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Lighting Designer

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Education

Northwestern University | Evanston, IL
M.F.A.: Stage Design, June 2023

Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University | New Brunswick, NJ
B.F.A.: Theater Design, December 2016

The Glimmer Glass Festival | Cooperstown, NY
Electrics Internship: May-September 2016

Shakespeare's Globe | London, UK
Study Abroad w/ Michael Pavelka: Sep-Dec 2015

Teaching Experience

Columbia College Chicago, Assistant Professor 2025-

- THEA-118-04 Intro to Theatrical Design, Fall 2025
- THEA-118-06 Intro to Theatrical Design, Fall 2025
- THEA-156-01 Technical Drawing for the Performing Arts (Vectorworks), Fall 2025
- THEA-118-02 Intro to Theatrical Design, Spring 2026
- THEA-265-01 Lighting Design, Spring 2026
- THEA-365-01 Advanced Lighting Design, Spring 2026

Northwestern University, Adjunct Instructor 2023-2025

- Theatre 450-0-1 Topics in Stage Design: Advanced Digital Design, Spring 2025
- Theatre 329-0-21 Computer Graphics for the Theatre Artist (Vectorworks), Fall 2024
- Theatre 321-3-20 Lighting Design, Winter 2024
- Theatre 329-0-21 Computer Graphics for the Theatre Artist (Vectorworks), Fall 2023

Northwestern University, Graduate Assistantship 2022-2023

- Theatre 320-0-21 Intermediate Lighting Design, Winter 2023
- Theatre 221-3 Design Process: Lighting, Winter 2022

Professional Experience

Lighting Design

<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Steve Maler	Commonwealth Shakespeare Co. 2026
<i>The Mousetrap</i>	Jessica Fisch	Peninsula Players 2026
<i>Moonlight and Magnolias</i>	Nicole Ricciardi	Third Avenue PlayWorks 2026
<i>Octet</i>	Keira Fromm	Raven Theare 2026
<i>BOTH*</i>	Georgette Verdin	Teatro Vista Productions 2026
<i>The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*</i>	Wendy Mateo	Goodman Theare 2026
<i>Hedda Gabler</i>	Marti Lyons	Remy Bumpo Theatre Co. 2026
<i>The Taming of the Shrew</i>	Marti Lyons	Court Theatre 2025
<i>Frankenstein (Workshop)</i>	Bobby Kennedy	Writers Theatre 2025
<i>The Life You Gave Me*</i>	Hamid Dehghani	Boise Contemporary Theatre 2025
<i>Translations</i>	Braden Abraham	Writers Theatre 2025
<i>La Ciudad de Los Otros</i>	Rafael Palacios	Northwestern University 2025
<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>	Gabrielle Randle-Bent	Court Theatre 2025
<i>Far Away</i>	Ed Sobel	Villanova Theatre 2024
<i>Dear Elizabeth</i>	Christina Casano	Remy Bumpo Theatre Co. 2024
<i>The Last Word</i>	Katie Galetti	Thompson Street Opera Company 2024
<i>Forever</i>	Paige Dirkes-Jacks	Thompson Street Opera Company 2024
<i>Prelude to a Kiss, a Musical</i> (Co-Design with Marcus Doshi)	Kenneth Ferrone	Milwaukee Rep 2024
<i>The Winter's Tale</i>	Bryn Boice	Commonwealth Shakespeare Co. 2024
<i>Selling Kabul</i>	Hamid Dehghani	Northlight Theater 2024
<i>Macbeth</i> (Co-Design with Eric Southern)	Steve Maler	Commonwealth Shakespeare Co. 2023
<i>Everybody</i>	Katie Lupica	Northwestern University 2023
<i>Sweat</i>	Tor Campbell	Northwestern University 2023
<i>The Magic Flute</i>	Joachim Schamberger	NU Opera 2023
<i>As You Like It</i> (Shaina Taub)	Jessica Fisch	Northwestern University 2022
<i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> ^o (Co-Design with Eric Southern)	Megan Sandberg-Zakian	Commonwealth Shakespeare Co. 2022
<i>Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo</i>	Hamid Dehghani	Northwestern University 2022

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<i>Nothing is Possible</i>	Thomas Defrantz	Northwestern University 2022
<i>In His Hands</i>	Ismael Lara	Northwestern University 2022
<i>The Medium</i>	Joachim Schamberger	NU Opera 2021
<i>The Tempest</i> ^o (Co-Design with Eric Southern)	Steven Maler	Commonwealth Shakespeare Co. 2021
<i>Resiliencia</i> *	Miguel Gamero	NU Danceworks 2020
<i>Albert Herring</i>	David Walsh	Opera at Rutgers 2019
<i>Make a Scene!</i>	Ellen Jackson	Opera Delaware 2019
<i>Gianni Schicchi</i>	David Walsh	Opera at Rutgers 2019
<i>Il Tabarro</i>	David Walsh	Opera at Rutgers 2019
<i>Bitter Greens</i> *	Kevin Kittle	Station 26 Productions 2018
<i>Barnum</i>	Sam Scalamoni	Skyline Theatre Company 2018
<i>A Funny Thing Happened...Forum</i>	Gary Shaffer	Algonquin Arts Theatre 2018
<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Jessica O'Brien	Algonquin Arts Theatre 2018
<i>Back to the Real</i> *	Marshall Jones	Crossroads Theatre Company 2018
<i>Der Mond</i>	Géza Schenk	Hub City Opera 2018
<i>For Colored Girls...</i>	Gwen Ricks-Spencer	Fourth Wall Theater 2018
<i>Ontario Was Here</i> *	Cynthia D. Barker	Aurora Theater 2018
<i>La Nozze di Figaro</i>	Ben Spierman	Opera at Rutgers 2018
<i>Svadba</i>	Matthew Patrick Morris	Brooklyn College 2017
<i>Tick, Tick...Boom!</i>	Bob Cline	Montclair Operetta Club 2017
<i>Enterprise</i> *	David Calvitto	52E52 Studio 2017
<i>For Colored Girls...</i>	Gwen Ricks-Spencer	Fourth Wall Theater 2017
<i>Dialogues of the Carmelites</i>	Keturah Stickann	Opera at Rutgers 2017
<i>Sardanapalus</i> *	Knud Adams	Rutgers Theater Company 2016
<i>The Virgin Woods</i> *	Sarah Krohn	Rutgers Theater Company 2016
<i>Fear and Misery of the Third Reich</i>	David Schweizer	Rutgers Theater Company 2016
<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Lian Walden	Rutgers Theater Company 2016
<i>Gabriel</i>	Christopher Cartmill	Rutgers Theater Company 2015
<i>The Stand In</i> *	Knud Adams	Rutgers Theater Company 2014

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Associate Lighting Design

<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Marcus Doshi	Opera Theater of Saint Louis 2025
<i>This House*</i>	Marcus Doshi	Opera Theater of Saint Louis 2025
<i>Galileo Galilei</i>	Eric Southern	Opera Theater of Saint Louis 2024
<i>La Boheme</i>	Marcus Doshi	Opera Theater of Saint Louis 2024
<i>Prelude to a Kiss, a Musical*</i>	Marcus Doshi	South Coast Repertory 2024
<i>The Nose</i>	Marcus Doshi	Chicago Opera Theatre 2023
<i>Eurydice</i>	Marcus Doshi	Writers Theatre 2023
<i>...Trial of Miz Martha Washington</i>	Amith Chandrashaker	Steppenwolf Theatre Company 2022
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Eric Southern	Boston Lyric Opera 2022
<i>Justice Festival</i>	Tlaloc Lopez-Watermann	Opera Delaware 2019

Assistant Lighting Design

<i>Il Trittico (Studio)</i>	Marcus Doshi	Houston Grand Opera 2025
<i>Purpose*</i>	Amith Chandrashaker	Broadway 2025
<i>La Traviata (Studio)</i>	Marcus Doshi	The Dallas Opera 2024
<i>La Traviata (Studio)</i>	Marcus Doshi	Santa Fe Opera 2024
<i>Judgement Day*</i>	Amith Chandrashaker	Chicago Shakespeare Theater 2024
<i>Purpose*</i>	Amith Chandrashaker	Steppenwolf Theatre Company 2024
<i>Mr. Dickens and His Carol (Studio)</i>	Marcus Doshi	Seattle Rep 2022
<i>The Wreckers (Studio)</i>	Marcus Doshi	Houston Grand Opera 2022
<i>La Traviata (Studio)</i>	Marcus Doshi	Houston Grand Opera 2022
<i>Edward Tulane* (Studio)</i>	Marcus Doshi	Minnesota Opera 2022
<i>Champion* (Studio)</i>	Marcus Doshi	Boston Lyric Opera 2022
<i>Fun Home</i>	Gabrielle Strong	Northwestern University 2019
<i>Recent Alien Abductions*</i>	Amith Chandrashaker	The Play Company 2019
<i>Puccini Festival</i>	Tlaloc Lopez-Watermann	Opera Delaware 2018
<i>Trying</i>	Christopher Bailey	George Street Playhouse 2018
<i>The Dread Pirate Project*</i>	Donald Holder	Baryshnikov Arts Center 2017
<i>The Merry Wives of Windsor</i>	Eric Southern	Two River Theater 2017
<i>Lakme</i>	Dustin O'Neil	Opera at Rutgers 2015
<i>Love and Intrigue</i>	Jason Flamos	Rutgers Theater Company 2014
<i>Julius Caesar</i>	Jason Flamos	Rutgers Theater Company 2014
<i>Ivona, Princess of Burgundia</i>	Victoria Chirumbolo	Rutgers Theater Company 2014

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Awards and Nominations

- 2025 Chicago Black Theatre Alliance Award Nomination, Best Lighting Design (Musical or Play), *A Raisin in the Sun*, Court Theatre
- 2025 Joseph Jefferson Award Nomination, Outstanding Production - Play - Large, *Translations*, Writers Theatre
- 2025 Joseph Jefferson Award Nomination, Outstanding Production - Play - Large, *A Raisin in the Sun*, Court Theatre
- 2025 Elliot Norton Award Nomination, Outstanding Lighting Design - Large Theatre, *The Winter's Tale*, Commonwealth Shakespeare Company
- 2025 Elliot Norton Award Nomination, Outstanding Play - Large Theatre, *The Winter's Tale*, Commonwealth Shakespeare Company
- 2024 Elliot Norton Award Nomination, Outstanding Lighting Design - Large Theatre, *Macbeth*, Commonwealth Shakespeare Company
- 2024 Elliot Norton Award Nomination, Outstanding Play - Large Theatre, *Macbeth*, Commonwealth Shakespeare Company
- 2023 Michael Merrit Academic Achievement Award: Northwestern University
- 2023 Elliot Norton Award Nomination, Outstanding Lighting Design - Large Theatre, *Much Ado About Nothing*, Commonwealth Shakespeare Company
- 2023 Elliot Norton Award Nomination, Outstanding Production - Large Theatre, *Much Ado About Nothing*, Commonwealth Shakespeare Company
- 2021-2022 John Williams Memorial Fellowship, Northwestern University