



KRISTEN TRIPP KELLEY • THEATER ARTIST | Administrator / Actor / Director / Educator



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PROFILE

An innovative and passionate theater administrator, artist and educator with over twenty years of experience. Brings a strong belief that theater has the power to build community relationships and foster empathetic and engaged artists and citizens. Offers a track record of leading through collaboration with the aim of cultivating artistic excellence, inclusivity, equity and accessibility.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

DIRECTOR OF UPPER SCHOOL THEATER PROGRAM

Nichols School • Buffalo, NY | June 1999 — Present

- ♦ Theater Educator for students in grades 9 — 12; theater curriculum designer
- ♦ Director of fall and spring theatrical productions
- ♦ Advisor to 13 students
- ♦ Manager of theater classroom and production budgets
- ♦ Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Steering Committee • 2021
- ♦ Core Group (student wellness intervention team) 2002 — Present
- ♦ Sexuality and Gender Awareness Club (formerly Gay Straight Alliance) • 2005 — Present
- ♦ Student Safety Committee • 2019 — 2020
- ♦ Curriculum Review Committee • 2020
- ♦ Student Conduct Committee • fall 2008 — 2020
- ♦ Search Committee for Head of School • 2019
- ♦ Costa Rican, Spanish, and French Exchange Chaperone • 2008, 2010, 2012
- ♦ Academic Review Committee • fall 2002 — 2018
- ♦ Curriculum Committee • fall 2002 — 2018
- ♦ Search Committee for Head of Upper School • 2001 — 2002, 2023
- ♦ Strategic Planning Committee • 2000 — 2001

ARTS DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Nichols School • Buffalo, NY | September 2003 — June 2018 • September 2023 — Present

- ♦ Supervised and evaluated nine arts faculty in both Upper and Middle Schools and across four disciplines
- ♦ Served as Representative and Advocate for the Arts program in Department Chair Meetings, Curriculum Committee, Admissions Events, and Board Meetings
- ♦ Worked with Division Heads and Head of School on Arts Department hiring
- ♦ Oversaw all budgets for the Arts Department and Flickinger Performing Arts Center
- ♦ Oversaw Departmental Reports for NYSAIS Accreditation
- ♦ Managed Arts Curriculum Development
- ♦ Scheduled Arts Department Season of Events
- ♦ Sectioned Upper School Arts Classes

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR OF ACTING

University of Buffalo • Buffalo, NY | 2002 — 2004

- ♦ Taught TH 108 as part of the Millard Fillmore College
- ♦ Taught TH 108 as part of the UB Summer Session

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

Purdue University • Lafayette, IN | 1996 — 1999

- ♦ Instructor of Basic Acting for undergraduates
- ♦ Teaching Assistant to Professor of Survey of Theater for undergraduates
- ♦ Excellence in Teaching Award, 1999, Purdue University



EMPLOYMENT HISTORY CONTINUED

PROFESSIONAL ACTOR AND DIRECTOR

WNY Theater Community | 1999 — Present

- ♦ Over 20 years of experience as lead and supporting actor with a wide array of WNY theaters
- ♦ Artie Award for Outstanding Actor in a Play 2012, 2015
- ♦ Buffalo Spree Best of WNY Award for Best Actor in a Play • 2016
- ♦ Director for Road Less Traveled Productions, D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre, Forget Me Not Productions, Irish Classical Theatre Company
- ♦ Directed Forget Me Not for the Edinburgh Fringe Festival • 2019
- ♦ Ensemble Member Road Less Traveled

EDUCATION

MFA ACTING

Purdue University • Lafayette, IN | 1996 — 1999

- ♦ Graduated with a 4.0 GPA
- ♦ Trained in Meisner Acting Technique, Lessac Vocal Technique, Laban, Alexander, Commedia dell'arte, Classical Text and Performance, Directing, Dialects, Stage Combat
- ♦ Completed MFA Thesis on the role of Amanda in Noel Coward's *Private Lives*

BA THEATER

University at Buffalo, Honors Program • Buffalo, NY | 1992 — 1996

- ♦ Summa Cum Laude • 1996
- ♦ Phi Beta Kappa • 1996
- ♦ Golden Key Society • 1996

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY CONFERENCE • Buffalo, NY | 2023

- ♦ Workshop Participant
- ♦ Panel Participant "Race, Class, Culture in Shakespeare"
- ♦ Directed Student Demonstration for "American Shakespeares" showcase

NEW YORK STATE THEATER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION EDUCATORS CONFERENCE • 1999 — Present

- ♦ Workshop participant in all areas of theater education
- ♦ Co-Chaired Educators Conference in 2014

HARVARD UNIVERSITY/PROJECT ZERO'S "CULTURES OF THINKING IN ACTION" 4-WEEK MICRO PRACTICUM November 2021

Explored how Project Zero principles and "thinking routines" can bring equity and diversity to a classroom

ARTA/TAB ANTI-RACIST TRAINING WITH JAQUELINE LAWTON • Buffalo, NY | January 2021

As Co-President of Association of Regional Theater Artists, helped to organize and raise funds for training of ARTA Council Members and the Theater Alliance of Buffalo

WNY EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE (EDCO) DEI YEARLONG INTENSIVE • Buffalo, NY | 2021

Focused on strategies for increasing equity and diversity in all areas of school life—curriculum, assessment, opportunity, social and emotional learning



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING CONTINUED

ROAD LESS TRAVELED RACIAL EQUITY TRAINING FOR ENSEMBLE MEMBERS • *Buffalo, NY* | May 2021

Joined facilitator and ensemble members in discussion around historical and societal factors that lead to inequities in the workplace and brain stormed action steps for the future

NICOLE BREWER'S ANTI-RACIST THEATER TRAINING • October 2020

Participated in a two-part, 6-hour training that included self-reflection and action planning for sustaining an anti-racist theater practice

ROAD LESS TRAVELED BRIDGE PROGRAM MENTOR • *Buffalo, NY* | 2023

Mentored an aspiring high school actor and director throughout rehearsal and production of "The Thin Place"

EDUCATIONAL THEATER ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE • *New York City* | October 2010

- ✦ Workshop Presenter "Devising the Refugee Project"
- ✦ Participated in workshops that focused on play writing, devising, acting and vocal technique

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

NEW YORK STATE THEATER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION • 1999 — Present

- ✦ Current Western Region Chair
- ✦ Organized WNY student theater conferences, panels and theater outings
- ✦ Co-chaired the Educators Conference in 2014

ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL THEATER ARTISTS • 2019 — Present

- ✦ Co-Founder
- ✦ Member Council 2021-present
- ✦ VP 2019-2020
- ✦ Education Committee Chair 2021-present
- ✦ Co-President 2020-21
- ✦ Standards Committee 2021-present
- ✦ Helped to establish by-laws and led 501 (c)(6) application
- ✦ ARTA Mentorship Program, Mentor

ARTISTIC REVIEW PANEL SHAKESPEARE IN DELAWARE PARK • January 2022 — Present

Review directorial proposals, interview directorial finalists and make recommendations for season selection

HONORS AND AWARDS

- ✦ Faculty Summer Sabbatical Grant to study amphitheaters in Greece | 2021
- ✦ William Nichols Award for Outstanding Community Contributions • Nichols School | 2009
- ✦ Nichols School Graduation Speaker | 2020
- ✦ Student Yearbook Dedication • Nichols School 2008, 2020
- ✦ Gannon Family Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching • Nichols School | 2012
- ✦ American High School Theatre Festival Director in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival | 2005, 2013