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## **EDUCATION**

Arizona State University Master of Fine Arts in Theatre Scenography 1999 Thesis Project: Costume Design for Shakespeare's *King Lear* directed by Marshall Mason Advisor: Jeffrey Thomson

California Institute of the Arts Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre 1987 Senior Applied Project: Costume Design for Dylan Thomas' Under Milkwood directed by Lewis Palter. Advisor: Martha Ferrara

Los Angeles Trade Technical College Certificate in Fashion Design 1981 Final Project (placed in Golden Thimble competition): "Tuxedo Swimsuits"

## PROFESSIONAL

Associate Professor of Costume Design and History, Department of Theatre and Dance, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA, 2007 to present

Affiliate Artist, Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble, 2016 to present

Chair of Theatre and Dance, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA, 2010 to 2014

## Director of Theatre, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA, 2010 to 2013

Assistant Professor of Costume Design and History (Tenure Track), Department of Theatre and Dance, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA, 2002 to 2007

Assistant Professor of Costume Design and History (3 year appointment), Department of Theatre and Dance, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA, 1999 to 2002

Costume Shop Manager, Santa Fe Stages, New Mexico, 1999

Costume Designer/Lecturer, Department of Dance, Arizona State University, Tempe, 1990-1999

Resident Costume Designer, Phoenix Little Theatre, Arizona, 1987-1990

Cutter/Draper, Colorado Shakespeare Festival, Boulder, 1987

Patternmaker and Assistant Designer, Cole of California, Los Angeles, 1981-1986

# TEACHING

## Bucknell University

Costume and Fashion History 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, **2013**, **2014**, Costume Design 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, **2011**, The Art of Costume Craft 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2010, Capstone Experience: Fashion as Visual Culture 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007, Foun. Sem., Wearable Art: Creative Concepts in Clothing Design 2005, 2006, 2009, **2012**, **2013**, Introduction to Theatre 1999, 2001, 2006 Dance of Eastern Europe 2002, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2010 World Dress/Global Dress **2011**, Survey of Arts Entrepreneurship Independent Studies 2001, 2002, 2003, 2008, 2010, Honor's Theses 2010 (2),

Arizona State University

Introduction to Costume (Department of Theatre) Dance Production Lab: Costume Dance Production II: Costume Design for Dance Eastern European Folk Dance

## SCHOLARSHIP (Recent work in bold)

THEATRE DESIGN (Costume design unless otherwise noted)

### **Bucknell University**

Les Liaisons Dangerous directed by Anjalee Hutchinson	2017
The Comedy of Errors directed by Anjalee Hutchinson	2017
Marisol directed by Ibby Cizmar	2016
101: The Knowledge Project (devised) directed by Anjalee Hutchinson	2015
Tartuffe directed by Biliana Stoytcheva-Horissian	2014
The Mystery of Edwin Drood directed by Gary Grant	2014
Black Comedy directed by Anjalee Deshpande Hutchinson	2013
Mask, Movement, and Mayhem directed by guest artist Kali Quinn	2013
Macbeth directed by Anjalee Deshpande Hutchinson	2012
Wild Party directed by Gary Grant	2012
Pride and Prejudice directed by Anjalee Deshpande Hutchinson	2011
The Bacchae directed by Anjalee Deshpande Hutchinson	2011
Pecos Bill, Killer's Head, Red Cross, and Tongues directed by Gary Grant	2010
Curtains directed by Gary Grant	2010
Five Women Wearing the Same Dress directed by Anjalee Deshpande	2009
Secret Rapture directed by Emily Penick '08	2008
Life as a Ball written and performed by Anastasia Peterson '08	2008

True West directed by Gary Grant	2007
Urinetown: The Musical directed by Gary Grant	2007
Spring Awakening (play) directed by Robert Gainer	2006
Nobody's Earnest directed by Robert Gainer	2006
The Mandrake directed by Gary Grant	2005
Dracula: The Renfield Diaries (dance/theatre) co-design	
with Pam Miller and created by Er-Dong Hu and Kelly Knox	2004
The Learned Ladies directed by Robert Gainer	2004
The Tempest directed by Gary Grant	2004
The Glass Menagerie directed by Robert Gainer	2003
The Good Woman of Setzuan directed by Robert Gainer	2003
Fefu and Her Friends directed by Gary Grant	2002
The Love of Three Oranges directed by Hillary DePiano '02	2002
Hard Times directed by Robert Gainer	2001
The Heidi Chronicles directed by Seth Rabinowitz '01	2001
As You Like It directed by Susan Chast	2000
Artist Descending a Staircase directed by Jeremy Walker '00	2000
The Real Inspector Hound directed by David Carpenter '00	2000
Tea in a China Cup directed by Robert Gainer	1999
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#### Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble

Gunpowder Joe World Premiere, directed by Laurie McCants	2017
Unnecessary Farce directed by Richard Cannady	2016
The Women of Lockerbie directed by Laurie McCants	2005
How I Learned to Drive directed by Devon Allen	2005

## Arizona State University

Fly Photo, Tombstone written/directed by Oscar Giner (Dept. of Theatre)	2001
The Last Garden collaborative dance/theatre (Institute for Studies In The Arts)	1993
Relationships: Family (dance/theatre) created by Blondell Cummings (ISA)	1992
Mad Dog Dreams (dance/theatre) created by Elina Mooney (ISA)	1991
The Song Of The Forest People collaborative dance/theatre work	
with Brent Michael Davids, Zarco Guerrero, and Elina Mooney (ISA)	1990

### Grand Canyon Shakespeare Festival

The Tempest,	assistant scene design to Jeff Thomson	1998
Twelfth Night,	, assistant scene design to Jeff Thomson	1998
Macbeth,	assistant scene design to Jeff Thomson	1998
Robin Hood,	scene design	1998

## Actor's Theatre of Phoenix (Herberger Theater)

Billy Bishop Goes to Wardirected by David Vining1993The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universedirected by Jim Pinkerton1992Word of Mouth (a Shakespeare collage)written/directed by Penny Metropulos198

<u>Theatre League, Kansas City, MO and Phoenix, AZ</u> Grease directed by Francelle Fuller (Phoenix Symphony Hall)	1991
<u>Idaho Shakespeare Festival</u> The Merchant of Venice directed by David Hay Richard the Second directed by Ken Keleher	1990 1989
Phoenix Theatre (Phoenix Little Theatre)West Side Story directed by Michael MitchellRobin Hood (scene and light co-design) directed by Alan PrewittRomance, Romance directed by Michael BarnardThe Lady and the Clarinet directed by Gary ImelThe Crucible directed by Will RobersonBorn Yesterday directed by David ViningVoice of the Prairie directed by Mark DeMicheleVampire Lesbians of Sodom directed by Tom OldendickBreaking the Code directed by Michael FlanaganBig River directed by John HighkinBroadway Bound directed by Hope SilvestriSunday in the Park with George (Costume Coordinator)Vikings directed by Mark DeMicheleLysistrata directed by Mark DeMicheleLysistrata directed by Will RobersonThe Petition directed by Betty St. George JudkinsThe Dark at the Top of the Stairs directed by Leonard SchachA Christmas Carol directed by Alan PrewittThe Musical Cornedy Murders of 1940 directed by Mark DeMicheleWomen Behind Bars directed by Steve SchemmelHair directed by Michael BarnardAngry Housewives directed by Michael BarnardAngry Housewives directed by Michael BarnardThe Nerd directed by David ViningThe Miser directed by David ViningThe Miser directed by David ViningThe Miser directed by David HayKey for Two directed by Alan PrewittBiloxi Blues directed by Alan PrewittBiloxi Blues directed by Vichael LancyThe Miser directed by Vichael LancyThe Miser directed by Vichael LancyThe Miscle Worker directed by Hope Silvestri <td>1998 1997 1990 1990 1990 1990 1989 1989 1989 1989</td>	1998 1997 1990 1990 1990 1990 1989 1989 1989 1989

## OPERA

The Passion Trilogy with the Fisher Ensemble. Directed by Ken Cerniglia. Los Angeles. 2017,

Monticello Wakes. (Associate Costumer) Visual design by Tori Ellison, music and libretto by Garrett Fisher, directed by Ken Cerniglia. Premiere, Los Angeles, October 2015.

Ghosts of Monticello, a new opera. Music by Garrett Fisher, libretto by Carmen Gillespie, and directed by Emily Martin. Bucknell University. February 2015.

# DANCE DESIGN

# <u>Freelance</u>

Look choreographed by Tara Madsen Robbins premiere, Evening of Duets, Phil.	2014
Samarkand Collage Dance Ensemble, Boston, premiere, Bucknell Weis Center	2010
Laughter and Forgetting choreographed by Kim Whittam DTW, St. Mark's Church, NYC	2006
Lucky Four choreographed by Kim Whittam, Merce Cunningham Studio	2005
Honest Moments choreographed by Anthony Ferro, Merce Cunningham Studio	2005
Passing choreographed by Ahmet Lüleci, premiere, Fashion Institute of Technology, NY	2005
Compassion Moves conceived by Anthony Ferro Bloomsburg, PA	2004
Bird of Paradise choreographed by Wen-jinn Luo for Tsoying School, Kaohsiung, Taiwan	2004
balkanBLUES choreographed by Ahmet Lüleci for Collage Dance Ensemble, Boston, MA	2004
At First Sight (co-design) choreographed by Danna Frangione for Tsoying School, Taiwan	2001
Morning choreographed by Cliff Keuter for Center Dance Ensemble, Phoenix, AZ	1991

## Bucknell University 1999-present

Professional choreographers designed for include: Peter Anastos, Artistic Director of Ballet Idaho and Founding Director of Les Ballets Trockadero Penny Askew, Director, Western Oklahoma Ballet Theatre Ballet X, Philadelphia, PA Melissa Bobick Freelance Choreographer Nicole Bradley-Browning '97, Professor, University of Montana Li-Chou Cheng, Ballet Master-in-Residence, Texas Christian University Elizabeth Cooper, Director, Dance Program, University of Washington Elizabeth Corbett Former soloist, Forsythe Ballet; Freelance dancer/choreographer Seán Curran, Director, Seán Curran Company Simone Ferro, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Michael Foley, Assistant Professor, University of South Florida Danna Frangione, Founding Director of Dance, Bucknell University Salim Gauwloos, Choreographer, New York Er-Dong Hu, Professor, Bucknell University Kelly Knox, Associate Professor, Bucknell University Jessica Lang, Choreographer, New York Wen-jinn Luo, Director, Scarecrow Art 'n Dance Company, Taiwan Dustyn Martincich, Associate Professor of Theatre and Dance, Bucknell University Matthew Neenen Artistic Director, Ballet X, Philadelphia, PA Camilo Rodriguez, Former dancer, Les Ballets Grandiva Nick Ross, Director, Nicholas Andre Dance, NYC Trinette Singleton, Choreographer and faculty, Joffrey Ballet/New School University André Tyson, Assistant Dean, CalArts and former dancer, Alvin Ailey Michael Yasenak, Director, Human Dance Company, NYC

# DANCE DESIGN

## Arizona State University Department of Dance 1990-1999

Professional choreographers designed for include: Art Bridgeman and Myrna Packer, Dance company and choreographers, NY Xenia Chlistowa, Professor Emerita of Ballet, Arizona State University (ASU) Pat Graney, Director, Pat Graney Company, Seattle, WA Ben Hazard, Late Associate Professor of Ballet, ASU Marion Jones, Professor Emerita, ASU Cliff Keuter, Dancer, choreographer, educator, Arizona Beth Lessard, Professor Emerita, ASU Ann Ludwig, Professor Emerita, ASU and director, A Ludwig Company T.J. Maheras, Ballet dancer, choreographer, instructor, Arizona Sheila Marion, Dance Reconstruction, Faculty Emerita, The Ohio State University Bebe Miller, Director, Bebe Miller Company and Professor, The Ohio State University Elina Mooney, Dancer, choreographer, educator, Arizona Daniel Nagrin, Modern dance pioneer and author Douglas Nielsen, Dancer; choreographer; Professor, University of Arizona Kevin O'Day, Choreographer and dancer, NY Marta Renzi, Choreographer, NY Doug Varone, Director, Doug Varone and Dancers, NY

## PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Davis, Paula D. "Intersecting Traditions in Kalotaszeg: The Dance Fits the Costume". Cloth Cultures: Future Legacies of Dorothy K. Burnham Conference. Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada. Nov 10-11, 2017.
- Davis, Paula D. *HOCИЯТА E ЖИВОТ* (The Nosiya is Life): Traditions in Bulgarian Folk Dress. Campus talk before Le Mystère des Voix Bulgares concert. Weis Center for the Performing Arts. Bucknell University. April 13, 2017.
- Davis, Paula D. Book Review. "Liberated Threads: Black Women, Style, and the Global Politics of Soul/The Birth of Cool: Style Narratives of the African Diaspora" *Dress*, 43:1, 71-74, DOI: 10.1080/03612112.2017.1288036. Pub Online April 2, 2017.
- Davis, Paula D. "A Collaborative Curriculum: The Arts Entrepreneurship Minor at Bucknell University". American Theatre in Higher Education Annual Conference. Chicago, Illinois. Aug 11-14, 2016.
- Davis, Paula D. "Layers of Memories: Stories of Traditional Balkan Folk Dress." Pasold Conference 2016: Dressing Global Bodies. University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada. July 7-10, 2016
- Davis, Paula D. "Layers of Memories: Stories of Traditional Balkan Folk Dress." International Conference of Dress Historians. London. Oct. 31, 2015.

Chang, Caroline, Era Caterina Murzaku, Lauren Smith, Naheed R. Abbasi , Paula D. Davis,

Marianne Berwick, David Polsky. "More skin, more sun, more tan, more melanoma...". American Journal of Public Health. Published online ahead of print September 11, 2014.

- Davis, Paula D. "In Search of Balkan Folk Dress: Revealing Identities." Invited talk. Bucknell Institute of Lifelong Learning, Lewisburg, PA. March 2012.
- Davis, Paula D. "Layers of Memories: Stories of Festival Dress in the Balkans." Invited public talk. Museum of International Folk Art, Santa Fe, New Mexico, June 2011.
- Davis, Paula D. "Performing Identity: Traditional Costume at Folklore Festivals in the Balkans." Invited talk. Center for Studies in Race, Ethnicity, and Gender. Bucknell University. January 2011.
- Davis, Paula D. "Collecting the Stories: Festival Dress and Identity in Eastern Europe." International Conference: Social and Spiritual Aspects of Material Culture. Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia, September 2008.
- Davis, Paula and Judy Zebrowski. "Visual and Information Literacy in the Study of Costume: Parallel Pedagogies". Poster Presentation. Eye to I: Visual Literacy Meets Information Literacy, ACRL Instruction Section/Arts Section program at ALA in Washington D.C. 2007
- Davis, Paula. "Collecting the Stories: Festival Dress and Identity in Eastern Europe." (Poster). Costume Society of America National Symposium, Hartford, CT, June 2006.
- Davis, Paula. "Dance Costume in Performance: Designing from the Inside Out." Congress on Research in Dance/World Dance Association/ICKL International Dance Conference, Taipei, Taiwan, August 2004.
- Davis-Larson, Paula, "Making Magic from the Auto Parts Store." Costume Research Journal XIV.3 (Winter 2003):13.

USITT National Conferences: **"All the World is the Stage: World Dress and Costume Design", Chair/panelist** "A Liberal Dose of Costume: Innovative Teaching Strategies", Chair/panelist "Designing Costumes for Dance", Panelist "Fit to Dance", Panelist "Costume Design for Dance", Panel chair/panelist 1999

## **UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE DESIGN WORK** (Costume design unless otherwise noted)

### Arizona State University, MFA 1999

King Lear (Thesis) directed by Marshall W. Mason	1998
Aftergame (Lighting Design) directed by Warren Baumgart	1998
Twilight Sleep (Scene Design) directed by Kevin Browne	1993
Mr. A's Amazing Maze Plays directed by David Vining	1994

California Institute of the Arts, BFA 1987

Under Milkwood (Senior Project) directed by Lewis Palter	1987
Two Moods and Blues (Dance) choreographed by Lawrence Blake	1987
Top Girls directed by Robert Berlinger	1986
Coriolanus directed by Dakin Matthews	1986

## **EXHIBITS**

World Stage Design International Exhibition Of Stage, Costume, Lighting And Sound Design OISTAT World Congress and USITT Conference, Toronto, Canada	, 2005
Nice Threads! (National adjudicated show of wearable art), Gallery Ten, Rockford, Illinois	1996
Set the Stage: The Art of Theatrical Design (Group Show), Arizona Museum for Youth	
DANCE PERFORMANCE	
Lone Windows choreographed by Dustyn Martincich. Role: Mother. Bucknell 2011	
Aman Folk Ensemble, Artistic Director, Barry Glass, Los Angeles, CA 1982-1983	5

Avaz Folk Ensemble, Artistic director, Anthony Shay, Los Angeles, CA 1978-1980

# GRANTS AND AWARDS

Dean's Fellowship for three-year funding	2014
Curricular Development Grant: Survey of Arts Entrepreneurship	2013
International Research Travel Grant to attend the 7th Konitsa International Summer	
School for Anthropology, Ethnography and Comparative Folklore of the Balkans	2012
Scholarly Development Grant: "Folk Dress Research in Eastern Europe"	2007
Bucknell Center for Study in Race, Ethnicity and Gender Research Travel Grant: "The Dyna	amics
of Folk Costume And Identity as Identified at Folk Festivals in Eastern Europe"	2006
Dean's Research Travel Grant: "Costume and Identity in Eastern Europe"	2005
Harold and Gladys Cook Travel Award, Bucknell University	2000
Artist Personal Development Grant, Arizona Commission on the Arts 1993	3, 1995
David and Patricia Kader Prize for Creative Achievement, ASU Department of Theatre	1998
Student Choice for Outstanding Theatrical Talent Award for Excellence in	
Costume Design for the Production of King Lear, ASU Department of Theatre	1998
American College Theatre Festival Design Show Finalist for Top Girls costume design	1987

# SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	
United States Institute of Theatre Technology (USITT)	
Costume Society of America (CSA)	
SERVICE	
Book Proposal Reviewer, Fairchild Books	2015
New Play Reader for CulturalDC's Source Festival	2015
Organizing Committee. Aman Folk Ensemble 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion, Palm	Springs 2013
UNIVERSITY SERVICE	
LA Posse 7 Co-Mentor	2016 – 2020
Faculty Development Committee	2014 – 2017
Chair of Department of Theatre and Dance	2010 – 2014
Presenter for FLS on "Making" in the Classroom	March 2015
Director of Theatre Program	2010 – 2013
<ul> <li>Society and Technology Residential College Teaching Fellow</li> </ul>	2012 – 2013
"We Create" costume installation for "We Do" campaign kickoff	2012
Campaign Initiative Faculty Group for Creative Campus Initiative	2012
Presidential Arts Initiative Council	2010 – 2013
International Student Services Advisory Board	2007 – 2013
Bucknell Forum Task Force: Creativity Series	2008 – 2012
Faculty Advisor, Culture Couture Student Fashion Club	2002 – 2013
<ul> <li>Faculty Development Committee (one year appointment)</li> </ul>	2009 - 2010
Ad hoc Committee to Review Tenure and Promotion	2007 – 2008
Arts Residential College Teaching Fellow	2005 – 2009
Composition Council for Writing Across the Curriculum Program	2002 - 2007
Faculty Advisor, Middle Eastern Student Association	2001 - 2003