

Curriculum Vitae for Ashley Lucas
Professor of Theatre & Drama, Residential College,
American Culture, English, and the Penny Stamps School of Art & Design
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Education

- 2006 University of California, San Diego (UCSD) Ph.D. in Ethnic Studies and Drama and Theatre
Title of Dissertation: “Performing the (Un)Imagined Nation: The Emergence of Ethnographic Theatre in the Late Twentieth Century”
Advisors: Dr. Ana Celia Zentella (Ethnic Studies)
Dr. Jorge Huerta (Drama and Theatre)
- 2003 UCSD M.A. in Ethnic Studies
Title of Master’s Thesis: “The Politics of the Chicana/o Body on Stage”
- 2001 Yale University B.A. in English and Theatre Studies with academic distinction in both majors

Positions Held

- 2021-present—Professor of Theatre & Drama, Residential College, Penny Stamps School of Art and Design, and English Language and Literature at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (UM)
- 2021-2024—Director of Latina/o Studies and Professor of American Culture at UM
- 2013-2021—Associate Professor of Theatre & Drama, Residential College, Penny Stamps School of Art and Design, and Department of English Language and Literature at UM
- 2013-2019—Director of the Prison Creative Arts Project (PCAP) at UM
- 2008-2012—Assistant Professor of Dramatic Art at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC)
- 2006-2008—Carolina Postdoctoral Fellow for Faculty Diversity at UNC
- 2005-2006—Associate-In Professor, Research Assistant, and Doctoral Student at UCSD
- 2001-2005—Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant, and Doctoral Student at UCSD

Bibliography

Books

- Concilio, Vicente and Caroline Vetori. *Escaping Into Words: A Creative Writing Workbook*. Trans. Ashley Lucas. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Publishing Services, 2025.
- Lucas, Ashley E. *Teatro da prisão e a crise global do encarceramento*. Trans. Vicente Concilio. São Paulo: Hucitec Editora, 2021. [This is a Portuguese translation of my book *Prison Theatre and the Global Crisis of Incarceration* published in Brazil.]
- Lucas, Ashley E. *Prison Theatre and the Global Crisis of Incarceration*. London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2020.
- Lawston, Jodie Michelle and Ashley E. Lucas, eds. *Razor Wire Women: Prisoners, Activists, Scholars, and Artists*. Albany: SUNY Press, 2011.

Published Excerpts from *Prison Theatre and the Global Crisis of Incarceration*

- Lucas, Ashley with introduction by Vicente Concilio. "Theatre as a Strategy for Social Change." *Periferias Journal*. No. 7, April 2023, <https://revistaperiferias.org/en/materia/theatre-as-a-strategy-for-social-change/>. [published online in English, Portuguese, Spanish, and French]
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- . "Romeo and Juliet at Teatro na Prisão: Hope for a Happy Ending." *About Place*. Vol. 6, No. 1, May 2020, <https://aboutplacejournal.org/issues/practices-of-hope/tending-together/ashley-e-lucas/>.

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- Lawston, Jodie Michelle and Ashley Lucas, eds. Cluster issue of *National Women's Studies Association Journal* on the topic of "Women, the Criminal Justice System, and Incarceration: Processes of Power, Silence, and Resistance." Johns Hopkins University Press. Vol. 20, No. 2, Summer 2008.

Journal Articles (*indicates refereed article)

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- *Lucas, Ashley. "The End of Rage: The Story of Russell Maroon Shoatz." *Plough Quarterly*. Walden, NY, No. 29, Autumn 2021, pp. 60-84, <https://www.plough.com/en/topics/justice/social-justice/criminal-justice/the-end-of-rage>.
- *Lucas, Ashley. "Notes on Sources for 'The End of Rage': The Background for My Reporting on the Story of Russell Maroon Shoatz." *Plough Quarterly*. Online edition, 14 September 2021, <https://www.plough.com/en/topics/justice/social-justice/criminal-justice/note-on-sources-end-of-rage-russell-maroon-shoatz>.
- Lucas, Ashley, Daiane Dordete, and Vicente Concilio. "Editorial: Dossiê Temático: Artes da cena atrás das grades." *Urdimento*. Florianópolis, Vol. 3, No. 39, Nov./Dec. 2020, pp. 1-3, <https://www.revistas.udesc.br/index.php/urdimento/article/view/19307/12524>.
- *Lucas, Ashley, Alexandra Friedman, and Efrén Paredes. "Prisons and Activism in the Pandemic: How Survivors of Incarceration Shift What Civic Participation Means." *Urdimento*. Florianópolis, Vol. 3, No. 39, Nov./Dec. 2020, pp. 1-22, <https://www.revistas.udesc.br/index.php/urdimento/article/view/18989/12409>. [also translated into Portuguese by Nicolas de Córdova Dorvalino e Túlio]

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<https://www.revistas.udesc.br/index.php/urdimento/article/view/19107/12410>].
- *Lucas, Ashley. “Teatr Jako Strategia Budowania Wspólnoty: Sztuka jest I nie jest rozwiązaniem.” Trans. Justyna Biernat. *Pamiętnik Teatralny*. Polska Akademia Nauk Instytut Sztuki, Rok. LXVIII, 2019, pp. 75-81.
 - *Lucas, Ashley, Natália Fiche, and Vicente Concilio. “We Move Forward Together: A Prison Theatre Exchange Program Among Three Universities in the United States and Brazil.” *Prison Journal*. SAGE Publications, Vol. 99, No. 4, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0032885519861061>, 2019, pp. 1-22.
 - *Lucas, Ashley. “Chavez Ravine: Culture Clash and the Political Project of Rewriting History.” *Theatre History Studies*. Issue 37, 2018, pp. 279-301.
 - *---. “When I Run in My Bare Feet: Music, Writing, and Theatre in a North Carolina Women’s Prison.” *American Music*. Vol. 31, No. 2, Summer 2013, pp. 134-162.
 - *---. “Performing the Queer Frontera: Gregory Ramos’ Play *Border Stories*.” *Revista de Literatura Mexicana Contemporanea*, Núm. 53, Año 18, Abril-Junio 2012, pp. xxxv-xl.
 - *---. “Prisoners on the Great White Way: *Short Eyes* and *Zoot Suit* as the First U.S. Latina/o Plays on Broadway.” *Latin American Theater Review*. Vol. 43, No. 1, Fall 2009, pp. 121-136.
 - *---. “Reinventing the *Pachuco*: The Radical Transformation from the Criminalized to the Heroic in Luis Valdez’s Play *Zoot Suit*.” *Journal for the Study of Radicalism*. Vol. 3, No. 1, Spring 2009, pp. 61-88.
 - *---. “Teatro de la Esperanza’s *Guadalupe* and the Production of Social Meaning.” *International Perspectives: The Journal of the International Institute of California State University, San Bernardino*. Vol. 2. Spring 2005, pp. 36-42.
 - *---. “The Stigmatized Body on Stage: Evelina Fernandez’s *Dementia* as a Response to the AIDS Crisis” *Journal of American Drama and Theatre*. 16: 3. Fall 2004, pp. 35-51.

Chapters in Books

- Lucas, Ashley. “Afterword: Devastated and Busy: Prison Arts Programming in the COVID-19 Pandemic.” In Leigh Sugar, ed. *That’s a Pretty Thing to Call It: Prose and Poetry by Artists Teaching in Carceral Institutions*. New York: New Village Press, 2023, pp. 253-7.
- Lucas, Ashley and Vicente Concilio. “Prefácio.” In Kátia Aparecida da Silva Nunes Miranda, Solange Maria de Barros, Juliano Claudio Alves, and Cloris Violeta Alves Lopes, eds. *Diálogos sobre socioeducação e juventudes: Um olhar crítico e emancipatório*. Veranópolis, Brazil: Diálogo Freiriano, 2023, pp. 10-11.
- Marques, Laís Jacques, Ashley Lucas, and Vicente Concilio. “A pedagogia do teatro em diálogo com a socioeducação.” In Kátia Aparecida da Silva Nunes Miranda, Solange Maria de Barros, Juliano Claudio Alves, and Cloris Violeta Alves Lopes, eds. *Diálogos sobre socioeducação e juventudes: Um olhar crítico e emancipatório*. Veranópolis, Brazil: Diálogo Freiriano, 2023, pp. 36-49.
- Friedman, Alexandra, Efrén Paredes, and Ashley Lucas. “How Prison Survivors Shift What Civic Participation Means: Incarceration and Activism in the Pandemic.” In

- Rodolfo Rosales, ed. *Making Citizenship Work: Culture and Community*. New York: Routledge, 2022, pp. 79-95.
- Lucas, Ashley. "Teatro em prisões e a crise global do encarceramento." In Silvia Geraldi, Ana Terra, Matteo Bonfitto, and Renato Ferracini, eds. *Artes da Cena e Direitos Humanos em Tempos de Pandemia e Pós-Pandemia*. Rio Branco, Brazil: Stricto Senso Editora, 2022, pp. 219-243.
- Bates, Patrick, Alexandra Friedman, Adam Kouraimi, Ashley Lucas, Sriram Papolu, and Cozine Welch. "Living on Loss of Privileges." In Kristin Ann Hass, ed. *Being Human During COVID*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2021, pp. 64-72.
- Lucas, Ashley Elizabeth, Natália Ribeiro Fiche, and Vicente Concilio. "Avançamos Juntos—Um programa de intercâmbio sobre teatro nas prisões entre três universidades no Brasil e nos Estados Unidos." Trans. Naguissa Takemodo Viegas. In Marcia Pompeo Nogueira, Heloise Baurich Vidor, Bianca Scliar Cabral, Flávio Desgranges, and Vicente Concilio, eds. *Pedagogias do Desterro: Práticas de Pesquisa em Artes Cênicas*. São Paulo: Hucitec Editora, 2020, pp. 401-28. [There are two Portuguese versions of this article. The full Portuguese translation of our article in English "We Move Forward Together" is published in this edited volume in Brazil. An abridged version of the Portuguese translation appeared in an edited volume in Portugal.]
- . "Avançamos Juntos—Um programa de intercâmbio sobre teatro nas prisões entre três universidades no Brasil e nos Estados Unidos." In Carla Cruz, Hugo Cruz, Isabel Bezelga, Miguel Falcão, e Ramon Aguiar, eds. *A Busca do Comum: Práticas Artísticas para Outros Futuros Possíveis*, 2019. Porto: Instituto de Investigação em Arte, Design e Sociedade, <https://i2ads.up.pt/blog/publications/a-busca-do-comum-praticas-artisticas-para-outros-futuros-possiveis/>, 2020, pp. 130-6.
- Lucas, Ashley. "Introduction: Voices of the Frontera." In José Casas. *14*. Woodstock, IL: Dramatic Publishing Company, 2018, pp. 10-14.
- . "Teatro e HIV/AIDS nas prisões da África do Sul: A Themba Interactive e suas práticas de intervenção na saúde pública." Trans. Vicente Concilio. Eds. Mariana Lima Muniz, Tiago Cruvinel, and Vicente Concilio. *Pedagogia das Artes Cênicas: experiências em escolas e comunidades*. Curitiba, Brasil: Editora CRV, 2018, pp. 27-36.
- . "Epilogue. Identifying Marks: What the Razor Wire Hides." Eds. Jodie Michelle Lawston and Ashley E. Lucas. *Razor Wire Women: Prisoners, Activists, Scholars, and Artists*. Albany: SUNY Press, 2011, pp. 301-3.
- . "Healer: A Monologue from the Play *Doin' Time: Through the Visiting Glass*." Eds. Jodie Michelle Lawston and Ashley E. Lucas. *Razor Wire Women: Prisoners, Activists, Scholars, and Artists*. Albany: SUNY Press, 2011, pp. 49-50.
- . "Historical Contextualization" for "Section III: Education, Writing, and the Arts." Eds. Jodie Michelle Lawston and Ashley E. Lucas. *Razor Wire Women: Prisoners, Activists, Scholars, and Artists*. Albany: SUNY Press, 2011, pp.193-7.
- Huerta, Jorge and Ashley Lucas. "Framing the Macho: Gender, Identity, and Sexuality in Three Chicana/o Solo Performances." Ed. Clare Wallace. *Monologues: Theatre, Performance, Subjectivity*. (Prague: Litteraria Pragensia, 2006), pp. 232-259.

Lucas, Ashley. “Letter to Our Future Selves as Activists.” Eds. Dan Berger, Chesa Boudin, and Kenyon Farrow. *Letters from Young Activists: Today’s Rebels Speak Out*. New York: Nation Books Company, 2005, pp. 205-9.

Published Play: *Doin’ Time: Through the Visiting Glass* in Translation and Excerpt

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Published Interviews

Martínez, Andrew. “Prison Theater and the High Stakes of Performance: Andrew Martínez in Conversation with Ashley Lucas.” *Michigan Quarterly Review*, 22 October 2020, <https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/mqr/2020/10/prison-theatre-and-the-high-stakes-of-performance-andrew-martinez-in-conversation-with-ashley-lucas/>.

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Concilio, Vicente. “Uma conversa sobre arte e teatro nas prisões com Ashley Lucas.” *Urdimento: Revista de Estudos em Artes Cênicas*. (Vol. 2, No. 29, 2017), pp. 145-156. [An interview with me about my career and my play *Doin’ Time*, published in translation in Portuguese.]

Gallacci, Fabio. “Especialista fala sobre crise no sistema prisional brasileiro.” *Correio Popular*. Opinião. 20 January 2017. [This was a full-page Q & A in which a reporter interviewed me about the Brazilian prison system in the editorial pages of the Sunday edition of a large newspaper in São Paulo, Brazil.]

Martínez, Andrew. “An Interview with Theatre Artist Ashley Lucas.” *Texas Theatre Journal*. (Vol. 9, Issue 1, 2013), pp. 31-42.

Lucas, Ashley. “A Moment with Teatro Izcalli.” in Arteaga, Jr., Macedonio and Teatro Izcalli. *Nopal Boy and Other Actos*. Bonita, CA: Aplomb Publishing, 2009, pp. 13-24.

Living on Loss of Privileges: What We Learned in Prison Web Series

Served as a producer for *Living on Loss of Privileges: What We Learned in Prison*, a video series initiated by formerly incarcerated artists Patrick Bates and Cozine Welch. *Living on LOP* features the stories of formerly incarcerated people who share the lessons they have learned in prison that can help us all adjust to life during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Living on LOP* is a twelve-part web series that premiered June 12, 2020 and ran through Oct. 22, 2020: <https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/dcc-project/living-on-lop/>

Book Reviews

Lucas, Ashley. “Making a Habit of Healing: Black Women Performing the Groundwork for Prison Abolition.” Book review of *The Healing Stage: Black Women*,

- Incarceration and the Art of Transformation*. By Lisa Biggs. (Columbus: The Ohio State University Press, 2002, 255 pp.). In *Performance Research: A Journal of the Performing Arts*, Vol. 28, No. 6, 2023, pp. 146-147, <https://doi.org/10.1080/13528165.2023.2336799>.
- . Book review of *Wild Tongues: Transnational Mexican Popular Culture*. By Rita Uriquijo-Ruiz. Chicana Matters Series. (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2012, xviii + 217 pp. hardcover, \$49.50) and *La Voz Latina: Contemporary Plays and Performance Pieces by Latinas*. Eds. Elizabeth C. Ramírez and Catherine Casiano. (Urbana: University of Chicago Press, 2011, x + 365 pp. hardcover, \$60.00). In *Theatre Journal*, Vol. 66, No. 4, December 2014, pp. 651-3.
- . Book review of *The Arts of Imprisonment: Control, Resistance and Empowerment*. Ed. Leonidas K. Cheliotis. (Farnham, England: Ashgate Publishing Limited, 2012. xiii + 322 pp. hardcover, \$124.95). In *Critical Criminology*. Vol. 22, Issue 2, 2014, pp. 311-313.
- . Book review of *The Plays of Josefina Niggli: Recovered Landmarks of Latino Literature*. Eds. William Orchard and Yolanda Padilla. (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2007. xi + 276 pp. paper, \$29.95). In *GESTOS: Teoría y Práctica del Teatro Hispánico*. Irvine: University of California, Irvine, Año 23, No. 45, Abril 2008, pp. 177-180.
- . Book review of *Mummified Deer and Other Plays*. By Luis Valdez. (Houston: Arte Público Press, 2005. xiii + 191 pp. paper, \$14.95). In *GESTOS: Teoría y Práctica del Teatro Hispánico*. Irvine: University of California, Irvine, Año 22, No. 43, Abril 2007, pp. 190-3.
- . Book review of *Latin American Women On/In Stages*. By Margo Milleret. (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2004. 263 pp. hard, \$45.00). In *Theatre Journal*. (Vol. 59, No. 1, March 2007), pp. 151-2.
- . Book review of *Yellowface: Creating the Chinese in American Popular Music and Performance, 1850s-1920s*. By Krystyn R. Moon. (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2005. 220 pp. paper, \$23.95). In *Amerasia Journal: Asian American/Pacific Islander/Transcultural Societies*. (Vol. 32, No. 2, 2006), pp. 138-141.

Performance Reviews

Lucas, Ashley. “¡Cantinflas!: Latina/os on Stage at Houston’s Alley Theatre.” *GESTOS: Teoría y Práctica del Teatro Hispánico*. Irvine: University of California, Irvine, Año 19, No. 37, Abril 2004, pp. 164-6.

Encyclopedia Entries

Lucas, Ashley. Entries on “Josefina Lopez,” “Mexican American Drama,” “Guillermo Reyes,” and “Luis Valdez.” Ed. Emmanuel S. Nelson. *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Multiethnic American Literature*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 2005, pp. 1361-2, 1467-1472, 1873-5, 2200-3.

Dissertation and Master’s Thesis

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---. “The Politics of the Chicana/o Body on Stage.” Master’s thesis, University of California, San Diego, 2003.

Online Writing

April 2011—present—Co-founder of, administrator for, and primary contributor to the Razor Wire Women blog:

<http://razorwirewomen.wordpress.com>

October 24, 2011—The Ms. Magazine Blog reprinted one of my blog posts under the title “The Awful Truth About Women’s Lives in Prison”:

<http://msmagazine.com/blog/blog/2011/10/24/the-awful-truth-about-womens-lives-in-prison/#respond>

Honors

Fellowships

March-April 2025—Hedgebrook Writer in Residence Fellowship

Summer 2020—UM Mellon Public Engagement and the Humanities Fellowship

Summer 2020—UM Public Engagement Faculty Mentor Fellowship

2019-2020—UM Institute for Humanities Faculty Fellowship

Richard and Lillian Ives Faculty Fellow

July 2019—Hedgebrook Writer in Residence Fellowship

Summer 2018—UM Institute for Humanities Summer Faculty Fellowship

Fall 2011—UNC Institute for Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowship

2010-2012 – UNC Faculty Engaged Scholars Fellowship

2008-2009 – Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship

2006-2008 – Carolina Postdoctoral Fellowship for Faculty Diversity in the Department of Dramatic Art at UNC

Summer 2004 – UCSD California Cultures Fellowship

Summer 2003 – UCSD Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity Fellowship

Invited Lectures and Keynote Performances

June 23, 2024—gave a talk entitled “The Legacy of the Ford Fellowships and What We Can Do for the Next Generation” as a keynote speaker for the Society of Senior Ford Fellows in Washington, DC

May 25, 2018—gave a talk entitled “Teatro em prisoes: metodologias de pesquisa” at the Universidade do Estado de Santa Catarina in Florianópolis, Brazil

October 6, 2017—gave the Dan and Carole Burack President’s Distinguished Lecture on “Documentary Theatre and the Need for Social Change” at the University of Vermont. See a video of the lecture here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEURthxA3TM>

April 29, 2014—gave a performance/lecture entitled “Behind the Razor Wire: International Journeys in Performance and Research” with Andrew Martínez at UCLA

- April 12, 2013—gave the keynote lecture entitled “We Are All Ethnic Studies: Embodied Responses to the Crises We Face” at the National Association for Ethnic Studies conference in Fort Collins, CO
- March 26, 2012—gave the 2012 Merle Kling Honors Undergraduate Fellowship Lecture on “Prisoners, Families, and Performance: Community Engagement Through the Arts” at Washington University in Saint Louis, MO
- November 12, 2011—invited keynote performance of *Doin’ Time: Through the Visiting Glass* and a book signing of *Razor Wire Women* with Jodie Lawston at the National Women’s Studies Association conference in Atlanta, GA

Invited Participant in Working Groups, Faculty Programs, and Workshops

- June 24-29, 2017—invited participant in the Mellon Foundation Workshop “Performance Arts and Political Action” in Johannesburg, South Africa
- May 14-16, 2014—invited participant in the Faculty Dialogues Institute at the University of Michigan, sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Education and the program on Intergroup Relations (IGR)
- 2013-2014—LSA Teaching Academy at the University of Michigan
- January 30, 2012—invited participant in the Congressional Conversation on Race (CCR), hosted by U.S. Representative G.K. Butterfield (D-NC), in Rocky Mount, NC, sponsored by the Search for Common Ground and the Faith and Politics Institute
- May 2011—invited participant in a four-day workshop entitled *The Entrepreneurial Mindset—Maximizing Faculty Impact*, sponsored by the UNC Chancellor’s Office

Grants and Awards

- 2025—2025 Faculty Recognition Award from UM for \$2,000
- 2024—Public Engagement Faculty Fellowship Award for \$14,041 to support the publication of *Escaping Into Words: A Creative Writing Workbook* and creative writing workshops in Michigan prisons
- 2024—SMTD Researching, Catalyzing, Innovating Grant for \$8,000 to support travel and research on prison theatre and photography in Brazil
- 2024—UM Arts Initiative grant of \$35,000 to support the tour of the original play *With Love, From Inside*
- 2023—Dr. Mildred Tirado *Lucha* Award for advocacy and support of Latinx students at UM, awarded by the La Casa student organization
- 2023—Center for World Performance Studies Faculty Research Grant for \$3,000 to support travel to speak and be part of a working group about prison theatre at the I Congresso Internacional de Teatro do Amazonas in Manaus, Brazil
- 2023—Arts & Resistance Theme Semester grant for \$10,250 to support a residency for visiting playwright/actor Alex Alpharaoh and stage manager Graciela Rodriguez
- 2023—Latina/o Studies Program funding for \$1,000 to support a residency for visiting playwright/actor Alex Alpharaoh
- 2022—SMTD Diversity and Inclusion Grant for \$2,500 to support a residency for a group of prison theatre makers from Brazil
- 2022—Shirley Verrett Award for “a faculty member whose work—teaching, performance, scholarship, or service—supports the success of female artists from diverse cultural

- and racial backgrounds” from the UM Women of Color in the Academy Project with a \$5,000 prize
- 2022—La Celebración Latina Circle Award for “significant contributions to the harmony and strength of the Latino and University communities through their work, leadership, and service” from the UM Office of Academic and Multicultural Affairs
- 2021-2022—Michigan Humanities Grant for \$8,271 to support the Prison Creative Arts Project Writing Program
- 2021-2022—Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Grant for \$30,000 to support the *26th Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners*
- 2021—Eliot Award for excellence in magazine and web writing for the article “The End of Rage: The Story of Russell Maroon Shoatz” (<https://mereorthodoxy.com/the-2021-eliot-awards/>)
- 2020-2021—Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Grant for \$30,000 to support the *26th Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners*
- 2019-2022—UM Humanities Collaboratory Project Grant for \$500,000, awarded to the Documenting Criminalization and Confinement faculty team—Heather Ann Thompson, Matt Lassiter (co-PI), Ruby Tapia, Nora Krinitsky (Project Director), and Ashley Lucas (co-PI)—to support the development of a largescale humanities archive of experiences of criminalization and confinement in the United States.
- 2019-2020—Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Grant for \$30,000 to support the *25th Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners*
- May-June 2019—UM Humanities Collaboratory Proposal Development Grant for \$80,000, awarded to the Documenting Criminalization and Confinement faculty team (Heather Ann Thompson, Matt Lassiter, Ruby Tapia, Nora Krinitsky, and Ashley Lucas) to support the development of a proposal for the larger Humanities Collaboratory Project Grant
- 2019—Individuo Panamericano del Año Award from the Fraternidad Fi Iota Alfa
- 2018—National Lifers of America, Inc., Chapter #1024 at Cotton Correctional Facility, Community Service Award
- 2018—Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Grant for \$25,150 to support the *Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners*
- 2018—Art for Justice Fund grant for \$50,000 to support PCAP
- 2018—5 x 5 Incubator Grant from UM Humanities Collaboratory for \$500 to support the planning committee for the Center for the Study of the Carceral State
- 2017—Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Grant for \$20,320 to support the *Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners*
- 2017—University of Michigan Office of Research Faculty Grants and Awards Program \$830 to aid in travel to Uruguay and South Africa for research for *Prison Theatre in a Global Context*
- 2017—University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance Faculty Block Grant \$830 to aid in travel to Uruguay and South Africa for research for *Prison Theatre in a Global Context*
- 2017—University of Michigan Center for World Performance Studies Faculty Summer Funding Award

- \$830 to aid in travel to Uruguay and South Africa for research for *Prison Theatre in a Global Context*
- 2017—North Campus Deans' MLK Day Faculty Spirit Award
- 2016—Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Grant for \$19,800 to support the *Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners*
- 2016-2017—Dean Aaron Dworkin of the School of Music, Theatre, & Dance gave \$20,000 to support the expansion of PCAP's performing arts curriculum and activities
- 2015—University of Michigan Regent's Award for Distinguished Public Service
- 2015—University of Michigan Office of Research Faculty Grants and Awards Program \$1,260 to aid in travel to Australia and New Zealand for research for *Prison Theatre in a Global Context*
- 2015—University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance Faculty Block Grant \$1,500 to aid in travel to Australia and New Zealand for research for *Prison Theatre in a Global Context*
- 2015—University of Michigan Center for World Performance Studies Faculty Summer Funding Award \$2,000 to aid in travel to Australia and New Zealand for research for *Prison Theatre in a Global Context*
- 2014—University of Michigan African Studies Center Award \$1,500 to aid in travel to South Africa for research for *Prison Theatre in a Global Context*
- 2014—University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance Faculty Block Grant \$1,500 to aid in travel to South Africa for research for *Prison Theatre in a Global Context*
- 2014—University of Michigan Center for World Performance Studies Faculty Summer Funding Award \$2,000 to aid in travel to South Africa for research for *Prison Theatre in a Global Context*
- 2013-2014—University of Michigan MCubed Grant for the Prison Creative Arts Project Image Archive \$60,000 of grant funding for a collaborative project with Michigan professors Buzz Alexander, Charlie Bright, and Janie Paul as well as research librarian Dierdre Spencer. The funding supports the creation of a digital image database to archive the more than 5,000 photos of works of art displayed over the course of the eighteen years of the Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners.
- 2013-2015—University of Michigan LSA Teaching Transformed Project Grant \$11,450 of grant funding over the course of two years supports the purchase of new technology, student research assistantships, and faculty training in the use of technology for the Atonement Project class, which I teach annually with Shaka Senghor.
- Spring 2010 – UNC Junior Faculty Development Award for \$1,100 to aid in publication of color artwork in *Razor Wire Women: Prisoners, Activists, Scholars, and Artists* (SUNY Press 2011)
- 2009 –Best Original Script/Adaptation for *Doin' Time: Through the Visiting Glass*, awarded by the *Independent Weekly* of Durham, NC

- Fall 2009 – UNC Junior Faculty Development Award for \$7,500 to continue my research on the Prison Creative Arts Project
- Fall 2008 – UNC Latina/o Studies Course Development Award for \$3,500 to develop a new course to be taught at least once a school year for three years, DRAM 288: “Theatre for Social Change: Latina/o Performance Traditions”
- March 2006— Teaching Assistant Achievement Award for Outstanding Contribution to Undergraduate Instruction in the Department of Theatre and Dance at UCSD
- May 2004 – Certificate of Appreciation from the UCSD Cross-Cultural Center “for time, energy, and effort to increase multicultural understanding and for the advancement of dialogue, communication, and diversity”
- June 2001 - David Everett Chantler Award from Yale University for the “graduating senior best exemplifying the qualities of courage and strength of character and high moral purpose”

Professional Experience

Academic Conferences

- May 31, 2025—moderated a panel entitled “Broadening Access: Collaboration in Classical Music” with speakers Eugene Rogers and Carolina Heredia for the Major Orchestra Librarians’ Association Conference at UM
- May 21, 2025—spoke on a roundtable entitled “Mesa teatro e prisão: encontro com Ashley Lucas” at the XVI Seminário de Pesquisa em Artes Cênicas at the Universidade do Estado do Santa Catarina in Florianópolis, Brazil
- May 16, 2025—spoke on a roundtable about theatre in prisons with Annie Martins, Caroline Vetori, Vicente Concilio, Gustavo Melo Cerqueira, Natália Fiche, and Viviane Narvaes at the 5th Semenario Internacional de Teatro, Encarceramento e Práticas Artísticas Comunitárias at the Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro in Brazil
- April 18, 2025—gave a keynote talk entitled “*With Love, From Inside*: Collaborating to Perform the Stories of Currently and Formerly Incarcerated Theatre Makers” at a conference called Amplifying Inmate Voices: Creative Arts and Journalism in Detention at the Université Libre de Bruxelles in Brussels, Belgium
- November 18, 2024—spoke on an online panel with Walidah Imarsha entitled “Theatre, Prison, and Visionary Imagination” for the 13^o Seminário de Pesquisas em Andamento (SPA/ECA/USP)
- June 23, 2024—gave a talk entitled “The Legacy of the Ford Fellowships and What We Can Do for the Next Generation” as a keynote speaker for the Society of Senior Ford Fellows in Washington, DC
- June 22, 2024—panelist for the Jr. Faculty Session: Demystifying the Tenure Process – Humanities & Qualitative at the Ford Fellows Conference in Washington, DC
- June 21, 2024—Mentor in one-on-one sessions with junior Ford Fellows at the Ford Fellows Conference in Washington, DC
- November 26, 2023—gave a talk online entitled “Prison Theatre and What Incarcerated People Teach Us About Theatre” at the Acts of Rebellion conference in Porto, Portugal

- May 14, 2023—spoke on a roundtable on prison theatre with Vicente Concilio and Janilce Rodrigues, moderated by Annie Martins at the I Congresso Internacional de Teatro do Amazonas in Manaus, Brazil
- May 14, 2023—gave a keynote talk as a book launch event for *Teatro em Prisões e a Crise Global do Encarceramento* at the I Congresso Internacional de Teatro do Amazonas in Manaus, Brazil
- November 5, 2022—spoke as part of a roundtable entitled “Performance and Activism in Action: Theatre in Prisons in Brazil and the United States” at the a2ru Conference in Ann Arbor, MI
- November 4, 2022—served as translator for the Brazilian Theatre Workshop at the a2ru Conference in Ann Arbor, MI
- October 7, 2022—held one-on-one mentorship meetings with new Ford Fellows as part of the virtual Ford Fellows Conference
- September 8, 2022—spoke on a virtual roundtable entitled “Artes Performativas e comunidade com outros atores sociais” as part of the Semana de Pedagogia Teatral Ibero-americana, sponsored by several universities and organizations in Portugal
- July 30, 2022—served as co-coordinator of a session entitled “Cultivating Empathy Through Performance and Reparative Creativity” and presented a paper entitled “Why We Love Latrice Royale: From Prison to Miss Congeniality” at the Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE) conference in Detroit, MI
- November 17, 2021—gave a virtual talk entitled “El teatro en cárceles y la crisis mundial del encarcelamiento” at the Festival Internacional de Artes Vivas in Loja, Ecuador (https://hi-in.facebook.com/utpl.loja/videos/webinar-internacional-el-teatro-de-c%C3%A1rceles-y-la-crisis-mundial-del-encarcelamiento/1061597521321158/?so=permalink&rv=related_videos)
- October 28, 2021—presented a paper entitled “Why We Love Latrice Royale: From Prison to Miss Congeniality” as part of a working group on “Ritual Reversals: Undoing Temporalities Through Performance” at the American Society for Theatre Research conference in San Diego, CA
- October 15, 2021—presented a paper entitled “Performing Hope: Teatro na Prisão Rewrites *Romeo and Juliet*” and moderate a panel entitled “Feminism in Performance in Latin America” online at the National Women’s Studies Association conference
- August 27, 2021—gave a virtual keynote address entitled “Experiências Internacionais na Reintegração Social de Mulheres em Situação de Prisão” for the Webinário Mulheres e Prisões: Desafios Brasileiros no Contexto Pós-Pandemia, hosted by Pastoral Carcerária and Poder Judiciário Estado de Mato Grosso (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ULW9T0oGd4>)
- August 7, 2021—spoke with Russell Shoatz, III, on a panel entitled “Prison, Black Panthers & Family (The Making of a *Plough* Article)” at Regeneration: The Plough Writers Weekend 2021 in Montgomery, NY (<https://www.plough.com/en/topics/justice/social-justice/criminal-justice/conversation-with-ashley-lucas-and-russell-shoatz-iii>)

- June 17, 2021—gave a virtual keynote address entitled “*Teatro em prisões e a crise global do encarceramento*” at the XI Congresso da ABRACE academic theatre conference in Brazil (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNuo8dP_Hc0)
- January 28, 2021—spoke on a virtual roundtable on “Higher Education Behind Bars” with Elizabeth Hinton, Amy Jamgochian, Jessica Neptune, and Cozine Welch for the Organization of American Historians conference
- December 18, 2020—presented in a virtual live discussion about a prerecorded panel entitled “*Prison Theatre and the Global Crisis of Incarceration*: Author Ashley Lucas Interviews a Panel of Prison Theatre Program Directors” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGYQEqUIUdQ&feature=youtu.be>) as part of the 4th International Shakespeare in Prisons Conference, hosted by Notre Dame University in South Bend, IN
- November 20, 2020—presented in a virtual live discussion about two prerecorded panels, entitled “*Prison Theatre and the Global Crisis of Incarceration*: Scholar Karen Hamer Interviews Author Ashley Lucas” (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76dfvyk_bB0&feature=youtu.be) and “*Prison Theatre and the Global Crisis of Incarceration*: Author Ashley Lucas Interviews a Panel of Actors” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28mGM-3t30g&feature=youtu.be>) as part of the 4th International Shakespeare in Prisons Conference, hosted by Notre Dame University in South Bend, IN
- July 15, 2020—presented on a virtual panel entitled “Driving Resilience: Performance in Latin America and on the Border” for ATHE
- February 12, 2020—presented on a panel entitled “Carceral Imaginaries: A Panel on Arts, Race, and Incarceration” at Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA
- September 16, 2019—co-presented with Vicente Concilio, giving a paper entitled “Programa de intercambio sobre teatro nas prisões entre tres universidades no Brasil e dos Estados Unidos” at the 3rd Encontro Internacional de Reflexão sobre Práticas Artísticas Comunitárias at the Faculdade de Belas Artes da Universidade do Porto, Portugal
- March 23, 2019—presented on a panel entitled “Higher Education and Recidivism” at the Confined Minds Conference at Macomb Correctional Facility in New Haven, MI
- November 22-23, 2018—presented a paper entitled “Theatre as a Strategy for Community Building: The Play Is (and Is Not) the Thing” at the Theatre and Drama in Prison, Prison in Theatre and Drama conference at the Polish Academy of Sciences Institute of Art in Warsaw, Poland
- November 15, 2018—spoke at the “Narratives of Resistance: Combating Intergenerational Family Violence, the Stigma of Criminalization, and the Prison Industrial Complex” colloquium at the University of California, Irvine
- November 2-3, 2018—spoke on a panel entitled “Humans Involved: Rehabilitation and Reentry” at the Milwaukee Model: Envisioning the Role of Arts in Criminal Justice Symposium at the Haggerty Museum of Art in Milwaukee, WI
- June 4, 2018—spoke on a roundtable entitled “Encarceramento feminina: violências e vulnerabilidades” at the III Seminário Internacional de Teatro, Encarceramento e Práticas Artísticas Comunitárias at the Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (UniRio) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

- November 16-19, 2017—spoke on a roundtable about the book *Written/Unwritten: Diversity and the Hidden Truths of Tenure* at the National Women’s Studies Association conference in Baltimore, MD
- August 3-5, 2017—spoke on a roundtable entitled “Mentoring Diversity in Performance Pedagogy” at the ATHE conference in Las Vegas, NV
- August 3-5, 2017—spoke on a roundtable entitled “The Presence and Absence of LGBTQ characters in Latin@ Theatre” at the ATHE conference in Las Vegas, NV
- August 2, 2017—spoke on a roundtable entitled “Creating Art, Changing Lives: The Prison Creative Arts Project” at the Soros Justice Fellowships Conference in Detroit, MI
- July 20-21, 2017—presented a paper entitled “Theatre in South African Prisons: Intersectional Strategies for Social Change” at the Moore Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (MURAP) Conference at UNC in Chapel Hill, NC
- June 24-29, 2017—presented a paper entitled “Theatre in South African Prisons: Strategies for Social Change” at the Mellon Foundation Workshop “Performance Arts and Political Action” in Johannesburg, South Africa
- May 31, 2017—gave a keynote speech entitled “Teatro e Encarceramento: Perspectivas ao Redor do Mundo” at a conference on Arte e Cultural no Sistema Prisional at the Universidade do Estado do Santa Catarina in Florianópolis, Brazil
- February 3, 2017—gave a talk about the Prison Creative Arts Project and the mental health benefits of prison arts programming at a symposium on “Correctional Systems and Mental Health Services: Overview and Updates” at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti, MI
- October 29, 2016—gave a talk/performance at the Cell to Cell symposium on prison television and performance at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY
- August 14, 2016—spoke on a roundtable entitled “Prison Work: Creating Theatre with Incarcerated Artists” at the Association for Theatre in Higher Education conference in Chicago, IL
- August 13, 2016—served as a respondent to Carlos Manuel Chavarria’s performance of *Joto: Confessions of a Mexican Outcast* at the Association for Theatre in Higher Education conference in Chicago, IL
- July 22, 2016—chaired a panel on colorism at the MURAP conference at UNC in Chapel Hill, NC
- November 7, 2015—presented a paper entitled “The Weight of Words: Meditations on the Meaning of Writing in Prisons” at the Earlham School of Religion Ministry of Writing Colloquium “Words Made Flesh: Creative Writing, Creative Ministry” in Richmond, Indiana
- March 26, 2015—chaired a panel on Gender and Prisons at the “New Articulations/New Translations: Feminist Research Activism” conference at the University of Michigan’s Institute for Research on Women and Gender
- March 18, 2015—along with Phil Christman gave a closing keynote address for a one-day workshop on “Prison Networks: Broadcasting Why Prison Writing Matters” at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Tampa, FL

- November 15, 2014—presented a paper entitled “The Atonement Project” at the National Women’s Studies Association Conference in San Juan, PR
- October 9, 2014—presented on a panel with Janie Paul and Reuben Kenyatta entitled “25 Years of Connecting University Students and Prisoners Through the Arts: The Prison Creative Arts Project” at the Marking Time: Prison Arts and Activism conference at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ
- July 24, 2014—gave a talk entitled “Bridging the Divide: The Prison Creative Arts Project and Community Formation Amongst College Students and Prisoners” at the MURAP conference at UNC in Chapel Hill, NC
- July 14, 2014—gave a talk about the Prison Creative Arts Project at the Social Work and Arts Symposium at the University of Michigan
- April 18, 2014—gave a talk on “Restorative Justice as Community Endeavor” at the Voices from the Inside mini-conference as part of the University of Toledo’s 2nd Annual Prison Awareness Week
- April 10-12, 2014—gave a talk on “Imagining Justice: Arts Programming and Incarceration” and presented on two panels, “The Power of the Word: Writing Toward Justice” and “In Other (People’s) Words: Writing and Performing Interview-Based Plays,” at the Festival of Faith and Writing at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI
- March 19-22, 2014—along with Wendy Wolters Hinshaw and Kathie Klarreich presented a closing keynote address for a one-day workshop on “Prison Networks: Broadcasting Why Prison Writing Matters” at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Indianapolis, IN
- November 15-16, 2013—served as a panelist on a panel entitled “Theatre Practice in Prison: Strategies for Engagement” at the Shakespeare in Prisons Conference at Notre Dame University in South Bend, IN
- October 28, 2013—facilitated dialogue on engaged pedagogy in the classroom during a breakout session for the Intergroup Relations 25th Anniversary Symposium at the University of Michigan
- September 27-28, 2013—served as a panelist on a panel entitled “Nuts and Bolts of Going on the Job Market” at the annual Ford Fellows conference in Washington, DC
- August 1-4, 2013—presented a paper entitled “A Death in the Family: Representations of the Death Penalty and Familial Relationships in Migdalia Cruz’s *El Grito del Bronx*” at the Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE) conference in Orlando, FL
- June 25-26, 2013—presented a paper entitled “Blogging, Social Media, and Incarceration: Online Connections Between the Public and Prisoners” at the MURAP Conference in Chapel Hill, NC
- April 12-13, 2013—gave the keynote lecture entitled “We Are All Ethnic Studies: Embodied Responses to the Crises We Face” at the National Association for Ethnic Studies conference in Fort Collins, CO
- August 2-5, 2012—presented two papers entitled “The Previously Undocumented: Queer Life in El Paso and Juarez in Gregory Ramos’ *Border Stories*” and “Devising New Works in Prison: A Question of Genre” at the ATHE conference in Washington, DC

- July 26-27, 2012—moderated a panel on “The (Ir)Relevance of Civil Rights Today” at the annual MURAP conference
- March 17, 2012—co-presented a talk with Paul Cuadros on “Immigrant Bodies in Performance: A New Documentary Play about North Carolina Poultry Workers” at the New Roots in the Old South: Immigration and the Changing Face of North Carolina Conference at the UNC School of Government
- November 10-13, 2011—performed my play *Doin’ Time* as an invited keynote event, followed by a book signing of *Razor Wire Women*, at the National Women’s Studies Association conference in Atlanta, GA
- October 14-15, 2011—performed with Paul Bonin-Rodríguez in a creative session entitled “Pedagogy as Performance” at the Conference of Ford Fellows in Irvine, CA
- August 20-23, 2011—spoke on a roundtable entitled “Research and Writing for Social Change” at the American Sociological Association conference in Las Vegas, NV
- August 19-21, 2011—co-presented a paper with Jodie Lawston entitled “From Representations to Resistance: How the Razor Wire Binds Us” at the conference for the Society for the Study of Social Problems in Las Vegas, NV
- August 11-14, 2011—spoke on a roundtable about my co-edited book *Razor Wire Women* at the ATHE conference in Chicago, IL
- August 11-14, 2011—performed monologues from my play *Doin’ Time* on a panel entitled “Unsettled Remains: Blurring Boundaries in Contemporary Documentary Theater” at the ATHE conference in Chicago, IL
- July 21-22, 2011—presented a paper entitled “Incarcerated Immigrants: Documentation and Its Discontents” at the Moore Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program conference at UNC
- May 16-19, 2011—co-presented with Jodie Lawston a paper entitled “Las representaciones de Estados Unidos: las mujeres encarceladas” at the VIII Taller Internacional: Mujeres en el Siglo XXI, hosted by the Women’s Studies Department at the University of Havana, Cuba
- November 18-21, 2010 – performed my one-woman play, *Doin’ Time: Through the Visiting Glass*, as a featured event at the American Studies Association’s annual meeting on the theme of “Crisis, Chains, and Change: American Studies for the 21st Century” in San Antonio, TX
- November 12-13, 2010— presented a paper entitled “Necessary Theatre: U.S. Latina/o Performance as a Cultural Intervention” at the Performance and Embodied Research Colloquium at Duke University in Durham, NC
- October 16-17, 2010 –served as chair for the workshop for Predoctoral Humanities Scholars at the Conference of Ford Fellows in Irvine, CA
- August 2, 2010 – moderator of a plenary entitled “Kinship and Shared Spaces: Exploring Queer Childhood” at the Women and Theatre Program and LGBT Focus Group Conference at UCLA
- October 16-17, 2009 –panelist in a workshop for Predoctoral Humanities Scholars at the Conference of Ford Fellows in Irvine, CA
- August 7, 2009 – moderated an audience discussion after the Guerilla Girls On Tour perform their play, *If You Can Stand the Heat: The History of Women and Food*

- and *The History of Women in Theatre: Condensed*, at the Women and Theatre Program (WTP) conference in the Bronx, New York
- February 13-14, 2009 –moderated a panel entitled “U.S. Latina/o Theatre: The Next Generations” at the NoPassport conference at the Martin E. Segal Center at the City University of New York
- November 7-8, 2008 –presented a paper entitled “The Walls that Separate Us: Prisons and Families” at the Institute of African American Research's annual African American Studies Conference at UNC-CH
- October 16-19, 2008 –presented a paper entitled “The Invisible Labor of Prisoners” at the annual conference for the American Studies Association in Albuquerque, New Mexico
- September 18-20, 2008 – presented a paper entitled “The Truth About Prisons: Michael Keck's Theatre Confronts Notions of Justice and Citizenship” at the annual Ford Foundation Fellows Conference in Washington, D.C.
- July 31-August 3, 2008 –engaged in a panel discussion entitled “Their Voices, Our Vision: Solo Performers in Action” at the annual conference for the Association for Theatre in Higher Education in Denver, Colorado
- November 15-18, 2007 – presented a paper on “*Doin' Time*: Performing Research, Researching Performance” in the Performance Research Working Group at the annual conference for the American Society for Theatre Research in Phoenix, Arizona
- July 26-29, 2007 –presented a paper on “Pintos on the Great White Way: *Short Eyes* and *Zoot Suit* Bring Latinos to Broadway” at the annual conference for the Association for Theatre in Higher Education in New Orleans
- July 24-25, 2007 –chaired two panels on “*Voz Alta*: Challenging Notions of Loss and Mourning in Late Twentieth-Century U.S. Latino/a and Latin American Theatre” and “Deconstructing Women: External Crisis and Its Reflection on the Female Body” at the annual conference for the Women and Theatre Program at the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts/Riverfront
- February 2-3, 2007 – chaired a panel on “Border Stories” at the NoPassport "Dreaming the Americas" Conference at the Segal Center at CUNY
- November 6-8, 2006 – presented a paper on “The Truth About Prisons: Playwrights Use Prisoners' Stories to Confront Notions of Justice and Citizenship” at the Dissent in America conference hosted by the American University in Cairo, Egypt
- August 1-3, 2006 –presented a paper on “Escaping the Female Grotesque: Chicana Identities in *Real Women Have Curves*” at the annual conference for the Women and Theatre Program of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education in Chicago, Illinois
- June 28-July 1, 2006 –presented a paper on “Transnational Ethnographic Performance: Mapping Agency and Voicing in Greg Ramos's *Border Stories*” at the annual conference of the National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies in Guadalajara, México
- July 28-31, 2005 – presented a paper on “Research in Performance: A Case Study in Interview-Based Theatre” at the annual conference for the Association for Theatre in Higher Education in San Francisco, California

- April 13-17, 2005 – presented a paper on “Escaping the Female Grotesque: Chicana Identities in *Real Women Have Curves*” at the annual conference of the National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies in Miami, Florida
- July 29-August 1, 2004 - presented a paper on "Culture Clash's *Chavez Ravine: Performed History in Los Angeles*" at the annual conference for the Association for Theatre in Higher Education in Toronto
- April 22, 2004 – served on a panel discussion on “Perspectives on the Border” at the International Conference on Latin American Studies at California State University, San Bernardino
- March 5-6, 2004 – presented a paper on “Culture Clash’s *Chavez Ravine: The Mediation of History Through Docudrama*” at the 2nd Annual Crossing Borders Ethnic Studies Graduate Conference at UCSD
- November 21-23, 2003 – presented a paper on “The Role of History in Selected Plays of Suzan-Lori Parks: *Venus* and *The Death of the Last Black Man in the Whole Entire World*” at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Theatre Research and the Theatre Library Association in Durham, North Carolina
- October 3-5, 2003 – presented a paper on “Escaping the Female Grotesque: Chicana Identities in *Real Women Have Curves*” at “Sustainable Feminisms: A Cross-Border Conference” at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota
- August 19-23, 2003 – presented a paper on “Chicano Theatre in Education” at the International University Theatre Association’s fifth annual conference in Olympia, Greece
- August 3-4, 2003 – presented a paper on “Chicano Theatre in Education” at the Forum on Assessment in Arts Education at New York University
- April 24, 2003 –presented a paper on “AIDS in Chicano Communities: Evelina Fernandez’s *Dementia* as a Response to the Crisis” at the Latin American Studies Graduate Student Conference at the Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies at UCSD
- April 18-19, 2003 –presented a paper on “AIDS in Chicano Communities: Evelina Fernandez’s *Dementia* as a Response to the Crisis” at the Latina/o Studies Graduate Student Conference on “Latinidad in the New Millenium: Bridging Borders In and Beyond Academia” at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
- April 17, 2003 –presented a paper on “Teatro de la Esperanza’s *Guadalupe* and the Production of Social Meaning” at the International Conference on Latin American Studies: “Re-Defining Latin American Identity in the 21st Century” at California State University, San Bernardino
- April 3-5, 2003 – presented a paper on “The Political Legacy of the Docudrama in Chicano Theatre, from 1974 to the Present” at the annual conference for the National Association for Ethnic Studies at Arizona State University in Phoenix, Arizona
- at same conference, chaired a panel on “Performance in U.S. Ethnic Cultures”

Workshops

- July 2025—co-facilitated thirty-eight creative writing workshops for nearly 1,000 incarcerated writers at eleven prisons in two weeks, while giving out copies of the

book *Escaping Into Words: A Creative Writing Workbook* with authors Vicente Concilio and Caroline Vetori

- July 15: Four workshops at Muskegon Correctional Facility
- July 16: Three workshops at Macomb Correctional Facility
- July 18: Four workshops at Chippewa Correctional Facility
- July 19: Four workshops at Kinross Correctional Facility
- July 21: Seven workshops at Newberry Correctional Facility
- July 23: Three workshops at Central Michigan Correctional Facility
- July 24: Two workshops at Handlon Correctional Facility
- July 26: Four workshops at Parnall Correctional Facility
- July 27: Three workshops at Oaks Correctional Facility
- July 28: Two workshops at Brooks Correctional Facility
- July 29: Two workshops at Saginaw Correctional Facility

May 27, 2025—co-facilitated a theatre workshop and participated in a photography workshop for incarcerated men in the Associação de Proteção e Atenção ao Condenado (APAC Porto Alegre) in Porto Alegre, Brazil

May 24, 2025—co-facilitated a theatre workshop for incarcerated women in the Presídio Feminino Regional de Florianópolis in Brazil

May 20, 2025—co-facilitated a theatre workshop with girls in a juvenile detention center at the Centro de Atendimento Socioeducativo de Florianópolis (CASE) Centro de Internação Feminina (CIF) in Brazil

May 15, 2025—participated in a visionary fictions workshop led by Murilo Gaules at the Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro in Brazil

May 13, 2025—participated in a visionary fictions workshop led by Murilo Gaules at the Teatro no Planetário do Rio de Janeiro in Brazil

May 13, 2025—participated in a theatre and music workshop coordinated by O Hospital Como Universo Cênico at the Hospital da Lagoa in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

May 9, 2025—participated in a theatre workshop for incarcerated girls at the Centro de Socioeducacao Professor Antônio Carlos Gomes da Costa facility in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

May 7, 2025—participated in a theatre workshop for incarcerated boys at the Centro de Socioeducacao Dom Bosco facility in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

April 25, 2025—led a theatre workshop for incarcerated men at the Fleury-Mérogis Prison, just outside of Paris, France

April 16, 2025—participated in a theatre and movement workshop for incarcerated men at the Prison d'Andenne in Andenne, Belgium

June 28, 2024—co-facilitated four creative writing workshops for incarcerated men at Chippewa Correctional Facility in Kincheloe, MI

June 27, 2024—co-facilitated four creative writing workshops for incarcerated men at Kinross Correctional Facility in Kincheloe, MI

July 8, 2022—led two theatre workshops for incarcerated men at Chippewa Correctional Facility in Kincheloe, MI

November 14, 2022—led a virtual workshop for high school Academic Decathlon coaches in El Paso, TX

November 16, 2021—led a virtual workshop for high school Academic Decathlon coaches in El Paso, TX

January 5, 2021—led two virtual workshops on theatre pedagogy for middle and high school teachers in the Ysleta Independent School District in El Paso, TX

January 4, 2021—led two virtual workshops on public speaking pedagogy for middle and high school teachers in the Ysleta Independent School District in El Paso, TX

November 19, 2020—led a virtual workshop for high school Academic Decathlon coaches in El Paso, TX

April 6, 2019—spoke on a panel and led a workshop for the daylong “Ethics of Prison Work” event at UM, Ann Arbor

April 4, 2019—facilitated a workshop on documentary theatre as part of the symposium for the opening of *Flint* by Jose Casas

June 3-4, 2017—PCAP students and I co-facilitated theatre workshops with children and adults participating in the Oficina Intensiva theatre festival at the Universidade do Estado de Santa Catarina in Florianópolis, Brazil

May 25, 2017—led a theatre workshop in Las Rosas Prison for men, women, and infants incarcerated in Maldonado, Uruguay

May 23, 2017—led a theatre workshop in Punta Rieles Prison for men incarcerated in Montevideo, Uruguay

November 14, 2016—led a workshop on creating original solo performance for undergraduate theatre majors at St. Louis University in St. Louis, MO

March 30, 2016—led a workshop entitled “Theatre in Prisons Around the World” at the Institute for the Humanities at UM, as part of the Humanize the Numbers initiative

November 7, 2015—led a workshop entitled “Capturing the Living Voice: How to Write an Interview-Based Performance” at the Earlham School of Religion Ministry of Writing Colloquium “Words Made Flesh: Creative Writing, Creative Ministry” in Richmond, Indiana

November 8, 2013—led a theatre workshop with the incarcerated women in the Acting Out theatre troupe at Logan Correctional Facility in Lincoln, Illinois

May 31, 2013—co-facilitated with Buzz Alexander a workshop on engaged scholarship and teaching for the Boyer Faculty Scholars Program at the University of Michigan, Flint

September 18, 2012—led a workshop entitled “Writing Social Justice: A Writing Workshop for the Community” at Illinois State University in Bloomington

Summers 2009-2012 – led a ten-week Presentation Skills Workshop for the Moore Undergraduate Research Program (MURAP) at UNC

April 5, 2008 – led a theatre-based workshop on the “Families of the Incarcerated” at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor

May 2, 2007 – led a theatre-based workshop on the significance of involving prisoners’ family members in prisoner reentry efforts at the North Carolina Department of Corrections’ conference on Offender Reentry

April 13-14, 2007 – led workshops on prison-related theatre as part of the Arrested Voices: Performance in Prisons, Northern Plains Performance Festival at the University of Northern Iowa

December 2006–February 2007 –led a series of workshops on ethnographic theatre with at-risk youth at the Durham Criminal Justice Resource Center

April 6-9, 2005 –co-taught a workshop with Jorge Huerta on “How to Do Ethnographic Theatre” at the Latin American Theatre Today Conference at the University of Connecticut

January 19, 2005 – co-presenter in a workshop with Juan Felipe Herrera and Marissa Raigoza on “Innovative Approaches to Teaching Latin American Poetry in the Classroom” at the Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies at UCSD

Other Public Speaking

April 15, 2025—gave a talk entitled “Staging Change: Addressing the U.S. Incarceration System Through Creativity” at a lunchtime seminar for the Criminology Department at UC Louvain in Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

October 4, 2024—spoke in a post-show discussion of a performance of *Julius Caesar* at UM

September 18, 2024—interviewed Bonnie Ernst about her book *Challenging Confinement: Mass Incarceration and the Fight for Equality in Women’s Prisons* at the Ann Arbor Public Library, sponsored by Literati Bookstore

June 3, 2024—spoke online about theatre in and about prisons for a YouTube livestream called “Infiltração: Conversa online com a Professora Ashley Lucas” hosted by Cia La Vaca (a Brazilian theatre organization),
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozUYUbE92Fc>

May 5 & June 2, 2024—spoke on panels after performances of *Clyde’s* by Lynn Nottage at the Detroit Public Theatre

May 1, 2024—keynote speaker for Undocumented Student Graduation at UM

October 13, 2023—spoke on a faculty panel for the Transfer Bridges to the Humanities program for Transfer Student Day (a recruitment event) on the UM campus

September 20, 2023—interviewed Lisa Biggs about her book *The Healing Stage: Black Women, Incarceration, and the Art of Transformation* at Booksweet bookstore in Ann Arbor, MI

March 30, 2023—introduced Amanda Alexander for her Penny Stamps Speaker Series talk “Building Our Communities’ Freedom Dreams” at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor

February 17, 2023—spoke in a discussion about feminist rage in the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre at UM, following a performance of *Bonnets: How Ladies of Good Breeding are Induced to Murder*

October 8, 2022—spoke at a memorial for Russell Maroon Shoatz at the One Art Community Center in Philadelphia, PA

August 25, 2022—mistress of ceremonies for a reception from the Latina/o/x community at Michigan to honor Carlos Jackson, incoming Dean of the Penny Stamps School of Art & Design

August 17, 2022—had a virtual conversation entitled “Roda de Conversa: Teatro em Prisões e a Crise Global do Encarceramento” as part of the 3rd Festival POWlitico de corpos rebeldes” hosted by the CiA dXs TeRrOrIsTaS theatre company in São Paulo, Brazil, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWmtf68RhZA>

- January 24, 2022—spoke on a virtual panel entitled “What Prison Does to Children” with Shaka Senghor, Chesa Boudin, and John Clair, moderated by Caitrin Keiper, hosted by *Plough Quarterly*, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fxtPuh3sKY0>
- November 11, 2021—moderated a panel entitled “The Prison Creative Arts Project and Social Justice Theatre” with panelists Peter Sellars, Mary Heinen McPherson, and Cozine Welch, Jr., after a performance of *Clyde’s* by Lynn Nottage, produced by Second Stage Theater in New York, NY, on Broadway
- October 22, 2021—gave a talk entitled “Teaching and Engaging with University Students and Incarcerated People in the Pandemic” on a panel on “Incarceration” for the Critical Conversations series in the English Dept. at UM
- August 18, 2021—spoke online for a YouTube Live event called “O que podem as artes vivas diante da crise do encarceramento?” sponsored by Café com Nepel, <https://youtu.be/EtEoOBy691c>
- July 27, 2021—spoke online for a YouTube Live event called “Vamos! Com Vicente Concilio and Ashley Lucas: A Crise do Encarceramento e o Teatro nas Prisões” sponsored by Vai Coletivo, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wPppZPQxmlc&ab_channel=VAI%21Coletivo
- May 27, 2021—gave a virtual book talk about *Prison Theatre and the Global Crisis of Incarceration* at UCLA, sponsored by the Center for Performance Studies and the World Arts and Culture/Dance Department
- March 29, 2021—spoke on a virtual panel entitled “Honoring Women Helping Women” for the Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance
- March 14, 2021—spoke on a virtual panel responding to a performance of *Entre uma fina linha do antes, do agora e do depois*—a virtual play produced by the Fuga Colectiva in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- November 18, 2020—spoke on a virtual panel called “Poetry & Mass Incarceration” hosted by the Woodland Pattern Book Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- November 2, 2020—spoke with Gregory Ramos on a virtual panel called “Art and Activism” at the University of Redlands in California
- October 8, 2020—introduced Reginald Dwayne Betts for a virtual event called “Democracy and the Carceral State: A Reading and Discussion with Poet Reginald Dwayne Betts,” sponsored by the *Michigan Quarterly Review* and PCAP
- September 20, 2020—spoke at a virtual book club event for Bibliophiles Unlimited about my book *Prison Theatre and the Global Crisis of Incarceration*
- September 11, 2020—did a virtual reading from my book *Prison Theatre and the Global Crisis of Incarceration* as part of the Practices of Hope Reading Series, hosted by Petra Kupperts and DJ Lee: <https://youtu.be/yHVgwJ5xUuA>
- September 8, 2020—co-led a virtual teach-in at the Residential College with Sueann Caulfield, Viviane Narvaes, and Sergio Kauffmann called Vidas Negras Importam: Black Lives Matter and Prison Theatre in Brazil
- August 21, 2020—moderated and spoke on a virtual panel discussion of the documentary *13th* and structural racism in prisons and universities, hosted by the UM Theatre & Drama Department

- July 17, 2020—moderated and spoke on a virtual panel discussion of the documentary *13th* and structural racism in prisons and universities, hosted by the UM Biochemistry Department
- May 21, 2020—spoke on a virtual panel on the topic of COVID-19 in carceral facilities, sponsored by UM School of Social Work, as part of the Identity and Vulnerabilities series
- April 2, 2020—spoke on a virtual panel, sponsored by the EXCEL Open Lab at UM, called “How to Make Art While the Sky is Falling”
- March 2020—interviewed Shaka Senghor on videoconference, in lieu of the Penny Stamps Lecture Series talk that the COVID-19 pandemic prevented:
https://stamps.umich.edu/stamps/detail/shaka_senghor
- March 10, 2020—gave a talk entitled “Prison Theatre: Performance and Incarceration” in the FellowSpeak series at the UM Institute for the Humanities
- November 21, 2019—introduced Ebony Roberts and interviewed her about her book *The Love Prison Made and Unmade* at the Ann Arbor District Library
- October 7, 2019—spoke to the UM Institute for the Humanities student group about my career and PCAP
- October 7, 2019—spoke on a panel about diversity, equity, and inclusion after a keynote talk by Van Jones for the UM Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Summit’s Community Assembly and Discussion in Hill Auditorium
- September 11, 2019—introduced Sister Helen Prejean at a talk about her book *River of Fire: My Spiritual Journey* at the First United Methodist Church in Ann Arbor, MI
- August 22, 2019—Camp Michigania Faculty Forum lecture entitled “Prison Creative Arts Project” at Walloon Lake in Boyne City, MI
- August 20, 2019—Camp Michigania Faculty Forum lecture entitled “Loving Across the Walls: Families and Incarceration” at Walloon Lake in Boyne City, MI
- July 2, 2019—spoke about prison theatre and performed monologues from *Doin’ Time: Through the Visiting Glass* at William Head Institution (a federal men’s prison) in Victoria, Canada
- June 3, 2019—spoke on a roundtable about work in prisons at the IV Seminário Internacional de Teatro, encarceramento e práticas artísticas comunitárias at the Universidade Federal do Estado de Rio de Janeiro (UniRio), Brazil
- May 31, 2019—translated a discussion after a performance of monologues from José Casas’ play *Flint* at UniRio
- May 22, 2019—spoke on a roundtable entitled “Entre diálogos: direitos humanos, inclusão/exclusão e violências na educação em liberdade e no cárcere” at the Universidade do Estado de Santa Catarina’s Centro de Ciencias Humanas e da Educação in Florianópolis, Brazil
- May 15, 2019—spoke on a panel entitled Seminário Teatro e resistência: figurações cênicas e dramatúrgicas da prisão at the Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil
- April 4, 2019—moderated a panel following the world premiere of *Flint* by José Casas at UM
- February 7, 2019—gave a talk entitled “Prison Theatre: Community and Social Change” at the Anthropology Department Colloquium at the University of Cincinnati

- January 26, 2019—spoke on a panel about arts entrepreneurship at the SMTD DEI & EXCEL Annual Career Expo at UM
- October 29, 2018—spoke about the importance of networking for students of color at the closing ceremony for Latinx Heritage Month at UM
- October 23, 2018—spoke as a guest of the St. Louis University Prison Education Program at both the men’s and women’s sides of the Federal Correctional Institute at Greenville, Illinois
- October 22, 2018—spoke as a guest of the St. Louis University Prison Education Program at Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center (a Missouri state men’s prison) at Bonne Terre, MO
- September 29, 2018—spoke at a board meeting of Heartbound Ministries (a prison arts organization) in Atlanta, GA
- September 17, 2018—spoke on a roundtable as part of the Critical Conversations series in the English Department at UM
- June 20, 2018—gave the keynote speech entitled “Vital Connections: Linking the Academy with Communities” at the New Leadership Academy for the National Forum on Higher Education at UM
- March 14, 2018—moderated a roundtable on theatre for social change with Rhodessa Jones, Anita Gonzalez, and Holly Hughes for the UM Classics Department
- October 6, 2017—gave the Dan and Carole Burack President’s Distinguished Lecture on “Documentary Theatre and the Need for Social Change” at the University of Vermont
- October 6, 2017—spoke on a panel following a student performance of *The Exonerated* at the University of Vermont
- May 26, 2017—spoke about prison theatre programming for theatre teachers and high school students at the Casa de Cultura de Maldonado in Maldonado, Uruguay
- May 24, 2017—spoke about prison theatre programming for theatre professors and college students at the Escuela Municipal de Arte Dramatico in Montevideo, Uruguay
- April 3-4, 2016—spoke about prisoners and their families at the women’s and men’s sides of the Federal Correctional Institute in Greenville, IL
- March 23, 2016—spoke on a panel entitled “Examining University Engagement with Detroit” as part of the Detroiters Speak series and the LSA Bicentennial Theme Semester, at Cass Corridor Commons in Detroit
- December 15, 2016—spoke about PCAP at St. Clare’s Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor, MI
- November 15, 2016—spoke at the men’s side of the Federal Correctional Institute in Greenville, IL, about PCAP and communication between incarcerated parents and their children
- April 12, 2016—spoke on a panel entitled “Finding Your Pathway for Social Change” at the Ginsberg Center at UM
- March 2, 2016—gave an invited lecture entitled “Doing Time Together: Families and Incarceration” at the Mother Teresa Center for the Catholic Diocesan Restorative Justice Organization in El Paso, TX

- March 2, 2016— gave an invited lecture entitled “Doing Time Together: Families and Incarceration” at Bel Air High School in El Paso, TX for 300 criminal justice students
- March 1, 2016—gave an invited lecture entitled “Doing Time Together: Families and Incarceration” at the University of Texas at El Paso
- September 18, 2015—spoke about summer research in Australia and New Zealand at UM’s Center for World Performance Studies Faculty Symposium
- September 11, 2015—spoke on a roundtable entitled “Carceral Visions: Prison as Image/Object/Vision” in connection with the Prison Obscura photography exhibit at the Duderstadt Gallery at UM
- September 11, 2015—spoke on a roundtable at UM’s UROP new faculty orientation
- August 17, 2015—spoke about the University of Michigan/UniRio Prison Theatre Exchange Program at the Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro in Brazil
- July 21, 2015—talk entitled “Prison Arts in a Global Context” at the Hobart City Council Meeting Room in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia
- July 10, 2015—talk entitled “Creativity on Both Sides of the Walls: The Prison Creative Arts Project” at the University of Auckland in New Zealand
- April 30, 2015—spoke about prisoners' families at Legislative Day at the Capitol Building in Lansing, MI
- March 11, 2015—spoke on a panel on “Sustained Innovation” at the Provost’s Seminar on Teaching, entitled “Unscripted: Engaged Learning Experiences for U-M Students” at UM in Ann Arbor
- January 19, 2015—spoke on a panel at the Prison Creative Arts Project’s MLK Day event “Being LGBTQ in the Criminal Justice System”
- September 26, 2104—gave a talk entitled “Art and Transformation: Prison Stories” at the First Unitarian Church of Portland, Oregon
- September 26, 2104—gave a talk for the Oregon Department of Corrections entitled “Art and Transformation: Prison Stories” in Salem, OR
- September 19, 2014—gave a talk entitled “Prison Theatre in a Global Context” at the UM’s Center for World Performance Studies Faculty Symposium
- August 20, 2014—gave a lecture entitled “Prison Arts Programming” at the Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (UniRio) in Brazil
- August 8, 2014—spoke with Nooshin Erfani-Ghadini at a seminar entitled “Prisoner Rehabilitation, Justice, and Gender” in the Journalism Department at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa
- April 29, 2014—gave a performance/lecture entitled “Behind the Razor Wire: International Journeys in Performance and Research” with Andrew Martínez at UCLA
- November 7, 2013—gave a lecture on prison arts work at the opening reception for the *Walls and Bridges* exhibition (the first exhibition of art by incarcerated women from Logan Correctional Facility in Lincoln, Illinois) at Heartland Community College in Normal, Illinois
- June 17, 2013—gave a public lecture/performance entitled “Doin’ Time: Families and Incarceration” as a fundraiser for Community Solutions of El Paso (an organization that provides support to prisoners’ children) in El Paso, Texas

- September 18, 2012—spoke about diversity in the arts and higher education at Illinois State University in Bloomington
- May 29, 2012—presented a paper entitled “The Previously Undocumented: Queer Life in El Paso and Juarez in Gregory Ramos' *Border Stories*” at the MURAP Seminar at UNC
- March 26, 2012—gave the 2012 Merle Kling Honors Undergraduate Fellowship Lecture (an invited lecture with a \$1,000 honorarium) on “Prisoners, Families, and Performance: Community Engagement Through the Arts” at Washington University in Saint Louis, MO
- February 22-24, 2012—led a working group for two evening sessions on “Advocacy on Behalf of the Prison Family” (during which a group of over thirty family members of prisoners, activists, lawyers, and people involved in prison ministry collaboratively drafted the Bill of Rights for Prisoners’ Families) at the Prisoner's Family Conference in Albuquerque, NM
-at the same conference also presented a paper entitled "How the Razor Wire Binds Us: Incarcerated Women and Their Families"
- November 17, 2011—*Razor Wire Women* book reading and signing event with Jodie Lawston at the Regulator Bookshop in Durham, NC
- November 15, 2011—*Razor Wire Women* book reading and signing event with Jodie Lawston at UNC in the Kenan Theatre
- November 5, 2011—spoke on a panel about dramaturgy for *The Parchman Hour* at the Chapel Hill Public Library
- November 2, 2011—presented a paper entitled “Behind the Razor Wire: Incarcerated Women and Questions of Representation” on a panel for Frame/Works, a series of invited academic presentations given before performances of plays at the UNC Greensboro Theatre
- October 17, 2011—*Razor Wire Women* book reading and signing event with Jodie Lawston at the University of California, San Diego, sponsored by the Ethnic Studies Department
- October 7, 2011—A Conversation with Ashley Lucas on “Prisoners, Activists, Scholars, Students and Artists: Doing Work In/On Prisons,” hosted by the Residential College and the Prison Creative Arts Project at the University of Michigan
- October 6, 2011—invited talk on “Theatre as a Strategic Intervention in the Discourse Surrounding Incarceration” at the University of Michigan for faculty in the Residential College and the Departments of Theatre and Art and Design
- May 31, 2011—colloquium presentation entitled “From Representations to Resistance: How the Razor Wire Binds Us” at the MURAP Seminar at UNC
- April 30, 2011—Led a post-performance discussion about the PlayMakers production of *The Year of Magical Thinking* at UNC
- April 27, 2011—Participated in a post-performance discussion about the PlayMakers production of *The Year of Magical Thinking* at UNC
- April 18, 2011—Dramaturgical presentation about the PlayMakers production of *The Year of Magical Thinking* at McIntyre’s in Fearrington Village in Pittsboro, NC
- November 5, 2010—featured alumni speaker at UCSD Ethnic Studies 20th Anniversary Celebration

- June 15, 2010 – colloquium presentation about performance as research on prisoners’ families at the MURAP Seminar
- February 14, 2010 - talk entitled “This Side of the Walls: How Prisons Shape Families” at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Hillsborough, North Carolina
- February 3, 2010 – spoke about minority students in graduate programs and nontraditional research methodologies for the UNC-CH McNair Scholars Program
- November 29, 2009 – spoke about the impact of incarceration on prisoners’ children at a benefit for Our Children’s Place (an organization which serves incarcerated mothers and their young children) at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill, NC
- September 30 & October 3 & 4, 2009 – led pre- and post-show discussions related to performances of the play *Opus* by Michael Hollinger at PlayMakers Repertory Theatre
- September 16, 2009 – colloquium on “Women, Families, and Incarceration: Breaking the Silence Through Performance” in the UNC-CH Women’s Studies Department
- September 11, 2009 – introduced Anna Deavere Smith at a tea for UNC students at the Johnston Center
- August 25, 2009 – Page to Stage dramaturgical presentation on the play *Opus* by Michael Hollinger for PlayMakers Repertory Theatre
- Fall 2009 – interviewed for a promotional video for Our Children’s Place, the video can be viewed at <http://ourchildrensplace.com/>
- April 16, 2009 – talk on prison labor for the Orange County Re-entry Partners Group (a community organization that aids people recently released from prison) in Hillsborough, North Carolina
- April 1, 2009 – talk entitled “Culture Clash’s Chavez Ravine: Performed History in Los Angeles” for the American Culture Workshop at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- April 1, 2009 – talk entitled “Doin’ Time: Theater and Prison Activism” for the Arts of Citizenship program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- June 10, 2008 – talk entitled “The Truth About Prisons: Playwrights Use of Prisoners’ Stories to Confront Notions of Justice and Citizenship” at a seminar for the Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program at UNC-CH
- May 8, 2008 – talk on prison labor for the Labor and Civil Rights Working Group in Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- April 17, 2008 – talk entitled “This Side of the Walls: How Prisons Shape Families” at the Orange County Re-Entry Partners Group in Hillsborough, North Carolina
- October 12, 2007 – talk entitled “This Side of the Walls: How Prisons Shape Families” at the North Carolina Correctional Association South Central Region’s annual one-day workshop entitled “Aspire to Inspire, Before You Expire” in Southern Pines, North Carolina
- November 1, 2006 – colloquium on “The Truth About Prisons: Playwrights Use of Prisoners’ Stories to Confront Notions of Justice and Citizenship” as part of the UNC-CH Racing Research, Researching Race Seminar Series
- May 3, 2006 – colloquium on “Prisons, Family, and Theatre: Finding Community in Research, Sustaining It in Performance” as part of the UCSD Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity Spring Colloquium Series

April 16, 2003 – presented an overview of my research on Chicano theatre at the UCSD Hispanic Scholarship Fund Latino/a Studies Panel

Performances of *With Love, From Inside*

With Love, From Inside is an original play devised by the Dropped Keys Theatre Company, which includes University of Michigan undergraduate theater students and currently and formerly incarcerated writers and performers. The play emerged from students' visits to lead acting workshops with incarcerated individuals. It vividly recounts stories that incarcerated theater makers wanted to share with outside audiences, blurring the boundaries between the incarcerated and free world. Through letters and correspondence, it explores joys, struggles, resilience, injustice, and our shared humanity across prison walls. Ashley Lucas served as an ensemble member and producer of the play, which was performed twice at the University of Michigan and then went on a tour sponsored by the UM Arts Initiative to nine other performance venues in the state.

May 30 & 31, 2024—Matrix Theatre in Detroit, MI
May 24, 2024—Fox Run Senior Living Center in Novi, MI
May 22, 2024—Theatre NOVA in Ann Arbor, MI
May 20, 2024—The Fledge in Lansing, MI
May 19, 2024—Historic Howell Theatre in Howell, MI
May 13, 2024—Neutral Zone in Ann Arbor, MI
May 11, 2024—Wayne State University in Detroit, MI
May 10, 2024—PIX Theatre in Lapeer, MI
May 5, 2024—Detroit Public Theatre in Detroit, MI
March 24, 2024—Newman Studio, University of Michigan
December 6, 2023—Keene Theater, University of Michigan

Performances of One-Woman Play, *Doin' Time: Through the Visiting Glass*

Doin' Time: Through the Visiting Glass examines the impact of incarceration on families. Ashley Lucas, the child of an incarcerated father, conducted interviews in California, Texas, and New York with prisoners' family members, former prisoners, and people who do work connected to prisons. She also corresponded with over 400 prisoners from across the U.S. Weaving together these interviews and letters with her personal experience as a prisoner's child and creative writing, Lucas wrote a one-person show which she performs herself. *Doin' Time* uses monologues to take the audience through a variety of perspectives on the families of the incarcerated. Since 2004, Lucas has performed *Doin' Time* both inside and outside prisons throughout the U.S. and in Ireland, Brazil, and Canada. The play runs one hour and fifteen minutes and is always followed by an audience discussion. The script of *Doin' Time* has been used as a text for undergraduate and graduate courses taught at UM; Bellarmine University; Duke University; University of California, San Diego; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; University of Northern Iowa; University of Toronto; University of Vermont; University of Wyoming; and Yale University. For more information and a video

news clip about the performance, see <http://razorwirewomen.wordpress.com/doin-time-through-the-visiting-glass/>

- October 5, 2018—Keene Theatre, University of Michigan
- April 13, 2018—Central Michigan University
- June 9, 2017— trilingual performance of the play in English, Portuguese, and Spanish, featuring Ashley Lucas and Marina Henriques Coutinho in the Oscar Stevenson Prison (a women’s prison in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- June 1 & 2, 2017— trilingual performances of the play in English, Portuguese, and Spanish, featuring Ashley Lucas and Marina Henriques Coutinho in Florianópolis, Brazil
- November 16, 2016—performed one monologue from the play as part of a tribute to Reverend Jesse Jackson at Rackham Auditorium at the UM
- November 15, 2016—St. Louis University in St. Louis, MO
- August 2016—a professional video of the full play is being filmed and produced by UM’s Digital Education and Innovation Program. The filmed version of the play will be made available in its entirety for free as part of a Massive Open Online Course on incarceration in Fall 2017.
- May 24 & 25, 2016—trilingual performances of the play in English, Portuguese, and Spanish, featuring Ashley Lucas and Marina Henriques Coutinho, at the Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (UniRio) and in a Brazilian prison
- March 9, 2016—University of Ottawa, keynote performance at the “Theatre in Prison: The Great Escape Beyond the Walls” conference in Ottawa, Canada
- October 10, 2015—Crossroad Bible Institute in Grand Rapids, MI
- September 21, 2012— Lincoln Correctional Center (a women’s prison) in Lincoln, IL (a two-day residency where I will conduct a theatre workshop with prisoners, perform my play, and attend a performance by the prisoners’ drama group)
- September 19, 2012— Illinois State University in Bloomington, IL (a three-day residency wherein I will conduct theatre workshops with students, guest lecture in classes, and perform my play)
- April 19, 20, and 21, 2012—Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY
- November 12, 2011—invited keynote event at the National Women’s Studies Association conference in Atlanta, GA
- October 2, 2011—Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada
- September 30, 2011—Grand Valley Institution (a federal women’s prison in Canada)
- September 29, 2011—University of Toronto
- March 20, 2011—Duke University, Brody Theater
- November 19, 2010 – American Studies Association conference in San Antonio, Texas
- July 7, 2010 –Wyoming Women’s Center (a women’s prison)
- July 6, 2010 – two performances at the Wyoming Medium Security Correctional Institution (a men’s prison)
- November 15, 21, & 22, 2009 – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Solo Takes On performance festival and the Teatro Latina/o Series
- March 11, 2009 – Wyoming State Penitentiary in Rawlins, WY
- March 10, 2009 – University of Wyoming, Laramie

April 4, 2008 – Detroit YMCA
April 2, 2008 – Prison Creative Arts Project at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor
March 4, 2008 – San Diego, California, performance as a benefit for the California Coalition for Women Prisoners
February 8, 2008 – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gerrard Hall
December 3, 2007 – Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut
November 30, 2007 – Duke University in Durham, North Carolina
October 24, 2007 - The Annual Program Conference for the Division of Prisons in Greenville, North Carolina
October 9, 2007 – Spiritual and Professional Development Conference for the North Carolina Department of Correction Correctional Chaplains at the High Pastures Retreat Center in Burnsville, North Carolina
August 7, 2007 – Legal Services for Prisoners, Inc. in Raleigh, North Carolina
July 31, 2007 – George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia
May 1, 2007 – North Carolina Department of Corrections conference on Offender Reentry
April 9-14, 2007 – University of Northern Iowa (week-long residency at the university, including theatre workshops with students and community members)
January 27, 2007 – Criminal Justice Resource Center in Durham, North Carolina
October 7, 2006 – Sol Arts Gallery and Performance Space in Albuquerque, New Mexico (opening event of an exhibition of prisoner art)
September 29, 2006 – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Dramatic Art
November 5, 2005 – Mesa College in San Diego, California (special benefit performance to raise money for the defense of Teresa Cruz, a wrongly incarcerated woman in California)
September 12-17, 2005 - Dublin Fringe Festival 2005, International Bar in Dublin, Ireland
September 10, 2005 – Limerick Women’s Prison in Limerick, Ireland
September 8, 2005 – Dochas Centre women’s prison in Dublin, Ireland
July 26, 2005 – BRAVA!/Association for Theatre in Higher Education Conference in San Francisco, California
June 17-18, 2005 – TheatreWork in Santa Fe, New Mexico
January 15, 2005 – University of Texas at Austin, Center for Mexican American Studies
October 28, 2004 - University of California, San Diego, Visual Arts Performance Space
September 17, 2004 – Second Chance/STRIVE in San Diego, California
September 4-5, 2004 - Red Salmon Art and Resistencia Bookstore/Step by Step Studio in Austin, Texas
August 12-15, 2004 – Aardvark’s Found Space Theatre in El Paso, Texas
June 11, 2004 – Tia Chucha’s Café Cultural in Sylmar, California
May 28-29, 2004 – University of California, San Diego, Dance Studio 3
May 21, 2004 – San Diego City College, Saville Theatre

Other Acting Experience

2024—Member of the ensemble in *With Love, From Inside* tour

- 2012—Agnes in *The Vinegar Syndrome* by Rachel Shope, dir. Joseph Megel, a production of UNC's Writing for the Stage and Screen Program
- 2012—Sheila and four other characters in a staged reading of the screenplay *Election Central* by Elisabeth Lewis Corley, dir. Joseph Megel, produced by Street Signs Center for Literature and Performance in Durham, NC
- 2012—May Sethby and Roberts in *The Mexican as Told by Us Mexicans* by Virginia Grise and Ricardo Bracho, a staged reading, dir. Joseph Megel, as part of the Teatro Latina/o Series and the Process Series at UNC
- 2012—Alma in *Scar Tissue* and Salem in *Thisability* by Gabriel Rivas Gomez, staged readings of two one-act plays, dir. Jorge Huerta, as part of the Teatro Latina/o Series and the Process Series at UNC
- 2011—Jill and Elena in a staged reading of *Learn to Be Latina* by Enrique Urueta, dir. José Luis Valenzuela, as part of the Teatro Latina/o Series and the Process Series at UNC
- 2010 – Vicky in a staged reading of *Santos & Santos* by Octavio Solis, dir. Joseph Megel, as part of the Teatro Latina/o Series at UNC
- 2010 – Anne and Sarah in a reading of the 2010 Jane Chambers Student Award Winning Play *The Unspoken Ones* by Liza Case at the Women and Theatre Program conference at UCLA
- 2002 – Pichuka in a staged reading of *Conjunto* by Oliver Mayer with the San Diego Asian American Repertory Theatre
- 2002 – Virgie in *Guadalupe* by Teatro de la Esperanza, dir. Jorge Huerta and María Figureoa, with the University of California, San Diego, and San Diego City College, performed at the UCLA Festival of Chicano Theatre Classics

Other Production Work in Theatre

- May-December 2024—producing a tour of the University Production of the play *Julius Caesar* for seven performances in six prisons
- October 19, 2024—two performances at Women's Huron Valley Correctional in Ypsilanti, MI
 - November 1, 2024—Cotton Correctional Facility in Jackson, MI
 - November 8, 2024—Cooper St. Correctional Facility in Jackson, MI
 - November 16, 2024—Federal Correctional Institute at Milan, MI
 - November 23, 2024—Gus Harrison Correctional Facility in Adrian, MI
 - December 6, 2024—Saginaw Correctional Facility in Freeland, MI
- January-May 2024—produced tour of the original play *With Love, From Inside* to nine venues in southeast Michigan
- April-June 2024—served as a cultural competency consultant for the Detroit Public Theatre's production of *Clyde's* by Lynn Nottage
- November-December 2023—produced a tour of the University Production of the play *Intimate Apparel* for five performances in four prisons
- November 5, 2023—Thumb Correctional Facility in Lapeer, MI
 - November 12, 2023—Cotton Correctional Facility in Jackson, MI
 - November 18, 2023—two performances at Women's Huron Valley Correctional in Ypsilanti, MI
 - December 2, 2023—Federal Correctional Institute at Milan, MI

January 9, 2021 & September 26, 2020—read the stage directions in virtual readings of *The El Paso Play* by Gregory Ramos with the Company of Angels theatre company in Los Angeles

November—December 2012—dramaturg for *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* by Joe Landry, dir. Nelson T. Eusebio, III, for PlayMakers Repertory Theatre

October—November 2011—dramaturg for *The Parchman Hour* written and dir. by Mike Wiley for PlayMakers Repertory Theatre

April—May 2011 – dramaturg for *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion, for PlayMakers Repertory Theatre

October—November 2010 – dramaturg for *Fences* by August Wilson, dir. Seret Scott, for PlayMakers Repertory Theatre

September –October 2009 – dramaturg for *Opus* by Michael Hollinger, dir. Brendon Fox, for PlayMakers Repertory Theatre

April 2008—dramaturg for *Witness to an Execution*, written by and starring Mike Wiley, dir. by Kathy Williams, for PlayMakers Repertory Theatre

July 2007 – playwright and director for *Voices of Resilience Before, During, and After Hurricane Katrina*, a play reading at the Women in Theatre Program conference at the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts/Riverfront

January 2005 – dramaturg for *Fucking A*, dir. Nadine George-Graves at UCSD

December 2004 – stage manager for *Culture Clash in AmeriCCa*, written by and starring Culture Clash at XXV Muestra Nacional de Teatro in Tijuana, México

July 2004 – co-director of *Lo que pasó en El Paso/What Happened in El Paso* by Guillermo Aviles-Rodriguez at the Ysleta Independent School District in El Paso, Texas

Teaching Record

University Teaching Experience at Michigan

Fall 2024: LATINOAM 389.003: Independent Study (1 student, 3 credit hours)
 RCCORE 306.172: Independent Study (1 student, 3 credit hours)
 RCDRAMA 332.001/TH TREMUS 334.001: The Atonement Project (18 students, 3 credit hours)
 TH TREMUS 399.012: *Julius Caesar* Prison Tour (1 student, 3 credit hours)
 *This semester producing the *Julius Caesar* prison tour counts as one of my classes, and though it involves over 20 students, only one chose to receive course credit for their work.

Winter 2024: RCCORE 206.172: Independent Study (1 student, 3 credit hours)
 RCCORE 306.172: Independent Study (1 student, 3 credit hours)
 RCCORE 405.172: Independent Study (1 student, 3 credit hours)
 RCHUMS 335/TH TREMUS 335: Theatre & Incarceration (20 students, 3 credit hours)
 TH TREMUS 401.030: Independent Study (1 student, 3 credit hours)

Fall 2023: LATINOAM 311.002/RCHUMS 334.008/TH TREMUS 399.012: Latina/o Theatre for Social Change (20 students, 3 credit hours)
 RCCORE 305.172: Independent Study (8 students, 3 credit hours)
 RCHUMS 332.001/TH TREMUS 334.001: Atonement Project (18 students, 3 credit hours)

Winter 2023: ENGLISH 995.178: Dissertation (1 student, 8 credit hours)

- RCCORE 405.172: Independent Study (1 student, 3 credit hours)
 RCHUMS 335/TH TREMUS 335: Theatre & Incarceration (17 students, 3 credit hours)
 RCHUMS 485.003: International Perspectives on Theatre for Social Change (9 students, 1 credit) *This mini course had a follow up study abroad trip on September 16-17, 2023, in which eleven members of the class traveled to Toronto to see plays.
 TH TREMUS 535: Theatre & Incarceration (1 student, 3 credits)
- Fall 2022: ENGLISH 995.178: Dissertation (1 student, 8 credit hours)
 LATINOAM 311.002/RCHUMS 334.008/TH TREMUS 399.012: Latina/o Theatre for Social Change (11 students, 3 credit hours)
 RCCORE 306.172: Independent Study (1 student, 3 credit hours)
 RCHUMS 332.001/TH TREMUS 334.001: Atonement Project (14 students, 3 credit hours)
 TH TREMUS 720.030: Independent Study Theatre History (3 students, 3 credit hours)
- Summer 2022: RCCORE 406.172: Independent Study (1 student, 3 credit hours)
- Winter 2022: AM CUL T 995.192: Dissertation (1 student, 8 credit hours)
 ENGLISH 995.178: Dissertation (1 student, 8 credit hours)
 RCCORE 305.172: Independent Study (1 student, 3 credit hours)
 RCHUMS 335/TH TREMUS 335: Theatre & Incarceration (12 students, 3 credit hours)
- Fall 2021: AM CUL T 995.192: Dissertation (1 student, 8 credit hours)
 ENGLISH 995.178: Dissertation (1 student, 8 credit hours)
 LATINOAM 311.002/RCHUMS 334.008/TH TREMUS 399.012: Latina/o Theatre for Social Change (6 students, 3 credit hours)
 RCHUMS 332.001/TH TREMUS 334.001/TH TREMUS 720: The Atonement Project (8 students, 3 credit hours)
- Winter 2021: AM CUL T 995.192: Dissertation (1 student, 8 credit hours)
 ENGLISH 995.178: Dissertation (1 student, 8 credit hours)
 RCCORE 405.172: Independent study (1 student, 3 credit hours)
 RCHUMS 335.001/TH TREMUS 335/TH TREMUS 535/TH TREMUS 720: Theatre & Incarceration (14 students, 3 credit hours)
- Fall 2020: TH TREMUS 334.001/RCHUMS 332.001: Atonement Project (10 students)
 LATINOAM 311.001/RCHUMS 334.008/TH TREMUS 399.012: Latina/o Theatre for Social Change (11 students)
 TH TREMUS 505.030: Independent Study (2 students)
 TH TREMUS 720.030: Independent Study (1 student)
- Winter 2019: RCCORE 334.007/TH TREMUS 335/TH TREMUS 720: Theatre & Incarceration (17 students)
 RCCORE 306: Independent Study (6 students)
 TH TREMUS 336: PCAP Brazil Exchange (13 students)
- Fall 2018: TH TREMUS 334/RCCORE 334.004: Atonement Project (15 students)
 LATINOAM 311.001/RCHUMS 334.008/TH TREMUS 399.003: Latina/o Theatre for Social Change (10 students)
 RCCORE 306: Independent Study (1 student)
- Winter 2018: RCCORE 334.007/TH TREMUS 335/TH TREMUS 720: Theatre & Incarceration (23 students)
 RCCORE 306: Independent Study (1 student)
 TH TREMUS 336: PCAP Brazil Exchange (12 students)
- Fall 2017: TH TREMUS 334/RCCORE 334.004: Atonement Project (22 students)
 LATINOAM 311.001/RCHUMS 334.008/TH TREMUS 399.003: Latina/o Theatre for Social Change (8 students)
- Winter 2017: RCCORE 334.007/TH TREMUS 335/TH TREMUS 720: Theatre & Incarceration (22 students)

RCCORE 306: Independent Study (1 student)
RCCORE 406: Independent Study (3 students)
TH TREMUS 336: PCAP Brazil Exchange (15 students)
Fall 2016: LATINOAM 311.001/RCHUMS 334.008/TH TREMUS 399.003: Latina/o
Theatre for Social Change (9 students)
RCHUMS 334.004/TH TREMUS 334: The Atonement Project (12 students)
Winter 2016: ENGLISH 319.002/RCCORE 334.007/TH TREMUS 335 & 605: Theatre &
Incarceration (22 students)
TH TREMUS 336: PCAP Brazil Exchange (16 students)
Fall 2015: TH TREMUS 399.003/ RCHUMS 334.004: The Atonement Project (18
students)
TH TREMUS 399.007/RCHUMS 334.008: Documentary Theatre (12
students)
Summer 2015: PCAP Brazil Exchange (12 students)
Winter 2015: TH TREMUS 399.009/RCCORE 334.007: Theatre & Incarceration (19
students + 2 graduate students who took the course as an independent study)
Fall 2014: TH TREMUS 399.007/RCHUMS 334.008: Documentary Theatre (6 students)
TH TREMUS 399.003/ RCHUMS 334.004: The Atonement Project (14
undergraduate students + 2 graduate students who took the course as an
independent study)
Winter 2014: TH TREMUS 399.009/RCCORE 334.001: The Atonement Project (12
students)
Fall 2013: TH TREMUS 399.007/RCHUMS 334.008: Documentary Theatre (8 students)
TH TREMUS 399.003/RCHUMS 334.004/ENGLISH 319.002: Theatre &
Incarceration (9 students)

Online Teaching Experience at UM

Fall 2019: Launched Seeking Justice: Conversations on Incarceration, a Massive Open
Online Course co-taught with the late Richard Meisler, produced by UM's Office
of Academic Innovation

University Teaching Experience at the Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro

May 2025: Mini graduate seminar on Teatro para mudança social (Theatre for Social
Change)—a two-week graduate course on devising theatre for social change for
students in the master's program in theatre pedagogy, taught in Portuguese and
resulting in a short public performance

University Teaching Experience at UNC

Fall 2012: DRAM 288: Theatre for Social Change: Latina/o Performance Traditions (16
students)
DRAM 085H: Honors Documentary Theatre (26 students)
Spring 2012: DRAM 120H: Honors Intro to Play Analysis (34 students)
DRAM 288: Theatre for Social Change: Latina/o Performance Traditions (25
students)
Spring 2011: DRAM 288: Theatre for Social Change: Latina/o Performance Traditions
(17 students)
DRAM 120H: Honors Intro to Play Analysis (27 students)
Fall 2010: DRAM 085H: Honors Documentary Theatre (22 students)
DRAM 487: Chicana/o Drama (25 students)

Spring 2010: DRAM 120: Intro to Play Analysis (35 students)

DRAM 487: Chicana/o Drama (31 students)

Fall 2009: DRAM 085: Documentary Theatre (24 students)

DRAM 288: Theatre for Social Change: Latina/o Performance Traditions (26 students)

Graduate Student Supervision

2025-present—member of Natali Barbosa's thesis committee in the Master's program in performing arts at UniRio

MA Thesis title: *Entre fluxos e afetos: três ensaios em liberdade (Between Flows and Effects: Three Lessons in Liberty)*

2024-present—member of Flávio Dutra's dissertation committee in the doctoral program in Visual Arts at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul in Porto Alegre, Brazil

Dissertation title: *A impossibilidade de encarcerar: arte e criação no contexto prisional (The Impossibility of Incarceration: Art and Creation in the Prison Context)*

2024-2025—member of Laís Jacques Marques's dissertation committee in the doctoral program in theatre at the Universidade do Estado de Santa Catarina in Florianópolis, Brazil

Dissertation title: *Pedagogia das artes cênicas e abolicionismo: frestas artísticas e anárquicas em centros socioeducativos (Performing Arts Pedagogy and Abolition: Artistic and Anarchic Cracks in Juvenile Detention Centers)*

2024-2025—member of Murilo Gaulês's dissertation committee in the doctoral program in theatre at the University of São Paulo in Brazil

Dissertation title: *Borboletas no Asfalto: uma perspectiva fractal sobre artes da cena, prisão e abolição (Butterflies on the Asphalt: a fractal perspective on performing arts, prison and abolition)*

2022-2024—member of Sarah Inendino's dissertation committee in the doctoral program in Music Education at UM

Dissertation title: *The Learning Experiences of Musical Theatre Teaching Artists in a Performing Arts High School*

2021-2024—member of Vitalis Im's dissertation committee in the doctoral program in Anthropology and Social Work at UM

Dissertation title: *The Art of Negotiation: How Artmaking Practices Mediate Experiences of Violence in Michigan Prisons*

2021-present—member of Juliana Loera Wiggins' dissertation committee in the doctoral program in American Culture at UM

Dissertation title: *Brown Comedy: Understanding Las Locas of Chicago*

2020—member of Sergio Costa, Jr.'s master's thesis committee in the graduate program in Performing Arts at UniRio

MA Thesis title: *Tráfico-Teatro: Precursor de desobediência à cisnormatividade carcerária*

2018-2021—member of Rachel Cawkwell's dissertation committee in the Department of English Language and Literature at UM

- Dissertation title: *Prison Forms: Genre and Excarceral Politics in Victorian Literature*
- 2018-2023—chair of Annette Beauchamp’s dissertation committee in the Department of English Language and Literature and the School of Education at UM
Dissertation title: *Campesinos, Environmental Racism, and Ecotheatre: Toward an Inclusive Environmental Education Through BIPOC Storytelling*
- 2017-2019—member of Silvina Yi’s dissertation committee in the Department of Romance Languages at UM
Dissertation title: *City-in-Flux: Neoliberalism and Urban Space in Recent Argentine and Brazilian Cultural Production*
- 2017-2022—chair of Sergio Barrera’s dissertation committee in the Department of American Culture at UM
Dissertation title: *Masculinidades Fraternales/Fraternal Masculinities: When Hermanos Create, Disidentity, and Infiltrate Known Spaces*
- 2015-2020—member of Ai Binh Ho’s dissertation committee in the Department of English Language and Literature at UM
Dissertation title: *The Right to Pain and the Limits of Testimony*
- 2015-2016—member of Helen Lee’s dissertation committee in the Department of English and Comparative Literature at UNC
Dissertation title: *Imprisoned Voices: The Rhetorics of Community in Prison Writings*
- 2012-2019—member of Maria Obando Durán’s dissertation committee in the Department of English and Comparative Literature at UNC
Dissertation title: *Chicana Perspectives on the Politics of Public Mourning*
- 2012—2017—member of Stephanie Gaskill’s dissertation committee in the Religious Studies Department at UNC
Dissertation title: *Moral Rehabilitation: Religion, Race, and Reform in America’s Incarceration Capital*
- 2011-2014—member of Kashif Powell’s dissertation committee in the Communication Department at UNC
Dissertation title: *Specters and Spooks: Developing a Hauntology of the Black Body*

Supervision of Michigan Undergraduates in PCAP Brazil Exchange Program

- May and June 2019—I traveled with twelve students and a graduate research assistant to Florianópolis and Rio de Janeiro for three weeks. My students received two course credits for their work through the Global Course Connections (GCC) program at the Center for Global and Intercultural Studies (CGIS).
- May and June 2018—I traveled with twelve students and a graduate research assistant to Florianópolis and Rio de Janeiro for three weeks. My students received two course credits for their work through the GCC program at CGIS.
- May and June 2017—I traveled with fifteen students and a graduate research assistant to Florianópolis and Rio de Janeiro for three weeks. My students received two course credits for their work through the GCC program at CGIS.

- May 2016—I traveled with sixteen students and a graduate research assistant to Florianópolis and Rio de Janeiro for three weeks. My students received two course credits for their work through the GCC program at CGIS.
- August 2015—I traveled with twelve students and a graduate research assistant to Rio for three weeks. My students received two course credits for their work through the GCC program at CGIS.
- August 2014—I took twelve students to UniRio for two weeks. Ten of these students took my Atonement Project course in Winter 2014, and the other two, Flores Komatsu and Elizabeth Raynes, are theatre majors who accompanied me to Brazil in 2013 and who speak Portuguese.
- July 2013—I spent two weeks in Rio de Janeiro helping to establish an exchange program between the theatre department at UniRio and ours at Michigan, particularly building connections between PCAP and UniRio's Teatro na Prisão. Four Michigan undergrads went to Rio under my direction: Renee Gross (PCAP student), Flores Komatsu (theatre major), Elizabeth Raynes (theatre major), and Elizabeth Williams (theatre major).

Undergraduate Thesis Supervision at the University of Michigan

- Fall 2022—Served as a reader of Social Theory and Practice student Payton Walsh's thesis on incarcerated mothers and their children
- 2016-2017—Provided extensive support to Stamps School of Art and Design student Ariana Westcott in a creative exchange with incarcerated artist Chris Dankovich that serves as Westcott's senior thesis project
- 2015-2016—Thesis supervisor for Elizabeth Stapleton's comparative work on juvenile justice in the Netherlands and the U.S. for the Social Theory and Practice major in the Residential College

Undergraduate Thesis Mentorship at Other Universities

- 2025—member of Guilherme Augusto's undergraduate thesis committee in theatre at the Universidade do Estado de Santa Catarina in Florianópolis, Brazil
Thesis title: *Notas sobre o teatro & a prisão: a crise da privação de liberdade e do tratamento psiquiátrico*

Supervision of Women's Studies Internship Students at Michigan

- Fall 2015—Marlee Beckering worked on prisoner correspondence.
- Winter 2015—Lita Brillman worked on putting together a press kit for the PCAP *Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners*.

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) Student Supervision at Michigan

- 2018-2019—Sarah Higuchi-Crowell and Kiyara Johnson worked on prison visual arts programming. Bryce Foley worked on fundraising for PCAP. Sophie Gibson worked on reentry programming at PCAP.
- 2017-2018—Nelly Emlaw worked on fundraising for PCAP. Alyssa Baginski and Lenae Jefferson worked on prison visual arts programming. Samantha Dunlap and Annelise Droste worked on my online class on incarceration. Alissa Martin worked on reentry programming at PCAP.

- 2016-2017—Sierra Clerks-Kir worked on tracking the job duties of the PCAP Director. Azhar Aboubaker worked on the PCAP Digital Image Archive. Katherine Thorne worked on tracking the job duties of the PCAP staff and on typing the manuscript and revisions of a novel by incarcerated writer Corey Jackson. Kortez Brinson worked on prisoner reentry programming. Dominique Cornitcher and Chayne Rimkus worked on prison visual arts programming. Claire Peterson worked on photography for the *Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners*. Roland Gainer worked on fundraising for PCAP and also on the collaboration between PCAP and Wolverine Pathways.
- 2015-2016—Jonathan Mathews worked on prison theatre research. Miclan Quorpencetta worked on prisoner creative writing. Alyssa Gonzalez worked on prisoner reentry programming. Alexandra Isabel and Elizabeth Leung worked on prison visual arts programming. Logan Bickel worked on the *Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners* in the Winter term only.
- Summer 2015—Justin Gordon worked on prison theatre research.
- Winter 2015—Justin Gordon worked on the Atonement Project.
- 2014-2015—Kristina Perkins and Maria Callaghan worked on the Atonement Project. Lillian Zhou worked on prison theatre research, and Beth Reeck worked on prison visual art research.
- Summer 2014—Justin Gordon worked on prison theatre research
- 2013-2014—Paula Alexander, Jie Lin, and Derek Siew worked on the Atonement Project. Destiny McMillan worked on prison theatre research

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Supervision at UNC

- 2012-2013—Honors Thesis committee member for Korde Tuttle, a Communications Studies student working in performance studies
- 2012—Honors Thesis committee member for Elyse Aldana, an anthropology student writing about children's memorializations of 9/11
- 2010-2011 – Honors Thesis Director to Anita Rao, a Women's Studies student working on reentry efforts for formerly incarcerated women in North Carolina
- 2009-2010 – Honors Thesis Director to Erin Stoneking, a theatre student working on an Honors Thesis on Southeast Asian performance in the North Carolina Research Triangle Area
- 2009-2010 – committee member for Julian Hayes' Honors Thesis in Dramatic Art for which he wrote an original play titled *Promise of a Rose*

McNair Student Mentoring at UNC

- 2011—Jamila Reddy, a Dramatic Art major who graduated from UNC in 2011 and went on to an internship at the Studio Theatre in Washington, DC
- 2010-2012—Phillip Scotton, a Political Science and Sociology major who graduated from UNC in 2012 and will enter an MA program at Pennsylvania State in Fall 2012

Moore Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (MURAP) Mentoring

MURAP is a ten-week program for undergraduates who wish to pursue PhDs in the humanities, arts, or social sciences. Each summer from 2008-2012 I mentored two students from universities across the U.S.

- 2012: Isela Gomez (BA from Macalester College in 2013)
Korde Tuttle (BA from UNC in 2013, currently enrolled in MFA Playwriting program at the New School)
- 2011: Sarah McCune (BA from Birmingham Southern University in 2012, currently enrolled in the M.Div. program at Pacifica University)
Gabriella Deal-Marquez (BA from Macalester College in 2012)
- 2010: Al Heartley (BA from Florida State in 2011, currently enrolled in the MFA stage management program at Yale University)
LaCharles Ward (BA from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIU) in 2011, MA SIU 2013, currently a doctoral student at Northwestern University in Rhetoric and Public Culture)
- 2009: Jesus Valles (BA from University of Texas at El Paso in 2010, MA from California State University, Long Beach in 2012)
Andrew Martínez (BA from San Jose State in 2010, Ph.D. from UCLA in World Arts and Cultures/Dance in 2016)
- 2008: Seana Monley (BA from UNC in 2009, currently a doctoral student in anthropology at UNC)
Karina Gutierrez (BA from UC San Diego in 2009, currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program in theatre at Stanford University)

Other Undergraduate Mentoring

- 2011-2012—Faculty advisor to Teatro y Escena Latina Estudiantil at Carolina (TELEC), a student organization dedicated to creating and promoting Latina/o theatre at UNC
- Spring 2009 – mentor to UNC student Tony Stroud for his Advanced Showcase production of *A Guy's Tale*

Guest Lectures

- May 28, 2025—gave a lecture entitled “Teatro em Prisões e a Crise Global do Encarceramento” as part of the Seminario Especial: Educação, Literatura e Arte em Prisões at the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul in Porto Alegre, Brazil
- May 23, 2025—led a conversation about theatre devising and translation for students from the Universidade Estadual de Paraná (UNESPAR) and Universidade do Estado de Santa Catarina (UDESC) in Florianópolis, Brazil
- May 19, 2025—taught theatre games and spoke about prison theatre in Vicente Concilio’s Theatre Pedagogy: Brecht’s Learning Plays and Theatre of the Oppressed class at UDESC in Florianópolis, Brazil
- May 8 and 15, 2025—spoke about prison theatre in Natália Fiche and Viviane Narvaes’ Teatro na Prisão class at the Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro in Brazil
- April 16, 2025—gave a lecture entitled “Prison Theatre and the Global Crisis of

- Incarceration: Strategies for a Better Life” in Chloé Branders’ Criminological Approaches to Marginalization and Social Exclusion course at UC Louvain in Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium
- February 13, 2025—gave a lecture on prison theatre and theatre for social change in Jade Power Sotomayor’s Latinx Theatre and Performance course at UCSD
- November 9, 2023— gave a lecture entitled “Latina/o/x/e Theatre and the Politics of Representation” in Lawrence La Fountain-Stokes’ course Introduction to Latina/o Studies at UM
- November 22, 2022—gave a lecture entitled “Latina/o/x/e Theatre and the Politics of Representation” in Lawrence La Fountain-Stokes’ course Introduction to Latina/o Studies at UM
- November 8, 2022—spoke about prison theatre programming with Vicente Concilio in Reginald Jackson’s graduate seminar Intro to Performance Studies at UM
- November 7, 2022—spoke about Paulo Freire along with Vicente Concilio in Leila Kavar’s class on Contemporary Social and Cultural Theory at UM
- September 30, 2022—spoke at the Bachelor of Theatre Arts Forum at UM on the topic of mentorship in academia
- November 4, 2021—spoke virtually about prison theatre in Miranda Young-Jahangeer’s course Theatre for Debate at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa
- November 3, 2021—interviewed playwright Virginia Grise in Lawrence La Fountain-Stokes’ course Introduction to Latina/o Studies at UM
- November 1, 2021—spoke about Chicana theatre in Lawrence La Fountain-Stokes’ course Introduction to Latina/o Studies at UM
- October 14, 2021—spoke about the Prison Creative Arts Project and Latina/o theatre in Dieudonné Christophe Mbala Nakanga’s course Introduction to Global Ethnic Theatre at UM
- October 5, 2021—spoke (virtually) about the rituals of prison theatre in Peter Sellars’ course Myth and Ritual at the University of California, Los Angeles
- January 29, 2021—spoke (virtually) on prisons and playwriting at the Western Edge Playwrights’ Salon, hosted by Oliver Mayer, at the University of Southern California
- October 16, 2020—“The Carceral State Project” with Matt Lassiter for the Knight Wallace Journalism Fellows seminar at UM
- October 13, 2020—“Prison Creative Arts Project” in Mbala Nkanga’s course “Introduction to Global Ethnic Theatre” at UM
- September 28, 2020—“Prison Arts and Activism” in Marc Arthur’s course “The Arts and Social Change” at UM
- February 17, 2020—“The Prison Creative Arts Project and Making Art in Prisons” in E.J. Westlake’s “Introduction to Drama and Theatre” course at UM
- October 31, 2018—“Augusto Boal’s Theatre of the Oppressed” in Hank Greenspan’s “Serious Comedy” course at UM
- June 5, 2018—“As prisoes de Michigan e a cidade de Detroit” in Marina Henriques Coutinho’s course “O Teatro como fissure no mundo em destruição” at UniRio
- April 12, 2017—“Strategies for Decarceration” in Ian Robinson’s course “Social Theory for Social Change” at UM

- October 8, 2015—"Theatre of the Oppressed" in Sueann Caulfield's course "The History of Human Rights in Latin America" at UM
- January 30, 2015—"Representations of Prisons in the Media" to a UROP seminar at the University of Michigan
- November 3 & 11, 2014—"Social Work Interventions in Incarceration and Reentry" in Thomas Powell's Masters of Social Work classes at UM
- November 21, 2013—"Prison Conditions in the United States" at the University of Ottawa in Jen Kilty's course, "Socio-Politics of Incarceration," CRM 6365
- November 20, 2013—"Families and Incarceration" at the University of Ottawa in Sylvie Frigon's course, "Gender, Confinement and Creativity," CRM 6780
- November 19, 2013—"Arts Programming in Prisons" at the University of Ottawa in Sylvie Frigon's course, "Current Issues in Criminology," CRM 8502
- October 9, 2013—"Ethnography" at UM in Angela Dillard and David Burkham's course, "Theorizing Knowledge," SSCI 260
- October 23, 2012—"Juno and the Paycock by Sean O'Casey" at UNC in Karen O'Brien's course, "Modern Irish Drama," DRAM 286
- November 22, 2011—"Tartuffe" at UNC in Karen O'Brien's course, "Theatre History and Literature I," DRAM 281
- October 7, 2011—"Devising Interview-Based Theatre" at the University of Michigan in Malcolm Tulip's course, "Creating Original Theatre (Body, Text and The Kitchen Sink) Making Theatre by Whatever Means Necessary": THTREMUS 399-016 Topics in Drama
- September 30, 2011—"Ethnographic Theatre: *Fires in the Mirror* and *Doin' Time: Through the Visiting Glass*" at the University of Toronto in Nikki Cesare's course, DRM342H1: The Avant-Garde
- April 27, 2011—"Genuine Solidarity, as Inspired by Angela Davis" at Duke University in Patrick Alexander's course, AAAS 199S.03/ENG 173S.10: Prison & the Literary Imagination
- February 26, 2011—"The *Acto* as a Tool for Social Change" for high school sophomores and juniors in UNC's Scholars Latino Initiative (SLI) program at the FedEx Global Education Center
- January 25, 2011—"Performance as Research" at UNC in IDST 915: Modes of Inquiry course
- November 19, 2008 – "Anna Deavere Smith" at UNC in Prof. Adam Versényi's course, Theatre History and Literature III
- October 21, 2008 – "*Real Women Have Curves* and the Immigrant's Body" at UNC in Prof. Laura Halperin's course, Introduction to Latina/o Studies
- April 8, 2008 – "The Arts and Social Work" at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in Prof. Laura Kohn-Wood's course, Psychology: Empowering Families and Communities
- April 3, 2008 – "The Performance of Latina Identity" at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in Prof. Lawrence La Fountain-Stokes's course, Introduction to the Study of Latinas
- April 3, 2008 – "Latina/os in Theatre" at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in Prof. Amy Carroll's course, Latina/o Literature of the United States

- April 2, 2008 – “Solo Performance” at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in Prof. Oyamo’s course, Playwriting Production
- April 1, 2008 – “Prison Theatre” at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in Prof. William Alexander’s course, Theatre for Social Change
- November 20, 2007 – “Prisoners’ Families and Mumia Abu-Jamal” at UNC in Prof. Trudier Harris’s course, Slavery and Imprisonment
- September 5, 2007 – “Research-Based Prison Theatre” at UNC in Prof. Joseph Megel’s course, Lethal Theatre
- April 20, 2007 – “Luis Alfaro’s *Straight as a Line*” at UNC in Prof. Adam Versényi’s course, U.S. Latina/o Theatre and Performance
- April 18, 2007 – “Mónica Palacios’s *Greetings from a Queer Señorita*” at UNC in Prof. Adam Versényi’s course, U.S. Latina/o Theatre and Performance
- February 26, 2007 – “Miguel Piñero’s *Short Eyes*” at UNC in Prof. Adam Versényi’s course, U.S. Latina/o Theatre and Performance
- September 26, 2006 – “Luis Valdez’s *Zoot Suit*” at UNC in Prof. Rosa Perelmutter’s course, Writing with an Accent: Latino Literature and Culture
- September 8, 2006 – “Eugene O’Neill’s *The Emperor Jones* and *The Hairy Ape*” at UNC in Prof. Adam Versényi’s course, Dramatic Literature/Theatre History, U.S. Theatre from Expressionism to the Present
- November 1 & 3, 2005 – “The Politics of Playwriting” at the University of San Diego in Prof. Evelyn Cruz’s playwriting class
- May 12, 2005 – “Amiri Baraka and *The Dutchman*” at UCSD in Prof. Nadine George’s course, African American Theatre
- April 28, 2005 – “Anna Deavere Smith” at UCSD in Prof. Nadine George’s course, African American Theatre
- April 21, 2005 – “August Wilson” at UCSD in Prof. Nadine George’s course, African American Theatre
- April 12, 2005 – “Lorraine Hansberry” at UCSD in Prof. Nadine George’s course, African American Theatre
- February 17, 2005 – “A Brief History of Chicana/o Theatre” at UCSD in Prof. Jane Rhodes’s course, Race, Culture, and Social Change
- November 16, 2004 – “Culture Clash’s *The Mission*” at UCSD in Prof. Jorge Huerta’s course, Chicano Dramatic Literature
- November 18, 2004 – “Culture Clash’s *Bowl of Beings*” at UCSD in Prof. Jorge Huerta’s course, Chicano Dramatic Literature
- October 20, 2004 – “Aristophanes’s *The Frogs*” at UCSD in Prof. Jorge Huerta’s course, Theatre History 11: Classical to Renaissance
- November 25, 2003 – “Josefina López and *Real Women Have Curves*” at San Diego City College in Prof. María Figueroa’s course, Chicano Theatre
- April 14, 2003 – “Sophie Treadwell and *Machinal*” at UCSD in Prof. Chris Berchild’s course, Theatre History 13: From Symbolism to Postmodernism
- April 9, 2003 – “Expressionist Theatre” at UCSD in Prof. Chris Berchild’s course, Theatre History 13
- March 5, 2003 – “*The Cherry Orchard* by Anton Chekhov” at UCSD in Prof. Janet Smarr’s course, Theatre History 12: From Neoclassicism to Realism

October 28, 2002 – “Aristophanes’s *The Frogs*” at UCSD in Prof. Jorge Huerta’s course,
Theatre History 11: Classical to Renaissance

Professional Service

To the Discipline of Theatre

- 2024-present—Editorial board member for the academic book series on theatre in prisons called Série Livres with the press Hucitec Editora in São Paulo, Brazil
- 2024—Reviewer of a book proposal for the Ohio State University Press
- 2023—Outside reviewer of tenure and promotion files for two professors on the theatre faculty at Emory University
- 2023—Outside examiner for theatre Ph.D. candidate Cletus Moyo at the University of KwaZulu Natal in Durban, South Africa
- 2023—Member of the conference planning committee for the Acts of Rebellion: Repressions, Marginalities, Protests, and Performing Arts conference at the Escola Superior Artística in Porto, Portugal
- Winter 2022—Outside reviewer of a promotion file for a professor on the theatre faculty at the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio
- Winter 2021-Summer 2022—Member of the conference planning committee and a subcommittee to plan the “Casting for Liberation” plenary for the ATHE 2022 conference in Detroit, MI
- Winter 2019—Outside reviewer of a promotion file for a professor on the theatre faculty at Queen Mary University in London, England
- Summer 2018—Outside reviewer of a promotion file for a lecturer on the theatre faculty at the University of KwaZulu Natal in Durban, South Africa
- 2017-2019—Planning committee for Michigan Art for Justice Forum
- Summer 2017— Outside reviewer of a tenure file for an assistant professor on the theatre faculty at the University of Connecticut
- Fall 2016—Outside reviewer of a promotion file for an associate professor on the theatre and Chicana/o Studies faculty at the University of Wyoming
- Summer 2016—Outside reviewer of a tenure file for an assistant professor on the theatre faculty at the University of Vermont
- June 2015—Blind reviewer for an article for *Theatre Journal*
- 2014—reviewer of book proposal for Methuen Press
- 2013—blind reviewer of an article for *Theatre Survey*
- 2010-2012 – evaluator for the Kresge Foundation of the Prison Creative Arts Project’s use of a Kresge Grant
- 2010-2012—Immediate Past President of Women and Theatre Program (WTP) Focus Group of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE)
- 2009 – 2012 –Prison Creative Arts Project Associate
- 2008-2010 – President of WTP of ATHE
- 2008-2009 – on the Awards Committee for ATHE
- 2006-2008 – Vice President in charge of conference planning for WTP of ATHE

To Other Academic Disciplines

- 2024—Reviewer for the Ford Foundation Senior Fellowships
- 2023-2024—Member of Ford Foundation Fellows Conference Planning Committee

2022-present—Michigan Regional Liaison for the Ford Foundation Fellows
2022, 2023—Chair of Selection Committee for Ford Foundation Fellowships in Performing Arts
2021-present—Associated member of an international prison research group based in Brazil called the Núcleo de Estudos e Pesquisa Emancipatória em Linguagem (NEPEL), based at the Universidade Federal do Estado de Mato Grosso (UFMT), <https://www.nepelufmt.com/>
2021—Member of Selection Committee for Ford Foundation Fellowships in Performing Arts
2019, 2021—Member of Selection Committee for Senior Fellowships for Ford Foundation
2015-2019—Chair of Selection Committee for Ford Foundation Fellowships in Performing Arts
August 2015—blind reviewer for an article in *Law & Society*
2013-2014—Conference Planning Committee Member and Review Chair of the subtheme on “Creating Justice” for the National Women’s Studies Association conference to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on November 14-16, 2014
March 2012, March 2013, March 2014—Selection Committee for Ford Foundation Fellowships in Performing Arts
April-July 2011—article editor and reviewer for Sage Open online journal
January to October 2011 – member of the Planning Committee for the 2011 Conference of Ford Fellows
Spring 2010 – blind reviewer of an article for *FRONTIERS: A Journal of Women’s Studies*
Fall 2009 – blind reviewer of two articles for a special issue of *Social Justice* journal on “Policing, Detention, Deportation, and Resistance”

Within the University of Michigan

2025-2027—Member of the Institute for the Humanities Executive Committee
Fall 2024—Reviewer for Naki Kripfgan’s Lecturer I interim review in the Residential College
2024-present—Member of the planning committee for the Office of Academic and Multicultural Affairs (OAMI) Inclusive Internship Program
2024-present—Board member for the Professional Latinx University of Michigan Association (PLUMA)
2024-present—Faculty mentor to Shavonne Coleman in the Department of Theatre & Drama as she prepares for promotion review
Fall 2024—organized the Conversation with Sandra Cisneros at Rackham Auditorium on October 28, 2024
2023-2024—member of the LSA Divisional Evaluation Committee to review Meg Sweeney’s materials for promotion to full professor
Fall 2023—Chair of search committee for a Lecturer III to direct the RC Drama Program
2023-present—member of advisory board for the UM Brazil Initiative
2023-2024—Member of the Interarts Working Group to develop recommendations for the sustainability and stability of the Interarts major in the School of Art & Design and the School of Music, Theatre, & Dance

Winter-Summer 2023—Member of an ad hoc committee to explore how to enhance the diversity of the international students enrolling in Rackham graduate programs

Winter 2023—Representative for SMTD in providing feedback on job candidates for two positions specializing in arts and community engagement in the School of Social Work

Fall 2022-Winter 2023—Member of the Faculty Senate Assembly

Winter 2023—Member of search committee for an open rank professor of Theatre History/Theatre Studies in the Department of Theatre & Drama

Winter 2023—Reviewer for Jennifer Goltz-Taylor’s first major review as a Lecturer I in the Residential College

2022-2023—Faculty mentor to Sarah Oliver in the Department of Theatre & Drama as she prepares for tenure promotion review

Fall 2022-present—Member of the advisory board for the Student Community of Progressive Empowerment (SCOPE), a student group for undocumented students on the UM campus

Fall 2022—Served as a faculty supporter for ALMA welcoming program for Latinx students on our campus—an initiative organized by students and sponsored by the Office of Academic and Multicultural Initiatives and Multiethnic Student Affairs

October 2022—Hosted Dr. Rosa Perelmutter’s visit to our campus

Summer and Fall 2022—co-planner with Associate Dean Rogério Pinto of a visit of a delegation of nine Brazilian faculty and students to visit UM for a week in November 2022

Summer 2022—planning committee for Latina/o/x campus community welcoming reception for Dean Carlos Jackson of the Penny Stamps School of Art & Design

Summer 2022—Theatre & Drama Department committee on attendance policy

Winter 2022—Reviewer for Teresa Sanchez-Snell’s first continuing review as a Lecturer II in the Residential College

Fall 2021—hosted playwright Virginia Grise’s visit to our campus

2021-2023—Member of the Executive Committee of American Culture

July 2021-2023—Director of Latina/o Studies Program

2021-present—Assisted Lecturer Teresa Sánchez-Snell in putting up the Dia de los Muertos Altar in the Residential College and in hosting the opening night reception each October

January 11 & 13, 2021—Virtual discussion group facilitator for SMTD’s Anti-Racism Training

Winter 2021—Representative for SMTD to the Faculty Senate Assembly

Winter 2021—Reviewer for Deb Gordon-Gurfinkel’s first continuing review as a Lecturer II in the Residential College

Winter 2021—Reviewer for graduate student applications for the UM Institute for the Humanities Fellowships

2020-2021—Member of the Center for World Performance Studies Faculty Advisory Committee

February 2020—Reviewer of a proposal for graduate student funding for the School of Social Work

February 2019—Member of selection committee for UM Institute for the Humanities Summer Fellowships

Fall 2018—Member of the Lecturer I interim review committee for Alex Elkins in the Residential College
2018-present—Member of the Carceral State Project
2018-2019—Member of the Center for World Performance Studies Faculty Advisory Committee
2017-2018—Member of the Executive Committee for the Residential College
2017-2018—Launch Convener for new Performing Arts Technology Assistant Professor Anil Camçi
2017-2018—Member of the search committee for the Dean of SMTD
Fall 2017—Member of the Residential College’s first interim review for lecturer Sarah Messer
Winter 2017—Member of the committee to reimagine the RC Drama Major
Fall 2016—Member of the SMTD planning committee for the tribute to Reverend Jesse Jackson
2016-2017—Member of the SMTD Justice Sonia Sotomayor Residency Committee
2016-2017—Member of the LSA Detroit Bicentennial Events Subcommittee
2016-2017—Member of the Residential College’s first major review committee for Ana Fernandez
2016—Trained as a Launch Convener for the ADVANCE program to provide support to new faculty members
Winter 2016—Member of the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Fellowship Committee
Winter 2016—Member of selection committee for the Bonderman Fellows at the Center for Global and Intercultural Studies
Winter 2016—Member of the Executive Committee for the Residential College
Winter 2016—Member of the Residential College’s first major review committee for Deb Gordon-Gurfinkel
2015-2018—Faculty Associate Representative on the Latina/o Studies Advisory Board
2015-2018—Member of the Faculty Advisory Board for the Office of the Vice Provost for Equity, Inclusion and Academic Affairs
2014-2016—Member of the search committee for a playwriting professor in the Department of Theatre & Drama
2014-2015—Coordinator and member of Residential College’s committee on engaged learning for the department’s self-study
January-May 2014—Member of the Provost’s Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Winter 2014—Faculty representative for the Residential College for meetings concerning AST changes at the university
Winter and Summer 2014—Director of search committee for two PCAP staff positions: Arts Programming Coordinator and Membership and Events Coordinator
2013-2019—Director of the Prison Creative Arts Project

Within UNC

2012—Diversity Liaison for the Department of Dramatic Art to UNC’s Director of Diversity Initiatives
Spring 2011—Member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity Assessment at UNC

- October 2010-2012—Founding co-chair of Uniendo Nuestra Comunidad (UNC):
Latina/o Caucus
- August 23, 2010 – led a discussion group on *Picking Cotton* by Jennifer Thompson-Cannino and Ronald Cotton for the Carolina Summer Reading Program for incoming freshmen
- 2010 – 2012 – Board Member on the Development Advisory Board for the Carolina Latina/o Collaborative and the Latina/o Studies Program
- 2009-2010 – on search committee for an Assistant Professor of Asian or African theatre in the Dept. of Dramatic Art
- August 24, 2009 – led a discussion group on Paul Cuadros’s *A Home on the Field* for the Carolina Summer Reading Program for incoming freshmen
- Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011 – Member of the MURAP Student Selection Committee
- Spring 2009 – helped to organize Dr. Ana Celia Zentella’s visit to UNC-CH as part of the Latina/o Studies Speakers Series
- Fall 2008 – Fall 2013 – on Selection Committee for plays to be workshopped in the Process Series for New Play Development
- 2008 – 2012 – Producing Artistic Director of UNC’s Teatro Latina/o Series
- 2008-2012 – Chair of the Diversity Committee in the Dept. of Dramatic Art
- 2008-2009 – on search committee for the David G. Frey Fellow Assistant Professor position in the Dept. of Dramatic Art
- 2007 – 2012 – member of the Advisory Committee for the Latina/o Studies Minor at UNC
- Fall 2007 – helped organize visual artist Malaquias Montoya’s visit to UNC as part of the Latina/o Studies Speakers Series
- August 20, 2007 – led a discussion group on Sister Helen Prejean’s *The Death of Innocents* for the Carolina Summer Reading Program for incoming freshmen at UNC-CH
- January-March 2007 – helped organize playwright Melinda López’s visit to UNC, which included a reading of her play *Sonia Flew*
- 2006-2008 – member of the Diversity Committee in the Department of Dramatic Art

Events Hosted as the Producing Artistic Director of UNC’s Teatro Latina/o Series

Founded in 2009, the Teatro Latina/o Series at UNC serves as a hub for professional theatre makers to present their plays and to develop new scripts and performances. We bring directors, actors, and playwrights from all over the United States to UNC’s campus for week-long residencies to visit classes, give talks, offer workshops, and read and perform their work. Our audiences include folks from the Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill area as well as students, faculty, and staff from UNC, Duke University, North Carolina Central University, and NC State University. Our performances are mostly in English with liberal sprinklings of Spanish, Spanglish, and caló (a form of Chicana/o slang), but all are fully intelligible to monolingual English-speaking audiences. We aim to represent and serve the swiftly growing Latina/o community in the Carolinas while at the same time introducing Latina/o theatre to new audiences.

- October 12 & 13, 2012—Teatro Latina/o and the Process Series for New Play Development co-hosted two readings of a new play by **Virginia Grise** and **Ricardo Bracho** entitled *The Mexican as Told by Us Mexicans*. Based on Jack London's short story "The Mexican," this adaptation will star two out of town actors, **Raúl Castillo** and **Diana DeLaCruz**, along with several local actors, directed by **Joseph Megel**.
- February 29 & March 1, 2012—In conjunction with the Process Series for New Play Development, the Teatro Latina/o Series hosted readings of two one-act plays, *Scar Tissue* and *Thisability*, by **Gabriel Rivas Gomez**, who is received his MFA in Playwriting at the University of Southern California. *Thisability* was commissioned by the Teatro Latina/o Series, and these readings were its world premiere. Renowned director and Chicano theatre scholar **Jorge Huerta** (emeritus from the University of California, San Diego) directed the readings and guided the playwright through the script development process. Professional actor **Divina Cook** spent a week at UNC at an artist in residence, performing the lead roles in both of Gomez's one-acts. (cosponsored by the Office of the Senior Associate Dean for Arts and Humanities, Department of Dramatic Art, the Carolina Latina/o Collaborative, the Latina/o Cultures Speakers Series, and the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs)
- February 3, 4, & 5, 2012—Playwright, actor, and assistant professor of theatre at the University of New Mexico, **Brian Herrera** performed his hilarious one-man play, *I Was the Voice of Democracy*, as part of the Solo Takes On Festival. He also visited two classes in the Department of Dramatic Art. (cosponsored by the Office of the Senior Associate Dean for Arts and Humanities, Department of Communication, the Carolina Latina/o Collaborative, the Latina/o Cultures Speakers Series, and the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs)
- February 17, 2011—Chicano theatre scholar **Jorge Huerta** guest lectured in Ashley Lucas and Adam Versényi's. Dramatic Art classes while he was in North Carolina speaking at Duke University.
- February 4 & 5, 2011—Columbian American playwright **Enrique Urueta**'s play, *Learn to Be Latina*, drew audiences of 60-90 people on each of the two nights of performance. **Jose Luis Valenzuela**, artistic director of the Latino Theater Company in Los Angeles, directed the readings.
- January 28 & 29, 2011 – Chicano playwright and actor **Carlos Manuel Chavarría** performed his one-man play, *La Vida Loca*, on campus as part of the Solo Takes On performance festival.
- October 18 & 19, 2010 – Chicano playwright **Octavio Solis** gave a talk on campus. During his visit, we also hosted a reading of his critically-acclaimed play *Santos & Santos*, directed by **Joseph Megel** and starring local performers as well as professional actor **Roy Arias** who was brought from New York City for the reading.
- January 26, 2010 – Chicana playwright and actor **Evelina Fernandez** gave a public lecture about her career in theatre, television, and film.

- February 16, 2010—Chicana playwright and poet **Marisela Orta** gave a talk
- April 15, 2010—Internationally acclaimed Puerto Rican playwright **Migdalia Cruz** spoke about her career as a playwright.
- March 18, 2010—University of Puerto Rico professor **Rosalina Perales** gave a lecture about Migdalia Cruz's plays.
- November 13, 2009 – Scholar and lawyer **Chesa Boudin** gave a talk about performance and politics in Latin America.
- February 2009 – As part of the Solo Takes On festival, **Gregory Ramos** performed his one-man play *Border Stories*, and **Ashley Lucas** gave performances of her one-woman play *Doin' Time: Through the Visiting Glass*. **Gregory Ramos** also did a reading of his new play in development called *When We Danced* as part of the Process Series.
- April 2009 – Chicano playwright **Oliver Mayer** gave a talk entitled “Filín y Rabia: Outsized Feelings and Yearnings without End.” His play *Dias y Flores* was performed as a reading directed by **Adam Versényi** in conjunction with the Process Series. Actors **Marlene Forte** and **Gregory Ramos** were brought to campus from Los Angeles and Burlington, Vermont, respectively, to perform in the play reading.

Community Service

- Fall 2024—Guest Alumni Judge of rounds 2 and 3 of applications in nonfiction, fiction, and poetry for writers' residencies at Hedgebrook
- Fall 2023—reviewer of applications in nonfiction for writers' residencies at Hedgebrook
- 2015-present—advisory board member for the Detroit Public Theatre
- September 2014—present—advisory board member of Open Hearts Open Minds, an organization which provides arts programming and dialogue workshops to incarcerated adults in Oregon
- April 2008 – December 2010 – member of the Finance Committee at St. Titus Episcopal Church in Durham, NC
- 2008–2009– member of PCAP at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (participated in classes, arts workshops, and organizational activities)
- 2008-2009 – member of the PCAP Art Show Committee (traveled to prisons to select artwork for the 2009 Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners)
- 2008-2012 – Secretary of the Episcopal Church Women of St. Titus Episcopal Church
- 2008 – 2009 – board member for Benevolence Farm, a nonprofit organization that provides reentry services, including job skills, housing, health care, and community participation, to women who have recently been released from North Carolina prisons
- June 2007-December 2010 – vestry member of St. Titus Episcopal Church

Languages

- English—native
- Spanish—fluent
- Portuguese—fluent
- French—intermediate

