#### Curriculum Vitae

# **Kerstin Vaughn**

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#### Education

Texas Tech University - Lubbock, TX completed May 2022 Master of Fine Arts in Performance and Pedagogy Thesis: "Bike America: A Reflection of the Body in Performance" University of Mount Union - Canton, OH completed May 2019 Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Second Major: Communication Studies Minor: Psychology University Honors - summa cum laude **Teaching Experience** Texas Tech University – Lubbock, TX Teaching Artist, Stroke and Aphasia Recovery Program 2022 Develop activities and exercises for adults stroke survivors to cultivate confidence of speech Instructor of Record, Speech for the Actor 2021 Created a safe and challenging learning environment for creative exploration Practice rooted in Knight-Thompson and Patsy Rodenburg Instructor of Record, Theatre Appreciation Focused Studies for Majors 2020, 2021 Designed syllabus and lesson plans Created engaging activities and assignments to engage student learning Taught online and in-person, synchronous and asynchronous Teaching Assistant, Advanced Voice 2020 Managed class when professor is absent to help ensure everything stays on schedule Evaluated and provided feedback on written assignments to enhance student knowledge Practice rooted in Fitzmaurice Voicework 2019 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Cinema Evaluated and graded students' written assignments according to university policies Ballet Lubbock – Lubbock TX 2021, 2022 Designed and taught acting and voice-based lesson plans for youth dance students Moonlight Musicals – Lubbock, TX 2021, 2022 Summer Camp Drama Instructor Created acting lessons for elementary and middle school students All Saints Episcopal School – Lubbock, TX Theatre Summer Camp Guest Artist 2021 Created acting lessons for elementary and middle school students Substitute Teacher 2020-2021 Managed preK-12 classrooms across a variety of subject areas University of Mount Union - Canton, OH Navigators Drama Club 2018 Taught middle school students theatre fundamentals

Directed middle school students in ten-minute plays

## **Theatrical Experience**

## Artistic Leadership

Director, Anansi the Spider, Lexington Children's Theatre, 2023

Director, It's a Wonderful Life: The Radio Play, Lubbock Community Theatre, 2022

Producer, Why We Are Angry, The Feminist Commune Theatre Collective, 2022

Director, Hairspray, Moonlight Musicals, 2022

Assistant Director, Twelfth Night, The Acting Company, 2022

Director, Gwen and Annie Texas Tech University, 2022

Choreographer, The Snake Eater, Texas Tech University, 2022

Assistant Director, In the Heights, Moonlight Musicals, 2021

Director, The Process, Texas Tech University, 2021

Director, After the Plague, Texas Tech University, 2020

Director, Infinitesimal Loop, Texas Tech University, 2020

Producer, Twelfth Night: A Zoom Play, Texas Tech University, 2020

# Representative Acting Roles

Penny, Bike America, Texas Tech University, 2021

Dawnn, Esther, Karenjune, Sonnets for an Old Century, Texas Tech University, 2021

Magnilda, The Blue Flower, Texas Tech University, 2020

Benvolio, Romeo and Juliet, Shakespeare at the Castle, 2016

Sylvius, As You Like It, Rubber City Theatre, 2015

Ensemble, Winter's Tale, Ohio Shakespeare Festival, 2017

T-Anne, Anton in Showbusiness, University of Mount Union, 2017

#### Representative Stage Management

Production Stage Manager, Our Offering, The Next Generation Project, 2020

Production Stage Manager, DanceTech 2020, Texas Tech University, 2020

Stage Manager, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, Burktech Players, 2021

Stage Manager, Under Fire, University of Mount Union, 2018

Assistant Stage Manager, Richard II, Kingsmen Shakespeare Company, 2019

Assistant Stage Manager, Merry Wives of Windsor, Kingsmen Shakespeare Company, 2019

Intern, Anything Goes, Porthouse Theatre, 2018

#### **Vocal Coaching**

Vocal Coach, Frontier Fest, Texas Tech University, 2021

Vocal Coach, Shame on Me, Texas Tech University, 2019

Vocal Coach, Dial M for Murder, Poetic Thespians, 2020

Vocal Captain, The Blue Flower, Texas Tech University, 2020

#### Certifications

National Alliance of Mental Illness	2021
Connection Support Group Facilitator	
Siddhi Yoga International	2022-2023
200hr Yoga Teacher Training in progress	

# Research

Senior Culminating Experience	2019
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The Color of Love: A Qualitative Analysis of Interracial Romance in Film

Research interests include somatics, gender and sexuality in voice work, dialect acquisition, consent-based and trauma-informed directing, and inclusive pedagogy practices.

# **Presentations and Workshops**

Association for Theatre in Higher Education	2021
"Understanding Their Given Circumstances: Making Space for Our Students'	Diverse Backgrounds in the
Studio Classroom"	
Voice and Speech Trainers Association	2020
"Practical Approaches for Coaching Gender Diverse Performers"	
*Conference cancelled due to COVID-19	
University Interscholastic League Student Activities Conference	2019
"Acting Outside the Box: Using Rasaboxes for Monologue and Scene Work"	
University of Mount Union SCHOLAR Day	2019
"The Color of Love: An Analysis of Interracial Romance in Film"	
Mideast Honors Association Conference	2017
"The Problem of Diversity: An Analysis of Diversity in Entertainment Media"	
"Moving Towards Tolerance? Buddhism and US Civil Rights"	

# Service

Service	
Member, Anti-Racism Working Group, School of Theatre and Dance	2020 - present
President, Honors Program, University of Mount Union	2017-2019
Secretary, Mount Union Players, University of Mount Union	2018-2019
Volunteer, Life Skill Instructional Group for Foster Children, Pathway Caring for Chil	dren 2019
Organizer, Little Library Book Drive, Lambda Pi Eta honorary society	2017 – 2018
Member, Theatre Department Search Committee, University of Mount Union	2018
Awards and Grants	
Ready To Direct, Winner, Southeastern Theatre Conference	2022
One Act Play Director, First Place, TTU Arts and Humanities Conference	2021
Meritorious Achievement in Acting,	
The Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Region 6	2020
Stokes Regents Theatre Scholarship, Texas Tech University	2019, 2020
Helen Jones Foundation Fellowship, Texas Tech University	2019, 2020
Regula Center for Public Service and Civic Engagement Pay It Forward Grant	2019
Alfred Ringwald Award, University of Mount Union	2019
The Mount Union Players' Hall of Fame Award, University of Mount Union	2019

2018 2017, 2018

2017

G.L. and M. Wagner King Prize for Performing Arts, University of Mount Union

National Cabinet of Mount Union Women, University of Mount Union

Sophomore Staff Prize, University of Mount Union