

VICTORIA WHITLEY BUCK

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CURRICULUM VITAE (MAY 2026)

EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts (MFA), Shakespeare & Performance: Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA

Master of Letters (MLitt), Shakespeare & Performance: Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA

Thesis: *Commedia dell'Shakespeare: The Benefits of Basic Commedia Training for Modern Shakespearean Actors*

BA, Theatre Arts, *cum laude*: Furman University, Greenville, SC

SELECT PEDAGOGICAL EXPERIENCE

Program Director & Acting Teacher, Burton Center for Arts & Technology, Roanoke, VA, Summer 2022-Present
Spearheading the Performing Arts program at BCAT, as well as directing productions & teaching acting classes.

Theatre Arts Teacher & Director, Cave Spring & Hidden Valley High Schools, Roanoke, VA, Summer 2023-Present
Teaching the Theatre Arts classes and directing all school theatrical productions, including technical elements.

Guest Teaching Artist, Mill Mountain Theatre, Roanoke, VA, Summer 2025-Present
Teaching classes and masterclasses such as Adult Acting, Stage Combat, and Shakespeare for MMT.

Director of Education, Mill Mountain Theatre, Roanoke, VA, Fall 2019-Summer 2023
Planned & implemented MMT's education initiatives & outreach programming; taught MMT classes. Initially served as the MMT Education Associate before moving into the Director of Education position.

Visiting Lecturer in Theatre, Hollins University, Roanoke, VA, Spring 2020-Spring 2021
Taught classes for Hollins University's theatre department, including Acting Dynamics & Shakespeare.

Guest Lecturer in Theatre, RUI Woodland Hills, Roanoke, VA, Spring 2020-Spring 2021
Taught classes in theatre and theatre history for RUI Woodland Hills residents and staff.

Guest Lecturer in Theatre, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Johnstown, PA, Fall 2020
Taught a workshop for undergraduate students in the essentials of Commedia dell'Arte and performance.

Visiting Instructor in Theatre, Patrick Henry High School, Roanoke, VA, Fall 2020
Taught a Shakespeare workshop series and directed the showcase for Advanced Theatre students.

Education Artist & Tour Guide, American Shakespeare Center, Staunton, VA, Spring 2017-Spring 2019
Taught various workshops on Shakespeare and early modern staging conditions and skills to students of all ages.

Graduate Teaching Fellow, English Composition, Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA, Spring 2019
Taught the essentials of literature, research, composition, editing, and peer reviewing to undergraduate students.

Graduate Teaching Fellow, Intro. to Performing Arts, Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA, Fall 2018
Taught the background, basic techniques, and analysis of the performing arts, including theatre, music, & film.

Graduate Teaching Fellow, Intro. Michael Chekhov Technique, Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA, Fall 2017
Taught the essentials of the Michael Chekhov acting technique to undergraduates (Co-teacher: Chad Marriott).

Teaching Artist, The Warehouse Theatre, Greenville, SC, Spring 2014-Spring 2016
Taught workshops on Shakespeare, script analysis, acting, and theatrical techniques to students of all ages.

Teaching Artist, Furman University, Greenville, SC, Fall 2015-Spring 2016
Taught guest artist workshops and facilitated projects on acting & storytelling for Maegan M. Azar's classes.

Teaching Artist, Greenville Literacy Association, Greenville, SC, Fall 2015
Led GLA's "My Story, My Voice" writing and storytelling project for adults seeking their GEDs.

SELECT WORKSHOP & COACHING EXPERIENCE

Stage Combat & Shakespeare Masterclasses, Mill Mountain Theatre Conservatory, Spring & Summer 2025-Present
Private Acting & Audition Coaching Sessions, Roanoke, VA, Fall 2021-Present
Community Audition Workshops, Burton Center for Performing Arts, Roanoke, VA, Fall 2023-Spring 2024
Commedia dell'Shakespeare Workshop, Virginia Theatre Association Virtual Conference, Fall 2021
The World of Shakespeare Workshop, Virginia Theatre Association Virtual Conference, Fall 2020
Stage Combat & Shakespeare Workshops, North Cross School, Roanoke, VA, Fall 2019 - Spring 2020
Private Acting Coach, Greenville, SC, Fall 2015-Spring 2016, & Roanoke, VA, Summer 2019-Present
Commedia dell'Arte & Character Building Workshops, Staunton, VA, Spring 2018

SELECT ACTING EXPERIENCE

Woman	<i>A Woman Alone</i>	Shakespeare at the Wharf	Kate Eastwood Norris
Emilia	<i>Two Noble Kinsmen</i>	Bards Ablaze (BATC)	Linda Bisesti
Duchess of Suffolk	<i>...History of Queen Jane</i>	Bards Ablaze (BATC)	Ensemble Directed
Feste/Fabian	<i>Twelfth Night</i>	Bards Ablaze (BATC)	Hannah Roccisano
Friar Laurence	<i>Romeo & Juliet</i>	Bards Ablaze (BATC)	Bethany Thomas
Jailer's Daughter	<i>Thursday Next</i>	Bards Ablaze (BATC)	Doreen Bechtol
Tapster/Pockhole	<i>Knight...Burning Pestle</i>	Motley Shakespeare Players	Ensemble Directed
Understudy/Swing	<i>As You Like It</i>	Motley Shakespeare Players	Elizabeth Bernardo
Tityrus/Alchemist	<i>Gallathea</i>	MBU Blackfriars Playhouse	Bethany Thomas
Nurse	<i>Romeo & Juliet</i>	MBU Blackfriars Playhouse	Matt Davies & Doreen Bechtol
Good Deeds	<i>Everyman</i>	MBU Blackfriars Playhouse	Chad Marriott
Mr. Hardcastle	<i>She Stoops to Conquer</i>	MBU Fletcher Collins Theatre	Mary Finch
The Mother-in-Law	<i>Blood Wedding</i>	MBU Fletcher Collins Theatre	Doreen Bechtol

SELECT DIRECTING EXPERIENCE

<i>Hadestown: Teen Edition</i>	Director	Burton Center for Performing Arts	Spring 2026
<i>Cinderella</i>	Director	Hidden Valley High School	Spring 2026
<i>Bridge To Terabithia</i>	Director	Cave Spring High School	Fall 2025
<i>BCAT Performing Arts Annual Showcase**</i>	Director	Burton Center for Performing Arts	Fall 2023-2025
<i>Little Women</i>	Director	Cave Spring High School	Spring 2024
<i>These Shining Lives</i>	Director	Cave Spring High School	Fall 2024
<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>	Director	Burton Center for Performing Arts	Spring 2024
<i>The Lightning Thief</i>	Director	Hidden Valley High School	Spring 2024
<i>Alice in Wonderland</i>	Director	Cave Spring High School	Fall 2023
<i>MadLibs Live!</i>	Director	Mill Mountain Theatre	Summer 2023
<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	Director	Mill Mountain Theatre	Spring 2023
<i>Curious George and the Golden Meatball</i>	Director	Mill Mountain Theatre	Summer 2022
<i>High School Musical</i>	Director	Mill Mountain Theatre	Summer 2022
<i>As You Like It</i>	Director	Mill Mountain Theatre	Spring 2022
<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Director	Mill Mountain Theatre	Spring 2021
<i>Write Stuff! Annual Playwriting Festival**</i>	Director	Mill Mountain Theatre	Spring 2020-2022
<i>Timeless Twenties**</i>	Director	Mill Mountain Theatre	Spring 2020

**Indicates a showcase or new works project

SELECT TECHNICAL THEATRE EXPERIENCE

Costume Design	<i>Charlotte's Web; A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Mill Mountain Theatre
Costume Design	<i>Thursday Next; Romeo & Juliet</i>	Bards Ablaze (BATC)
Set & Props Design	<i>Romeo & Juliet; Twelfth Night</i>	Bards Ablaze (BATC)
Stage Manager	<i>Chronic Fatigue</i>	Front Porch Arts Collective

SELECT TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

Commonwealth of Virginia Teaching Licensure Certificate and Theatre Endorsement:

Granted provisional license 2022; completed official license requirements 2025.

Mary Baldwin University Shakespeare & Performance:

Paul Menzer, Doreen Bechtol, Matthew Davies, Ralph Alan Cohen, J.P. Scheidler, Kerry Cooke, Mary Hill Cole

Furman University:

Maegan M. Azar, Margaret R. Caterisano, Dr. Jay Oney, Rhett Bryson, Alan Bryson, Randall David Cook

The Warehouse Theatre:

Anne Kelly Tromsness, Thomas Azar, Jayce Tromsness, Robert Richmond, Melanie Trimble, Prentiss Standridge

Springer Opera House, Springer Theatre Academy & Springer Film:

Ron Anderson, Jens Rasmussen, Kimberly Faith Hickman, Michael Stiggers, Adam Archer, Jef Holbrook

Shakespeare Institute, Shakespeare Birthplace Trust:

Stanley Wells, Nick Walton, Paul Edmonson, Robert Smallwood, Gill Day, Jonjo O'Neill, Alex Waldmann, Gemma Fairlie, Anjna Chouan, Roxanne Bennis

Select Intensives & Masterclasses:

Lisa Harrow, Colleen Kelly, Isabelle Anderson, Chris Marino, Ted Van Griethuysen, Kate E. Norris, David A. Lewis, Miriam D. Burrows, Sara Lynn Holbrook, Doug Berky, Peggy T. White, Sara Topham, John Bellomo

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training & Certification:

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace Certificate Program via USF Muma College of Business

COVID Compliance Officer Training & Certification:

AEA Standard COVID-19 Compliance Officer Training & Certificate Program via Health Education Services

SELECT SKILLS & ADDITIONAL TRAINING/CERTIFICATIONS

Stage Combat: Broadsword (SAFD Certified); Single Sword/Rapier, Unarmed; Quarterstaff, Dagger/Knife

Movement: Viewpoints, Laban, Commedia dell'Arte, Michael Chekhov, Mask, Suzuki

Circus & Dance: Stilt Walking, Juggling, Basic Acrobatics; Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Waltz, Swing

Language & Music Skills: French, IPA; Vocal Training (Mezzo Soprano); Piano, Guitar

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant to Dr. Julie Fox & Prospective Student Liaison, Mary Baldwin, Staunton, VA (2016-2018)

Shakespeare & Performance Summer Intensive Coordinator, Mary Baldwin, Staunton, VA (2017)

Co-Coordinator for the American Shakespeare Center's Blackfriars Conference, Staunton, VA (2017)

New Play Festival Evaluator for Centre Stage Theatre, Greenville, South Carolina (2014-2017)

Performer & Volunteer for the Front Porch Arts Collective, Greenville, South Carolina (2013-2015)

President's Assistant & Administrative Assistant for SCTA, Greenville, SC (2014-2015)

SELECT ORGANIZATION AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Leadership Team Member, Burton Center for Arts and Technology (2023-Present)

Virginia Theatre Association Member (2020-Present)

Society of American Fight Directors (SAFD) Member (2019-Present)

Artistic & Education Committee Member, Mill Mountain Theatre (2019-2023)

Educational Policy Committee Member and Student Representative/Liaison, Mary Baldwin University (2017-2018)

South Carolina Theatre Association (SCTA), Member (2013-2015); President's Assistant (2014-2015)

SELECT HONORS AND AWARDS

Hidden Valley High School Teacher of the Year Award: Nominee (2026)

Golden Apple Awards Roanoke County Public Schools: Finalist – Green Apple Award (2023)

Virginia's Top 50 Women of the Year 2023: Nominee – Top 50 Women of the Year (2023)

Broadway World 2021 Regional Awards: Nominee - "Best Direction of a Play – *A Midsummer...Dream*" (2021)