

# BJ WILKINSON

LIGHTING DESIGN & EDUCATION

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## Current Employment

### **VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY**

**Head of Lighting  
Assistant Professor**  
Aug 2018 - Current

### **QUILL THEATRE**

**Resident Lighting Designer**  
Feb 2012 - Current

## Education

### **UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI**

**COLLEGE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC**  
**MFA Lighting Design**  
Cincinnati, OH

### **UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO**

**BA Theatre Design & Technology**  
Greeley, CO

## Academic Appointments

### **VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY**

**Head of Lighting Design & Assistant Professor** | Fall 2021-Current

**Head of Lighting Design** | Fall 2020

**Adjunct Assistant Professor** | Fall 2018

### **BRIGHTPOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Adjunct Assistant Professor** | 2013 & 2020

### **UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI- CCM**

**Adjunct Assistant Professor** | 2009 & 2011

## Teaching Experience

### **VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY**

**Electricity for Stage** | THEA 225

- A study of the properties and basic principles of electricity as they relate to the utilization of light on the stage. Participation in departmental productions

**Introduction to Lighting Design** | THEA 229

- A study of issues concerning the properties of light and electricity as they relate to theatre including design, composition and color

**Advanced Lighting Design I** | THEA 237

- An in-depth exploration into development and execution of a lighting design and the lighting potentials of a wide variety of facilities, production styles and lighting equipment. Includes work on development of communication skills with directors via value sketches and lighting plots. Work will include studies and design research, concepts, collaboration, professional procedures and systems, paperwork, and organization. Varies scales of theoretical and practical projects in the light lab.

**Advanced Lighting Design II | THEA 337**

- Advanced study of lighting design, incorporating increasingly difficult texts, rep plots, facilities and production styles. Further exploration of the process of lighting design for theatre and other related events. Projects focus intensely on communication and the collaborative process

**Advanced Lighting Design III | THEA 437**

- Course incorporates increasingly difficult texts, facilities and production styles and alternative venue and production styles, such as landscape lighting and concert. Use of industry standard technology and 3-D rendering is a focus in the class

**Practicum in Stage Lighting | THEA 324**

- Practical application in the methodologies of stage lighting

**Technical Production | THEA 100**

- A crew assignment for a Mainstage production fulfilling all required work and hours of production calls.

**Art Foundation Project: Theatre Lighting Design | ARTF 138**

- A seminar on a selected issue, topic, or skill in the fields of fine and and design.

**JOHN TYLER COMMUNITY COLLEGE****Basic Lighting | CST-245**

- Studies basic techniques and methods of lighting design for the stage

**Stage Lighting and Sound | CST-251**

- Provides students with a basic understanding of the principles of stage lighting and sound. Instructs students in the fundamentals of stage lighting such as: functions of lighting, qualities of light, design, basic electricity, lighting instruments and equipment, board operation, and safety. Instruct students in the functions of sound, equipment, design, and sound operation

**UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI- CCM****Digital Portfolio | THPR-533**

- Creating a professional website to display digital portfolios, focusing on graphical layout and user interface

**Stage Lighting I | THPR-209**

- Teaching graphical standards for theatrical drafting, and creating a theoretical Lighting Design for a production

## **Advanced Vectorworks | THPR-709**

- Course exploring advanced Vectorworks including lighting and the use of 3D design

## **Service**

### **USITT- UNITED STATES INSTITUTE FOR THEATRE TECHNOLOGY**

#### **Lighting Design Recommended Practice Committee**

- Reviewed and collaborated with committee members to update recommended practices for our industry. Provided drafting services in creating example drawings.

### **VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY**

#### **Chair; Costume Faculty Search Committee**

- Chair for the Costume Faculty Search Committee for Spring 2025

#### **Costume Shop Manager Search Committee**

- Reviewed potential candidates, met with the committee, and participated in interviews.

#### **Lighting and Sound Technician Search Committee**

- Reviewed potential candidates, met with the committee, and participated in interviews.

#### **Curriculum Committee**

- Participated in discussions and planning for upcoming changes to the Theatre Department's curriculum.

#### **Production & Design Time Log**

- Created and maintained a system for logging production and design time outside of the classroom. This will be used to determine the time students are committing to a production and a record of time spent

#### **Technical Supervision | THEA 337**

- Supervising student designer's during events & productions, and providing guidance in the art and craft of lighting technology and design

#### **Technical Advisor | THEA 437**

- Providing recommendations for the new Arts and Innovation Academic Building, including layout and usage of various spaces

### **VIRGINIA REPERTORY THEATRE**

#### **Annual Gala Fundraiser**

- Provided Lighting Design & support for live event, auction, and performance

#### **Sensory Friendly and Audio Described Performances**

- Coordinated with production staff to accommodate sensory friendly, and audio described performances

### **RTCC Awards**

- Provided Lighting design and support for live award show, proceeds go to the Theatre Artists Fund of Greater Richmond

### **Intern Mentoring**

- Mentored interns as part of a lighting crew, as well as in show run positions
- Supervised interns during design process for theatre camp productions

### **VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

#### **Panelist**

- Panelist for Entertainment Design & Technology in education

### **ELECTRONIC THEATRE CONTROLS**

#### **Augment3d Beta**

- Participated in open Beta Testing for EOS 3.0 with Augment3d

#### **ETC Select**

- Participated in closed Beta testing for ETC Select quotations software

## **Related Experience**

### **VIRGINIA REPERTORY THEATRE**

#### **Resident Designer & Lighting Supervisor** | Jul 2014 - Jul 2021

- Maintained Lighting equipment and systems, oversaw lighting budget and internship applications, and supported production in 3 separate venues.
- Productions included musicals, drama, children's programming, theatrical productions, concerts, and special events

### **FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER**

#### **Assistant TD & Lighting Supervisor** | Aug 2009 - Dec 2011

- Maintained Lighting equipment, & aided in the construction & run of various productions
- Productions included children's programming, theatrical productions, concerts, ballet and special events

### **CROSS LIGHT INC.**

#### **Quotations and Estimations** | May 2008 - Oct 2011

- Researched potential projects and installations
- Prepared quotations for bid submittal
- Aided project management for purchases & installation
- Beta tester for quotations software

### **INTRAMUSIC THEATRICALS**

#### **Tour TD and Lighting Supervisor** | 2007 & 2008

- 1st National Tour of A Year with Frog and Toad
- Advanced the production with various tour locations
- Supervised load in, focus, show run, & strike

### **NEBRASKA THEATRE CARAVAN**

#### **Tour Assistant Electrician** | 2004

- Assisted head electrician with load in, show run, & strike
- Provided power for backstage lighting & atmospherics
- Operated 24' truck

**CAROLINE COUNTY VISITOR CENTER***Eobalaenottera Skeleton***Caroline County, VA**

Gary Wilson

Jan. 2023

**VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY***A Chorus Line**Let the Right one in**RENT**The Importance of Being Earnest**Men on Boats***Richmond, VA**

Nathaniel Shaw

Nov. 2025

Wes Seals

Oct. 2023

Desirée Dabney

April 2023

Sharon Ott

Oct. 2022

Sharon Ott

Oct. 2021

**THE NEW THEATRE/FIREHOUSE THEATRE***^WitchDuck**Natasha, Pierre & the great comet of 1812**Peter and the Starcatcher**^Roman a Clef***Richmond, VA**

Rebecca Wahls

May 2026

Nathaniel Shaw

Aug 2025

Nathaniel Shaw

Aug 2024

Sharon Ott

May 2024

**VIRGINIA REPERTORY THEATRE***The Cottage**Murder on the Orient Express**\*\*Misery**^ \*\*After December**It's a Wonderful Life - Live Radio Play**Ella and her fella Frank**\*The 39 Steps**Rogers and Hammerstein's Cinderella**^Tuck Everlasting, TYA Edition**\*A Gentlemen's Guide to Love and Murder**Forever Plaid**\*Atlantis: The New Musical**The Game's afoot: Holmes for the Holidays**Sister Act**Mr. Popper's Penguins**\*\*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime**Knuffle Bunny**West Side Story**^River Ditty**Pinkalicious the Musical**Erma Bombeck: At Wit's End**Miracle on South Division Street**Mary Poppins**Shakespeare in Love**Akeelah and the Bee**\*DA**^ \*\*The End of War**Dancing Lessons**^The Charitable Sisterhood Christmas Spectacular**Junie B. Jones**1776**\*Summer and Smoke**^Croaker: The Frog Prince Musical**I do, I do**The Velveteen Rabbit**Peter and the Starcatcher**+The Fabulous Lipitones**Last of the Red Hot Lovers**You're a Good Man Charlie Brown***Richmond, VA**

Irene Kuykendall

Mar. 2026

Rick Hammerly

Sep. 2025

Rick Hammerly

Sep 2024

Rick Hammerly

Mar 2023

Chelsea Burke

Dec 2021

Katrinah Lewis

June 2021

Nathaniel Shaw

Feb 2020

Laine Satterfield

Nov 2019

Matt Polson

Oct 2019

Kikau Alvaro

Sept 2019

Wes Seals

July 2019

Kristin Hangii

Apr 2019

Deb Clinton

Nov 2018

Robin Arthur

Nov 2018

Josh Chenard

Oct 2018

Nathaniel Shaw

Sept 2018

Susan Sanford

July 2018

Nathaniel Shaw

June 2018

Nathaniel Shaw

Apr 2018

Leslie Owens-Harrington

Apr 2018

John Moon

Feb 2017

Debra Clinton

Dec 2017

Chase Kniffen

Nov 2017

Jen Wineman

Oct 2017

Audra Honaker

Sept. 2017

Steve Perigard

July 2017

Nathaniel Shaw

Mar 2017

Jan Guarino

Feb 2017

Joe Pabst

Dec 2016

Chase Kniffen

Oct 2016

Debora Clinton

Sept 2016

Bruce Miller

Apr. 2016

Debra Clinton

Mar 2016

Bruce Miller

Feb 2016

K Strong

Dec 2015

Nathaniel Shaw

Oct 2015

John Markus

Sept 2015

Steve Perigard

July 2015

Susan Sanford

Feb 2015

**\*\*Whipping Man**  
**They're Playing our Song**  
**Charlotte's Web**  
**\*Equivocation**  
**^The Charitable Sisterhood**

Debra Clinton Feb 2015  
Jan Guarino Nov 2014  
Chase Kniffen Oct2014  
Jan Powell Sep 2014  
Bruce Miller July 2014

\* RTCC Award Outstanding achievement in Lighting design nomination.

\*\* RTCC Award Outstanding Achievement in Lighting Design ^World Premier +Regional Premier

## Lighting Design

### QUILL THEATRE/RICHMOND SHAKESPEARE

### Richmond, VA

<i>Twelfth Night</i>	Jan Powell	May 2021
<i>The Bottom Show</i>	James Ricks	May 2021
<i>The Tempest</i>	James Ricks	May 2019
<i>As you Like it</i>	James Ricks	July 2018
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	James Ricks	May 2018
<i>MacBeth</i>	Jan Powell	July 2017
<i>Love's Labour's Lost</i>	James Ricks	June 2017
<i>Merchant of Venice</i>	Jan Powell	July 2016
<i>Twelfth Night</i>	Steve Perigard	Jun 2016
<i>King Lear</i>	Jan Powell	Mar 2016
<i>Hamlet (WCVE PBS Studios)</i>	Jan Powell	Oct 2015
<i>Hamlet</i>	Jan Powell	July 2015
<i>Much Adu about Nothing</i>	Foster Solomon	June 2015
<i>^Sam and Carol</i>	Jan Powell	Feb 2015
<i>Richard III</i>	James Alexander Bond	July 2014
<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Jan Powell	June 2014
<i>Wittenberg</i>	Paul Nicholas	Mar 2014
<i>Death and the Maiden</i>	Gary Hopper	Feb 2014
<i>Othello</i>	Jan Powell	July 2013
<i>The Comedy of Errors</i>	Steve Perigard	June 2013
<i>The Tempest</i>	James Alexander Bond	Mar 2013
<i>A Child's Christmas in Wales</i>	Jan Powell	Dec 2012
<i>King John</i>	Jan Powell	Sep 2012
<i>Merry Wives of Windsor</i>	Shirley Kagan	July 2012
<i>Cymbeline</i>	Tlola Rivas	June 2012
<i>MacBeth</i>	Jan Powell	Feb 2012

^World Premier.

### FREE JAMBALAYA

### Richmond, VA

<i>^Dr. Who and the Game of Death</i>	James Alexander Bond	Nov 2013
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^World Premier.

### UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

### Pensacola, FL

Bat Boy: The Musical	Kristen Danford	Oct 2012
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### FAIRFIELD FOOTLIGHTERS

### Fairfield, OH

<i>Last Train to Nibroc</i>	Patricia Davis	Nov 2011
<i>Plaza Suite</i>	Dana Bruce Berry	Sep 2011
<i>Parallel Lives</i>	Dana Bruce Berry	May 2011
<i>Moonlight and Magnolias</i>	April Osborne	Feb 2011
<i>The Man who came to dinner</i>	Dana Bruce Berry	Nov 2010
<i>The Mouse Trap</i>	Patricia Davis	Oct 2010

*The Grapes of Wrath*  
*I hate Hamlet*  
*Best Christmas Pageant Ever*  
*Midlife the Crisis Musical*

Coby Osborne May 2010  
 Heidi Schiller Feb 2010  
 John Vanderplough Nov 2009  
 Chris Beiser Oct 2009

## MIAMI VALLEY BALLET THEATRE

*The Nutcracker*  
*Alice in Wonderland*  
*Cinderella Ballet*

## Fairfield, OH

Michelle Davis '09, '10, '11  
 Michelle Davis Dec 2010  
 Michelle Davis Apr 2009

## SOUTHERN OHIO LIGHT OPERA

*Princess Ida*  
*H.M.S. Pinafore*  
*A Little Night Music*  
*Madame Butterfly*

## Portsmouth, OH.

Dawn Harris July 2011  
 Stan Workman July 2009  
 Stan Workman July 2008  
 Stan Workman July 2007

## BALLET TECH OHIO

*La Sylphide*

## Cincinnati, OH.

Marvel Gentry Davis Sep 2006

## LITTLE THEATRE OF THE ROCKIES

*Tuesdays With Morrie*  
*Over the Tavern*  
*My Fair Lady*

## Greeley, CO.

David Grapes Jul 2006  
 Thomas McNally Aug 2006  
 John Leonard Aug 2005

## UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, CCM

*\*Une Education Manquee*  
*\*Le Pauvre Matelot*  
*\*The Elixir of Love*  
*The Lady's Not For Burning*  
*Serenade*  
*\*Therese*  
*Ballade*

## Cincinnati, OH.

Nic Muni Feb 2007  
 Nic Muni Feb 2007  
 Sandra Bernhard Feb 2007  
 Richard Hess Oct 2006  
 Bart Cook May 2006  
 Sandra Bernhard Mar 2006  
 Michael Tevlin Dec 2005

\*= Winner National Opera Association Award

## UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

*Bat Boy The Musical*  
*Who Will Carry The Word?*  
*The Laramie Project*

## Greeley, CO.

Vance Fulkerson Mar 2004  
 Charlotte Guyette Oct 2003  
 Luanne Nunes De Char Apr 2003

## Assistant Lighting Design

## CINCINNATI BALLET

*Giselle*

## Cincinnati, OH.

Trad A. Burns Nov. 2006

## UTAH SHAKESPEAREAN FESTIVAL

*Romeo and Juliet*  
*Love's Labour's Lost*  
*Dr. Faustus*

## Cedar City, UT.

Donna Ruzika Jun. 2005  
 Donna Ruzika Jun. 2005  
 Donna Ruzika Jun. 2005

## UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, CCM

*Crazy for You*

## Cincinnati, OH.

Jim Gage Nov. 2005

## Awards

## RICHMOND THEATRE CRITICS CIRCLE

**Outstanding Achievement in Lighting Design** | *Misery*  
**Outstanding Achievement in Lighting Design** | *After December*  
**Outstanding Achievement in Lighting Design** | *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*  
**Outstanding Achievement in Lighting Design** | *The End of War*  
**Outstanding Achievement in Lighting Design** | *The Whipping Man*

ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY  
THEATERS CINCINNATI / OHIO  
COMMUNITY THEATRE ASSOCIATION

**Lighting Design Orchid Award** | *I Hate Hamlet*  
**Lighting Design Orchid Award** | *Grapes of Wrath*

## PEGGY EZEKIEL AWARD

**Outstanding Achievement** | *The Elixir of Love*

## NATIONAL OPERA ASSOCIATION

**Class II Video Competition** | *The Elixir of Love*  
**Class V Video Competition** | *Une Education Manquee*  
**Class V Video Competition** | *La Pauvre Matelot*

GENE CHESLEY MEMORIAL DESIGN  
AWARD

**Utah Shakespearean Festival** | *2005 Season*

## ACTF

**Lighting Design Achievement Commendation** | *The Laramie Project*  
**Lighting Design Achievement Commendation** | *Who Will Carry the Word?*  
**Lighting Design Meritorious Achievement** | *Bat Boy the Musical*

## Certifications

## ELECTRONIC THEATRE CONTROLS

**EOS Family software** | Level 3 Certification

**EOS Family software** | Level 2 Certification

**EOS Family software** | Level 1 Certification

## ETCP

**ETCP** | System Maintenance Certification

## OSHA

**OSHA** | OSHA 10 Construction Certification

## STATE OF VIRGINIA

**VA DMV** | Driver's License



## Pattern “Gobo” Design

### ROSCO LABORATORIES

**R78437** | “Hypnotic Fan”

**R78234** | “Shattered Glass”

**R78235** | “Sphere Breakup”

**R78236** | “Thorn Breakup”

## Related skills

**Vectorworks 2026**

**ETC Eos V3.3**

**Lightwright**

**Augment3d**

**Google Suite**

**Canvas**

**Zoom**

**Microsoft Office Suite**

**2d & 3d Drafting**

**Photoshop**

**Mobirise**

**Audacity**

**Carpentry**

**Rigging**

**Soldering**

**Mosaic Designer 2**

**Tinkercad**

**Basic Arduino**

## References

**AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**