

# Lauren V. Miller

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## EDUCATION/TRAINING

- Texas Tech University (Lubbock, TX) \*\*NAST accredited  
*M.F.A. - Performance and Pedagogy (May 2018)*
- Converse College (Spartanburg, SC)  
*B.A. - Theatre (May 2015)- Graduated Magna Cum Laude*  
*B.A. – Elementary Education (May 2015)*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Arena Stage, The Mead Center for American Theater (Washington, DC)  
- Professional Fellowship  
Community Engagement Teaching Artist – Duties include assisting with the management and organization of Arena Stage’s Voices of Now program, teaching young artists about Theatre for Social Change, as well as directing final performances with middle and high school students  
*September 2018 - Present*
- Texas Tech University Department of Theatre and Dance (Lubbock, TX)  
- Instructor of Record  
Introduction to Acting – Duties include instructing students upon the craft of acting, and how those skills can be applied in their current fields of study.  
*August – December 2017*  
Voice for the Actor – Duties include instructing students how to develop and craft their vocal qualities and strengths, grading assignments, and assisting students in their rehearsal processes.  
*August – December 2016*  
-Teaching Assistant  
Advanced Voice for the Actor – Duties include assisting the instructor with class lessons and activities, grading assignments, and individually working with students.  
*January 2018 – May 2018*  
Speech for the Actor – Duties include assisting the instructor with class lessons and activities, grading assignments, and individually working with students.  
*January 2017 – May 2017*  
Movement for Performers – Duties include grading assignments, assisting the instructor with the teaching of the course, and teaching specific lessons within the class.  
*January 2016 – May 2016*  
Introduction to Cinema - Duties include grading assignments and advising a section of approximately sixty students.  
*August – December 2015*
- Guadalupe-Parkway Sommerville Centers (Lubbock, TX)  
- Team Leader  
Duties include teaching and supervising children and young adults during a summer outreach program  
*June – August 2018*

- Assistant Team Leader  
Duties include serving as a substitute supervisor and instructor for children ages five to fifteen.  
*June 2016 – August 2017*
- Swimming Instructor  
Duties include teaching younger students how to master the basic skills of swimming.  
*June – August 2016*
- Texas Tech University IDEAL Program (Lubbock, TX)
  - Super Saturday's Instructor  
Duties include structuring and teaching a children's theatre class, focusing on the elements of theatre and how to incorporate them into a performance  
*February 2016*
- Houston Elementary School (Spartanburg, SC)
  - Student Teaching Candidate  
Duties include teaching and managing a classroom of seventeen 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students within the public school system  
*February – May 2015*
- Converse College (Spartanburg, SC)
  - Tutoring Services Employee  
Duties include providing additional instruction to elementary level students within the academic areas of English language arts, mathematics, and science  
*August – December 2014*
- Woodland Heights Elementary School (Spartanburg, SC)
  - Clinical Candidate  
Duties include assisting the instructor with the teaching and management of twenty 5<sup>th</sup> grade students  
*February – May 2014*
- Pine Street Elementary School (Spartanburg, SC)
  - Clinical Candidate  
Duties include providing additional English language arts instruction to below grade-level performing 1<sup>st</sup> grade students  
*February – May 2011*

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- Texas Tech University Department of Theatre and Dance (Lubbock, TX)
  - Research Assistant  
Duties include conducting research for the professor of voice and movement, assisting with workshops in the community and collegiate environments, and taking part in vocal training sessions for the department's theatrical productions  
*January 2016 – May 2018*

### **CREATIVE ACTIVITY**

- Community Youth Development (Lubbock, TX)
  - Assistant to the Director – Duties include working and assisting with the children in the program, recording and reporting program statistics and data, preparing for program events, and serving in the surrounding community  
*June 2016 – August 2016*
- Texas Tech University Department of Theatre and Dance (Lubbock, TX)
  - Costume Shop Worker

Duties include draping, cutting, and sewing costumes for the department's productions, as well as performing maintenance tasks within the shop

*August 2015-May 2016*

- Hopewell Belize Children's Home (Belize City, Belize)
    - Summer Camp Children's Program Intern
    - Duties include assisting in the management of a non-profit children's home, designing and implementing their summer program
- June – August 2013*

### **PRESENTATIONS/GUEST LECTURES**

- South Eastern Theatre Conference 2018
  - Presented a workshop entitled "Decoding the Director/Vocal Coach Collaboration"

*March 2018*
- UIL Student Activity Conference - Texas Tech University
  - Lead a workshop in movement techniques and how to use them to assist in the development of characters in theatrical performances

*September 2017*
- VASTA Singapore Conference 2017
  - Presented my research paper entitled "The Unspoken Plague: Audiences Going Deep Into *Your Mother's Vagina*"

*August 2017*
- South Eastern Theatre Conference 2017
  - Presented a workshop entitled "Directing the Visceral: Creating an Atmosphere of Trust"

*March 2017*
- Texas Tech University Department of Theatre and Dance (Lubbock, TX)
  - "Script Analysis as a Director" – Script Analysis I

*December 2017*

  - Substitute Teacher for Voice for the Actor I

*Fall 2017*

  - "Introduction to Voice Work in Theatre" - Theatre Appreciation Honors

*January 2017*

  - "Using the Voice to Send Actions" - Principles in Acting I

*November 2016*
- UIL Student Activity Conference - Texas Tech University
  - Lead a workshop in movement techniques and how to use them to assist in the development of characters in theatrical performances

*September 2015*

### **RESEARCH/ COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

- "Sustainable Wellness in the Arts" - TTU School of Theater and Dance, Obesity Research Cluster
  - Research assistant to collaborators Rachel Hirshorn-Johnston and Emily Dhurandhar

*Spring 2017 – Spring 2018*
- "Susan G. Komen 'Connections', 'BREEZE' Programs," - Susan G. Komen Foundation, Lubbock Chapter
  - Research assistant to collaborator Rachel Hirshorn-Johnston

*Spring 2016 – Spring 2018*
- "Fitzmaurice Voicework® fMRI Pilot Study," - Texas Tech Neuro-Imaging Institute, Texas Tech University

- Research Assistant to collaborators Rachel Hirshorn-Johnston, Tyler Davis and Lynn Watson  
*Fall 2016 – Spring 2017*

### **MASTER CLASSES**

- Jacqueline Springfield – Texas Tech University  
 - “Integration of Voice and Speech”
- Kelly Eviston-Quinnett – Texas Tech University  
 - “Stanislavski and Chekhov – Objectives and Atmospheres”
- Rich Brown – Texas Tech University  
 - “Psycho-Physical Connection of the Body, Spirit, and Mind”
- Matt Chapman – Texas Tech University  
 - “Physical Embodiment, Play, and Partnership through Commedia dell’Arte”
- Jim Johnson – Texas Tech University  
 - “Dialects of the United Kingdom”
- Barry Kur, Nancy Krebs, and Deborah Kinghorn – VASTA Conference 2016  
 - “Lessac Kinesthetics”
- Groundwork Program –Texas Tech University  
 - Participated in a conference focusing on equipping Graduate students with the skills needed to teach at the collegiate level

### **DIRECTING EXPERIENCE**

<i>Passion Play</i>	Director	Texas Tech University	
<i>Your Mother’s Vagina</i>	Director	Texas Tech University	
<i>Red Raiders One Act Plays</i>	Director	Texas Tech University	
<i>The Ruby Sunrise</i>	Director	Converse College	
<i>Necessary Targets</i>	Director	Converse College	
<i>The Office</i>	Director	Converse College	
<i>Little Women</i>	Asst. Director	Texas Tech University	Kristen Rogers
<i>Clybourne Park</i>	Asst. Director	Texas Tech University	Deron Williams
<i>The Pinksy Project</i>	Asst. Director	Texas Tech University	Richard Corley
<i>Shiloh Rules</i>	Asst. Director	Converse College	Melissa Owens
<i>Let Rise (Staged Reading)</i>	Asst. Director	Converse College	Boone Hopkins
<i>The Laramie Project</i>	Asst. Director	Converse College	Anushka Senanayake

### **THEATRE PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE**

<i>Our Country’s Good</i>	Mary/Lt. Johnston	Texas Tech University	Linda Donahue
<i>Antigone</i>	Antigone	Converse College	Chandra Owenby-Hopkins
<i>Dancing at Lughnasa</i>	Rose	Converse College	Melissa Owens
<i>The Boys Next Door</i>	Senator Clarke	Lubbock Comm. Theatre	Gabriel Vanover
<i>The Zoo Story</i>	Peter	Converse College	Melanie Waddell
<i>Normal the Musical</i>	Ensemble	Normal in Schools	Blair Cadden

**THEATRE VOCAL/DIALECT EXPERIENCE**

<i>Next to Normal</i>	Vocal Coach	Texas Tech University	Katie Hahn
<i>Little Women</i>	Asst. Dialect Coach	Texas Tech University	Kristen Rogers
<i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>	Asst. Dialect Coach	Texas Tech University	Bill Gelber
<i>Clybourne Park</i>	Asst. Dialect Coach	Texas Tech University	Deron Williams
<i>Rathbone</i>	Asst. Dialect Coach	Texas Tech University	Sara Skar
<i>Eclipsed</i>	Asst. Dialect Coach	Texas Tech University	Dean Nolen
<i>Cabaret</i>	Asst. Dialect Coach	Texas Tech University	Dean Nolen
<i>Our Country's Good</i>	Dialect Captain	Texas Tech University	Linda Donahue

**THEATRE PRODUCTION AND/OR MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE**

<i>Heathers: The Musical</i>	Dramaturg	Texas Tech University	Jonathan Marks
<i>Your Mother's Vagina</i>	Promotions and Venues Asst.	Edinburgh Fringe Festival	Amy Chaffee
<i>Cabaret</i>	Asst. Costume Designer	Converse College	Boone Hopkins
<i>The Ruby Sunrise</i>	Costume Designer	Converse College	Lauren Miller
<i>Let Rise</i>	Stage Manager	Converse College	Boone Hopkins
<i>Legally Blonde: The Musical</i>	Costume Designer/ Run Crew	Converse College	Boone Hopkins
<i>The Tempest</i>	Props Master/ Costume Crew	Converse College	Melissa Owens
<i>The Laramie Project</i>	Stage Manager	Converse College	Anushka Senanayake
<i>Five Women Wearing the Same Dress</i>	Asst. Costume Designer/ Run Crew	Converse College	Chandra Hopkins
<i>Dead Man's Cell Phone</i>	Asst. Costume Designer/ Run Crew	Converse College	Boone Hopkins

**HONORS/AWARDS**

Neal Hanslik Regents Scholarship, Texas Tech University, 2017-2018

Helen DeVitt Jones Graduate Fellowship, Texas Tech University, 2017-2018

Texas Tech University Dean's Research Grant, Texas Tech University, 2017

Stokes Regent Theatre Scholarship, Texas Tech University, 2015-2017

Hayward Ellis Excellence in Theatre Award, Converse College, 2015

Who's Who Among Students Award, Converse College, 2015

Student Government School of the Arts Representative, Converse College, 2014-2015

Alpha Psi Omega Business Manager/Member, Converse College, 2013- 2015

Palmetto Players President/Secretary, Converse College, 2013- 2015

Excellence in Technical Production, Converse College, 2013

Yawkey Foundation Scholarship, 2011-2015

Presidential Scholarship, Converse College, 2011-2015

Sam Walton Fellowship Scholarship, 2011

Dean's List - Converse College, 8 semesters