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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, Ann Arbor, MI

Spring 2023

Major: Secondary Education (School of Education)

- English and Psychology Endorsements

Minor: Playwriting (School of Music, Theatre and Dance)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies, Los Angeles, CA

Secondary English Teacher

August 2023 – Present

- *Design, plan and instruct* inquiry-based, multimodal, experiential, and interactive culturally-proactive curricula for 6th and 7th Grade English Language Arts, and Creative Writing year-long courses.
- *Establish rapport and maintain* effective coordination and communication processes in a vast network of students, families, and faculty personnel.
- *Evaluate, monitor, and preserve* accurate records of pupil formative and summative assessments, academic marks, progress reports, Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), and 504 Plans.

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

August 2020 – April 2024

Columnist - The Michigan Daily, Michigan in Color

- *Published* 40+ non-fiction creative essays, poems, and articles on topics of race, sexuality, spirituality, class, and culture.
- *Conducted* investigative journalistic interviews on blackness, queerness, performing arts, and sociocultural identity.
- *Led* various professional development trainings on creative brainstorming and the writing process for column staff.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

IMPROV

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

August 2020 – Present

Co-President and Performing Artist - The Comedy Company

- *Performed* monthly in improvisational comedy shows for The Comedy Company "ComCo" improv troupe.
- *Participated* in short-form and long-form improvisation, including Harold form.
- *Led* routine rehearsals, scaffolding improvisational skills and training experiences.

FULL LENGTH PLAYS

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI

Playwright

- *Giddy Up! - Staged Reading* (June 2024) - New Professional Theatre
- *In These Lives, We Extemporize* - Playwright-in-Residency / Director (January 2023) - Blank Space Workshop
- *Giddy Up! - Workshop* (February 2022) - Blank Space Workshop
- *Alien Nation* - (Virtual) Reading (April 2021) - Self-Produced

TRAINING

Acting, Voice, Dance

- UCLA Summer Discovery Acting Academy: Wendy Kurzman (acting) - Los Angeles, CA (2018)
- Advanced Musical Theatre Workshop: Denene-Mulay Koch (acting), Corlyn Longer-Schreck and Whitney Weiner (voice), and Melissa Sparks (dance) - Portage, MI (2017 & 2019)

CREDENTIALS

Skills: Voice: Baritone/Bass, Dance: Hip-Hop (Intermediate), Improvisation, spontaneity, devising, movement, creative writing, journalism, satire, public speaking, sight-reading

Awards: Hopwood Drama 4th Place (*Kush Man Vs. The Man*) (2023), Dennis McIntyre Prize (*Kush Man Vs. The Man*) (2023) Hopwood Drama 4th Place (*Alien Nation*) (2022), Roy W. Cowden Memorial Fellowship (*Giddy Up!*) (2022), Dennis McIntyre Prize (*Alien Nation*) (2022), MIFA Oratory State Champion (2019)