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EDUCATION

- PhD (*In Progress*)** Department of Theatre, Film and Media Arts, The Ohio State University, (expected completion 2029) Advisor: E.J. Westlake
- MA** Theatre and Performance, University at Buffalo, February 2022.
Thesis: "Defying Faggotry: Exploring Intersections of Queerness, Drag, and Musical Theatre." 2022. www.proquest.com/docview/2638939
- BFA** Musical Theatre (*summa cum laude*), SUNY Fredonia, May 2015

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Queer Studies, Performance Historiography, Alternate Archives, Drag Performance Pedagogy, Practice as Research, Directing

FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

- 2024-2025 University Fellowship, The Ohio State University
- 2022-2023 Creatives Rebuild New York General Income for Artists Grant (18k)
- 2020 Steig Olson Scholarship, University at Buffalo Theatre & Dance
- 2017 Winner, *The Ultimate Drag Pageant*, Cycle 2, The West End Lounge, NYC
- 2015 Harry J. Brown & Paul W. Mockovak Award for Excellence in Performing Arts
- 2015 Fredonia P.A.C. Award for Best Leading Actor, Drama (*Claude, Hair*)
- 2011 Crane School of Music Literature & Style, Dean's Research Poster Award

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

2022. "**Moments in the Woods': Gay cruising, *Into the Woods* and AIDS.**" *Studies in Musical Theatre* (15:3): 249-255 https://doi.org/10.1386/smt_00073_1

BOOK REVIEWS

2023. "**The Taylor Mac Book: Rituals, Realness, and Radical Performance**" (book review). *New England Theatre Journal* (34): 148-151 <https://www.proquest.com/docview/2887058677>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025. **“Holding Space for the 21st Century Movie Musical.”** Session Coordinator and Moderator. Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Virtual Conference, July 28-August 1, 2025.
2025. **“Screen-to-Stage: The Gameshow.”** Presenter. Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Virtual Conference, July 28-August 1, 2025.
2024. **“Doric Wilson Panel Part One: Virtual Round Table.”** Session Coordinator and Moderator. Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Atlanta, GA.
2024. **“MTDA Presents: An Archival Drag Show (In Rehearsal).”** Session Coordinator. Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Atlanta, GA.
2024. **“Bruce Kirle Memorial Debut Panel in Music, Theatre, Dance.”** Session Coordinator. Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Atlanta, GA.
2023. **“Ronnie Morales and the Jewel Box Revue.”** Installation and Invocation. Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Austin, TX. [Access Copy.](#)
2023. **“Bruce Kirle Memorial Debut Panel in Music, Theatre, Dance.”** Session Coordinator. Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Austin, TX.
2021. **“‘Moments in the Woods’: Gay Cruising, Into the Woods and AIDS.”** Association for Theatre in Higher Education, virtual.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023	Introduction to Drag Comedy, The Focus Theater (8-week course)
2019	Drag Comedy “101”, Brooklyn Comedy Collective (6-week course)
2019	Embracing Your Inner Drag Queen, Meetup.com Experiences (workshop)
2010-2013	BRAVO! (grades K-5) and ENCORE! (grades 6-11) Theatre Camps, Williamson, NY

PERFORMING AND PRODUCING EXPERIENCE

Producer/Performer/Writer

2022	<i>A Perfect and Fabulous Christmas, The Focus Theater, Rochester, NY</i>
2022	<i>The Perfect, Fabulous Life of Ms. Golden Delicious, Rochester Fringe Festival</i>
2019	<i>GOOD JOB! at CC Blooms, Edinburgh Festival Fringe</i>
2018-2019	<i>GOOD JOB! at The Duplex Cabaret Theatre, NYC</i>
2017-2018	<i>Two Tuckers at The Duplex Cabaret Theatre, NYC</i>

Drag Brunch Host and Producer

2022	Marble and Rye, Buffalo, NY
2021	Breezy Burrito Bar, Buffalo, NY,
2019	Haswell Greens, Manhattan New York
2018-2020	Fresco’s Cantina, Astoria, NY

2017-2019 La Pulperia, Manhattan, NY

Host and Producer (Variety Format)

2023 *SLAY-bor Day Weekend with MGD*, The Focus Theater, Rochester NY
 2022 *Studio 54 Pride Spectacular*, The Depot, St. Albans VT
 2021 *"Women!"*, Nietchze's Bar, Buffalo, NY
 2019-2020 *Delish! Variety Show*, Bedlam Bar, NYC
 2016-2019 *Teacher's Pet*, The West End, NYC

Drag Performer/Host (selected)

2023 Who's Ally? A Pride Variety Show, The Focus Theater, Rochester, NY
 2022 Late & Live in the Spiegelent, Rochester Fringe Festival, Rochester, NY
 2021-2022 The Real Housewives of Buffalo, Nietchze's Bar, Buffalo, NY
 2019 Blood in the Water, Caveat, NYC
 2019 The Governors Ball Music Festival Pride Parade, Randall's Island, NYC
 2019 I'd Like to Thank the Academy, Caveat, NYC
 2018-2019 Sparkle Hour, Joe's Pub/ Brick Theatre/The Laurie Beechman, NYC
 2018 *Campy Queen Cabaret*, Boxers UES, NYC

Acting Work (Theatre & On Camera)

2021 Man 2, *The Golden Girls Lost Episodes, Vol. 3*, Alleyway Theatre, Buffalo, NY
 2019 Self, *Tales of the City* (Netflix) dir. Sydney Freeland, Kyle Patrick Alvarez.
 2018 Self, *It Ain't You* (Official Music Video) dir. Félix De Becker
 2018 Phillip II, *The Lion in Winter*, Mainstreet Theater & Dance Alliance, NYC
 2017 Self, *Free the Nipple* (Official Music Video), dir. Théo Jourdain

Theater Production Experience

2023 Costume and Drag Consultant, *Kinky Boots*, MusicalFare Theatre, Buffalo, NY
 2017-2022 Digital Media Consultant, Rossford High School Drama, Rossford, OH

PRESS COVERAGE AND REVIEWS

2022 ["Previewing the 2022 Rochester Fringe Festival"](#), *Connections*, WXXI News
 2021 ["THE GOLDEN GIRLS: THE LOST EPISODES, VOL 2 brings new material to Alleyway for this adult content Buffalo favorite drag parody"](#), *Buffalo Rising*
 2018 ["Can't Drag Down These NYC Queens"](#), Meghan Giannotta, *NY Daily News*
 2018 ["Queens of Brunch"](#), Lizz Schumer, *BORO Magazine* (Cover Story)
 2018 ["Two Tuckers: Tucker Murray and Golden Delicious"](#), Chris Struck, *Cabaret Scenes*
 2018 ["REVIEW: Two Tuckers"](#), Gerry Geddes, *Bistro Awards*

2017 [“On Point With Golden Delicious”](#), Jim Silvestri, *Thotyssey!*

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Elected

2024-2025	Ohio State Graduate Theatre Syndicate, Treasurer
2024-2026	Music Theatre Dance Association, Communications Coordinator
2021-2024	ATHE Music Theatre Dance Focus Group, Grad Student Representative
2020-2021	University at Buffalo Theatre and Dance GSA, Grad Student Representative
2020-2021	University at Buffalo Theatre Studies Area Committee, MA Representative
2014-2015	Social Chair, Alpha Psi Omega Theatre Honors Society, SUNY Fredonia
2010-2011	Publicity Chair, Musical Theatre Organization, SUNY Potsdam

Invited

2025	Music Theatre Dance Association Panel Selection Committee
2023	<i>musictheatredance</i> Journal Planning Committee, ATHE MTD Focus Group
2022-2024	ATHE Musical Theatre Dance Association, Debut Panel Submission Reader
2021	University at Buffalo Theatre & Dance EDI Statement Committee
2021	University at Buffalo Theatre and Dance GSA Symposium, Planning Committee

EXTRACURRICULAR AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2025	Music Theatre Dance Association Winter Symposium
2023	MTD Workshops & Confabs, Winter Edition
2020-2021	Distinguished Visiting Scholar Mentorship Circle with Eli Clare, Center for Diversity and Innovation, University at Buffalo
2021	Graduate Writing Group, Center for Excellence in Writing, University at Buffalo
2021	Song Stage and Screen XV, Conference Attendee (Salzburg, virtual)

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

2023-present	American Theatre & Drama Society
2021-present	Association for Theatre in Higher Education: Music Theatre Dance Association, LGBTQ+ Focus Group, Association for Theatre Research