THALIA LARA

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EDUCATION

Michigan State University (MSU), College of Arts & Letters (CAL), Department of Theatre (DOT)

MFA Theatre Design | Primary Emphasis: Scenic Design, Secondary Emphasis: Sound Design August 2024 Certificate: Arts and Cultural Management May 2025

California State University Chico (CSUC), College of Humanities & Fine Arts, Department of Music & Theatre BA Theatre Arts | Minor: Science, Technology, and Values May 2021

EMPLOYMENT

MSU. CAL. DOT	East Lansing, MI

Assistant Instructor & Mentor of Technical Theatre & Properties August 2024-May 2025

Lansing Community College (LCC), Theatre Lansing, MI

Adjunct Instructor of Technical Theatre & Design August 2024-May 2025

TEACHING EXPERIEN	CE		
College & University			
MSU, Instructor Mento		East Lansing, MI	
	Props Management & Design (Undergraduate	e Program)	AY 2024-2025
	Introduction to Technical Theatre		Spring 2025
	Properties Design & Crafts for Theatre		Fall 2024
	Introduction to Technical Theatre: Scenic		Spring 2024
THR 111:	Introduction to Technical Theatre: Scenic		Fall 2023
LCC, Instructor Mento	r	Lansing, MI	
Mentor:	Scenic Arts & Professional Pathways in Techr	nical Theatre	AY 2024-2025
THEA 114:	Intro to Technical Theatre: Scenic, Lighting & Me	edia	Fall 2024
MSU, Teaching Assistan	t Mentor	East Lansing, MI	
Mentor:	MSU Scene Shop	Shop Supervisor: Levi Galloway	2021-2024
IAH 241E:	Creative Process: Creativity by Design	Professor: Kirk Domer	Summer 2024
THR 441:	Advanced Play Directing	Professor: Rob Roznowski	Spring 2023
IAH 241D:	Creative Arts & Humanities: Theatre & Society	Professor: Stephen Di Benedetto	Fall 2022
IAH 209:	Performing Arts & Healthcare	Professor: Alison Dobbins	Summer 2022
MSU, Guest Lecturer		East Lansing, MI	
THR 811:	Scenic Painting	Professor: Ranae Selmeyer	
Topic:	Landscapes & Foliage		Spring 2025
Topic:	Trompe L'Oeil Hardwood Floor		Spring 2023
THR 314:	Stagecraft: Scenic Construction Techniques	Instructor: Levi Galloway	
Topic:	Scenic Fabrics & Soft Goods		Spring 2025
	Introduction to Technical Theatre	Professor: Alison Dobbins	
•	Properties for Live Performance		Fall 2024
	Professional Aspects (Graduate Level)	Professor: Kirk Domer	
Topic:	QLab & Audacity for Actors & Directors (for t	•	Fall 2023
THR 216:	Intro to Sound Design	Professor: Lucas Nunn	

University of Michigan (UM), Panel Presenter Ann Arbor, MI

Topic: History of Sound Design in Theatrical Performance

BFA Program: Design & Production Seminar Professor: Christianne Meyers

Topic: AI in Design for Live Performance March 2024

Fall 2022

Topic: Conce THR 492: <i>Theatr</i>	re Arts Sophomore Seminar opt Development & Virtual Performanc ope Arts Senior Seminar ory Perspectives	East Lansing, MI Professors: Kirk Domer & Andre Pitches Professors: Kirk Domer & Andre	Spring 2023
Middle School Pleasant Valley Middle School (Quarter Elective: Music	·	Placerville, CA Grades 6-8	2015, 2016
Workshop 2: Charac		Placerville, CA Grades 6-8 Printmaking	2010 2011 2021
Elementary School			
Post Oak Elementary, Teaching Integrated Arts Curriculum Dev		Lansing, MI	
Project: Paper	Son (5-session unit)	Grade 2	2024
Gold Oak Elementary, Teaching Integrated Arts Curriculum Dev	-	Placerville, CA	
Project 2: Schoo	l Garden Pumpkins (2-year cycle) l Garden Sunflowers (2-year cycle)	Grades 1-5 Grades 1-5	2011-2013 2009-2011
Adams Elementary, Teaching A		Seattle, WA	
Integrated Arts Curriculum Dev Literacy Project: A Mids		Grades 1-3	2008
	ic Design & Website Development	Grades 4-5	2008
Literacy Project: Macbe		Grades 1-3	2007
Early Childhood Educatio All Star Academy / All Star Gyr Foundations Program Instructo	nnastics, Program Director	Diamond Springs, CA Ages 1-5	2010-2016
Gymboree Play & Music, Progra		Seattle, WA	1999-2004
Play, Music, Arts, & Baby Signs		Ages 0-5	1999-2004
THEATRICAL DESIGN & PR	ODUCTION		
* indicates professional freeland	ce contract or grant-funded project		
Scenography			
The Link Corey Marsh Collabora	• , ,	MSU CIRCLE - MI	2024
Lost In Yonkers*	Rob Roznowski (Dir)	Michigan Stage - MI	2024
The STEAM Plays* Alice in Zombieland (Dir)	Rob Roznowski (Writer/Dir) Trisha Leu (Co-Dir)	STEAMpower Project - MI PVMS - CA	2023 2016
The Big Bad Musical (Dir)	Cameron Bennet (Co-Dir)	PVMS - CA	2015
A Midsummer Night's Dream (Dir	, ,	Adams Elementary - WA	2008
Scenic Design			
La Cenerentola*	Melanie Helton (Dir)	MSU Opera Theatre - MI	2025
Crime And Punishment*	Andy Callis (Dir)	LCC - MI	2025
The Magic Flute* CosPlay*	Melanie Helton (Dir) Paige Duford (Dir)	MSU Opera Theatre - MI LCC - MI	2024 2024
Predictor*	Billicia Charnelle Hines (Dir)		2024
Lost In Yonkers*	Rob Roznowski (Dir)	Michigan Stage - MI	2024
Don Giovanni	Melanie Helton (Dir)	MSU Opera Theatre - MI	2024

Clue The Secret Garden* Charlotte's Web Pippin* Hit the Wall Alice in Zombieland (Dir) The Big Bad Musical (Dir)	Ryan Welsh (Dir) Brad Willcuts (Dir) Ann Folino White (Dir) Rob Roznowski (Dir) Liz Gray (Dir) Trisha Leu (Co-Dir) Cameron Bennet (Co-Dir)	MSU DOT - MI Walla Walla Summer Theatre - WA MSU DOT - MI Summer Circle Theatre (SCT) - MI MSU DOT - MI PVMS - CA PVMS - CA	2023 2023 2023 2022 2022 2016 2015
Sound Design For The Love Of: (or, the roller derby play) Distracted* A Midsummer Night's Dream Macbeth	Alexis Black (Dir) Ryan Welsh (Dir) Tammy Hayes (Co-Dir) Joseph Skillings (Dir)	MSU DOT - MI SCT - MI Adams Elementary - WA Adams Elementary - WA	2022 2022 2008 2007
Projections Design Media Creat La Cenerentola* The Magic Flute* Don Giovanni The STEAM Plays* Charlotte's Web (co-creator)	Melanie Helton (Dir) Melanie Helton (Dir) Melanie Helton (Dir) Melanie Helton (Dir) Rob Roznowski (Writer/Dir) Ann Folino White (Dir)	MSU Opera Theatre - MI MSU Opera Theatre - MI MSU Opera Theatre - MI STEAMpower Project - MI MSU DOT - MI	2025 2024 2024 2023 2023
Costume Design Lost In Yonkers* As You Like It* It's A Wonderful Life The Elephant Man Hair* Kitty Claws & The Magic of Dreaming*	Rob Roznowski (Dir) Kathrine Lemke Waste (Dir) Joyce Henderson (Dir) Hugh Brashear (Dir) Coy Middlebrook (Dir) Molly Hardy (Dir)	Michigan Stage - MI Shakespeare in the Park - CA Chico Independent Artists (CIA) - CA CIA - CA Chico City Light Opera (CCLO) - CA	2024 1994 1994 1994 1994 , 1992
Properties Manager Designer A Midsummer Night's Dream* Schoolhouse Rock Live!* Pippin* Distracted* The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong* Little Shop of Horrors* Bye Bye Birdie* Music Man* The Wizard of Oz* Camelot* Mikado (In Space)* Fiddler on the Roof* Oliver!*	Thalia Lara (Dir) Katherine Clemens (Dir) Rob Roznowski (Dir) Ryan Welsh (Dir) Brad Willcuts (Dir) Timothy A. McDonald (Dir) Sharidan Giles (TD) Timothy A. McDonald (Dir) Coy Middlebrook (Dir) Randy West (Dir) Timothy A. McDonald (Dir) Timothy A. McDonald (Dir) Timothy A. McDonald (Dir) Timothy A. McDonald (Dir)	SCT - MI CCLO - CA Chico Area Student Theatre (CAST) CCLO, UPE, CAST - CA CCLO - CA	2023 2023 2022 2022 2022 1995 1994 1994 1994 1994 1993 1993
Scenic Charge Artist Crime And Punishment* La Cenerentola* CosPlay* The Magic Flute* The Lightning Thief* Lost In Yonkers* Predictor* Don Giovanni Sweat Corktown Pippin* Hit the Wall	Thalia Lara (Des) Mia Irwin (Des) Thalia Lara (Des) Thalia Lara (Des) Thalia Lara (Des) Thalia Lara (Des) Gabriela Castillo (Des) Kasee Arnett (Des) Thalia Lara (Des) Thalia Lara (Des) Thalia Lara (Des)	LCC - MI MSU Opera Theatre - MI LCC - MI MSU Opera Theatre - MI LCC - MI Michigan Stage - MI Williamston Theatre - MI MSU Opera Theatre - MI MSU Opera Theatre - MI MSU DOT - MI MSU DOT - MI SCT - MI MSU DOT - MI	2025 2025 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024

Scenic Artist Carpenter			
Dentro (inside): A True Story*	Silvia Zicaro (Dir)	Wharton Center - MI	2025
Godspell*	A.J. Guban (Des)	Flint Repertory Theatre - MI	2024
Lost In Yonkers*	Thalia Lara (Des)	Michigan Stage - MI	2024
Spring Awakening	Gabriela Castillo (Des)	MSU DOT - MI	2022
Stevie & The Real World	Kessler Jones (Des)	MSU DOT - MI	2024
Much Ado About Nothing	Gabriela Castillo (Des)	MSU DOT - MI	2023
Clue	Thalia Lara (Des)	MSU DOT - MI	2023
A Little Night Music	Ranae Selmeyer (Des)	MSU Opera Theatre - MI	2023
Charlotte's Web	Thalia Lara (Des)	MSU DOT - MI	2023
Falstaff	Kirk Domer (Des)	MSU Opera Theatre - MI	2023
Monsieur D'Eon is a Woman	Quinn Legge (Des)	MSU DOT - MI	2022
La Finta Giardiniera	Ranae Selmeyer (Des)	MSU Opera Theatre - MI	2022
Head Over Heels	Gabriela Castillo (Des)	MSU DOT - MI	2022
Albert Herring	Kirk Domer (Des)	MSU Opera Theatre - MI	2022
Wendy and the Neckbeards	Quinn Legge (Des)	MSU DOT - MI	2021
Three from the Hearth	Kirk Domer (Des)	MSU Opera Theatre - MI	2021
A Contemporary American's Guide	Kasee Arnett (Des)	MSU DOT - MI	2021
200Hz	Jacob Brown (Des)	CSUC - CA	2021
A Whole New Story	Jacob Brown (Des)	CSUC - CA	2020
Technical Director (TD) Scene	Shop Supervisor (SSS)		
The Link (TD)*	Anthony Monteleone (Dir)	MSU CIRCLE - MI	2024
Lost In Yonkers (SSS)*	Tim Paré - Producer	Michigan Stage - MI	2024
The STEAM Plays (TD)*	Rob Roznowski - Producer	STEAM Power Initiative - MI	2023
The Secret Garden (SSS)*	Tyson Kaup - Producer	Walla Walla Summer Theatre - W.	A 2023
The Big Bad Musical (TD)	Tricia Leu - Producer	Pleasant Valley MS - CA	2015
Director (Dir) Assistant Director	or (AD)		
A Midsummer Night's Dream (Dir)*	51 (11 2)	SCT - MI	2023
Alice in Zombieland (Dir)		PVMS - CA	2016
The Big Bad Musical (Dir)		PVMS - CA	2015
A Midsummer Night's Dream (Dir)		Adams Elementary - WA	2008
The Big Bad Musical (Dir)		Adams After School Players - WA	2007
Macbeth (AD)	Joseph Skillings (Dir)	Adams Elementary - WA	2007
Rocking the Lemon (Dir)	()	Chico Creek Theatre Festival - CA	
The 1994 Annies Award Show (AD)*	Coy Middlebrook (Dir)	Laxson Auditorium - CA	1994
Romance Electronic Media Concert (Dir)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	CSUC	1994
Stage Manager (SM) Assistant			
5	Julia Baldoni (SM)	Wigner Theatre CSLIC CA	2020
The Servant of Two Masters (ASM)	Joseph Skillings (Dir)	Wismer Theatre, CSUC - CA	2020
Macbeth (SM) The 1994 Annies Award Show (SM)*	Coy Middlebrook (Dir)	Adams Elementary - WA Laxson Auditorium - CA	1994
Oklahoma! (ASM)*	Danyel Harnden (SM)	Laxson Auditorium - CA Laxson Auditorium - CA	1994
Romeo and Juliet (SM)	David Pecoraro (TD)	Saddleback College - CA	1993
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Actor Performer			
200Hz Devised Work (Writer, Actor)	Jami Witt Miller (Dir)	_	Spring 2021
The Laramie Project (Actor 3)	John Crosthwaite (Dir)	Streaming Online, CSUC	Fall 2020
Hair (Tribe)*	Coy Middlebrook (Dir)	CCLO - CA	1994
Best Little Whorehouse (TaddyJo)*	Randy West (Dir)	CCLO - CA	1993
Kitty Claws (Snow)*	Molly Hardy (Dir)	CCLO - CA	1991, 1992
The Odd Couple, Female Version (Sylvie)	Gregory de Silva (Dir)	Saddleback College	1992

OTHER PROFESSIONAL CREATIVE WORK		
The STEAM Plays, Website & Extension Curriculum	East Lansing, MI	2023
Providence Performing Arts Center , Video Content Creator Reignite Professional Development Series, Disney Musicals in Schools Programmer Scenic Faux Finish Techniques for Block Stone Castle Walls	Providence, RI ram	2021
CLIO Studio , Self-Employed Freelance Designer Custom Apparel, Costume Services, Team Uniforms, Branded I Graphic Design, Marketing Materials, Event Planning, Website		2014-2021
Lake Berryessa Visitors Association, Video Producer Lake Berryessa (Services Documentary Film) Cinematography, Video and Audio Post-Production, Script Dev	Napa, CA elopment and Narration	2007
Lexant , Creative Developer & Designer doHealth (IP to WebMD) Information Architect, UI Designer, Graphic Artist, Project Man	Seattle, WA	1998-1999
Microsoft , Contracted Graphics Creator & UI Designer Outlook '98 & Microsoft Office Design Team	Redmond, WA	1997-1998
TeknoCopy , Resident Graphic Designer, Pre-Press Specialist	Bellevue, WA	1994-1995
Imagine That Designs, Freelance Illustrator & Graphic Designer	Chico, CA & Seattle, WA	1991-1997
Management Experience		
All Star Gymnastics, Operations Director	Diamond Springs, CA	2014-2017
Gold Oak Union School District, After School Programs Director	Placerville, CA	2010-2013
Rancho Monticello Resort, Marina & Events Manager	Napa, CA	2004-2008
Gymboree Play & Music, Program Director	Seattle, WA	2001-2004
Lexant Corp, Project Manager	Seattle, WA	1997-1998
Honors & Awards		
Wilde Award for Scenic Design Encore Michigan		2024 Predictor
Thespie Awards for Scenic Design and Scenography Lansing State Journal		2024 <i>Clue</i>
Gretel Geist Rutledge Annual Student Award for Design Excell Michigan State University	ence in Scenic Design	2024 <i>Clue</i>
Thespie Award for Projections (non-professional) Lansing State Journal		2023 Charlotte's Web
Gretel Geist Rutledge Annual Student Award for Design Excelle Michigan State University	ence in Sound Design For The Love Of: (or, t	2023 he roller derby play)
Gretel Geist Rutledge Annual Student Award for Design Excelle Michigan State University	ence in Scenic Design	2022 Hit the Wall
Outstanding Student Award Theatre Arts California State University Chico		2021
Dean's List Highest Honors California State University Chico	Spring 2020, Fall	2020, Spring 2021

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

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The Graduate School at MSU \$10,000 Degree Completion Fellowship \$418 Travel Fellowship: USITT Conference Exhibitor and Participant \$400 Travel Fellowship: New York Location Research for <i>Hit the Wall</i>		2024 2023 2021
Council of Graduate Students at MSU \$300 Conference Award: USITT Conference Exhibitor and Assistant		2024
MSU College of Arts & Letters \$4500 Summer Support Fellowship: Summer Circle Theatre \$250 Travel Fellowship: USITT Conference Exhibitor and Participant \$4500 Summer Support Fellowship: Summer Circle Theatre \$250 Travel Fellowship: New York Location Research for <i>Hit the Wall</i>		2023 2023 2022 2021
MSU Department of Theatre \$500 Summer Support Fellowship: Summer Circle Theatre \$350 Travel Fellowship: USITT Conference Exhibitor and Participant \$1000 Department of Theatre Grant: Summer Circle Theatre \$250 Travel Fellowship: New York Location Research for <i>Hit the Wall</i>		2023 2023 2022 2021
Service & Exhibitions		
Undergraduate Research Artistic Fair (UURAF), Adjudicator Category: Visual & Performing Arts, Poster Presentations	East Lansing, MI	April, 2025
STEAMpower Project, Showcase Exhibitor	East Lansing, MI	April 2024
MSU Graduate Academic Conference, Co-Chair	East Lansing, MI	March 2024
MSU Council of Graduate Students, Department Representative	Lansing, MI	2023-2024
USITT 2024 Conference , Conference Assistant, Exhibitor Cover The Walls – Designer Display: <i>CLUE!</i> and <i>Don Giovanni</i> AV Team Presenter Support Team Opening Ceremonies Team	Seattle, WA	March 2024
The People's Church & MSU Department of Theatre , Exhibitor Behind the Scenes of Theatrical Design & Technology – Designe	Lansing, MI er Display: <i>The STEAM Plays</i>	2023-2024
Michigan Thespian Festival, Adjudicator Panel Judge for the Thespy Awards Hosted by Michigan Educational 7 2024 Categories: Costume Design, Costume Construction, Make 2022 Categories: Scenic, Sound, and Lighting Design 2021 Categories: Costume Design, Costume Construction, Make	eup Design	2021, 2022, 2024
Michigan Thespian Festival , Presenter Workshop: Webs, Vines, and Veins – Creating Illusion Drops Workshop: From Pencils to Bots – Design Process & Concept D	Lansing, MI evelopment Tools	December 2023
USITT 2023 Conference , Exhibitor Design Expo – Scenic Design Project Display: <i>Charlotte's Web</i>	St. Louis, MO	March 2023
MSU DOT, Season Selection Committee	East Lansing, MI	2021-2022
Peppermint Creek Theatre Play Book Club , Panel Presenter Community Education – Scenic Design Concept Development for <i>Pipe</i>	Lansing, MI <i>line</i> by Dominique Morriseau	November 2021
Seattle Public Schools Annual Conference , Speaker Arts Integration Advocate	Seattle, WA	2002

PROFESSIONAL	DEVELOPMENT
INOLUDUIONAL	

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE)

Guild of Scenic Artists

United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT)