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Education

M.F.A. Texas Tech University	1985
Major: Theatre Design	
B.S. Bradley University	1983
Major: Theatre	
B.M. Bradley University	1983
Major: Vocal Performance	

Teaching Experience

1993 – Present Professor of Theatre, Costume Designer (promoted from Associate Professor
2002, promoted from Assistant Professor 1996, tenured 1996)
Department of Theatre
Midwestern State University

2015 – 2018 Chair, Department of Theatre
Midwestern State University

2013 – 2015 Interim Chair, Department of Theatre
Midwestern State University

1985-1993 Assistant Professor of Theatre, Technical Director & Costume Designer
Department of Art, Communication and Theatre
West Texas A&M University

Subjects Taught

Advanced Makeup for the Theatre
Costume Construction
Costume Design
Costume History
Creative Dramatics
Dramatic Analysis
Introduction to the Arts
Introduction to Theatre Arts/Theatre Appreciation
Introduction to Theatrical Design
Makeup for the Theatre
Patterning & Draping
Playwrights & Scientists: Interesting Bedfellows

Public Speaking/Fundamentals of Speech
 Puppetry
 Script Analysis
 Stagecraft I
 Stagecraft II Graphics for the Theatre
 Storytelling
 Theatre History I
 Theatre History III (Contemporary Theatre)
 Voice and Diction
 Wig Styling & Ventilating

Publications

“Simply Silicone”	Summer 2014
By Elizabeth Lewandowski, Cassie Toft and Carter Wallace	
p. 22-29, <i>Theatre Design and Technology</i> volume 50 number 3	
<u><i>The Complete Costume Dictionary</i></u>	2 nd edition due out Fall 2027
October 2011	
Published by Scarecrow Press	
Winner, Library Journal Best Reference Book for 2011	
Winner, CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title (2012)	
<i>A Brief History of the Brief</i>	2003
MSU Faculty Papers	
<i>The Perils of Publishing, or How One Book Got Published</i>	2000 – 2002
<i>Cutters’ Research Journal</i>	
<i>Promotion and Tenure Guidelines for Colleges and Universities</i>	1999
Co – author	
<i>Theatre Design and Technology</i>	
Associate Editor for Book Reviews	1995 - 2003
<i>Cutters’ Research Journal</i> , the only juried international publication in Costume Design, Research and Cutting	
Associate Editor for Costume Design and Technology	1995 - 1999
<i>Theatre Design & Technology</i> , a juried international publication for theatre professionals	
<i>WTSU Speech 101 Handbook</i>	
Lou Ann Seabourn and Elizabeth Lewandowski	
Burgess International Books, Inc.	1989

Creative Work – Costume Design

<i>Godspell</i>	Midwestern State University	2025
<i>1984</i>	Midwestern State University	2025
<i>Pirates of Penzance</i>	Midwestern State University	2024
<i>The Merry Wives of Windsor</i>	Midwestern State University	2023
<i>Big Fish</i>	Midwestern State University	2022
<i>Cloud 9</i>	Midwestern State University	2021
<i>Tartuffe</i>	Midwestern State University	2021
<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Midwestern State University	2020
<i>Frankenstein</i>	Backdoor Theatre	2019
<i>Rumors</i>	Midwestern State University	2019
<i>Our Town</i>	Midwestern State University	2018
<i>Dracula</i>	Midwestern State University	2018
<i>Urinetown</i>	Midwestern State University	2018
<i>Luna Gale</i>	Midwestern State University	2017
<i>Love's Labour's Lost</i>	Midwestern State University	2017
<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Midwestern State University	2016
<i>Summer and Smoke</i>	Midwestern State University	2016
<i>She Kills Monsters</i>	Midwestern State University	2015
<i>In the Next Room</i>	Midwestern State University	2015
<i>August, Osage County</i>	Midwestern State University	2014
<i>Mariner</i>	West Theatre Fest	2014
<i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i>	Midwestern State University	2013
<i>Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street</i>	Midwestern State University	2013
<i>Almost, Maine</i>	Midwestern State University	2012
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Midwestern State University	2011
<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Midwestern State University	2010
<i>The Rivals</i>	Midwestern State University	2009
<i>The Good Woman of Setzuan</i>	West Foundation	2008
<i>A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum</i>	Midwestern State University	2008
<i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i>	Midwestern State University	2007
<i>Hansel and Gretel</i>	Midwestern State University	2007
<i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>	Midwestern State University	2006
<i>Tall Tales & Fire In The Hole</i>	West Foundation	2006
<i>Die Fledermaus</i>	Midwestern State University	2006
<i>Snoopy!</i>	Midwestern State University	2006
<i>Angels in America</i>	Midwestern State University	2005
<i>Dancing at Lughnasa</i>	Midwestern State University	2005
<i>Gianni Schicci</i>	Midwestern State University	2005

<i>I Pagliacci</i>	Midwestern State University	2005
<i>The Cripple of Inishmaan</i>	Midwestern State University	2005
<i>Humble Boy</i>	Midwestern State University	2005
<i>Brighton Beach Memoirs</i>	West Foundation	2004
<i>The Student Prince</i>	Midwestern State University	2004
<i>The Laramie Project</i>	Midwestern State University	2004
<i>Twelfth Night</i>	Midwestern State University	2003
<i>The Cover of Life</i>	Midwestern State University	2003
<i>Rigoletto</i>	Midwestern State University	2003
<i>Proof</i>	Midwestern State University	2003
<i>Sylvia</i>	Midwestern State University	2003
<i>Charley's Aunt</i>	Midwestern State University	2002
<i>Hot L Baltimore</i>	Midwestern State University	2002
<i>Macbeth</i>	Midwestern State University	2001
<i>A Piece of My Heart</i>	Midwestern State University	2001
<i>The Rimers of Eldritch</i>	Midwestern State University	2000
<i>The Marriage of Figaro</i>	Midwestern State University	2000
<i>Educating Rita</i>	Midwestern State University	2000
<i>The Nerd</i>	Midwestern State University	2000
<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Midwestern State University	1999
<i>Habeas Corpus</i>	Midwestern State University	1999
<i>The Dining Room</i>	Midwestern State University	1999
<i>The Children's Hour</i>	Midwestern State University	1998
<i>You Can't Take It With You</i>	Midwestern State University	1998
<i>The Miser</i>	Midwestern State University	1998
<i>Don Coyote</i>	Midwestern State University	1998
<i>Voice of the Prairie</i>	Midwestern State University	1997
<i>The Foreigner</i>	Midwestern State University	1997
<i>MSU 75th Anniversary Celebration</i>	Midwestern State University	1997
<i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i>	Midwestern State University	1997
<i>Curse of the Starving Class</i>	Midwestern State University	1996
<i>Orphans</i>	Midwestern State University	1996
<i>Emma's Child</i>	Midwestern State University	1996
<i>The Skin of Our Teeth</i>	Midwestern State University	1996
<i>Comedy of Errors</i>	Midwestern State University	1995
<i>She Loves Me</i>	Bradley University	1995
<i>The Magic Flute</i>	Midwestern State University	1995
<i>K2</i>	Midwestern State University	1995
<i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i>	Midwestern State University	1995
<i>Pied Piper</i>	Houston Children's Theatre	1994

<i>The Merry Widow</i>	Midwestern State University	1994
<i>The House of Blue Leaves</i>	Midwestern State University	1994
<i>Lost in Yonkers</i>	Midwestern State University	1994
<i>Terra Nova</i>	Midwestern State University	1994
<i>Eleemosynary</i>	Midwestern State University	1994
<i>The Widow's Blind Date</i>	Midwestern State University	1993
<i>Noises Off</i>	Midwestern State University	1993
<i>Così fan tutte</i>	West Texas A&M University	1993
<i>An Evening of Commedia</i>	West Texas A&M University	1993
<i>The Grapes of Wrath</i>	West Texas A&M University	1992
<i>Sondheim's Follies</i>	West Texas A&M University	1992
<i>H.M.S. Pinafore</i>	West Texas A&M University	1992
<i>The Man Who Came to Dinner</i>	West Texas A&M University	1992
<i>Nunsense</i>	West Texas A&M University	1992
<i>Collage</i> An original dance performance		
	Lone Star Ballet	1991
<i>Die Fledermaus</i>	Amarillo Civic Opera	1991
<i>Amadeus</i>	West Texas A&M University	1991
<i>Evita</i>	West Texas A&M University	1991
<i>Falstaff</i>	West Texas A&M University	1991
<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	West Texas A&M University	1990
<i>Brigadoon</i>	West Texas A&M University	1990
<i>Anouilh's Antigone</i>	West Texas A&M University	1990
<i>Some Enchanted Evening</i>	West Texas A&M University	1990
<i>The Crucible</i>	West Texas A&M University	1989
<i>A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum</i>		
	West Texas A&M University	1989
<i>Tartuffe</i>	West Texas A&M University	1989
<i>Man of La Mancha</i>	West Texas A&M University	1988
<i>The Gondoliers</i>	West Texas A&M University	1988
<i>You Can't Take It with You</i>	West Texas A&M University	1988
<i>SnowWhite</i>	West Texas A&M University	1987
<i>Cinderella</i>	West Texas A&M University	1987
<i>The King & I</i>	West Texas A&M University	1987
<i>Trial By Jury</i>	West Texas A&M University	1987
<i>The Medium</i>	West Texas A&M University	1987
<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i>	West Texas A&M University	1987
<i>Tom Jones</i>	West Texas A&M University	1986
<i>Company</i>	West Texas A&M University	1986
<i>Susanna</i>	West Texas A&M University	1986

<i>Luv</i>	West Texas A&M University	1986
<i>A Flea In Her Ear</i>	West Texas A&M University	1986
<i>Bus Stop</i>	West Texas A&M University	1985
<i>Godspell</i>	West Texas A&M University	1985

Exhibitions (invitational)

Design Expo (invitational exhibit)	2012
Costume renderings for <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	
USITT Conference and Stage Expo	
Long Beach, California	
Cover the Walls (invitational exhibit)	2011
Costume sketches and patterns for <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	
USITT Conference and Stage Expo	
Charlotte, North Carolina	
USITT-SW Working Professionals Design Exhibit	2008
Texas Christian University Theatre	
Fort Worth, Texas	
<i>Italian Renaissance Paper Costumes</i>	2007
Galerie Pavilion, Wichita Falls, Texas	
USITT-SW Working Professionals Design Exhibit	2006
Wichita Falls Museum of Art at Midwestern State University	
Wichita Falls, Texas	
<i>Elizabeth Lewandowski: Costumes A to Z</i> A one woman show	2001
Irving Arts Center, Irving, Texas	
Design SW 2000, SWTA/USITT-SW Conference, Hot Springs, Arkansas	2000
Costume renderings for <i>The Rimers of Eldritch</i>	
Design SW, USITT-SW Symposium	1999
Costume renderings for <i>Don Coyote</i> and <i>The Children's Hour</i>	
Design SW, USITT-SW Symposium	1998
Costume renderings for <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	
Deck the Walls, USITT Fort Worth Conference & Stage Expo	1996
Costume renderings for <i>She Loves Me</i>	
Design 95 SWTA Conference, Richardson, Texas	1995
Costume renderings for <i>She Loves Me</i>	
Henderson State University Theatre Gallery	1995
Costume renderings for <i>She Loves Me</i>	
Design 94 Southwest Theatre Association Conference	1994
Costume renderings for <i>The Pied Piper</i>	
Midwestern State University Art Gallery	1993

Costumes from <i>H.M.S. Pinafore</i> and <i>An Evening of Commedia</i> American College Theatre Festival, Region VI	1993
Costumes from <i>H.M.S. Pinafore</i> and <i>An Evening of Commedia</i> Southwest Theatre Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas	1993
Costumes from <i>H.M.S. Pinafore</i> and <i>An Evening of Commedia</i> Design '92, USITT-TX Symposium, San Antonio, Texas	1992
Costume renderings for <i>The Man Who Came to Dinner</i> Design TX, USITT-TX/SWTA Conference	1991
Design TX, USITT-TX/SWTA Conference	1989
Costumes and renderings for <i>Tartuffe</i> Design TX, USITT-TX Conference	1988
Costumes and renderings for <i>The King and I</i>	

Presentations

<i>Simply Silicone</i>	
Presented with Cassie Toft and Carter Wallace (students) USITT Fort Worth Conference & Stage Expo	2014
Guest presenter Master classes in flat patterning USITT-SE, Tuscaloosa, Alabama	2008
<i>You go, grrrr! The Evolution of the Drag Life and the Modern Drag Culture in Houston, Texas</i> USITT Houston Conference & Stage Expo	2008
<i>Wrapping Paper Patterning</i> A poster session with Kelly Foard, student USITT Houston Conference & Stage Expo	2008
<i>Corsetry Master Class</i> with Kacey Allee – Foreman USITT –SW Symposium, Canyon, Texas	2008
<i>A Brief History of the Brief</i> Wichita Falls Women's Forum Eightieth Anniversary Luncheon Wichita Falls, Texas	2007
<i>You go, grrrr! The Evolution of the Drag Life</i> MSU Faculty Forum	2007
<i>Walk a Mile in My Chopines Italian Renaissance Dress</i> Galerie Pavilion, Wichita Falls, Texas	2007
Faculty Debate Participant <i>Should MSU Join a Major University System?</i> First Annual Honors Program Symposium "Abstract Thinking in a Concrete World"	2007
<i>Dressing for Success</i> USITT-SW Symposium, Wichita Falls, Texas	2006
<i>Knitting for Theatre Master Class</i> USITT – SW Symposium, Arkadelphia, Arkansas	2005

<i>A Brief History of the Brief</i> USITT Minneapolis Conference & Stage Expo	2003
<i>A Brief History of the Brief</i> MSU Faculty Forum	2002
Master Class Presenter, <i>Corsetry</i> (an 8 hours hands-on corset course) USITT-SW Symposium, Tarleton State University, Texas	2001
Panelist/Chair, <i>Women in Theatre: Professions Other Than Costuming</i> SWTA/USITT-SW Conference, Hot Springs, Arkansas	2000
Paper Presentation, <i>Promotion and Tenure Guidelines for Colleges and Universities</i> USITT Toronto Conference & Stage Expo, Toronto, Canada	1999
Panel Chair, <i>We Always Wanted to Run Away and Join the Circus</i> USITT Fort Worth Conference & Stage Expo	1996
Panel Chair for International Costume Designers Organization Internationale des Scenographes, Techniciens et Architectes de Theatre Las Vegas, Nevada	1995
Panelist, <i>Creating the Perfect Portfolio</i> Southwest Theatre Association Conference, Richland, Texas	1995
Panel Chair, <i>Stress and the Theatre Artist</i> SWTA/USITT-TX Conference	1994
<i>Storytelling as an Experimental Event for Forensic Tournaments</i> Guy P. Yates & Elizabeth Lewandowski Annual Convention of the Speech Communication Association Atlanta, Georgia	1991
Panelist, <i>Did It Work or Am I Fired</i> USITT Conference & Stage Expo Boston, Massachusetts	1991
<i>Starlight Mints</i> , an original story Tellabration '91 A National Night of Storytelling for Grownups WTA&M	1991

Awards

USITT-SW First Lifetime Membership	2018
Midwestern State University Piper Award Nominee	2017
Fain Fine Arts Piper Award Nominee	2014
Fain Fine Arts Piper Award Nominee	2012
Fain Fine Arts Piper Award Nominee	2008
KCACTF Region VI Faculty Nominee to the Kennedy Center for the 2005 Faculty Fellowship 2004	
Excellence in Costume Design for <i>Humble Boy</i>	2004

American College Theatre Festival, Region VI Excellence in Costume Construction for <i>Humble Boy</i>	2004
American College Theatre Festival, Region VI MSU Chapter of TACT Service Award	2001
USITT – SW President’s Commendation Award	1999
USITT – SW Founders Award	1998
Finalist, Outstanding Young Graduate, Bradley University	1996
Southwest Theatre Association Presidential Citation	1994, 1995
Excellence in Costume Design for <i>The Widow’s Blind Date</i>	1993
American College Theatre Festival, Region VI USITT-TX Glen Martin Jr. Service Award	1992
Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Arts Excellence Award	1991

Grants

Lamar D. Fain Fine Arts College Research/Creative Projects Grant \$400 for <i>Silicone research</i>	2013
Lamar D. Fain Fine Arts College Research/Creative Projects Grant \$400 for <i>Italian Renaissance Paper Costumes</i>	2007
Lamar D. Fain Fine Arts College Research/Creative Projects Grant \$400 for <i>Godey’s Lady’s Book</i> research	2000

Professional Memberships

OISTAT
USITT
USITT-SW (formerly USITT-TX)
Costume Society of America
TACT Texas Association of College Teachers

Service to the University

Member, University Tenure & Promotion Committee	2025-present
Chair, University Core Curriculum Committee (included membership on University Assessment Committee and Academic Council)	2021-2025
Chair, COFA Tenure & Promotion Committee	2022
Member, Assistant Professor of Theatre Search Committee	2012-2022, 2025
Chair, COFA College Awards Task Force	2025, 2020
Mentor to Eunji Cho, Mass Communication faculty	2019 - 2022
Chair, Department of Theatre	2015 - 2018
Interim Chair, Department of Theatre	2013 - 2015

Chair, Fain College of Fine Arts 40 th Anniversary Celebration	2018
Member, Ad Hoc ADA Compliance Task Force	2018
Member, Fain Fine Arts College Council	2013 - 2018
Member, Campus Hygiene Committee (formerly EPA Peer Review Committee)	2011 – 2015
Mentor to Dr. Susan Harvey, Assistant Professor of Music	2009 - 2023
Member, Core Curriculum Committee	2008– present
Theatre Library Liaison	2006 - present
Mentor to Catherine Prose, Art faculty member	2006 - 2020
Member, MSU National Schools of Theatre Accreditation Committee	2006 - 2022
Member, ADA Grievance Committee	2006 - 2008
Member, Ad Hoc Tenure & Promotion Revision Committee	2006 - 2007
Member, Ad Hoc University Workload Committee	2007
Member, Coordinator of Special Events Search Committee	2006
Member, Ad Hoc Committee for Clarification of Tenure and Promotion Issues	2005
Member, MSU Faculty Senate	2005 – 2007
Member, Student Affairs Council	2005 - 2007
Member, Fain Fine Arts College Tenure and Promotion Committee	2021- 2024, 2004 – 2008, 2011-13
Member, Associate Librarian Search Committee	2004 - 2005
Member, Ad Hoc Rank & Tenure Feedback Committee	2003 - 2005
Chair, MSU Fain Fine Arts Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Committee	2003, 2006, 2007, 2018-19
Member, Uniform Recruitment & Retention Strategic Planning Committee	2002 –2004
Sub-committee chair	
Member, MSU Charitable Campaign Steering Committee	2001 – 2003
Member, MSU University Strategic Planning Committee	2001 – present
Sub-committee chair	2001 – 2004
Member, Ad Hoc University Rank & Tenure Policy Committee	2001 - 2002
Member, MSU Fain Fine Arts Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Committee	2000 - 2001
Chair, MSU Ad Hoc Intellectual Property Rights Committee	2000 - 2001
Chair, MSU SACS Library & Learning Resources Committee	1999 - 2003
Member, MSU Library Committee	1995 – 1997, 2004 -2005
Member, MSU Outstanding Graduating Senior in the Fine Arts Committee	1995
Member, MSU Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Committee	1994 - 1995
Member, MSU Core Curriculum Committee	1995 – 1997, 2000 – 2003, 2008 - present
Member, West Texas A&M Art, Communication & Theatre Library Committee	

	1991-1993
Member, WTA&M Branding Iron Theatre Hall of Fame Committee	1990
Chair, WTA&M Art, Communication & Theatre Retention Committee	1989
<u>Service to the Profession</u>	
OISTAT Organisation Internationale de Sceographes, Technicians et Architects de Theatre	
Member	1984-present
USITT The Association for Designers and Technicians	
Portfolio Reviewer, USITT Annual Conference & Stage Expo	2009
Member, Grants & Fellowships Committee	2006 - 2021
Secretary	1997 - 2003
Member, Personnel Committee	1997 – 2003
Chair, By-laws Committee	1997 – 2003
Judge, Young Designers and Technicians Awards – Makeup & Costumes	2003
Registrar, USITT Fort Worth Conference & Stage Expo	1996
Assistant Registrar, USITT Las Vegas Conference & Stage Expo	1995
Chair, Costume Commission Liaison Project	1995 - 1998
Member, Nominations Committee	1992 - 2006
Member, Membership Committee	1994 - 1998
Member	1983-present
USITT-SW (formerly USITT-TX)	
Host, January 2009 Symposium	2009
Host, Fall 2006 Symposium	2006
Chair	1997-99
Treasurer	1986 – 1995, 2004 - 2011
First Vice-Chair	1995 - 1997
Conference Chair for USITT-TX/SWTA Conference	1994
New Orleans, Louisiana	
Judge for Design TX, a juried tech/design exhibit	1991
Member	1983-present
TACT Texas Association of College Teachers	
Member-at-Large	2011 - 2013
Vice President for Membership	2009 - 2011
President	2005 – 2007
President – elect	2004 - 2005
West Regional Vice – President	2003 - 2005
Northwest Regional Vice – President	2002 - 2003
Membership chair	2001 - 2003
Member	1994-present
TACT – MSU (Midwestern State University Chapter)	

President	1998 – 2004
Award for greatest Large Chapter growth	2000
SWTA Southwest Theatre Association	
Chair, Long Range Strategic Planning Committee	2000 -2002
Programming Chair, USITT-TX/SWTA Richland Conference	1995
Member	1994 – 2003
American Sewing Guild (Wichita Falls Chapter)	
Vice President for Programming	2002 – 2004
Vice President for Membership	2000 - 2002
Founding Member	
Member	1996 -2004