

Curriculum Vitae  
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## **Education**

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL  
Doctor of Philosophy in Theatre and Performance Studies (in progress)  
Area of Study: Black Theatre and Performance  
Projected Graduation: 2026

New York University, New York, NY  
Performing Arts Industry Essentials Certificate – Theatre (in progress)  
Projected Completion: December 2021

Full Sail University, Winter Park, FL  
Master of Science in Innovation and Entrepreneurship  
October 2020

The Actors Studio Drama School at Pace University, New York, NY  
Master of Fine Arts Acting Program  
With Dance courses at The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater  
September 2018 - May 2019 (First Year Only)

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL  
Master of Science in Theatre  
Emphasis in Theatre Education  
August 2012

Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, Tallahassee, FL  
Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Performance / Minors in Education and Dance  
Thesis: *Yellowman* by Dael Orlandersmith, *The Presence and Effects of Colorism in Today's Theatre*  
May 2008

## **Certifications**

State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs \*with VIPKids  
Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Certification (20 hour)  
October 2021

Florida Department of Education  
Drama 6-12 Subject Area Test - Pass  
May 2020

## **Instructors**

Acting: Susan Aston, Dr. Kris Salata, David Turner, Luther D. Wells, Marci Duncan

Voice: Robert Serrell, Dr. Alethea Kilgore

Dance: Vado Diomande (The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater), Dr. Gaynelle Sherrod

Movement: Alexandra Damiani

Theatre History: Dr. William Coco, Dr. Elizabeth Osborne, Dr. Irma Mayorga, Kimberly Harding

Directing: George McConnell, Luther D. Wells

Black Theatre/Race & Gender: Dr. Aaron C. Thomas, Dr. Valencia Matthews

## **Employment**

### **Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL**

#### **Wilson-Auzenne Assistantship Recipient – Teaching Assistant (2021 - )**

- Provide instruction in the Theatre Arts to undergraduate students.

### **Oluse Performing Arts, L.L.C. Tallahassee, FL**

#### **Owner/Operator (2020 - )**

- Provide private acting instruction to participants of all ages.
- Facilitate instruction in dance, voice, piano, and guitar.
- Provide career management services for participants.

### **Essential Theatrical Associates (ETA) Tallahassee, FL**

#### **Co-Founder/ Consultant/ Writer/ Director/ Producer/Performer (2016 – )**

- ETA is a collective of Florida A & M University Essential Theatre Alumni, and other local theatre professionals, that write, produce, and perform original works.
- ETA provides diversity and inclusion consulting services for theatrical organizations.
- ETA productions combine theatre, dance, poetry, and music to present works that speak to the black experience.
- ETA presents workshops for performers and students in the Tallahassee area. The workshops focus on how to audition successfully and cover dance call prep, vocal techniques, acting success, and package selection.
- ETA produces the works of local artists to assist them in achieving their performance and career goals.

### **Leon County School Board Tallahassee, FL**

#### **Substitute Teacher \*Primary Theatre Teacher Replacement\* (2014- 2020)**

#### **\*Florida Department of Education Drama 6-12 Certified Instructor\***

- I continue to remain available strictly for the theatre teachers throughout Leon County.
- Received instructions from primary teachers regarding the handling of classroom instruction.
- Tasked with reading and understanding curriculum and lesson plans prior to the arrival of each new group of students. Developed personal plans to ensure that the instruction was being adequately and appropriately provided.
- Ensured that classroom instruction was handled according to the school's policies, goals and objectives.

- Established and maintained classroom behavioral expectations and ensured that a climate of fairness and respect was promoted.
- Took necessary and reasonable actions to ensure the safety of students, materials and school equipment.
- Created substitute teaching/ instruction report at the end of each day.

**Florida A&M University Irene C. Edmonds Youth Theatre Camp Tallahassee, FL  
Acting Instructor (Summer 2019)**

- Provided acting instruction for children ages 7 – 17 during a summer camp that culminated in an original production presented on the Essential Theatre stage.
- Created age appropriate lesson plans, projects, and activities designed to increase the children’s understanding of and ability in acting.
- Collaborated with other instructors and theatre personnel to provide an enriching theatrical experience for campers.

**Tallahassee Community College Tallahassee, FL  
Adjunct Professor \*Theatre Department\* (2012-2016)**

- Provided instruction in the art of Theatre and the art of Creative Improvisation.
- Created course syllabus and ensured timely and successful progress of students throughout the academic semester.
- Provided day to day counseling for students with issues concerning grades, teachers, classmates, class discrepancies, academic progress, academic reports, academic policies, academic procedures, graduation requirements and class schedules.
- Maintained student academic records throughout their semester.

**Florida Department of Children and Families Tallahassee, FL  
Abuse Registry Counselor (2010 – 2012)**

- Received Adult and Child abuse allegation calls for the State of Florida
- Determined if a case met acceptance criteria and then processed accepted cases and assigned them to the appropriate Florida county for investigation

**Performances**

**Professional Theatre**

Parent Artist Advocacy League and Blackboard Plays with the Reparatory Theatre of St. Louis:  
Black Motherhood and Parenting New Play Festival

*Thirty* (Sandra)

Urbanite Theatre 2021 Modern Works Festival

*A Skeptic and a Bruja* (Priscilla)

The Play Reading Network

*Sapphic Scouts* (Camp Director)

Florida Studio Theatre

*The Drolls* \*with Chuck Cooper (Roxalana)

Digital Shakespeare Company

*Macbeth* (Lady Macbeth)

St. Petersburg Opera Company – Staged Reading Series

<i>Way Beyond Water</i>	(Alvanette Jackson)
Theatre for the New City	
<i>Echoes of a Lost Son</i>	(Narrator)
Jenny Wiley State Theatre	
<i>Footloose</i>	(Vi Moore)
American Stage	
<i>Letter to Kamala</i> *premiere	(Charlotta Bass)
<i>Comedy of Errors</i> - Abridged	(Balthasar / Aemelia – Abbess)
<i>Skeleton Crew</i>	(Faye)
<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>	(Mrs. Johnson)
National Black Theatre Festival Readers Theatre 2017	
<i>The Long Goodbye</i>	(Jodie)
*with Vanessa Bell Calloway	
<i>Miss Laura Maye of Harlem</i>	(Miss “D”)
<i>I am Grace</i>	(Mop)
<i>Red Ribbons</i>	(Woman 1)
Round Barn Theatre at Amish Acres	
<i>Sister Act</i>	(Deloris Van Cartier)
Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre	
<i>Hairspray</i>	(Motormouth Maybelle)
Crane River Theatre	
<i>Doubt</i>	(Mrs. Muller)
Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe	
<i>Dearly Departed</i>	(Raynelle)
<i>The Color Purple</i>	(Sofia)
Florida A & M University Essential Theatre Artists in Bloom Series	
<i>Dark Legends in Blood</i>	(Etta James)
Southern Shakespeare Company	
<i>A Town Divided</i> – Original Cast	(Elle)
<i>Zombie Shakespeare</i>	(Cinderella/Olivia/Nurse/Cobweb)
The Laughing Stock	
<i>The Laughing Stock Cabaret</i> 2017	(Various Characters)
<i>The Laughing Stock Cabaret</i> 2015	(Various Characters)
National Black Theatre Festival Readers Theatre 2015	
<i>Wildflowers in the Median</i>	(Lavender/Various Characters)
<i>Calming the Man</i>	(Narrator)
Mill Mountain Theatre	
<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	(Calpurnia)
Ruby Diamond Theatre	
<i>The Vagina Monologues</i>	(Chorus)
*with Jane Fonda, Rosie Perez, Lupe Ontiveros, and Margot Kidder	
<b>Community Theatre</b>	
Quincy Music Theatre	
<i>Dreamgirls</i>	(Effie White)
<i>Shrek the Musical</i>	(Dragon/Mama Ogre)

<i>Hairspray</i>	(Motormouth Maybelle)
Theatre Tallahassee	
<i>Agnes of God</i>	(Mother Superior)
<i>Clybourne Park</i>	(Francine/Lena)
<i>The Piano Lesson</i>	(Berniece)
<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>	(Lena Younger)
Spider Webb Productions	
<i>Sibling Rivalry</i>	(Host/Sister)
Theatre Tallahassee Coffee House	
<i>The Member of the Wedding</i>	(Berenice)
<i>The Colored Museum</i>	(Ms. Ethel/Janine/Mama/Topsy)
<i>The Guys – Original Cast</i>	(Joan)
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*10 Year Anniversary Performance	
<i>The Laramie Project</i>	(Various Characters)

### **Educational Theatre**

Actor's Studio Drama School	
First Year Actor Showcase	
<i>The Subject Was Roses</i>	(Nettie Cleary)
First Year Director Showcase	
<i>Sentences and Words</i>	(Maggie)
Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre	
<i>ASDS West African Dance Showcase</i>	(Dancer)
Florida State University Theatre	
<i>Chicago</i> *2019 production	(Matron Mama Morton)
<i>Intimate Apparel</i>	(Mrs. Dickson)
<i>The Violet Hour</i>	(Jessie Brewster)
<i>RENT</i>	(Mrs. Jefferson/Bag Lady/US JoAnne)
Florida A & M University Essential Theatre	
<i>Black Widow</i>	(Big Mama)
<i>Dreamgirls</i>	(Stepp Sister/Effie US)
<i>Dearly Departed</i>	(Raynelle)
<i>Flyin' West</i>	(Ms. Leah)
Theatre TCC	
<i>The Curious Savage</i>	(Mrs. Ethel P. Savage)
<i>School House Rock, Live!</i>	(Various characters/2 Solos)
<i>Arsenic and Old Lace</i>	(Lieutenant Rooney)

### **Film, Television, and Industrials**

<i>Bandit (Mel Gibson)</i> <b>IMDb</b>	(Featured Extra)	Allan Ungar
<i>Hurricane Michael Relief Commercial</i>	(Spokesperson)	<i>FL Dept of Economic Opp.</i>
<i>QueerBNB</i> <b>IMDb</b>	(Lead)	Alex McFry & Alex Engle
<i>No Man's Land</i>	(Supporting)	Landon Hogue
<i>Wolves</i>	(Voice Over)	Travae Davis
<i>Maverick the Mystifying</i> <b>IMDb</b>	(Supporting)	Alex McFry & Alex Engle

<i>A Hard Pill to Swallow</i>	(Lead)	Thomas McDonald
<i>Submerged</i>	(Supporting)	Jed Taylor
<i>Life After Death</i>	(Lead)	Gabriella Carbone
<i>I Can't Even</i> <b>IMDb</b>	(Supporting)	Stevo Chang & Fran Ervin
<i>Our Fire</i>	(Lead)	Travae Davis
<i>FOUR</i> <b>IMDb</b>	(Supporting)	Ashley James
<i>Move</i>	(Lead)	Aaron Brooks
<i>Blind Mouse</i>	(Supporting)	Kate Anderson
<i>Job Hunt</i>	(Lead)	Nico Weaver
<i>Gasp</i>	(Supporting)	Mason Joseph
<i>All the Love Given</i> <b>IMDb</b>	(Lead)	Karissma S. Robinson
<i>Independent</i>	(Supporting)	Justin and Christian Long
<i>Lauren's Kids/Safer Smarter Kids</i>	(Supporting)	Sachs Media Group
<i>My Music</i> <b>IMDb</b>	(Lead)	JVision Productions
<i>Water Dogs</i> <b>IMDb</b>	(Supporting)	Matthew Slamowitz
<i>Safely Ride or Die</i>	(Supporting)	FAMU School of Journalism
<i>Morning Glory</i> <b>IMDb</b>	(Lead)	Nicole Emmanuel
<i>Coochie</i> <b>IMDb</b>	(Supporting)	Najaa Young
<i>Alpha and Omega</i> <b>IMDb</b>	(Supporting)	JVision Pictures

**Commercial Conflicts** available upon request

### **Directing**

*Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill* by Lanie Robertson Theatre Tallahassee 2021-2022  
*Pretty Fire* by Charlayne Woodard Essential Theatrical Associates 2021  
*The Counterfeit Too* by Veronique George VG Productions – Virtual 2021  
*The Counterfeit* by Veronique George Lincoln Auditorium, 2018  
*Yellowman* by Dael Orlandersmith Florida A & M University, 2007  
*For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf* by Ntozake Shange  
University of Florida Women's Studies Department, 2008

### **Special Appearances**

61<sup>st</sup> Annual Grammy Awards / Facebook Groups Live Event 2021 – Black Artists Movement Group  
Facebook Groups Juneteenth Campaign Commercial 2021 – Black Artists Movement Group

## **Professional Experience and Development**

### **Workshops Conducted**

*Linklater Technique Warm-Up*, Southern Shakespeare Company Summer 2021 Series  
*Theatre Around the World* Workshop, Quincy Music Theatre Summer Camp 2020  
*Character Construction* Workshop, Southern Shakespeare Company Summer 2020 Series  
*Audition Prep* Workshop, Godby High School 2020  
*Act Well Your Part* Improv Workshop, Leon County Schools 2019  
*Actors Who Audition* Workshop 2018. **ETA Production**  
*Actors Who Move* Workshop 2018. **ETA Production**

*Actors Who Sing* Workshop 2018. **ETA Production**

*How to Audition* Workshop 2015 at Leon High School, Tallahassee, FL

Little Girls Rock Workshop 2015: *Successful Auditioning*, Tallahassee, FL

### **Adjudications**

Florida Thespians Festival 2020: District 1

Solo Musical category

Duet Musicals category

Florida Thespians Festival 2019: District 1

Solo Musical category

Florida Thespians Festival 2018: District 1

Duet Acting category

Florida Thespians Festival 2017: District 1

Duet Musicals category

Florida Thespians Festival 2016: District 1

Small Group Musicals category

Large Group Musicals category

Florida Intercollegiate Forensics Association State Championship 2015

Extemporaneous Speaking, Dramatic Interpretation, and Program of Oral Interpretation

*Noises Off* by Michael Frayn at Chipola College, Marianna, FL 2013

*Judge* for 4-H Tropicana Public Speaking Contest 2018

Hartsfield Elementary School 4th and 5th Grade

### **Producer**

*Producer/Coordinator/Editor* of *The Ground on Which We Stand: We ARE Our Ancestors Black History Month 365!* Virtual. **ETA Production** 2021.

*Producer/Coordinator/Editor* of *ETA Holiday Showcase 2020*. Virtual. **ETA Production** 2020.

*Producer/Performer/ Editor* of *Talk Dat Talk: A Celebration of the Oral Tradition of Storytelling*. Virtual. **ETA Production** 2020.

*Producer/Stage Manager* of *Err'thing Glitter Ain't Gold* by K. Sidney Bronson & Natasha Edwards. Monticello Opera House. **ETA Production** 2019

*Producer* of stage reading of *Err'thing Glitter Ain't Gold* by K. Sidney Bronson & Natasha Edwards. **ETA Production** 2018

*Producer* of *Colors of the H'art: A Poetic and Acoustic Journey through Life, Love, Hope, and Healing*. **ETA Production** 2017

### **Diversity Initiatives**

*Local Theatre Round Table: Discussion on Diversity and Inclusion in our Local Theaters 2021*

Presented by ETA and hosted by Southern Shakespeare Company

*Diversity Town Hall: A Conversation on Black Representation in Tallahassee Theatre 2021*

Presented by ETA and hosted by Southern Shakespeare Company

### **Community Productions**

Leon County B.L. Perry Public Library Black History Month Event 2018

*Guest star, Writer, and Director*. **ETA Production**

Leon County B.L. Perry Public Library Black History Month Event 2017

*Host, Writer, and Director. ETA Production*

Leon County B.L. Perry Public Library Black History Month Event 2016 with City Commissioner Bill Proctor

*Host and Writer*

Leon County B.L. Perry Public Library Black History Month Event 2015 with City Commissioner Bill Proctor

*Guest Performer and Writer*

Community Come Together Celebration 2017, Tallahassee, FL

*Musical Performer*

60th Anniversary of the Tallahassee Bus Boycott Performance

*Guest Performer. ETA Production*

Dedication of Lake Anita, Tallahassee, FL

*Guest Performer. ETA Production*

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the John G. Riley Center/Museum: 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Applause for the Pioneers

Cufflinks and Peals Gala 2016, Tallahassee, FL

*Guest Performer*

### **Honors and Awards**

*Theatre Tampa Bay Awards; Outstanding Performance by a Lead Actress in a Play Winner 2020*

Florida State University School of Theatre Alumni Spotlight 2020 (Instagram Takeover)

*Theatre Tampa Bay Awards: Outstanding Performance by a Featured Actress in a Play*

Nominee 2018

Best Actress Mainstage Production Winner 2013-2014 Theatre Tallahassee

Best Actress in a Coffee House Production Winner 2011-2012 Theatre Tallahassee

Best Actress in a Coffee House Production Winner 2010-2011 Theatre Tallahassee

Best Supporting Actress Mainstage Production Winner 2003-2004 Theatre Tallahassee

Best Actress Mainstage Production Winner 2002-2003 Theatre Tallahassee

*FSU Black Actors Guild Breakthrough Performer 2002 Florida State University*

Best Actress Mainstage Production Nominee 2000-2001 Theatre Tallahassee

### **Media and Bibliography**

*Tallahassee Democrat*

Tallahassee, FL

Emphasizing Diversity, Essential Theatrical Associates Leans... November 2020

<https://www.tallahassee.com/story/life/2020/11/28/emphasizing-diversity-essential-theatrical-associates-leans-into-livestreaming/6428745002/>

*Broadway World*

Tampa/St. Petersburg, FL

BWW Review: Tampa Bay Premiere Proves to be a Hard Hitting... February 2020

<https://www.broadwayworld.com/tampa/article/BWW-Review-TAMPA-BAY-PREMIERE-PROVES-TO-BE-A-HARD-HITTING-EXPOSE-ON-LIFE-IN-THE-WORKPLACE-WITH-SKELETON-CREW-at-American-Stage-20200217>

*The Community Press*

Fort Myers FL

Local Girl Makes Good

March 2018

<http://www.thecommunitypressfla.org/03%20Comm%20Press%20MAR%202018%20Final.pdf>

*Tallahassee Democrat*

Tallahassee, FL

Four Faces of Tallahassee Motherhood

May 10, 2015

<https://tallahassee.newspapers.com/search/#ymd=2015-05-10>



*Southeastern Theatre Conference News*

Professional Artists Spotlight

July/August 2014

<https://www.setc.org/publications-resources/setc-news/>

SETC Website

Professional Artists Success Stories

2013-2014

<https://www.setc.org/auditions/success-stories-auditions/>

### **Workshops Attended**

Business Skills for Creatives 2021

Broward Cultural Division

MTI/Playbill Broadway Teachers Workshop 2016

Manhattan, NY

Southeastern Theatre Conference Spring Workshops (2013-2018)

Southeastern Theatre Conference Teachers Institute 2017

Southeastern Theatre Conference Teachers Institute 2015

Making It On Broadway Workshop with Jodie Langel 2017

Manhattan, NY

Florida Professional Theatre Auditions Workshops (2013-2015)

Sarasota /Venice, FL

### **Master Classes**

*Inside the Actor's Studio with Henry Winkler*, interviewed by Alec Baldwin 2019

*Inside the Actor's Studio with David Oyelowo*, interviewed by Jane Lynch 2019

*Inside the Actor's Studio with Willem Dafoe*, interviewed by Pedro Pascal 2019

*Build Your Book* with Jodie Langel, Broadway actress and best-selling author

*Master Class* with Lisa Howard, Broadway and film actress

*Pop/Rock Auditioning* with Ben Fankhauser, Broadway actor

*Pop/Rock Auditioning* with Morgan James, Broadway actress and recording artist

*Acting* with Joe Cassidy, Broadway actor

*Business for Actors* with Jamibeth Margolis, Broadway casting director

*Dance for Actors* with Natascia Diaz, Broadway dancer/actress

### **Speaking Engagements**

*Methods and Tools for Increasing EDI in Secondary Theatre Classrooms*

Belmont University, Dept. of Theatre and Dance 2021

*ETA and Promoting Diverse Voices in Theatre*

Belmont University 2021, Dept. of Theatre and Dance 2021

*Advice and Encouragement from another HBCU Grad*

Tennessee State University, Dept. of Communications Theatre Program 2021

### **Conferences Attended**

Southeastern Theatre Conference Spring 2018

Southeastern Theatre Conference Spring 2017

Southeastern Theatre Conference Spring 2016

Southeastern Theatre Conference Spring 2015

Southeastern Theatre Conference Fall 2014

Southeastern Theatre Conference Spring 2014

Southeastern Theatre Conference Spring 2013

Florida Theatre Conference 2014

Florida Theatre Conference 2013  
Frequent Guest Speaker for Leon County Schools Drama Departments

### **Courses Taught**

Introduction to Theatre	Tallahassee Community College
Creative Improvisation	Tallahassee Community College

## **Additional Information**

### **Board of Directors**

Irish Repertory Theatre 2021-2023  
Theatre Tallahassee 2015-2016  
Theatre Tallahassee 2010-2011

### **Community Service**

Florida Education Fund's 2021 State History and Culture Brain Bowl Championship Moderator  
Florida Professional Theatre Auditions Conversations on Diversity 2020  
*FSU Film School* Projects 2001 - )  
*Audelco Awards* Presentation Committee (NYC) 2018  
Southeastern Theatre Conference Undergraduate Spring Auditions 2018  
Southeastern Theatre Conference Undergraduate Spring Auditions 2017

### **Committee Service**

American Stage Company Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Council 2020 –  
American Stage Company Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Council, Programming and Artists Subcommittee Chair 2020 –  
Crane River Theatre Diversity Committee 2020 -  
Florida Theatre Conference Equity Committee 2015-2016  
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (Antapokritis-Public Relations Chairwoman) 2016-2018  
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (Undergraduate Advisor) 2014-2018  
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (Yarn Scholarship Banquet Committee) 2012-2018  
University of Florida *Black Graduate Student Organization* (President) 2008-2009  
Florida A & M University Essential Theatre Union (Parliamentarian) 2007-2008

### **Professional Affiliations**

Actors Equity Association Member  
Screen Actors Guild Eligible  
Mid-America Theatre Conference Member  
South Eastern Theatre Conference Member  
C4 Atlanta Member  
Florida Alliance for Arts Education Member  
Florida Association of Theatre Educators Member  
Theatre Communications Group Member  
Black Theatre Network Member

**Other Affiliations**

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (ZPB)

Florida A & M University Essential Theatre Union (ETU)

**References**

Available upon request