# **Courtneay Sanders**

# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

## EDUCATION

M.F.A. in Acting, University of Arkansas B.S. in Drama / TV / Film Performance, Oral Roberts University

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Director of Theatre, Oral Roberts University Creates and oversees curriculum in Theatre Arts, Musical Theatre, and Drama / TV / Film Performance majors Determines theatre season Theatre program & production budgets Supervises student theatre assistants Manages theatre publicity Organizes auditions (both scholarship and production) Directs at least one production annually Hires Guest Artists & organizes special workshops throughout the academic Manages and organizes high school / elementary school student matinees for select performances	2006 – Present
Associate Professor Oral Roberts University Teaches undergraduate courses in Acting I & II, Film Camera Acting, Period Styles, Meisner Technique, Brecht, Viewpoints, Musical Theatre, Children's Theatre and Theatre History I & II.	2006 – Present
Artistic Director, The Playhouse Tulsa, Tulsa, OK Creates and manages all educational programming for Playhouse Tulsa. Directs all Playhouse Playground children's productions Creates and manages production budgets Organizes and supervises community enrichment classes and workshops Administrative responsibilities (list available on request) Actress	2007 - Present
Instructor, Victory Bible Institute Taught acting courses for the Creative Arts and Media Track	2007 - 2009
Graduate Assistant Professor, University of Arkansas Taught undergraduate courses in Theatre Lecture and Acting.	2004 – 2006
Teacher, Westminster Christian Academy, Lafayette, LA Taught high school drama and yearbook.	1998 – 1999

### WORKSHOPS and PRESENTATIONS

- "Character is Place. Place is Character." Meredith Boswell, Production Designer University of Arkansas- Fayetteville, Arkansas, 2014
- "From Hollywood to Tulsa: A Q&A with Peggy V. Helmerich" Cascia Hall, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2014
- "Riding the Streetcar An In-depth look at *A Streetcar Named Desire*"

  Presented, Tulsa Performing Arts Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2014
- "From Stage to Screen A Streetcar Named Desire"

  Panel Discussion, Northeastern State University, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, 2014
- "Discovering Shakespeare"
  Panel Discussion Member, TheatreSquared, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 2014
- "The Season Launch"
  University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 2014
- "Pitch It: Getting a Job as a Theatrical Designer"

  Presented, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 2014
- "An Actor's Life for Me"
  Presented, Wright Christian Academy, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, 2013
- "A Better You Living a Healthy Life"

  Presented, Tulsa Volunteers Annual Mtg, University of Phoenix, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2013
- "Walking *Barefoot*: Acting and Neil Simon"

  Presented, The Playhouse Tulsa / Union High School, Tulsa Performing Arts Center,
  Tulsa, Oklahoma 2013
- "Taking a Bite out of Shakespeare"

  Co-presented, KCACTF, The University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma 2012
- "Meet and Greet Tim Blake Nelson"
  The University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma 2012
- "Playhouse Tulsa Playwrights Initiative"
  Co-presented, Playhouse Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2012
- "The Origins Project Festival of New Plays"
  Presented, The Playhouse Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2011
- "The Future of Tulsa Arts Organizations"

  Arts and Humanities Council of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma 2011
- "The 24 Hour Play Festival"

  Co-presented, The Playhouse Tulsa, Tulas, Oklahoma 2011 present
- "Getting to Know You: Joe Sears" Cascia Hall, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2011
- "Respondent Interviews: A Midsummer Nights Dream"
  Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2011

- "A Talkback with Mary Kay Place"
  Cascia Hall, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2010
- "Oklahoma Society of Writers and Poets Honors Beth Henley"
  Oklahoma State University-Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2010
- "Playhouse Tulsa presents a Garden Fete"
  Presented, Chapman Greens, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2010
- "Issues surrounding the privatization of the Tulsa Performing Arts Center" Arts and Humanities Council of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2010
- "Playhouse Playground Summer Workshops Series" Presented, Studio 212, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2010
- "Playhouse Playground After-School Workshop Series"
  Presented, Victory Christian Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2010
- "August Osage County: A Master Class with Estelle Parsons" The University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2010
- "Stephen Sondheim. The man behind the music"
  The University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2010
- "The Meisner Technique"
  Presented, Christians in Theatre Arts Conference, Los Angeles, California, 2008
- "Speaking Shakespeare's Verse."

  Presented, Christians in Theatre Arts Conference, Chicago, Illinois, 2007
- "Preparation for Summerstage"

  Tulsa Performing Arts Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma 2009, 2010, 2011
- "ORU Department of Communication, Arts, & Media Hooding Ceremony"
  Delivered the Benediction
  Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma 2009
- "ORU Department of Communication, Arts, & Media Hooding Ceremony" Presented Outstanding Senior for Worship Arts Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma 2009-present
- "ORU Department of Communication, Arts, & Media Hooding Ceremony"
  Presented Outstanding Senior for Drama, Television, & Film Performance
  Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma 2007-2009
- "A Conversation with Larry Wayne Morbitt"
  Hosted, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2009
- "An Evening with Derek Luke."
  Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2007.
- "Shakespeare and Co Professional Actor Training." Shakespeare and Co, Dallas, Texas, 2006.
- "Musical Theatre Workshop with Broadway's Kaitlin Hopkins."

  American College Theatre Festival, Region VI, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2006.

"Auditioning Professionally with Bob Hupp."

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 2006.

"The Importance of Graduate School for Actors."

Co-Presented, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2006.

"Musical Theatre Performance."

Co-Presented, Victory Christian School, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2006.

"Life as a Professional Actor: an afternoon with Frances Guinan."

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 2005.

"Laugh out Loud: An Improvisation workshop with Chicago's Second City."

Walton Arts Center, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 2005.

"Speaking Shakespeare's Voice."

Co- Presented, American College Theatre Festival, Region VI, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 2005.

"Artistic Expression: Drama in the Church."

Presented, Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 2005.

"The 24 hour Play Festival."

Arts Festival, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 2005.

"An Evening with Robert Redford."

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 2005.

"The Period Style of Dance."

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 2005.

"New Works, New Playwrights."

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 2005.

"Stage Combat."

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 2004.

"Comedy Improvisation."

American College Theatre Festival, Region VI, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, 2004.

"Performance in the Church."

Co-Presented, First Pentecostal Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas, 2004.

"Theatre vs. Film: a conversation with Mary Louise Parker."

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 2003.

"God's Road to Broadway: Larry Wayne Morbitt."

Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2003.

"One Man Show: Bruce Kuhn."

Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2002.

"Acts of Renewal."

Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2001.

Lafayette Playhouse

Theatre Tulsa

Hd Stages

"Mime with Wesley Brainard."

Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2001.

"Dance Adiem."

Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2000.

"Angles in America: Tony Kushner."

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 1999.

"Understanding and Teaching Shakespeare."

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 1998.

#### ACTING EXPERIENCE

#### **Theatre**

TheatreSquared Hamlet Ophelia Playhouse Tulsa A Streetcar Named Desire Blanche Dubois Playhouse Tulsa Little Women Marmee The Bottom of the Sea^ Anna Magani Playhouse Tulsa Playhouse Tulsa Barefoot in the Park Corie Bratter Othello **Emilia** Playhouse Tulsa The Unmentionables Jane Playhouse Tulsa Playhouse Tulsa William and Judith\* Judith Macbeth Lady Macbeth Williams Theatre The Fall of the House<sup>^</sup> Muny TheatreSquared House & Garden Trish Platt Playhouse Tulsa Romeo & Juliet Nurse The Liddy The Rivals Julia Kernoodle Theatre Miss Julie Christine Studio 404 Hedda Gabler Mrs. Thea Elvsted Studio 404 Boy Gets Girl Teresa Bedell Playhouse Tulsa An Infinite Ache Hope The Liddy Kernoodle Theatre The Night of the Iguana Maxine Lady Capulet Kernoodle Theatre Romeo and Juliet Dancing at Lughnasa Rose Mundy Lafavette Playhouse Lend Me A Tenor Diana Playhouse Tulsa It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play Mary Bailey/Sally Applewhite The Liddy Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? Martha University Theatre Anton in Show business Casey Mulgraw Studio 404 Lafayette Playhouse The Foreigner Betty Steel Magnolias Truvy Hd Stages The Actor's Nightmare Ensemble Hd Stages Talley's Folly Sally Talley Studio 404 The Heidi Chronicles Becky / Betsy / Molly Lafayette Playhouse

Wife

Olivia

Gwendolyn Fairfax

The Importance of Being Ernest

Baby with the Bathwater

Twelfth Night

<sup>\*</sup>world premier \text{ \text{^-workshop}}

Film

Victory Christian Center Risen Mary Sanders Family 360 Degree Life Impact Productions / VCC

#### PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

Director Oral Roberts University Director Playhouse Tulsa Little Women Playhouse Tulsa Director

Playhouse Tulsa TULSA! A Radio Christmas Spectacular Director

Plavhouse Tulsa Director

Playhouse Playground The Great Cross Country Race Director

Victory Kids Director

Oral Roberts University Director

Director Playhouse Tulsa

Director Oral Roberts University **Oral Roberts University** Director

Playhouse Tulsa Director Playhouse Tulsa Costume Designer

Costume Designer The Liddy

Director Playhouse Playground

Director Tulsa PAC Trust

Oral Roberts University Scenic Design Playhouse Playground Director

Playhouse Tulsa Co-Director Costume Design Playhouse Tulsa

Oral Roberts University Director Playhouse Tulsa Director

Oral Roberts University Director Studio 212 Director

Playhouse Tulsa Director Plavhouse Tulsa Costume Design Playhouse Tulsa Director Director John Williams

Co-Director Plavhouse Tulsa **Technical Director Oral Roberts University** 

Costume Designer **HD Stages** 

Costume Designer The Doenges Theatre

Director **HD Stages HD Stages** Director Playhouse Tulsa Costume Design Norman Theatre Costume Design Costume Design Playhouse Tulsa

Director **Oral Roberts University** Oral Roberts University Director

Costume Design Playhouse Tulsa Oral Roberts University Costume Design Costume Design **Oral Roberts University** 

Director Studio 404

**Assistant Director** Kernoodle Theatre Stage Manager Kernoodle Theatre Box Office Manager Oral Roberts University **Publicity Manager** Oral Roberts University House Manager University of Louisiana

The Diary of Anne Frank

The Ugly Duckling

I Hate Hamlet

The Last Rag Doll Much Ado About Nothing Urinetown: The Musical

The Seagull Picnic

A Charlie Brown Christmas

Othello

The Tempest

Alexander and the terrible...

The Borrowers Eleemosvnarv

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse It's a Wonderful Life House and Garden Crimes of the Heart I Love You Because... Songs for a New World

Graceland / Asleep on the Wind

Someone to Fall Back On Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse

Lend Me a Tenor

Moonlight and Magnolias

An Infinite Ache Fall 2008

The Vertical Hour

Moonlight and Magnolias

The Mousetrap Three Days of Rain Boy Gets Girl It's a Wonderful Life I Love You Because... The Comedy of Errors

Proof

House and Garden Songs for a New World

Life x 3

A Doll's House Into the Woods I Love you...Change!

#### **PERFORMANCE TRAINING**

#### Acting:

Amy Herzberg, (Hagen, Meisner, Wheelen, Brecht, Pinter, Musical Theatre) University of Arkansas. 2003 - 2006

Michael Landman, (Viewpoints) University of Arkansas, 2004

Chuck Gordon, University of Arkansas, 2004

Ray Lewandowski, Oral Roberts University, 2000 – 2002

Laura Holland, Oral Roberts University, 2000 – 2002

Frank Gallagher, Oral Roberts University, 2000 – 2001

Stephen Taft, University of Louisiana, 1997 – 1999

Lori Bales, University of Louisiana, 1997 – 1998

#### Shakespeare:

Sean Patrick Reilly, TheatreSquared, 2014

Dave Demke, Shakespeare and Co. 2006

Roger Gross, University of Arkansas, 2005

Mavourneen Dwyer, University of Arkansas, 2003 - 2006

Chris Crawford, Shakespeare Theatre Company, 2008-2009

#### Voice and Speech:

Mavourneen Dwyer, (Speech: Berry, Linklater) University of Arkansas, 2003 – 2006

Carole Lewandowski, (Speech) Oral Roberts University, 2003

Judith Raiford, (Singing) 2007 - present

Diane Morrow, (Singing) 2006 - 2007

Echo Sunyata, (Singing) University of Arkansas, 2004 – 2006

Kevin Bogan, (Singing) University of Arkansas, 2004

#### Film Acting:

Ryan Stafford, Victory Multimedia Productions, 2013

Tom Newman, Impact Productions, 2009-2010

Ray Lewandowski, Oral Roberts University, 2001

Jill Lincoln, Los Angeles Film, 2008

#### Directing:

Michael Landman, University of Arkansas, 2004

Ray Lewandowski, Oral Roberts University, 2001

#### Alexander Technique:

Kathlyn Frank, University of Arkansas, 2003 - 2006

#### Dance:

Gail Leftwich, (Ballet, Tap, Musical Theatre) University of Arkansas, 2003 – 2006

Terry Brustar, (Period Style Dance) University of Arkansas, 2005

Kenneth Jenkins, (Modern) University of Louisiana, 199

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Technical Director, Oral Roberts University. Tulsa, Oklahoma 2012-2013, 2014-2015

Playwright for Victory Christian Center Christmas and Easter productions 2014-2015

Member / ORU Theatre Representative, State Transfer Curriculum Committee, Oklahoma City, OK 2013-present

Member, Tulsa Performing Arts Center Calendar Committee, Tulsa, OK 2011 - present

Member Representative – The Playhouse Tulsa, Arts and Humanities Council of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK 2009 - present

ORU Faculty Representative, Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, 2012

Irene Ryan Acting Coach, Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 2012

Committee Member, Higher Learning Commission. Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, 2011-2012

Committee Member, Curriculum and Major Development, Bachelors of Fine Arts – Theatre Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK 2012

Committee Member, Theatre Arts Faculty Search, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK, 2012

Actor, Tulsa Honors Author Billie Letts, Central Library, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2010

Featured Director, *Discuss Your Artistic Vision*, Tulsa Area Theatre Excellence Awards, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2010

Co-Host, *Explore Tulsa: The Performing Arts*, Tulsa Performing Arts Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2010

Actor, National Public Radio's broadcast of It's a Wonderful Life. Tulsa, OK 2009

Committee Member, Higher Learning Commission, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2010 - present

Company Member, The Playhouse Theatre, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2009 - present

Executive Board Member, The Playhouse Theatre, Tulsa, Oklahoma 2007-present

Artistic Board Member, The Playhouse Theatre, Tulsa, Oklahoma 2009 - present

Committee Member: Thomas C. Durfey Outstanding Senior Award, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2007-present.

Committee Member: Faculty Retreat Committee, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2007- present.

Entertainment Coordinator: Victory Christian School. Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2008

Adjudicator: Arkansas High School Thespians Competition, Alma, Arkansas, 2008.

Directing Consultant: *The Illustrated Sermons: Christmas & Easter*, Victory Christian Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2007- 2009.

Make-up Design: He's Alive!, Victory Christian Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2005.

Hostess: Hospitality Committee, American College Theatre Festival, Region VI, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 2005.

Organizer: Workshop Committee, American College Theatre Festival, Region VI, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 2004.

Adjudicator: Assembly of God Fine Arts Festival, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2003.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Creator and Director for *The Ugly Duckling* showcase production for First Friday at the Arts and Humanities Council of Tulsa. September 2014

Producer: Amina's Stage – theatre curriculum coordinator and trainer, The Playhouse Tulsa & New Day Foundation, Tulsa, etc. 2013-present

Producer: S.MASH Performances: free theatrical performances for Tulsa area non-profits and charitable organizations, The Playhouse Tulsa, Tulsa, OK 2012-present

Actor: "Mary", Risen, Victory Christian Center, Tulsa, OK 2013

Production Consultant: Cascia Hall Arts Camp, Tulsa, OK. 2012

Director: A Charlie Brown Christmas, Victory Christian Center, Tulsa, OK 2012

Theatre Administrative Consultant: The Compound, Lafayette, LA, 2011

Actor: Mary, the sister of Lazarus, Victory Christian Center, 2010.

Acting Consultant: Life x 3. Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK 2009

Acting Consultant: Masquerade. 24/7 Youth. Tulsa, OK. 2010

Created 1st Annual Fine Arts Faculty Showcase. Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK. 2008

Acting Consultant: *Closer*, Tulsa Performing Arts Center, 2009.

Acting Coach: The Vertical Hour, Oral Roberts University, 2009.

Directing Consultant: From Creation to the Cross, Victory Christian School, Tulsa, OK, 2009.

Actor: Mary Mother of Jesus, Victory Christian Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2009.

Faculty Advisor: Campus Artists, Oral Roberts University, 2007.

Faculty Advisor: Manna, Oral Roberts University, 2007.

Faculty Advisor: Highway, a Community Outreach of Oral Roberts University, 2007.

Actor: Fayetteville Arts Festival, The 24 Hour Plays, TheatreSquared, 2007.

Actor: Fayetteville Arts Festival, *The 10 Minute Plays*, TheatreSquared, 2006.

Actor: Voiceover work for *Hi-Tops: the Musical* promotion video, 24-7 Youth Group, Victory Christian Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2006.

Actor: Reader for "Playwrights of Northwest Arkansas," a new play development group, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 2005-2006.

# AWARDS and HONORS

2014	Featured artist profile: "Center Stage" - Oklahoma Magazine, April 2014
2013	Received Honorable Mention in <i>Who's Who in Academia</i> by Stephan Bozanek News Digest International.
2012	Featured artist in "Where Are They Now" weekly alumni series University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
2011	Directed <i>Shining City</i> , the second place \$5,000 winner in the Tulsa Area Theatre Excellence Awards. Tulsa, OK
2011	Awarded Advancement in Rank from Assistant to Associate Professor Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
2011	Nominated for Outstanding Faculty in areas of Teaching and Methods Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
2011	Featured theatre professional in <i>Urban Tulsa Weekly</i> cover story "Play for Pay" Tulsa, OK
2010	Received the Chaddy Award for Outstanding Press Kit, <i>House and Garden</i> , Tulsa Performing Arts Center, Tulsa, OK
2010	Directed <i>Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse</i> , the second place \$5,000 winner in the Tulsa Area Theatre Excellence Awards. Tulsa, OK
2010	Selected to appear as a feature story on <i>360 degree Life</i> , Victory Christian Center / Trinity Broadcasting Network. Tulsa, OK
2010	Honored with Playhouse Theatre as Best Theatre Troupe in <i>Urban Tulsa's Absolute Best of Tulsa Awards</i> . Tulsa, OK
2010	Awarded a \$6,100 grant from the Tulsa Performing Arts Center Trust for the production of <i>Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse</i> (co-sponsored with ORU Theatre)
2009	Awarded the Ruth Arrington Outstanding Collegiate Theatre Faculty Member of the Year by the Oklahoma Speech, Theatre Communication Association
2009	Nominated for Who's Who In America.
2009	Nominated Best Actress by Theatre Tulsa Weekly. Tulsa, OK.
2009	Featured with ORU Theatre in cover story for <i>Urban Tulsa Weekly's</i> "Let the Children Play". Tulsa, OK
2009	Recognized in <i>Urban Tulsa Weekly</i> cover story "Eye of the Beholder" as an influential Tulsa artist to watch. Tulsa, OK
2006	Best Actress, Boar's Head Players, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR.

2006	Best Stage Management, Boar's Head Players, University of Arkansas Fayetteville, Arkansas.
2006	Distinguished Faculty honoree, Kappa Delta Sorority, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas.
2005	Irene Ryan Award Nomination: American College Theatre Festival, Region VI, for performance in <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> .
2004	Irene Ryan Award Nomination: American College Theatre Festival, Region VI, for performance in <i>Boy Gets Girl</i> .
2003 - 2006	Acting Fellowship awarded for each semester of Graduate School: University of Arkansas.
2004	Dean's List, Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, University of Arkansas.

### ORGANIZATIONS

Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers, 2014 - present

Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Oral Roberts University Representative, 2011-present

Oklahoma Speech Theatre Communication Association, 2009-present

Christians in Theatre Arts, 2007 - present

Alpha Psi Omega: A National, Honorary, Dramatic Society, 2001 - present

USITT Oral Roberts University Representative, 2009-present