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### Chronological Paid Employment History

#### **2022:**

##### FREELANCE CASTING DIRECTOR — The Casting Collaborative

Shoot For The Moon	Dir. Raja Feather Kelly	Musical Theatre Factory
The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill	Dir. Jess McLeod	BFRJ Sings/Little Island Concert
Sugar Skull	Dir. Elena Araoz	Rhythm of the Arts/National Tour

##### CASTING ASSOCIATE

Gatsby	Dir. Alexander Wright	Immersive Everywhere
Stranger Sings - The Parody Musical	Dir. Nick Flatto	Playhouse 46 @ St. Luke's
Celebrity Cruises	Tracy Kamps/Lamar Smith	Eclipse, Solstice, Infinity, etc.
The True...Account of Dr. Snodgrass	Marinelli New Dance Theater	Players Club/AEA Showcase

##### CASTING ASSISTANT — The Casting Collaborative

Siren: A New Musical	Dir. Elena Araoz	Shubert Organization/54 Below
West Side Story	Dir. Lonny Price	International Tour
Anastasia	Dir. Sarah Hartmann	NETworks National Tour

Storyteller — Forest Fables (Sugar Hill Museum of Art and Storytelling)

Playwright/Lyricist — DreamSafe (Sundog Theatre, commission, touring 2023)

The Casting Collaborative — Paid Mentorship w/ Jason Styres

Broadway For Racial Justice Casting Initiative — Paid Internship (Candido Cornejo, Rachael Jimenez, Sujotta Pace, Danica Rodriguez, Xavier Rubiano, Gama Valle, Hershey Vazquez Millner, Victor Vazquez)

#### **2021:**

Recipient — Dr. Kenny Hasija Encouragement Fund for Artists (awarded by Ken Davenport)

Playwright/Lyricist — Sugar Skull: A Virtual Día de Muertos Musical Adventure (Rhythm of the Arts)

## **2020:**

Playwright/Lyricist — Live Lounge Series (Signature Theatre/Playwrights Horizons)

Playwright/Lyricist — Goodspeed Musicals/Johnny Mercer Writer's Grove (Goodspeed)

## **2019:**

Director of Performing Arts — Hopscotch Montessori Schools (2019-2022)

Playwright/Lyricist — MTF 4x15: Round 31 (Musical Theatre Factory/Town Stages)

Playwright/Lyricist — MTF Reclaiming Our Time (Musical Theatre Factory/Joe's Pub)

## **2015 — 2018**

Playwright/Lyricist — Sugar Skull: A Día de Muertos Musical Adventure (National Tour, Columbia Artists)

Playwright/Lyricist — The Book of You (Durango Arts Center)

Theatre Teacher / Primary and Toddler Age Teacher — Twin Parks Montessori School (2017-2019)

Resident Playwright / Director of Performing Arts — Gate Hill Day Camp (2015-2018)

Playwright — Thurgood Grows Up (Sugar Hill Museum of Art and Storytelling)

Head Start Teacher — Dorothy Day Early Childhood Center (2015-2018)

## **EDUCATION**

BACHELOR OF ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO / EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE

Graduated with High Honors in Musical Theatre and Directing

## **RELEVANT SKILLS**

- Adept in AirTable, Breakdown Express, Eco Cast, Castit, Final Draft, IMDB Pro, Microsoft Office, QuickTime, Zoom, Skype.
- Proficient in Google Programs (Docs, Drive, Sheets, Slides), Spreadsheets, MAC usage
- Experienced in Avail Checks, Agent/Talent Communications, Running In-Person Auditions (Open and Invited Calls), Posting to Audition Sites (Backstage, Playbill, Breakdowns/Actors Access, etc), writing casting breakdowns, hiring and managing audition monitors.
- Skilled in language and communication (in-person, over the phone, and in writing).

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Dr. Kenny Hasija Encouragement Fund of Artists Recipient (presented by Ken Davenport)
- Broadway For Racial Justice BIPOC Casting Directive Intern
- Eugene O'Neill National Playwrights Conference Semifinalist
- Miranda/Telsey Casting Internship Semifinalist