

LAURA COPENHAVER

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Selected Experience

Technical Director / Asst. Prof. of the Practice in Technical Design **Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA**

Fall 2022-present

- Teach a 2/2 schedule, created courses in Technical Direction, Structures, Drafting.
- TD, or supervise student TDs, for 4 mainstage productions per year
- Manage and maintain the Scene Shop, including training & supervision of graduate and undergraduate students in scenic construction techniques in wood and steel.

Assistant Technical Director, *Choir Boy*

Yale Repertory Theatre, New Haven, CT

Spring 2022

- Technical designed and drafted several units, including two axes of automation.

Technical Director, *She Kills Monsters*

Yale School of Drama, New Haven, CT

Fall 2021

- Oversaw the safe implementation of the scenic design.
- Managed two ATDs and 7 carpenters during build, load-in, and strike.

Associate Technical Director

Colorado Shakespeare Festival, Boulder, CO

Summer 2019

- Technical designed and drafted two productions in rotating repertory for an outdoor venue.

Technical Director, *Henry VI, Part 3*

Yale School of Drama, New Haven, CT

Spring 2019

- Technical designed and managed scenery, special effects, and props.

Assistant Technical Director, *Trouble in Mind*

Yale School of Drama, New Haven, CT

Winter 2018

- Technical designed and managed two units from budgeting to strike.

Theatre Teacher/Technical Director

Lake Nona High School, Orlando, FL

2007-2018

Colonial High School, Orlando, FL

- Prepared and delivered daily lessons on carpentry, electrics, technical design, scenic, costume, lighting and sound design, introductory acting, improvisation, and playwriting.
- Designed and/or oversaw design of all technical elements of 3-4 productions per year.
- Won numerous Dr. Phillips Center Applause Awards for in various categories.

Secretary of the Board

Florida District 5 Thespians, Orange County, FL

2013-2018

- Planned and executed an annual 3-day festival for ~1300 high school students

Education/Training

M.F.A in Technical Design & Production: Yale School of Drama, December 2022

B.A. in Theatre & English Literature: Florida State University, Magna Cum Laude, April 2007

Skills: Carpentry, Drafting (manual, AutoCAD 2D & 3D), Microsoft Office & Google Suites, QLab, Coding (Arduino, C++, HTML, CSS), CNC programming (V-Carve/Aspire), 3D printing

Certifications: CPR/AED, OSHA 10, Florida Teaching Certificate (Theatre, 6-12), Virginia Driver's License

References

Available upon request