

Becky Hicks

Manager, Educator, Historian, Artisan

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Work Experience

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Teaching Specialist/Props Director (2024-Present)

- Supervised, mentored, and taught students in properties management and fabrication techniques.
- Acted as Properties Director for all university shows.
- Managed inventory and rentals of University props.

University of North Carolina School of the Arts

School of Design & Production - Stage Properties Program (2021-2024)

Prop Shop Manager

- Supervised shop staff team of eleven, including Assistant Shop Managers, Shop Forepeople, Inventory Staff, Purchasers, and thirty-four properties artisans, as well as temporary students.
- Facilitated communication in and outside of the properties department.
- Created procedures and guidelines that increased shop efficiency and productivity.

Assistant Properties Shop Manager

- Helped supervise an academic properties shop of thirty-six artisans.
- Aided the Properties Shop Manager in paperwork, communication, and planning.

Ogunquit Playhouse

Assistant Properties Supervisor (April 2022 to August 2022)

- Worked underneath Properties Supervisor to source, research, and build properties for a three-show season:
 - *The Cher Show*
 - *The Nutty Professor*
 - *Mr. Holland's Opus the Musical*
- Aided in the construction of Arts Academy properties, a children's theatre camp.

Black Hills Playhouse

Properties Manager (May 2021 to Aug. 2021)

- Supervised a professional properties shop with a team of rotating interns as well as an assistant in a three-show season:
 - *The Marvelous Wonderettes*
 - *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*
 - *Altar Boyz*
- Organized, inventoried, and cared for company properties.
- Researched, designed, sourced, and created properties for period and contemporary musicals.

Work Experience

Properties Manager (March 2020-April 2020)

- Hired as the Properties Manager, but season was cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Started paperwork on four-show season:
 - The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time
 - A Gentleman's Guide of Love and Murder
 - The Odd Couple
 - Something Rotten!

Assistant Properties Manager (May 2019-Aug. 2019)

- Assisted in the management, research, construction, and implementation of props for a four-show season:
 - *Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood*
 - *Side Show*
 - *Mamma Mia!*
 - *Steel Magnolias*

Brandon Valley High School

Stage Manager

- Class B Regional One Acts Festival (2017)
- South Dakota State One Acts Festival (2018)

Storyland Children's Theatre (2016-2017)

Sound Designer

- Designed and ran sound for fourteen shows for a children-based audience.

Educational Experience

University of North Carolina School of the Arts

Properties Director

- *Maria di Rohan* (2024)
- *Amadeus* (2023)
- *Passing Strange* (2022)

Assistant Properties Director

- *The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner* (2021)

Artisan

- *Twelfth Night* (2024)
- *Barbecue* (2024)
- *Enron* (2023)
- *Tent City* (2023)
- *Orlando Palladino* (2023)
- *Sweeney Todd* (2022)
- *Volpone* (2022)
- *Linda di Chamounix* (2022)
- *Heathers: The Musical* (2021)

Augustana University

Shop Staff: Properties Manager (2018-2021)

Properties Designer

- *Midsummer Night's Dream* (2020)
- *James and the Giant Peach the Musical* (2020)
- *Thanksgiving Play* (2019)
- *Crimes of the Heart* (2019)
- *Clue the Musical* (2019)
- *Puberty the Musical* (2018)

Director:

- *The Actor's Nightmare* (2021)
- *Tight Curls Today* (2020)

Dramaturg

- *The Tempest* (2020)

Assistant Director

- *The Tempest* (2020)

Properties Coordinator

- Claire Donaldson Theatre Festival (2019)
- *Deeds, Not Words: Four Suffragette Plays* (2018)

Properties Mentor

- *Guys and Dolls* (2021)
- *She Kills Mentors* (2019)

Stage Manager

- *Twelve Pound Look* (2018)

Assistant Stage Manager

- *Addams Family the Musical* (2018)

Scenic Charge

- *Tartuffe* (2018)
- *Stop Kiss* (2017)

Classroom Experience

Brandon Valley High School

Substitute Teacher (2020-2021)

Student Teacher (2021)

- Honors English 10
 - Four sections of advanced English course for sophomores
- Theatre 1
 - Two sections of general theatre education course for 9-12
- Theatre 2
 - One advanced section of theatre education for 10-12

Teaching Assistant

- 9th grade English class (2017)
- 10th grade Honors English class (2017)
- 9-12 Stagecraft class (2016)

Augustana University

Teaching Assistant (2021)

- Acting III Period Acting

Classroom Experience

Practicum

- Field experience in a range of classrooms and schools that allow practice in one-on-one mentoring, observing and assisting teachers, providing instruction, and creating and teaching lesson plans.
- SPED class for the Blind and Visually Impaired at Harrisburg North Middle School (2020)
 - 6th grade ELL, ELA, and Social Studies class at George McGovern Middle School (2019)
 - 5th grade Social Studies class at Brandon Valley Intermediate School (2018)
 - 9-12 Speech class at Roosevelt High School (2018)

Washington Pavilion

Action Arts and Science Program Lead Instructor (2019-2020)

- Built and implemented arts and science lessons for after school programming with the Washington Pavilion museum at the Downtown Sioux Falls Boys and Girls Club.

Other Work Experience

Old Salem Museums & Gardens

Trades Educator (2022-Present)

- *Worked in 18th and 19th century style Pottery, Joinery/Turning Shop, and Gunsmith Shop, focusing as a potter.*
- *Demonstrated pottery, woodworking, and smithing skills and interpreted history for museum patrons. Built reproduction pottery pieces for production, museum use, and sale.*

Joann Fabrics

Fabric Cutter (2021-2022)

Lucky's Bar

Security (2021)

B&G Milkyway - Brandon, SD

Manager (2017-2021)

- Hired, trained, and managed cashiers and food service workers of local chain ice cream store.

Food Service Worker (2014-2017)

Education History

Master of Fine Arts in Stage Properties, Design and Production

Institution: University of North Carolina School of the Arts

Expected Graduation: May 2024

- Thesis in conservation, restoration, and preservation of furniture, household items, and decor.
- Seman's Grant Award Recipient (2022 and 2023)

Education History

Bachelor of Arts in English with a Writing Emphasis, Secondary Education, and Theatre minor

Institution: Augustana University

Year of Graduation: 2021

- Executive Director of Augustana's Collaborative Theatrical Society, 2021
- Production Manager of Augustana's Collaborative Theatrical Society, 2020
- President of Alpha Psi Omega Theta Psi Chapter, 2020
- Kennedy Center American Collegiate Theatrical Festival Region 5 Student Advisory Board Member
- Vice President of Alpha Psi Omega Theta Psi Chapter, 2019
- Period Acting Class Teacher's Assistant

Awards, Affiliations, Publications, Symposiums, and Licenses

Society of American Period Furniture Makers

Member (since 2023)

KCACTF Props Commendation

KCACTF Festival 52 (2020) for *The Thanksgiving Play*

South Dakota Educator Certificate

South Dakota Department of Education (2021)

- Secondary Intermediate English Language Arts Endorsement
- Secondary Advanced Composition/Grammar Endorsement
- Secondary Advanced Literature Endorsement
- Secondary Mass Communications Endorsement

Augustana Student Symposium

"Making a Murder: The Properties Design Process Behind *Clue the Musical*" presentation

Chess" Short Story

Published in Venture literary magazine (2019)

National Scholarship Recipient

Alpha Psi Omega (2019)

Gremlin Award

Augustana University (2021)

Alpha Psi Omega

Member (Since 2019)

Sigma Tau Delta

Member (Since 2020)

Fryxell Scholar

Augustana University (2017)

Society of Properties Artisan Managers Award

KCACTF Festival 52 (2020) for *Clue the Musical*

National Honors Society

Member (since 2016)

Skills

- Casting/molding
- Set decorating
- Wood turning
- Sculpting/pottery
- Special effects/weaponry
- Conservation/restoration
- Vacu-forming
- Research skills
- Cost estimation/budgeting
- Team and project management
- Education/lesson planning
- Google Sheets
- Microsoft Teams