KATE BRENNAN

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Curriculum Vitae

Designated Linklater Teacher • Actors' Equity Association

Certified Yoga Instructor

 Certified Thai Bodyworker
 MELT Instructor

RECENT WORK AT A GLANCE

Below is a snapshot of ongoing work, current projects, guest artistry & recent accolades from the past few years.

PROJECTS

Gaslight, Act 2 (Director), What's in Store, B Street Theatre (Playwright), Clean Slate, Passage Theatre & Rider University (Composer & Lyricist), Eleanor, Act 2 Playhouse (Director), Lost Boys, DreamWrights (Creator), ALiEN8, Bucks County Playhosue (Composer & Lyricist)

NEW AFFILIATIONS

Women's Playwright Circle at Speranza Theatre, The 4 Seasons Residency

GUEST ARTISTRY

Rider University, Arcadia University, DreamWrights Center for Community Arts, Tofte Lake Center, York College, MESA Leadership Conference, Dramatist Guild, Linklater Voice Center

PUBLICATIONS

McSweeney's Internet Tendency, The Offing, Dramatist, Howlround Theatre Commons, YouthPLAYS

RECOGNITION

B Street New Comedy Finaliost, Princess Grace Award/New Dramatist Fellowship Finalist, 2x O'Neill Semi-Finalist, MAP Grant Fund Recipient, Lanford Wilson New Play Festival Finalist, CAIRS Faculty Research Grant, MAP Fund Grant Recipient

TRAINING

Linklater Designation, Kristin Linklater Voice Center, Orkney, Scotland 2015 Louis Colaianni Phonetic Pillow Intensive, The Celebration Barn, ME, 2015 Thai Bodywork Certification, Ananda Sacred Thai Bodywork, NYC, 2015 500-Hr. Yoga Teacher Certification, Yogamaya NYC, (In-Progress) 200-Hr. Yoga Teacher Certification, Yogamaya NYC, Spring 2014 MELT Method Hand & Foot Instructor Training, University of Texas- Austin, Spring 2018 Kristin Linklater Observation, Columbia University, MFA Candidates, Fall 2013 Shakespeare & Co. Winter Intensive, 2013 University of Virginia, MFA, Acting, May 2008 The University of Scranton, BA, Theatre, English & Spanish, Magna Cum Laude UNIVA, Guadalajara: Mexican Culture & Language Fordham College Lincoln Center: Performance Track

ACTING	Tina Packer, Lawrence Sacharow, Matthew Maguire, Seth Rozin, Richard	
	Warner, Ed Morgan, Shakespeare & Co.	
MOVEMENT	Marianne Kubik (Biomechanics), Pig Iron (LeCoq), Merry Conway (Swings)	
VOICE	Kristin Linklater (Linklater), Louis Colaianni (Linklater & Phonetic Pillows), Heidi Hayes & Martin	
	Hennessy (singing), Kate Burke (Lessac), Andrew Wade, Andrea Haring, Andrew Borthwick-	
	Leslie, Kimberly White, Ariel Bock (Linklater), David Ley & Elissa Weinzimmer (Vibratory Voice)	
FILM	Heidi Marshall, Erica Arvold, Richard Warner	

TEACHING

Faculty, York College, 2023

 \cdot Covered courses for the Chair who was on Sabbatical

Tenure-Track Associate Professor Voice & Acting, Oklahoma City University, Fall 2015 - 2021

 Teach a full course load including all voice courses for the BFA candidates based in Linklater Voicework as well as Actors Instrument, a course of my own devising. Currently developing my own methodology, Brennan Check In, which incorporates Linklater, Vinyasa Yoga, Thai Bodywork & creative practices.

Faculty, HB Studios, NYC, Winter 2015 - Spring 2015

• Taught Linklater voice with the professional actor training program.

Musical Director, Writer & Teaching Artist, McCarter Theatre Center, 2014-2018

• Served as MD for various courses and productions including *Pippin*, ...Spelling Bee & Into the Woods; co-wrote the 2017 musical ALiEN8 and the 2018 musical Clean Slate for the program.

Teaching Artist, Theatre Direct International Broadway Classroom (NYC): Fall 2009 - 2015

• Taught theatre workshops in conjunction with current Broadway performances and guest Broadway artists. Topics ranged from scene study and acting to audition technique and song preparation.

Teaching Artist & Composer, Passage Theatre Co.'s Playmaking Project: Fall 2013

Adjunct Theatre Professor, St. Joseph's University: Spring 2013 and 2014

Adjunct Theatre Professor, Montgomery County Community College: Fall 2010 - Spring 2013

• Responsible for developing and executing curriculum in acting and musical theatre.

Instructor, Adult Musical Theater, Teen Musical Theater & Acting, Walnut Street Theater: Fall 2012

Co-Instructor & Accompanist, Temple University, Graduate Program: Spring 2011

• Accompanied class; aided Assistant Chair with executing graduate actor-director curriculum.

Adjunct Theatre Professor, Rosemont College: Spring 2010 - Fall 2011

• Created and implemented curriculum for new theatre minor and directed productions.

Director, Holy Child Academy Theater Camp: Summer 2011

Instructor, The University of Virginia, Drama 202: 6 semesters, 2 summer sessions, 2005 -2008

• Acted as sole instructor for two sections per semester of a drama course which included scene work, audition technique, monologue skills, and an original theatre outreach project of my own creation: Alternative Theatre Project.

Teaching Artist, Theatre Horizon: Summer 2009

Teaching Artist, Lantern Theatre Co.: Spring 2009

• Responsible for introducing *Hamlet* curriculum to Philadelphia public schools.

Founder, Creator & Instructor, BCKSEET IGNITION: Fall 2008 - 2012

• Founded, designed curriculum, and served as instructor for BCKSEET Productions' education program, BCKSEET IGNITION, which strives to create resourceful, independent, innovative artists.

Instructor, Vocal Director & Accompanist, Adult Musical Theatre, Walnut Street Theatre: Fall 2004

Instructor, Asst. Director, Acting, Singing - ages 5-18, Walnut Street Theater: Summer 2004

Instructor, Acting, ages 8-16, Iron Age Theater Co.: Fall 2004Private Lesson Instructor, Voice, grades 9-12, Merion

Mercy Academy: 2004-2006, 2008 - 2012

• Maintained a roster of 20 high school students from beginner to advanced vocal technique. Repertoire included classical music, folk songs, and musical theatre, with a recital at end of term.

Private Lesson Instructor, Voice, grades 5-8, Waldron Mercy Academy: 2004-2006

• Maintained a roster of over 30 young students. Training in breath, audition technique, folk and musical theatre, with a recital at end of term.

PUBLICATIONS

"This Unfolded Pile of Laundry from Last Tuesday"	The Offing, Wit Tea, 2023
"Spotted Lanternflies or the Misguided Dreams of my Youth?"	McSweeney's Internet Tendency, 2022
<u>"Surprise Trash Day" & "Snow Moon"</u>	The Offing, Micros, 2022
"You are a Modern Short Story Written in the Second Person"	The Offing, Wit Tea, 2022
"Is it Your First Summer After College or Did your Toddler"	McSweeney's Internet Tendency, 2022
"Questions for the CDC in Light of the Omicron Variant"	McSweeney's Internet Tendency, 2021
"We're the Four Horses of the Apocalypse and Your Bill"	McSweeney's Internet Tendency, 2021
ALiEN8: A YA Musical with David Lee White	YouthPLAYS, 2021
"A Playwright for 4 Seasons"	Dramatists Magazine, 2021

<u>"Job Posting: Assistant Professor of Robotics"</u> <u>elevated thoughts: 100 shadormas from 9,000ft.</u> <u>"Faculty on Fall: Stop Bailing and Build a Better Boat"</u> <u>"How Working from Home is Working (or Not)," Letter</u>		McSweeney's Internet Tendency, 2 Literati Press, 2020 Howlround Theatre Commons, 202 The New York Times, 2020		
COMPOSITION				
Book/Music/Lyrics	The Lost Boys: A TYA Musical	DreamWrights Center for Arts	Dec 2022	
Playwright	Lenora: An All-Female Christmas Carol	McCarter Theatre Center (partial SR)	Dec 2021	
Music & Lyrics	Illuminate, A Myriodrama	Ignition Arts (virtual development)	June 2020	
Music & Lyrics	<u>Clean Slate, A YA Musical</u>	Passage Theatre Co. & Rider U.*	Feb 2023	
		Passage Theatre*	Aug 2022	
		Ignition Arts @ Lyric Theatre*	May 2019	
		McCarter Theatre Center	July 2018	
Playwright	Enabler: A 10 Minute Play	American Playbook Podcast	Jan 2019	
Co-Writer	Seeing Someone, A Short Play	Florida Gulf Coast University	Oct 2018	
Music & Lyrics	Monumental, A Short Musical	Dreamcatcher Rep	Apr 2018	
Playwright	What's in Store: A Swedish Dramedy	B Street Theatre*	Aug 2023	
		Philadelphia Women's Theatre Fest	*Aug 2021	
		Ignition Arts*	Jan 2018	
		HBMG Natn'l Playwrights Retreat*	Jan 2017	
Music & Lyrics	<u>ALiEN8, A YA Musical</u> (partial list)	Bucks Country Playhouse	Aug 2022	
		Drexel University	Nov 2019	
		Ignition Arts*	Mar 2018	
		McCarter Theatre Center	July 2017	
Writer	<u>The Brennan Book Blog</u>	brennanbookblog.tumblr.com	2015-present	
Staff Writer	<u>Thank You, 10</u>	UNC-Chapel Hill Arts Podcast	2015 - present	
Writer	<u>ELFuego: An Original Holiday Musical</u>	BCKSEET Productions	Dec 2012	
Composer	The Assassination of Jesse James	EgoPo Productions	Oct 2012	
Writer	Inbox: Empty/Airport Scanning	Luna Theatre Co.	May 2012	
Writer	Some Assembly Required:A Meta-Musical		Mar 2010	
		Society Hill Playhouse*	Nov 2009	
		University of Virginia	May 2008	
		*AEA Reading/ Workshop/Producti	on	

SELECT PERFORMANCE WORK

Liz	Bristol Riverside Theatre (SR)	Ken Kaissar
Beckah	Ignition Arts (SR)	Emily Heugatter
Anne	Ignition Arts (SR)	Jeanie Sholer
Female Swing	New Place Players (NYC)	Craig Bacon
Marcy	Bristol Riverside Theatre (SR)	Adam Immerwahr
Sonya/ Pilar	Passage Theater Co.	Adam Immerwahr
	Beckah Anne Female Swing Marcy	BeckahIgnition Arts (SR)AnneIgnition Arts (SR)Female SwingNew Place Players (NYC)MarcyBristol Riverside Theatre (SR)

Assassination of Jesse James	C. Ford	EgoPo Classic Theater Co.
Bachelorette	Katie	Luna Theatre Co.
Dead Man's Cell Phone	Jean	Simpatico Theatre Co.
Oresteia	Cassandra	Philadelphia Artist Collective
Losing the Shore	Hortense	BCKSEET Productions
Antigone, Texas	Cushing	Theatre Exile (SR)
[title of show]	Susan	Mauckingbird Theatre Co.
Some Assembly Required	Katherine	BCKSEET Productions
Angels in America, I & II	Harper	BCKSEET Productions
Fatebook	Zoe Ex	New Paradise Laboratories
Jacques Brel is Alive	Young Woman	Classic Theatre Productions
Raised in Captivity	Bernadette	BCKSEET Productions
Hedda Gabler	Hedda	University of Virginia
Hair	Jeanie	University of Virginia
Arms & the Man	Louka	University of Virginia
Truth & Beauty	#4	University of Virginia
Sunday in the Park	Celeste #2	Heritage Repertory Theatre
Yank!	Woman	Philadelphia GLTF
Frog & Toad	Turtle/Snail (u/s) Arden Theatre Co.
Tooth & Claw	Ana (u/s)	Arden Theatre Co.
Annie Warbucks	Miss Clark (u/s)	Walnut St. Theatre

Brenna Geffers Gregory S. Campbell Jillian Harrison **Brenna Geffers** Andrew Borthwick-Leslie Brandon McShaffrey Peter Reynolds G DeCandia Andrew Borthwick-Leslie Whit MacLaughlin Barry Brait G DeCandia **Richard Warner** Thadd McQuaid Edward Morgan **Richard Warner** Bob Chapel Igor Golden Whit MacLaughlin Terrence J. Nolan Charles Abbott

AUDIO

Yoga Music: For Teachers & Practitioners, 2021 elevated: the shadorma companion, 2020 Fair Play, A Podcast, Creator, Co-Host, Fall 2018 -Present The Brennan Book Blog Podcast: Creator, Host, 2016 - 2018 Some Assembly Required: A Meta-Musical: vocals, keys, composition, Spring 2010 Imaginary Friends, Nora Whittaker: back-up vocals, 2005 Make a Joyful Noise: Merion Mercy Singers Christmas Album: soloist, 1999

OUTREACH

Volunteer, Foster Dogs NYC, Social Tees & Friends with Four Paws NYC & OKC, 2013-2019

Founder, Organizer & MC for the Annual Ani Fiordimondo Memorial Cabaret: 2005 - 2014

• Created a cabaret with students and professionals to commemorate a young theatre student, Ani Fiordimondo. The annual cabaret raised money for a scholarship established in her name which extended arts opportunities to students like Ani.

Creator & Teacher, Alternative Theatre Project: 2007 - 2009

· Implemented Alternative Theatre Project with the support of the UVA Drama Department.

Fusing outreach and theatre, the students had the opportunity to create original performance art pieces to showcase their talents and touch the community.

Volunteer, Animal Connections, Charlottesville, VA: 2005 - 2008

Theatre Workshop Creator & Artist for INOVA Child Life Department, Fairfax, VA: Fall 2007

· Designed and conducted two workshops for INOVA Hospital: a theatre games event for young patients and a theatre craft workshop for the professional INOVA Child Life staff.

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PRODUCTION

Voice Coach, *The Trojan Women*, SoT MainStage, Spring 2020 Voice & Dialect Coach, *The Laramie Project*, SoT MainStage, Winter 2020 Movement Director, BAT&P, Sophomore Juries Project, Spring 2019 Vocal Coach, *Picnic*, SoT MainStage, Spring 2019 Vocal Coach, *The Wolves*, SoT MainStage, Spring 2019 Choreographer, BAT&P, Sophomore Juries Project, Fall 2018 Vocal Coach, *Julius Caesar*, SoT MainStage, Fall 2018 Vocal Coach, *Julius Caesar*, SoT MainStage, Fall 2018 Vocal Coach, *Three Sisters*, SoT MainStage, Spring 2018 Vocal Coach, *The Bluest Eye*, SoT MainStage, Winter 2018 Director, *Lord of the Flies*, MainStage/ Children's Theatre Co-Production, Fall 2017 Vocal Coach, *House of Atreus in 4 Parts*, Spring 2017 Director, *Clybourne Park*, Stage II, Winter 2017 Vocal Coach, *As You Like It*, Spring 2016 Vocal Coach, *The Grucible*, Fall 2016 Vocal Coach, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, Fall 2015

SEARCH COMMITTEES

Search Chair, Tenure-Track Asst. Professor of Acting & Voice, Spring 2018 Search Member, Visiting Asst. Professor of Acting, Summer 2016 Search Member, Visiting Asst. Professor in Design, Summer 2016 Search Member, Tenure-Track Asst. Professor, Head of BA Program, Spring 2016

OTHER

Honors Committee, University Retention Committee, Season Advisory Committee, Faculty Scholarship Forum "Minding the Gap: YA Theatre" (Presenter), Co-Leader, Faculty Learning Community on Mindfulness, SoT Dallas Showcase Organizer, Faculty Learning Community on *How Women Decide*, Assistant Chair of CECTT Colloquium, Creator & Advisor of *OCUthere* School of Theatre Newsletter, Recruitment for SoT, PlayClub Faculty Advisor

CONFERENCES & GUEST ARTISTRY

Guest Artist, *Eleanor*, Arcadia University, Fall 2022 Guest Artist, Voice, DreamWrights Center for Community Arts, Fall 2021 Presenter, Breath work, International World Voice Day, School of Music, OCU, Spring 2019 Presenter, Statera Conference for Gender Parity in Theatre, Milwaukee, WI, Fall 2018 Voice Symposium, The Royal Central School of Speech & Drama, Fall 2018 HBMG National Winter Playwrights Retreat, Creede, CO, Winter 2017, 2018 & 2019 Statera Conference for Gender Parity in Theatre, Denver, CO, Fall 2016 VASTA Conference, Summer 2016 Guest Teaching Artist, Linklater Voicework, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Winter 2015 Guest Artist, BCKSEET Productions, Sexual Harassment Scenarios, Temple University, Fall 2010 Guest Artist, BCKSEET Productions' Some Assembly Required, Temple University, Spring 2010 Teaching Artist, Original Works, Lower Merion High School, Spring 2010 Guest Artist, Some Assembly Required, Association of Retired Public School Teachers, Spring 2010 Guest Speaker & Artist, BCKSEET Productions' Angels in America, Temple University, Fall 2009 Monologue Audition Workshop, Merion Mercy Academy, Fall 2008 Movement Workshop & Lecture for Playwriting Students, UVA, 2008 Workshop on Biomechanics, National Conference for Movement Educators, Staunton, VA, 2007 Songwriting with Nora Whittaker, University of Virginia, 2006

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

Finalist, Jane Chambers Award, #not a cult or Camp Hope2023
Finalist, Judith Royer Award, #not a cult or Camp Hope, 2023
Finalist, B Street New Comedies Festival, What's in Store: A Swedish Dramedy, 2023
Finalist, Lanford Wilson New American Play Festival, The Marginals, 2023
Semi-Finalist, The O'Neill, Lost Boys: A TYA Musical-in-verse, 2023
Finalist, Princess Grace Award/New Dramatist Fellowship, What's in Store, 2022
Semi-Finalist, The O'Neill, What's in Store, 2022
MAP Grant Fund Recipient, The Infinity Trilogy, 2021
Finalist, Notre Dame College New Play Festival, Clean Slate, 2021
CAIRS Faculty/ Undergraduate Research Grant, Illuminate, Summer 2020
Faculty Scholarship Fund, Illuminate, Summer 2020
Drexel University MPiRP, Ignition Arts & ALIEN8, A YA Musical, Fall 2019
Faculty Scholarship Committee Grant, OCU, to present at Statera Conference, Fall 2018

2nd Round, Creative Capital Grant for ALiEN8, A YA Musical, 2018 Faculty Scholarship Committee Grant, OCU, to attend MELT Training, Spring 2018 Alpha Psi Omega, Best Direction of a MainStage Production, Lord of the Flies, 2018 Alpha Psi Omega, Best Direction of a Stage II, Clybourne Park, 2017 Faculty Scholarship Committee Grant, OCU, Statera Conference, Fall 2016 Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning Grant, OCU, Statera Conference, Fall 2016 Wyncote Foundation Grant for BCKSEET Productions' Original Musical, ELFuego, \$22,500, 2012 Wildacres Writing Residency, May 2012 Charlotte Cushman Foundation Grant for BCKSEET Productions' original musical, ELFuego, 2012 Dietrich Foundation Grant for BCKSEET Productions' World Premiere, Losing the Shore, 2011 Invitation to Apply to the F. Otto Haas Award for Emerging Artist, 2010 Dietrich Foundation Grant for BCKSEET Productions' Angels in America: Parts I & II, 2009 Charlotte Cushman Foundation Grant for BCKSEET Productions' Angels in America: Parts I & II, 2009 Excellence in Art, Music & Theatre Achievement Award, Lt. Governor of PA, 2008 Seven Society Excellence in Teaching Award Nominee, UVA, 2008 Thesis research grant to Europe, UVA, 2007 Vocal study grant, UVA, 2006 Movement study grant with Pig Iron Theatre Company, UVA, 2005 Irene Ryan Nominee, Hair, 2007 & Truth & Beauty, 2006 Excellence in Theatre Award, University of Scranton, 2003 Michael Bagdzinski Theatre Scholarship, University of Scranton, 2003 2nd Place, The Philadelphia Shakespeare Competition, 1999 Finalist, National Shakespeare Competition, 1998 1st Place, The Philadelphia Shakespeare Competition, 1998

SPECIAL SKILLS

Piano Accompanist, Songwriter, Vocal Director, Reads Music, Designated Linklater Teacher, Casting Experience, Directing, Writing, Editing, Movement, Certified Yoga Teacher, Certified Thai Bodyworker, Advanced Spanish, Competent ASL, Curriculum Development

RESEARCH / TEACHING INTERESTS

Creator of the artist training program, BRENNAN CHECK-IN, a combination of Yoga, Linklater Voicework, Thai Bodywork and creative practices to serve the artist as a whole person. Piloted in NYC, with the HBMG Foundation and brought to McCarter Theatre, OCU, The Statera Conference & Drexel University; in development with Ignition Arts.

Additional Interests: New Work Development, Ensemble-Building and Collaboration, Curriculum Development, Heightened Text, Wellness, Asana, Mindfulness, Devising, Women in Theatre, *The Art of Gathering*, *Emergent Strategy*, Laurie Anderson, Anna Deavere Smith

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Director, Gaslight, Act 2 Playhouse, Fall 2023 Panelist, Tofte Lake Center, MN Family Artist Residency, 2023 Director, Eleanor, Act 2 Playhouse, 2022 Musical Director, Clean Slate Workshop, Passage Theatre Company, 2022 Artistic Director, Ignition Arts, 2012-Present Musical Director, The Moors, York College, Fall 2021 Yoga Teacher, Yogamaya NY & East Yoga, 2014-2015; YogaBox OKC, 2016 - 2019 Seven Devils Conference Play Screener, 2018-present Poetry Out Loud State Competition Judge, Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park, 2016-2018 Bridge Initiative Play Screener, 2016 Co-Artistic Director, BCKSEET Productions, 2009 - 2012 Voter, The Barrymore Awards for Excellence, 2010-2012 Reader, Play Penn New Play Development Conference, 2008 - 2012 Reader, Philadelphia Theatre Workshop Play Shop Festival, 2009 - 2012 Director, The Eight: Reindeer Monologues, Society Hill Playhouse, December 2009 Casting Director, Society Hill Playhouse, The Kids Left, The Dog Died, Now What?, Fall 2009 Coordinator, Society Hill Playhouse New Works Festival, January 2009 Casting Director, Education Director & Literary Manager, BCKSEET Productions, 2006 - 2012 Playwright's Assistant, Pig Iron Theatre Company, Chekhov Lizardbrain, December 2007 Graduate Coordinator, UVA Pig Iron Theatre Company Residency, January 2007 Stand-in, The Prince, Hell Meets Henry Halfway, Pig Iron Theatre Company, August 2006 Vocal Director, Call of the Wild: A New Musical, University of Virginia, Fall 2005

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Dramatists Guild • VASTA •. AEA • Playwrights Circle at Speranza Theatre in NJ

WORK SAMPLES

PLAYS on NPX

REFERENCES

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