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Curriculum Vitae

COURSES TAUGHT

University of North Carolina Wilmington, Wilmington, NC.

Assistant Professor:

THR 491: *Directed Independent Study; Properties Design.* Spring 2026

THR 491: *Directed Independent Study; Assistant Scenic Design.* Spring 2026

THR 305: *Scenic Design 1.* Spring 2026

THR 491: *Directed Independent Study; Advanced Scene Painting.* Spring 2025,
Fall 2025

THR 395: *Digital Production Design.* Fall 2025

THR 121: *Introduction to Theatre.* Spring 2025

THR 312: *Scene Painting.* Spring 2025, Spring 2026

THR 125: *Introduction to Design.* Fall 2024, Fall 2025

THR 242: *Production Studio 1.* Fall 2024

THR 251: *Production Studio 2.* Fall 2024

Lillstreet Arts Center, Chicago, IL.

Instructor: Online: *Introduction to Watercolor Painting,* Spring 2021

Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

Instructor: THR 252: *Design Presentation Techniques.* Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant: THR 250: *Intro to Scenic Design.* Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant: THR 253: *Scene Painting.* Fall 2017

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"The Cost of a Creative Career: Theatre-Making Labor and the Cultural Devaluation of Arts Work in the United States." **World Congress Conference for the International Federation for Theatre Research.** Melbourne, Australia. July 2026.

"Fear: A Necessity to the Designer." **Athens Institute Annual International Conference on Visual and Performing Arts.** Athens, Greece. June 2025.

"Fear: A Necessity to the Designer." **Mid-America Theatre Conference.** Atlanta, Georgia. March 2025.

"Compensatory Performance; Community Healing from the Death of Abraham Lincoln to the Every 28 Hours Project." **Comparative Drama Conference**. Orlando, Florida. April 2019

"Inventiveness Through Necessity; A One-Person Paint Shop." **Mid-America Theatre Conference**. Cleveland, Ohio. March 2019

"A One-Person Paint Shop; Tips and Tools for Painting Alone." **United States Institute for Theatre Technology, National Conference**. Poster Presentation. Louisville, Kentucky. March 2019

PUBLICATIONS

"Fear: A Necessity to the Designer." **Theatre/Practice**. 2026: Volume 15.

"Reading the Writing" **Sakatah Literary Journal**. 2010: Pages 23-24.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Wilmington Arts Council Theatre Awards. Wilmington, NC.

Nominated for Best Set Design: *Measure for Measure*, 2025

Nominated for Best Set Design: *The Play that Goes Wrong*, 2025

Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. Region 6.

Excellence in Scenic Design: *Tender Atlas*, 2024

Pennsylvania State University. University Park, PA.

Creative Achievement Award. Department of Theatre, 2019

Anne Gibson Award for Professional Development in Theatre Design and Technology, 2019

Helen and Lowell Manful Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement by a Graduate Student, 2019

Graduate Exhibition, Design Category. Awarded third place, 2019

United States Institute for Theatre Technology, Northern Boundaries Section.

Winner of the Cover the Walls competition for Design, 2013

South Central College. Faribault, MN.

Inducted into Phi Theta Kappa academic honor society, 2010

SCENIC DESIGN

University of North Carolina Wilmington. Wilmington, NC.

Scenic Design: *Crimes of the Heart*. Directed by Robin Post, 2026

Scenic Design: *Little Women*. Directed by Dr. Charles Grimes, 2026

Scenic Design: *The Play that Goes Wrong*. Directed by Ed Wagenseller, 2025

Scenic Design: *Measure for Measure*. Directed by Christopher Marino, 2025

Scenic Design: *Blithe Spirit*. Directed by Ed Wagenseller, 2025

Scenic Design: *Romeo and Juliet*. Directed by Christopher Marino, 2025

Scenic Design: *Head Over Heels*. Directed by Mark Sorensen and Nancy Carson, 2024

McNeese State University. Lake Charles, LA.

Scenic Design: *Tender Atlas*. Directed by Joshua Stenvick, 2024

Titusville Playhouse Inc. Titusville, FL.

Scenic Design: *Million Dollar Quartet*. Directed by Landyn Shaw, 2024

Cumberland County Playhouse. Crossville, TN.

Scenic Design: *Steel Magnolias*. Directed by Brenda Sparks, 2024

Scenic Design: *Things my Mother Taught Me*. Directed by Brenda Sparks, 2023

Scenic Design: *Sylvia*. Directed by Brenda Sparks, 2022

Riverside Children's Theatre. Vero Beach, FL.

Scenic Design: *Newsies*. Directed by Kevin Quillinan, 2023

Scenic Design: *Rudolph Jr.* Directed by Kevin Quillinan, 2022

Metropolis Performing Arts Company. Arlington Heights, IL.

Scenic Design: *Sister Act*. Directed by Sadé May, 2022

Scenic Design: *A Christmas Carol*. Directed by Kevin Wiczer, 2019, 2021

Piven Theatre. Evanston, IL.

Scenic Design: *Runaways*. Directed by Helen Knudsen, *Postponed indefinitely due to Covid-19*.

Fleetwood Jourdain Theatre. Evanston, IL.

Scenic Design: *Legends Concert*. Directed by Tim Rhoze, 2020

Scenic Design: *Race*. Directed by Tim Rhoze, *Postponed indefinitely due to Covid-19*.

The Comrades Theatre Company. Chicago, IL.

Scenic Design: *The Layover*. Directed by Drew Shirley, 2020

Mudlark Theatre Company. Evanston, IL.

Scenic Design: *Concerning Foster*. Directed by Dru Smith and Sonita Surratt, 2020

The Conspirators Theatre Company. Chicago, IL.

Scenic Design: *Accidental Death of a Black Motorist*. Directed by Wm. Bullion, 2019

Pennsylvania State University Theatre. University Park, PA.

Scenic Design: *Legally Blonde*. Directed by Christine O'Grady Roberts, 2018

Scenic Design: *Cosí fan tutte*. Directed by Ted Christopher, 2017

University of Minnesota Duluth Theatre. Duluth, MN.

Scenic Design: *Off the Record Dance Concert*. Directed by Rebecca Katz Harwood, 2014

Scenic Design: *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove*. Directed by Tom Isbell, 2013

Scenic Design: *White Baby*. Directed by Andy Bennett, 2012

Scenic Design Portfolio URL: <https://www.jennahouckdesigns.com/page2>

ASSISTANT SCENIC DESIGN

Michael Schweikardt, Scenic Designer

Assistant to the Scenic Designer: *Evita*. Drury Lane Theatre, Oakbrook Terrace, IL.
Postponed indefinitely due to Covid-19.

Kevin Depinet, Scenic Designer

Model Construction Assistant: *Kinky Boots*. Paramount Theatre, Aurora, IL. 2020

Model Construction Assistant: *An American in Paris*. Drury Lane Theatre, Oakbrook Terrace, IL. 2020

Model Construction Assistant: *Prince of Egypt*. The Dominion Theatre, London England. 2019

Model Construction Assistant: *Mary Poppins*. Drury Lane Theatre, Oakbrook Terrace, IL. 2019

Milagros Ponce de León, Scenic Designer

Model Construction: *Miss you Like Hell*. Ford's Theatre, Olney Theatre, Olney MD. 2019

Assistant to the Scenic Designer: *Jefferson's Garden*. Ford's Theatre, Washington D.C. 2018

Model Construction Assistant: *Into the Woods*. Ford's Theatre, Washington D.C. 2018

Model Construction Assistant: *Travisville*. Ensemble Studio Theatre, New York City, NY. 2018

Model Construction Assistant: *Sweeney Todd*. Olney Theatre, Olney MD. 2017

Model Construction Assistant: *In the Heights*. Olney Theatre, Olney MD. 2017

Assistant Portfolio URL: <https://www.jennahouckdesigns.com/assistant-design>

SCENIC PAINTING

Riverside Theatre. Vero Beach, FL.

Scenic Artist: *Mystic Pizza*, National Tour 2023-25

Scenic Charge Artist: *On Your Feet*, 2024

Scenic Charge Artist: *Kinky Boots*, 2024

Scenic Charge Artist: *Morning After Grace*, 2024

Scenic Charge Artist: *Jersey Boys*, 2023

Scenic Charge Artist: *Million Dollar Quartet*, 2023

Scenic Charge Artist: *Honky Tonk Angels*, 2023

Scenic Charge Artist: *42nd St*, 2023

Scenic Charge Artist: *Comedy of Tenors*, 2023

Scenic Charge Artist: *Oleanna*, 2023

Scenic Charge Artist: *Man of La Mancha*, 2022

Scenic Charge Artist: *Butterflies are Free*, 2022

Scenic Charge Artist: *Carousel*, 2021

Slow Burn Theatre Company. Fort Lauderdale, FL

Scenic Artist: *The Little Mermaid*, 2023

Riverside Children's Theatre. Vero Beach, FL.

Scenic Charge Artist: *Shrek Jr.* 2024

Scenic Charge Artist: *Finding Nemo Jr.* 2023

Scenic Charge Artist: *Newsies*, 2023

Scenic Charge Artist: *Rudolph Jr.* 2022

Scenic Charge Artist: *Into the Woods*, 2022

Scenic Charge Artist: *Elf Jr.* 2021

Fleetwood Jourdain Theatre. Evanston, IL.

Scenic Charge Artist: *Legends Concert*, 2020

Chicago Shakespeare Theatre. Chicago, IL.

Scenic Artist: *Emma*, 2020

Scenic Artist: *A Comedy of Errors*, 2020

Theo Obique Theatre. Evanston, IL.

Scenic Charge Artist: *Grey Gardens*, 2020

Drury Lane Theatre. Oakbrook Terrace, IL.

Scenic Artist: *Mary Poppins*, 2019

Scenic Artist: *An American in Paris*, 2020

Porchlight Musical Theatre. Chicago, IL.

Co-Scenic Charge Artist: *Sophisticated Ladies*, 2020

The Comrades Theatre Company. Chicago, IL.

Scenic Charge Artist: *The Layover*, 2020

Mudlark Theatre Company. Evanston, IL.

Scenic Charge Artist: *Concerning Foster*, 2020

Scenic Charge Artist: *A Christmas Carol*, 2019

The Conspirators Theatre Company. Chicago, IL.

Scenic Charge Artist: *Accidental Death of a Black Motorist*, 2019

Bay Street Theatre. Sag Harbor, NY

Scenic Charge Artist: *The Prompter*, 2019

Scenic Charge Artist: *Safe Space*, 2019

Scenic Charge Artist: *Annie Get Your Gun*, 2019

Scenic Charge Artist: *A Raisin in the Sun*, 2019

Weathervane Playhouse. Newark, OH

Scenic Charge Artist: *A Chorus Line*, 2018

Scenic Charge Artist: *I Hate Hamlet*, 2018

Scenic Charge Artist: *42nd Street*, 2018

Scenic Charge Artist: *Merrily We Roll Along*, 2018

Scenic Charge Artist: *Pippin*, 2018

Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Gypsy*, 2018

Pennsylvania State University. University Park, PA

Scenic Artist: *Clybourne Park*, 2018

Scenic Artist: *Caroline or Change*, 2018

Scenic Artist: *Legally Blonde*, 2018

Scenic Artist: *Polaroid Stories*, 2018

Scenic Artist: *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, 2018

Scenic Artist: *Love in Hate Nation*, 2018

Scenic Artist: *Cosí fan tutte*, 2017

Scenic Artist: *Argonautika*, 2017

Scenic Artist: *Sweet Charity*, 2017

Scenic Artist: *Light in the Piazza*, 2017

Scenic Artist: *Barbeque*, 2017

Scenic Artist: *American Idiot*, 2017

Scenic Artist: *Twelfth Night*, 2016

Scenic Charge Artist: *Trouble in Tahiti*, 2016

Scenic Artist: *Be More Chill*, 2016

The Barter Theatre. Abingdon, VA

Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Mamma Mia!* 2016

Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Peter and the Starcatcher*, 2016

Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Winter Wheat*, 2016

Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Dixie Swim Club*, 2016

Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Greater Tuna*, 2016

Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Big Fish*, 2016

Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Othello*, 2016

Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *George Orwell's 1984*, 2016

Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Charlotte's Web*, 2016

Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol*, 2015

Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Miracle on 34th Street*, 2015

Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Curtains*, 2015

Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Classic Nashville Roadshow*, 2015
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *The Doyle and Debbie Show*, 2015
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *A Wrinkle in Time*, 2015
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *The Three Musketeers*, 2015
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *I'll Be Back Before Midnight*, 2015

University of Minnesota, Duluth. Duluth, MN

Scenic Charge Artist: *Off the Record Dance Concert*, 2014
Scenic Charge Artist: *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove*, 2013
Scenic Charge Artist: *White Baby*, 2012

Scenic Painting Portfolio URL: <https://www.jennahouckdesigns.com/page3>

COSTUME DESIGN

University of Minnesota Duluth Theatre. Duluth, MN.

Costume Design: *Damn Yankees*. Directed by Ann Bergeron, 2014
Costume Design: *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*. Directed by
Lee Gundersheimer, 2013
Costume Design: *Medea*. Directed by Ann Bergeron, 2012

Renegade Theatre Company. Duluth, MN.

Costume Design: *William Shakespeare's Land of the Dead*. Directed by Evan Kelly,
2013

Costume Design Portfolio URL:

<https://www.jennahouckdesigns.com/costume-design>

FILM

Create with Carousel. (Remote), IL.

Production Design: *Coolest Standing Desk Commercial*. 2021

Wheelhouse Productions. Chicago, IL.

Paint Lead: *Kellogg's Club Crisps Commercial*. 2021

Zynopsis Productions. Duluth, MN

Production Design: *The Fox Hole*, 2014

Shadowland Productions. Los Angeles, CA

Art Department: *The Bride He Bought Online*, 2014

PROPERTIES DESIGN

University of Minnesota Duluth Theatre, Duluth, MN

Properties Master: *Blithe Spirit*. Directed by Kate Ufema, 2011

Stage 2 Theatre Company, Duluth, MN

Properties Master: *The Laramie Project*. Directed by Mackenzie McCollum, 2011

CARPENTRY

Bay Street Theatre, Sag Harbor, NY

Scenic Carpentry Intern: *Lend me a Tenor*, 2013

Scenic Carpentry Intern: *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, 2013

Scenic Carpentry Intern: *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, 2013

Utah Festival Opera, Logan, UT

Scenic Carpentry Intern: *Faust*, 2012

Scenic Carpentry Intern: *Tosca*, 2012

Scenic Carpentry Intern: *Kiss Me Kate*, 2012

Scenic Carpentry Intern: *My Fair Lady*, 2012

University of Minnesota Duluth Theatre, Duluth, MN

Master Carpenter: *Coriolana*. Directed by Kate Ufema, 2012

Carpentry Portfolio URL: <https://www.jennahouckdesigns.com/carpentry>

EDUCATION

MFA **Pennsylvania State University**, University Park, PA.

Scenic Design for Theatre. 2019

BFA **University of Minnesota, Duluth**, Duluth, MN.

Theatre Design with emphases in Scenic and Costume Design. Art Minor. Graduated Magna Cum Laude with Departmental Honors. 2014

AFFILIATIONS:

International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Local 500.

Union member Oct 2024-present.