum Committee	University of Pittsburgh	2024-2025
Season Selection Committee	University of Pittsburgh	2022-2024

PROFESSIONAL WORK

Appointments

Resident Dramaturg	Cumberland Valley High School Mechanicsburg, PA	2022-Present
Resident Dramaturg	The J2 Spotlight MT Company New York City, NY	2022-Present
Season 100 Dramaturg	Theatre Harrisburg Harrisburg, PA	2025-2026

Internships

Dramaturgy Intern	The J2 Spotlight MT Company New York City, NY	2022, 2024
Dramaturgy Intern	Open Stage Harrisburg, PA	2021

PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

Professional

Dramaturgy

Off-Broadway

2026	<i>The Mystery of Edwin Drood</i>	The J2 Spotlight MT Company (40 th Anniversary)
2026	<i>Carnival</i>	The J2 Spotlight MT Company
2026	<i>Milk and Honey</i>	The J2 Spotlight MT Company
2025	<i>Drat! The Cat!</i>	The J2 Spotlight MT Company
2025	<i>Zorba</i>	The J2 Spotlight MT Company
2025	<i>Smile</i>	The J2 Spotlight MT Company
2024	<i>Lucky Stiff</i>	The J2 Spotlight MT Company
2024	<i>Do Re Mi</i>	The J2 Spotlight MT Company
2023	<i>Sugar</i>	The J2 Spotlight MT Company
2023	<i>Woman of the Year</i>	The J2 Spotlight MT Company (1 st NYC Revival)
2023	<i>The Goodbye Girl</i>	The J2 Spotlight MT Company
2022	<i>A Class Act</i>	The J2 Spotlight MT Company (1 st NYC Revival)
2022	<i>Hollywood/Ukraine</i>	The J2 Spotlight MT Company (1 st NYC Revival)
2022	<i>The Baker's Wife</i>	The J2 Spotlight MT Company

New York City

2023	<i>Fifty Key Stage Musicals: The Concert IV</i>	Feinstein's/54 Below
2023	<i>Fifty Key Stage Musicals: The Concert III</i>	Feinstein's/54 Below
2023	<i>54 Below Celebrates FAME the Movie</i>	Feinstein's/54 Below
2023	<i>Wonderful Town: 70th Anniversary</i>	Feinstein's/54 Below
2023	<i>Broadway Bound</i>	Feinstein's/54 Below
2023	<i>Fifty Key Stage Musicals: The Concert II</i>	Feinstein's/54 Below

2023	<i>Fifty Key Stage Musicals: The Concert</i>	Feinstein's/54 Below
2022	<i>The Addams Family</i>	New York Film Academy
2022	<i>54 Below Celebrates the Al Hirschfeld</i>	Feinstein's/54 Below

Regional

2027	<i>Be More Chill</i>	Theatre Harrisburg
2026	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>	Theatre Harrisburg
2026	<i>Come From Away</i>	Theatre Harrisburg
2026	<i>Hairspray</i>	OFC Creations
2026	<i>Tennessee Waltz</i>	Clear Space Theatre Company (Dev. Reading)
2026	<i>I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change</i>	Theatre Harrisburg
2026	<i>Follies: In Concert</i>	Theatre Harrisburg with Harrisburg Symphony
2026	<i>Godspell</i> (1971)	Cresson Lake Playhouse
2026	<i>Godspell</i> (2011)	Theatre Harrisburg
2026	<i>The Last Five Years</i>	Theatre Harrisburg
2025	<i>Guys and Dolls</i>	Theatre Harrisburg
2025	<i>A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder</i>	Theatre Harrisburg
2025	<i>Head over Heels</i>	Forestburgh Playhouse
2025	<i>Hedwig and the Angry Inch</i>	Open Stage
2024	<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Keystone Theatrics
2024	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Keystone Theatrics
2024	<i>Anastasia</i>	Keystone Theatrics
2024	<i>The Music Man</i>	Keystone Theatrics
2024	<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i>	North Shore Music Theatre
2024	<i>Something Rotten!</i>	Keystone Theatrics
2024	<i>Next to Normal</i>	Duluth Playhouse
2024	<i>The Prom</i>	Keystone Theatrics
2023	<i>The Sound of Music</i>	Duluth Playhouse
2023	<i>Young Frankenstein</i>	Duluth Playhouse
2023	<i>Young Frankenstein</i>	Keystone Theatrics
2023	<i>Cats</i>	Music Theatre Wichita
2023	<i>Ragtime</i>	Music Theatre Wichita
2023	<i>The Addams Family</i>	Forestburgh Playhouse
2023	<i>Beautiful: The Carole King Musical</i>	Keystone Theatrics
2023	<i>The Sound of Music</i>	Keystone Theatrics
2023	<i>Bullets Over Broadway</i>	The Legacy Theatre
2021	<i>Carole King's Tapestry LIVE</i>	Open Stage
2021	<i>Over the Rainbow: Songs of Judy Garland</i>	Open Stage

Playwriting

2023	<i>Headspace</i>	Harrisburg Fringe Festival
2023	<i>Charley/Nik/Charlie/Nick</i>	Harrisburg Area Community College
2020	<i>60 Seconds</i>	The State Radio Players
2019	<i>Stage Moms</i>	Mountain View Middle School

Educational

Dramaturgy

2027	<i>Frozen</i>	Cumberland Valley High School
2027	<i>Natasha...The Great Comet of 1812</i>	Lebanon Valley College
2026	<i>The Pirates of Penzance</i>	Lebanon Valley College
2026	<i>Titanic</i>	Grand Rapids Christian High School
2026	<i>Into the Woods</i>	Lebanon Valley College
2026	<i>25th Annual...Spelling Bee</i>	Valley High School
2026	<i>Mamma Mia!</i>	Cumberland Valley High School
2026	<i>Hair</i>	University of Texas at Arlington
2025	<i>A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder</i>	University of Texas at Arlington
2025	<i>Godspell</i> (1971)	Grand Rapids Christian High School
2025	<i>Shrek the Musical</i>	Cumberland Valley High School
2025	<i>Nice Work If You Can Get It</i>	Mifflinburg Area High School
2024	<i>John Proctor is the Villain</i>	Wilkes University
2024	<i>Anything Goes</i> (2022 revisions)	Cumberland Valley High School
2024	<i>Head over Heels</i>	University of Texas at Arlington
2023	<i>John Proctor is the Villain</i>	University of Pittsburgh (area premiere)
2023	<i>Abduction: A Musical Comedy</i>	University of Pittsburgh (collegiate premiere)
2022	<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Cumberland Valley High School
2022	<i>Results Will Vary*</i>	Penn State University Student Orientation
2022	<i>Footloose</i>	Cumberland Valley High School
2022	New Works Festival	Penn State University
2021	<i>The Wild Party</i> (Lippa)	Penn State University
2021	<i>Cinderella</i> (2013)	Cumberland Valley High School
2020	<i>Take a Walk In My Shoes</i>	Penn State University
2020	<i>Angels in America</i>	Penn State University
2019	<i>A Little Night Music</i>	Penn State University
2019	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	Penn State University
2018	<i>Caroline, or Change</i>	Penn State University

Playwright

2022	<i>Moving Day</i>	Penn State University
2021	<i>Headspace</i>	Penn State University
2019	<i>Weekend Visit</i>	Penn State University

Directing

2024	<i>Homework Eats Dog...</i>	CV Actors Studio
2023	<i>Little Women</i> (Chamberlain)	CV Actors Studio
2019	<i>Doubt: A Parable</i>	Penn State University
2019	<i>Emma: A Pop Musical JV</i>	Allenberry Playhouse
2019	<i>Winnie the Pooh KIDS</i>	Allenberry Playhouse
2018	<i>Mary Poppins JR</i>	Camp Hill Youth Summer Stage
2018	<i>Once On This Island JR</i>	Camp Hill Youth Summer Stage
2017	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	Cumberland Valley High School

Devised Theatre

2020	<i>Pulling Back the Mask</i>	Cumberland Valley High School
2020	<i>#HereToo-New York</i>	JCC Manhattan
2019	<i>#HereToo @ Penn State</i>	Penn State University

2019 *Ghostlight*
2019 *#HereToo*

Allenberry Playhouse
Penn State University

LANGUAGES

Intermediate reading, writing, and speaking facility with French