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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

## **EDUCATION**

1999 MFA

Specialization: Playwriting/Scriptwriting

Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville New York

1996 BFA

Specialization: Acting

Howard University, Washington DC

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2020	Full Professor, Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington, DC
2019	Visiting Professor, Department of Theatre, Film & Media Studies, St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City, MD
2009	Associate Professor with tenure, Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington, DC.
2005	Assistant Professor, Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington, DC.
1999-2000	Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Theatre, American University, Washington DC.

## **LEADERSHIP IN ACADEMIA**

2024	COORDINATOR, Playwriting Minor Program, Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington DC
2019-20	PRESIDENT, Executive Committee, Division of Fine Arts
2019	CHAIR, Transition Team, Division of Fine Arts
2018-19	CHAIR, CoFA Working Group for reinstatement of the College of Fine Arts.
2010-13	VICE PRESIDENT, Executive Committee, Division of Fine Arts

2011-present	COORDINATOR, Playwriting Minor program, Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington, DC.
2020-present	COORDINATOR Theatre Arts Minor program, Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington, DC.
2009-11	COORDINATOR, Playwriting area of concentration program, Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington, DC.
2008-11	INTERIM COORDINATOR, Theatre Education program, Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington DC.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022	TV Drama Limited Series Development Consultant - Amazon Studios
2021	TV Drama Development Consultant - Amazon Studios
2009-23	Play Development/TV Scriptwriting Coach
2014-19	Scholarly Writing, Presentation & Media Coach, BlackademicsTV, Austin TX,
2005-19	Executive Director/Arts Management, The Children's Theatre Workshop, Inc.
2009-13	Executive Director/Arts Management, The Performing Arts Training Studio, Inc.
1997-2004	Artistic Director/Arts Management, AAC Performing Arts, Inc
1997-99	Drama Teaching Consultant, Yonkers Prep High School, Yonkers NY

# ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

2023	Advanced TV Drama Pilot Lab, From concept, idea to finished drama pilot, with Ali Griffin Vingiano, writer on AppleTV's <i>The Morning Show</i> . Classes held through Script Anatomy, Los Angeles CA.
2020	Advanced TV Drama Pilot Lab with Aly Feltes, Writer and Co-Executive Producer of Netflix hit drama series <i>Ozark</i> . Classes held at Script Anatomy, Los Angeles CA.
2020	Structure Writing Lab with Kevin Townsley, writer on Netflix's <i>Good Times</i> . Classes held at Script Anatomy, Los Angeles CA.
2020	TV Pilot writing with Zach Ayers, writer on BET's <i>American Soul</i> . Classes held through Script Anatomy, Los Angeles CA.
2013-2017	Global Leadership Program Leadership Training, San Diego, CA
2018	Shonda Rhimes – Writing for Television (online class)

- 2018 David Mamet Dramatic Writing (online class)
- 2011 Leadership Training Kennedy Center Devos Institute of Arts Management Board Development Intensive for Non-Profit Organizations, Washington DC

#### PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

#### **BOOK CHAPTER**

- Monograph (Works in Progress) Mecca Made: Howard University Theatre Production: 1904-1949
- 2018 The Howard University Players: From Respectability Politics to Black Representation. Book chapter. The Routledge Companion to African American Theatre and Performance (Routledge).

#### JOURNAL EDITOR

2023

- 2018 Managing Editor: Continuum Journal: The Journal of African Diaspora
  Drama, Theatre and Performance, The Journal of the Black Theatre Network
- 2018-23 Editor: Evoke: *A Historical, Theoretical, and Cultural Analysis of Africana Dance and Theatre*. Peer-reviewed digital journal. Digital Howard: Howard University.
- 2017 Production Review Editor: Continuum Journal: The Journal of African Diaspora Drama, Theatre and Performance, The Journal of the Black Theatre Network

#### PLAYWRIGHT/SCRIPTWRITING

Featured Playwright Unexpected Stage BIPOC Playwright's Retreat

ACADEME - Television Drama series

- 2022 Amazon Studios TV Drama Limited Series Development Consultant
- Featured Playwright & Speaker, 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Penn state African American Read In, State College PA

#### *Nothing to Lose* (full-length drama)

- 2021 Staged Reading Unexpected Stage Company
- 2018 Semi-finalist, (top 5%) Bay Area Playwrights Festival
- 2014 Staged reading, Howard University
- 2012 Finalist, Black and Latino Playwrights Conference
- 2012 Staged reading, African Continuum Theatre Company, Fresh Flavas Series
- 2011 Reading, Playwrights Forum
- 2011 Uncanny Resemblance (previous title) DC Black Theatre Festival

#### This Joy (full-length drama)

- 2007 Semi-finalist, (top 5%) Eugene O'Neill National Playwright's Conference
- 2007 Semi-finalist, (top 5%) The Lark Theatre Play Development Fellow
- 2006 full production, producer: The Serenity Players
- 2006 Full production, producer: Howard University
- 2005 Staged reading, producer: Howard University

#### Sistah Girl (full-length drama)

- 2005 full production, producer: Smith Coleman Artistic Center, Los Angeles CA
- 1997 full production, producer: Smith Colman Artistic Center, Los Angeles CA
- 1996 full production, producer: Howard Players of Howard University
- 1995 Winner, Adrienne Joi Johnson Writing Award

## A Real Black Comedy (full-length drama)

- 2001 Staged Reading, Urban Stages, New York City, producer John McCormick
- 2001 Reading, AACP, producer Tiffany N. Scott
- 2000 Script commissioned by Vera J. Katz

## Masquerade Parade (one act drama)

- 2006 Staged reading, Kennedy Center Page to Stage sponsored by Playwrights Forum
- 1998 Reading, Sarah Lawrence College

#### Chasing Forever (one act drama)

- 1999 Production Sarah Lawrence College
- 1999 Lipkin Prize in Playwriting

#### My Soul is a Witness (full-length drama)

• 1996 Production Howard University

#### Peace Declared (one act drama)

- 1996 1<sup>st</sup> place award ECTC Playwriting Competition
- 1995 Honorable Mention, Writer's Digest stage-play competition

#### Sistah Girl Screenplay

- 1995 Winner, Adrienne Joi Johnson Screenwriting Award
- 1995 Writer's Digest Honorable mention screenwriting

#### Mama's Baby, Papa's Maybe Screenplay

• 2002 Honorable Mention Writer's Digest Screenwriting

#### CHILDREN'S THEATRE PLAYWRITING

•	Mysterious Case of Classroom #459	full length play (2007)
•	A Marvelous Celebration of Sound	full length play (2010)
•	DC County Spelling Bee from A to Z	full length play (2010 & 2016)
•	Hot Fun in the Summer Time	full length play (2011)
•	When a Tree Grows in Brookland	full length play (2013)
•	How I Learned to Be a Kid	full length play (2015)

August on My Mind full length play (2008 & 2016) Say it Loud full length play (2005 & 2013) Charlotte's Jazzy Webb full length play (1996) full length play for young audiences (1999) Antigone & The Motown Sound full length play (2004) Summer South Wizzllennium full length play (2000) full length play (2003) Razz Matazz & All That Jazz • Osaram & Sarabi full length play (2002) full length play (1997) • Boogie Down to the Hip Hop Sound full length play (1996) • Swing Louie Swing • Kenyatta and the Enchanted Briefcase full length play (1995)

#### **DRAMATURGY**

2019

2019

Washington DC

2024	Ford's Theatre "Written Then, Spoken Now: African American Letters to Lincoln" with historian and author, John White and historian Edna Medford.
2023	Dramaturge Symposium Coordinator: <i>Black Nativity</i> , Howard University, Washington DC
2023	Dramaturge Consultant: 1960 Television Drama adaptation of the novel, <i>Brown Girl Brownstone</i> , Shakespeare Theatre, Washington DC, DC
2023	Production Dramaturge, <i>Rhyme Deferred</i> , Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington, DC
2023	Production Dramaturge, <i>The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee</i> , Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington, DC.
2023	Development Dramaturge/TV writing consultant - <i>Black Girl You've Been Gentrified</i> , Epoch Films, New York Public Radio, The Greene Space, New York, NY. (July 1, 2021 - February 8,2023)
2023	Dramaturge Panelist: <i>Taking Center Stage: Under-told Stories in the American Theatre</i> , A First Look Ford's Theatre Legacy Commission, various, Ford's Theatre, Washington DC
2019	Dramaturge/Post show panelist, Twisted Melodies: HBCUs: A Home for Black Artists. focused on Howard University, and other HBCUs, as a nurturing ground for black artists, Mosaic Theatre Company, Washington DC

Dramaturge/Symposium Coordinator, Flyin' West, Department of Theatre Arts,

Dramaturge Presenter, The Genealogical Roots within Flyin' West

Department of Theatre Arts, Washington DC

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2018	Dramaturge/Panel Presenter <i>Character Archetypes in August Wilson's Two Trains Running</i> , Arena Stage, Washington DC
2018	Consulting dramaturge for Adrien-Alice Hansel, Literary Manger of Studio Theatre, Washington DC
2018	Production Dramaturge, <i>Milk Like Sugar</i> , Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington DC
2018	Production Dramaturge, Jitney by August Wilson, Hatiloo Theatre, Memphis TN
2017	Dramaturge/Symposia Coordinator, Staging Lydia: Dramaturgy, Directing and Design in the Plays of Lydia Diamond, Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington DC
2017	Symposia Presenter, <i>Risk, Reward, Retribution: smart people navigating and confronting systemic racism,</i> Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington DC
2012	Dramaturge/Symposia Coordinator & Facilitator, <i>The Arrested Development of Girl Gangs and Their Impact on Society</i> , Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington DC
2017	Production Dramaturge, <i>Sweet Charity</i> , Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington DC
2016	Play Development Dramaturge, <i>Torn Asunder</i> by Nikkole Salter, Department of Theatre Arts Visiting Playwright's Series, Howard University, Washington DC
2012	Production Dramaturge, <i>Breath, Boom,</i> Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington DC
2012	Visiting Playwright Master Class Series Presenter, <i>Understanding the Playwrights Process</i> , African Continuum Theatre, Washington DC
2011	Dramaturge/Presenter, To Be Inspired: A Symposium on the History of the Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington DC
2010	Play Development Dramaturge, <i>Melancholy of the Barbarians</i> by Kofi Kwahule, Department of Theatre Arts Visiting Playwright's Series, Howard University, Washington DC
2010	Play Development Dramaturge, <i>Malcolm, Martin, Medgar</i> by A. Peter Bailey, Department of Theatre Arts Visiting Playwright's Series, Howard University, Washington DC

2009	Play Development Dramaturge, <i>Repairing a Nation</i> by Nikkole Salter, Department of Theatre Arts Visiting Playwright's Series, Howard University, Washington DC
2009	Production Dramaturge, <i>Zooman and the Sign</i> Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington DC
DIRECTOR	
2024	Production Director, <i>ZORA</i> , written by Laurence Holder, Studio W Cultural Cafe, Washington DC
2021	Production Director, <i>Eulogy for L</i> , Catholic University Socially Distant Play Festival, Washington DC
2019	Production Director, <i>Stick Fly</i> written by Lydia Diamond, St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City, MD
2018	Production Director, <i>Milk Like Sugar</i> , Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington DC
2016	Guest Director for Directing class, <i>Examining Goblin Market by Polly Pen and Peggy Harmon</i> . University of Michigan
2016	Director/Staged reading, <i>Torn Asunder by</i> Nikkole Salter, Department of Theatre Arts Visiting Playwright series, Howard University, Washington DC
2013	Production Director, <i>Quick Stop at the Florist</i> , DC Queer Theatre Festival, Howard University, Washington DC
2013	Production Director, <i>Bedlam in the Pulpit</i> , DC Black Theatre Festival, Howard University, Washington DC
2014	Production Director, <i>Spunk</i> , Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington DC
2014	Director, Dorkalicious Life Reality TV Show Trailer, Chantilly VA
2012	Production Director, Secret Mist of Blue, DC Queer Theatre Festival, Howard University, Washington DC
2009	Production Director, <i>Zooman and the Sign</i> , Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington DC
2008	Production Director, <i>Day of Absence</i> , Kennedy Center American Theatre Festival, Pittsburgh, PA

2007 Production Director, *Day of Absence*, Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington DC

2006 Production Director, *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*, Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington DC

## CONFERENCE/SYMPOSIA PRESENTATIONS

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2018	Archival Research Presentation: Beyond Respectability Politics – The Evolution of Black Theatre at Howard University, Black Theatre Network Conference, Memphis TN	
2018	Presentation, Writing for Peer Reviewed Scholarly Journals, Black Theatre Network Conference, Memphis TN	
2016	August Wilson Conference Panel Moderator, A Philosophical System at Work: Music and Religion as Cultural Expressions in August Wilson's Plays, Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington DC	
2016	August Wilson Conference Roundtable Presenter, Approaches to Teaching the plays of August Wilson, Howard University, Washington DC	
2012	Presenter: Raising the Roof on Performing Arts and Arts Education: <i>Identifying</i> concrete opportunities and examples of performing arts opportunities for youth in the Greater Washington area, Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington DC	
2008	Paper Presentation, Day of Absence: A Dialogical Discourse on White Privilege and Protection of White Identity, National Association of African American Studies Conference	
2007	Symposia Chair, August Wilson Conference <i>Talking About Wilson</i> , University of Maryland College Park, College Park, MD	
2007	Interdisciplinary Symposia Coordinator & Facilitator, <i>Historical &amp; Social Contextualization of Day of Absence</i> , Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington DC	
2007	Paper Presentation, Research Methodology – Directing Day of Absence, School Without Walls High School, Washington DC	
2007	Paper presentation, "From South to North: Black Women Migrants and the Northern Domestic Worker in Joe Turner's Come and Gone, School Without Walls High School, Washington DC	
2006	Paper presentation, Blues & Spirituals in August Wilson's 'Joe Turner's Come and Gone, Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington DC	

2006 Paper Presentation, African American female Playwrights during the Harlem Renaissance, Harlem Renaissance Symposium: Cultural Examination at School Without Walls High School, Washington DC

# SPEAKER, FACILITATOR, SCHOLARLY WRITING/PRESENTATION COACH

2024	Scholar presenter, audience talk back for "Zora" written by Laurence Holder
2023	Production "Talk Back – Never Thought it Would Last", <i>Rhyme Deferred</i> , Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington, DC
2023	Workshop Facilitator, <i>The Actor's Intensive</i> , Prince George's Film Festival, Bowie MD
2023	Masterclass Series: Acting Techniques for Vocal Performers, Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Washington, DC
2023	TV Scriptwriting Intensive, Def Creative Lab, Stone Mountain GA
2022	Guest Speaker (Dramaturgy), Molly's Salon with Molly Smith, Artistic Director of Arena Stage, Washington DC
2022	Workshop Facilitator, <i>The Actor's Study</i> , Prince George's Film Festival, Bowie MD
2022	Workshop Facilitator, <i>The Art of Dramatic Writing</i> at Amazing Grace Conservatory with Howard University alumnae Wendy Raquel Robinson, Los Angeles CA
2021	Keynote Speaker, <i>The Multi-Dimensionality of Mountaintop: Martin Luther King as More than an Icon</i> Weston Playhouse, Weston, VT
2021	Moderator 2021 August Wilson Society Bi-Annual Colloquium, with keynote speaker, Michele Shay, Washington DC/Virtual
2020	Featured Playwright & Speaker, 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Penn state African American Read In, State College PA
2020	Moderator for Netflix's <i>The Forty-Year-Old Version</i> – HBCU Webinar and talk back with screenwriter and film maker Radha Blank, Virtual
2020	Moderator for virtual table read of HBO's <i>Between the World and Me</i> with Ta-Nehisi Coates, Gregory Reid and other cast members, Virtual
2019	Co-Chair, August Wilson Society, <i>August Wilson Ground Lecture Series</i> , Howard University, Washington DC

2019	University of Texas at Austin <i>BlackademicsTV</i> Program PBS Internationally Televised Presentations Contribution: Scholarly Writing/Presentation Coach for 3 scholar presenters
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2018	University of Texas at Austin <i>BlackademicsTV</i> Program PBS Internationally Televised Presentations Contribution: Scholarly Writing/Presentation Coach for 3 scholar presenters
2017	University of Texas at Austin <i>BlackademicsTV</i> Program PBS Televised Presentations - "Scholarly Writing/Presentation Coach" Contribution: Scholarly Writing/Presentation Coach for 3 scholar presenters
2016	University of Texas at Austin <i>BlackademicsTV</i> Program PBS Internationally Televised Presentations Contribution: Scholarly Writing/Presentation Coach for 3 scholar presenters
2015	Keynote Speaker, <i>Going Beyond the Borders</i> , Theatre Administration Concentration Department of Theatre Arts, Washington DC
2015	Keynote Speaker, <i>Rising to the Top</i> , University of Maryland Graduate Student Association, University of Maryland, College Park MD
2015	University of Texas at Austin <i>BlackademicsTV</i> Program PBS Internationally Televised Presentations Contribution: Scholarly Writing/Presentation Coach for 3 scholar presenters
2014	University of Texas at Austin <i>BlackademicsTV</i> Program PBS Internationally Televised Presentations
	Contribution: Scholar Presenter
2009	Keynote Speaker, Graduate Student Association, Bowie State University, Bowie MD
CONFERENC	ES & OTHER TRAININGS
Conferences	
2023	Black Theatre Network Conference (BTN), AfroFuturism: Envisioning Black Theatre, St. Louis MO
2022	Black Theatre Network Conference (BTN), Scripting the Flip: Black Theatre Act III, Detroit Michigan
2018	Association of Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE), Performance Protest Pedagogy: Theaters of Revolution, Boston MA

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2018	Black Theatre Network Conference (BTN), Liberation Theatre: When Black Theatre Works, Memphis TN	
2017	Women's Voices Theater Festival held at Studio theatre, Washington DC	
2016	Black Theatre Network Conference (BTN) 31st Anniversary Conference, A Look Back as we Move Into the Future, Chicago IL	
2016	Association of Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE), <i>Bodies at Work: Performance Labor &amp; ATHE @ 30</i> , Chicago IL	
2016	American Society of Theatre Research conference (ASTR), Extra/Ordinary Bodies: Interrogating the Performance and Aesthetics of Difference, Minneapolis MN	
2015	Black Theatre Network Conference (BTN), Staged Presence: The Evolution of Black Theatre as the Voice for Protest, Social, and Creative Change, Winston Salem, NC	
2015	National Black Theatre Festival (NBTF), Winston Salem, NC	
2011	Black Playwrights Convening, Arena Stage, Washington DC	
Other Trainings		
2023	Bison advisor Student Engagement system, Howard University, Washington DC	
2022	Canvas Learning Management System, Howard University, Washington DC	
2020	Blackboard Learning Management System, Howard University, Washington DC	
2018	General Education Institute, Howard University, Washington DC	
2018	Appointments, Promotion and Tenure process Training, Howard University College of Arts and Sciences, Howard University, Washington DC	
2015	National Black Theatre Festival (NBTF), Writing African American Theatre Reviews Critics' Workshop and Practicum, with guest critic, Linda Armstrong, Winston Salem, NC	
2011	Explore the Arts Series, <i>Theatrical Storytelling</i> , Kennedy Center, Washington DC	
SERVICE: HOWARD UNIVERSITY		
2023	MEMBER, Appointments, Promotion & Tenure Committee, Department of Theatre Arts	
2023	CHAIR, Curriculum Committee, Department of Theatre Arts	

2023	MEMBER, Alumni Committee, Department of Theatre Arts
2023	MEMBER, Curriculum Committee, CAB College of Fine Arts
2023	MEMBER, National Association of Schools and Theatres Accreditation Committee, Department of Theatre Arts
2023	FACULTY ADVISOR, Howard Players Student Organization, Department of Theatre Arts
2022	MEMBER, Appointments, Promotion & Tenure Committee, Department of Theatre Arts
2022	MEMBER, Howard Entertainment/Amazon Studios Committee, Howard University
2022	CHAIR, Curriculum Committee, Department of Theatre Arts
2021	MEMBER, Appointments, Promotion & Tenure Committee, Department of Theatre Arts
2021	MEMBER, Howard Entertainment/Amazon Studios Committee, Howard University
2020	MEMBER, Appointments, Promotion & Tenure Committee, Department of Theatre Arts
2020	MEMBER, Howard Entertainment/Amazon Studios Committee, Howard University
2020	PRESIDENT, Executive Committee, Division of Fine Arts
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2020-23	COORDINATOR, Theatre Arts Minor Program, Department of Theatre Arts, Howard University, Washington, DC
2019	CHAIR, Transition Team, Division of Fine Arts
2019	CHAIR, Transitional Team Bylaws Committee, College of Fine Arts.
2019	MEMBER, Appointments, Promotion & Tenure Committee, Department of Theatre Arts
2018	FACULTY ADVISOR, Howard Players Student Organization, Department of Theatre Arts
2018-19	MEMBER, Merit Committee, Howard University

2018	CHAIR, Search Committee for Associate Professor of Theatre Technology, Department of Theatre Arts
2018	CHAIR, Appointments, Promotion & Tenure Committee, Department of Theatre Arts
2018-19	CHAIR, CoFA Working Group, Committee for reinstating the College of Fine Arts
2019	MEMBER, Missions and Goals working group: Howard University Self-Study for Re-accreditation
2019	MEMBER, Program Prioritization Task Force Evaluator Team Member
2018-20	CHAIR, Howard West Entertainment ad-hoc Committee
2017-18	MEMBER, University Wide General Education Task Force
2016-19	MEMBER, Faculty Development and Leadership Committee
2014-18	CHAIR, Academic Policies Standards and General Education Committee
2013-15	MEMBER, Summer Intensive Planning Committee, Department of Theatre Arts
2010-14	MEMBER, Academic Standards Committee, Department of Theatre Arts
2010-11	CHAIR, Scholarship Committee, Department of Theatre Arts
2010-13	CHAIR, Curriculum Committee, Department of Theatre Arts
2010-11	CHAIR, Owen Dodson Awards Committee, Department of Theatre Arts
2009-23	CHAIR & MEMBER, Curriculum Committee, Department of Theater Arts.
2009-13	RECORDING SECRETARY, College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Meetings
2010-13	VICE PRESIDENT, Division of Fine Arts Executive Committee
2009-10	FACULTY ADVISOR, Howard Players Student Organization, Department of Theatre Arts

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

## Undergraduate College Courses and Programs Created

- Play Development Lab Play Development Lab, (formerly Visiting Playwrights 2008-16) is a project of the Howard University Department of Theatre Arts, founded by and under the direction of Professor Denise J. Hart. The series functions as an extension of the Playwriting minor area of concentration and has the purpose of providing playwriting students, as well as the entire student body, the opportunity to participate in the process of new play development. In addition, the series provides playwrights the opportunity to develop a new play, hear their plays performed in public readings, receive meaningful feedback and to join in on the discussion of their work. Ultimately, the Play Development Lab serves to aid the playwright in the development process and the Department of Theatre Arts engages in supporting the creation of new works for the American Stage.
- Introduction to Production Dramaturgy
- Creativity in Life and Theatre
- Dramaturgy and Analysis: The Plays of August Wilson

#### Playwriting/Scriptwriting/Dramaturgy Courses

- Playwriting 1
- Playwriting 2
- Playwriting 3
- Playwriting 4
- Playwriting Seminar 1
- Playwriting Seminar 2
- Introduction to Production Dramaturgy
- Play Analysis
- TV Drama Scriptwriting
- Aesthetics of Television & Theatre

## **Acting Courses**

- Acting for non-majors
- Acting Techniques 1 & 2
- Creative Drama

#### Academic Courses

- African Americans in the Arts
- Introduction to the Theatre
- Methods and Principles of Teaching
- Contemporary Trends in Theatre
- Freshman Seminar
- Roxie Roker Touring Company

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

2021	Provost's Distinguished Service Award, Howard University, Washington DC
2021	Guest panelist, <i>Molly's Salon</i> , with Molly Smith Artistic Director of Arena Stage Theatre
2018	Ostrander Award Best Dramatic Production - <i>Jitney</i> , Hattiloo Theatre, Memphis TN (Dramaturge on this production)
2018	Leadership Certification from the Association of Theatre in Higher Education Leadership Institute
2018	Outstanding Associate Professor, Division of Fine Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, Howard University, Washington DC
2018	Semi-Finalist (top 5%) Bay Area Playwrights – Nothing to Lose
2016	Lone Star EMMY nomination, BlackademicsTV, Season 4/Episode 1
2014	Rising Star Award Global Leadership Program
2012	Finalist Black & Latino Playwrights Conference – Nothing to Lose
2008	Founded Visiting Playwrights Series at Howard University
2008	Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Regional Conference Best Ensemble Award for <i>Day of Absence</i> (Directing)
2007	Semi-finalist (top 5%) Eugene O'Neill National Playwright's Conference
2007	Semi-finalist (top 5%) Lark Theatre Play Development Conference
2002	Writer's Digest Honorable mention screenwriting
2000	Writer's Digest Honorable mention screenwriting
1999	Lipskin Playwriting Award – Sarah Lawrence College
1997	Dorothy Stickney Scholarship for Theatre Arts
1996	East Central Theatre Conference 1st place award playwriting
1995	Writer's Digest Honorable mention playwriting
1995	AJJPA award - Screenwriting, Los Angeles California

# **MEDIA**

2021	Guest Expert Media Appearance_ABC7 News, A look back on the Howard Players: the oldest Black student acting group in the country, Washington DC
2019	The Point News, Review: <i>Stick Fly</i> , St. Mary's College <a "="" href="http://thepointnews.net/2019/05/stick-fly-brings-issues-of-race-and-class-to-the-stage-and-clas&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;2019&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;University of Texas at Austin &lt;i&gt;BlackademicsTV&lt;/i&gt; Program PBS Internationally Televised Presentations &lt;a href=" https:="" starr-morris-hart-yyilyj="" video="" www.pbs.org="">https://www.pbs.org/video/starr-morris-hart-yyilyj/</a>
2018	University of Texas at Austin <i>BlackademicsTV</i> Program PBS Internationally Televised Presentations <a href="https://www.pbs.org/video/gerstenblattconwayshoberman-2jbsvx/">https://www.pbs.org/video/gerstenblattconwayshoberman-2jbsvx/</a>
2017	University of Texas at Austin <i>BlackademicsTV</i> Program PBS Internationally Televised Presentations <a href="https://www.pbs.org/video/straubhaar-delgado-king-10hxbq/">https://www.pbs.org/video/straubhaar-delgado-king-10hxbq/</a>
2016	University of Texas at Austin <i>BlackademicsTV</i> Program, Lone Star EMMY nominated episode, PBS Internationally Televised Presentations <a href="https://www.pbs.org/video/blackademics-tv-ulmer-wests-smiths/">https://www.pbs.org/video/blackademics-tv-ulmer-wests-smiths/</a>
2015	University of Texas at Austin <i>BlackademicsTV</i> Program PBS Internationally Televised Presentations <a href="https://www.pbs.org/video/blackademics-tv-brown-johnson/">https://www.pbs.org/video/blackademics-tv-brown-johnson/</a>
2014	University of Texas at Austin <i>BlackademicsTV</i> Program PBS Internationally Televised Presentations <a href="https://www.pbs.org/video/blackademics-tv-foster-hart/">https://www.pbs.org/video/blackademics-tv-foster-hart/</a>
2014	DC Metro Theatre Arts Review: <i>Spunk</i> , Howard University, Washington DC <a href="https://dcmetrotheaterarts.com/2014/10/10/spunk-howard-university/">https://dcmetrotheaterarts.com/2014/10/10/spunk-howard-university/</a>
2013	The Performing Arts Training Studio Open House, Washington DC <a href="https://www.jacquelinelawton.com/blog/the-performing-arts-training-studio-open-house">https://www.jacquelinelawton.com/blog/the-performing-arts-training-studio-open-house</a>
2012	Meet the Women Playwrights of Washington DC by Jacqueline Lawton <a href="https://www.jacquelinelawton.com/blog/meet-the-women-playwrights-of-dc">https://www.jacquelinelawton.com/blog/meet-the-women-playwrights-of-dc</a>
2011	Guest Expert Media Appearance Channel 5 Fox News, Representation of black men in the film version of Ntozake Shange's play, For Colored Girls, Washington DC
2009	Hilltop Newspaper Review: Zooman and the Sign, Howard University

# **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

2014-19	The Children's Theatre Workshop. Providing youth performing arts training, Washington DC
2014	Keynote Speaker, Howard University College of Arts and Sciences Staff Retreat, Washington DC
2010-13	Performing Arts Training Studio - providing youth performing arts training through The Children's Theatre Workshop summer camp, Washington DC
2013	Volunteer once a month with Delta Sigma Theta Inc. at Whittier Elementary mentoring students and helping them to increase their social and learning skills through theatre games.
2013	Guest judge at Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Jabberwock at Howard University, Washington DC
2013	Volunteer Production Manger & Mistress of Ceremonies Delta Sigma Theta Founders Day, Stained Glass Dedication held in Rankin Chapel at Howard University. (Washington DC)
2013	Piney Branch Elementary School Black History Celebration. Monologue presentation - Sojourner Truth.
2013	Guest speaker KIPP DC career day
2013	Mistress of Ceremonies Delta Sigma Theta Founders Week opening ceremony
2013	Guest judge Monologue Madness Competition, at The Miracle Theatre
2012	Improvisational Practice Skills Lab- Drama Based Learning, facilitated drama-based life skills workshops for PCC Strides Foster Care program, Washington DC
2012	Actors Bootcamp with guest master teachers at The Performing Arts Training Studio, Washington DC
2012	Creating Believable Characters at The Performing Arts Training Studio, Washington DC
2011	Improvisational Practice Skills Lab - Drama Based Learning. Staff development training for DC Department of Rehabilitative Services Juvenile Justice Case Management, Washington DC
2010	Instructor at Cardozo High School - taught playwriting to High School students, Washington DC

2010	Mistress of Ceremonies & script writer for the Jabberwock Cotillion produced by Washington DC Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Washington DC
2009	Adviser for Alpha Nu Omega Sorority (Howard University, Washington DC)
2009	Career-day speaker: Washington Mathematics Science Technology Public Charter School (Washington DC)
2008	Hebrew Day Institute - Teaching Artist Placement. In partnership with The Playwrights Forum of WDC, provided training in Playwriting & Dramaturgy to 3rd & 4th grade students to support Social Studies and History of the family unit.
2008	Edmund Burke High School Film Festival Intro to Acting
2008	Spirit of Faith Christian Center Evoking Emotion in Acting
2008	Head Judge Senior Boards Project: Music & Theatre, School Without Walls Senior High School, Washington DC,
2007-08	Duke Ellington School of the Arts Instructor Acting Techniques
2006	Howard University Middle School of Math & Science - Workshop Facilitator, <i>Get Ready to Act!</i>
2004	Interact Story Theatre - Teaching Artist & workshop facilitator - Teaching storytelling and dramatic interpretation to 5th graders in the Montgomery County school system. Classes were designed to supplement reading curriculum.
2004	Shaw Eco Village. Workshop Facilitator - <i>Acting and Playwriting techniques</i> for high school students involved in project to educate the community about homelessness.
2001-03	Langdon Elementary School – Creative Drama classes
1998	Sarah Lawrence College the Drama of Creative Writing class

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (previous and current)

- Dramatist Guild
- Screen Actor's Guild (SAG)
- Literary Managers and Dramaturges of the Americas (LMDA)
- Black Theatre Network (BTN)
- Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE) past member
- Black Theatre Alliance of ATHE past member
- Dramaturgy Focus Group of ATHE past member
- American Society for Theatre Research (ASTR) past member
- Theatre for Young Audiences past member

## **BOARD MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS** (previous and current)

- Black Theatre Network (BTN)
- Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE)
- August Wilson Society (Board member & charter member)
- Continuum: The Journal of African Diaspora Drama, Theatre and Performance Managing Editor, 2018-2020 (past Managing editor)
- Friendship Academy of Fine Arts Advisory Board member
- Dramatist Guild
- Literary Managers and Dramaturges of the Americas (LMDA)
- Screen Actors Guild (SAG)
- Black Theatre Association Secretary, 2017/18
- Advisory Board Playwright's Forum, 2005-2018
- Takoma Theatre Conservancy Board, 2015-2016
- DC Black Theatre Festival Board Secretary, 2013-2016
- A.Salon/DC Artists Studios Board Secretary, 2011-2012
- The Performing Arts Training Studio Board, 2010-2013