

EDUCATION**The Theatre School at DePaul University, Chicago IL 2007-2011**

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Major in Acting, *Magna Cum Laude*, GPA: 3.76

LITERARY TRAINING**Film502 Front Porch Film Lab, Fall 2025**

- 1 of 10 projects accepted for 2-week full-time, fully-funded incubator lab. Writing classes and script workshop taught by Ruth Atkinson (LA-based story/screenplay consultant) & Jennifer Arnold (LA-based TV/FILM director)

Pauletta Hansel's Women's Writing Retreat at Knobs Haven, Summer 2025

- 4-day generative writing retreat on the grounds of The Sisters of Loretto Motherhouse

Shaker Village Writer's Workshop with Fenton Johnson & Maurice Manning, Winter 2025

- 1:1 Mentorship & Coaching with Fenton Johnson & group workshop of 14 page essay
- Workshop theme: "Writing as Spiritual Practice"

Private Coaching, Workshop & Mentorship 2024-Present

- Kate Kelly, Jonathan Montaldo, Hannah Rego, JJ Johnson, Zack Poehlein, Meg Whelan, Lindsey Cummins, Br. Paul Quenon, Fenton Johnson

Community Writing Workshop(s), 2023-Present

- Backwoods Literary Press Workshops with Belle Townsend / Sarabande Books Zine Lunch with Zack Poehlein, Sean Rose / *Sanctuarium* Dream Journal Workshop with Sirene Wata

GRANTS

- 2026 University Notre Dame, Cushwa Center Guerin Grant, "*Memoir of Sr. Agnes Ann Schum*" \$1,500
- 2026 KOHC Project Grant, "*Sister of Loretto Agnes Ann Schum Oral History Project*" \$4,269
- 2025 KFW Artist Residency, 2-week writing retreat at The Sisters of Loretto Motherhouse
- 2024 KFW Literary Arts Impact Grant, \$3,500
- 2023 Chicago Dept. Cultural Affairs & Special Events, IAP Grant, *Lee Baby*, \$6,000
- 2023 Puffin Foundation, Project Grant, *Lee Baby*, \$1,500
- 2023 IL Arts Council Agency, individual artist grant, *Lee Baby*, \$4,000
- 2022 KYGSA Toyota Alumni Fund Grant, *Rough River Lake*, \$2,000
- 2019 KYGSA Toyota Alumni Fund Grant, *Reverse Missionary*, \$1,950

AWARDS

- 2024 Hollywood New Director's Festival, "Best LGBTQIA+" & "Best Drama" - *Lee Baby*
- 2024 Oxford Film Festival, Honorable Mention (Runner-Up) in LGBTQ Category - *Lee Baby*
- 2022 Cinema-femme Short-film Festival - Halyna Hutchins Producer Award
- 2022 London International Film Festival, "Best Short-film" & "Audience Pick" - *Rough River Lake*

PUBLICATIONS

- "Trans ally, Catholic nun: Sr. Luisa Derouen's 26-Year Mission of Quiet Resistance," *Queer Kentucky*, Summer 2025
- "Than/Then" *Game Over Books, Uncommon Anthology*, Boston, MA, Forthcoming 2026
- "Alice Walker Wisdom in the Tarot," *new words no. 6, new words {press}*, Brooklyn, NY, 2025
- "Let Go Let God," Printed Zine, Edition III, Printed Zine, Louisville, KY, Summer 2024
- "Are We There Yet?" & "Playing with Elliott," *Through an Open Door*, zine by Material Drifter, Lexington, KY, Spring 2025

LITERARY READINGS & PRESENTATIONS

- Mar. 2026 Hybrid Presentation, "India Pilgrimage," Loretto Link Contemplative Working Group
- Nov. 2025 Presentation, "We Will Be Saved by Beauty," Loretto Link Annual Retreat, Nerinx, KY
- Oct. 2025 Host/Produce/Perform "Quilted Sounds," Poetry Hour at Woodbine Chamber, Louisville, KY
- Aug. 2025 Featured poet & performer, *byway books* Sunday Service series, Louisville, KY
- July 2025 Poetry & Drag-king performance, KYRUX Talent Show, Campbellsville, KY
- June 2025 Co-host/co-produce "Community Poetry Hour" with Meg Whelan, Nerinx, KY
- Mar. 2025 Co-host/Produce Loretto Artist(s)-in-Residence "Poetry Hour" w/ Meg Whelan, Nerinx, KY

Feb. 2025 Poetry reading at Shaker Village Writers Workshop Community Reading, Pleasant Hill, KY
 2025-2026 Regular performer with Wildflowers Poetry Collective, Full Stop Station, Louisville, KY
 Mar. 2023 Poetry reading at Thomas Merton Retreat with Jonathan Montaldo, Nazareth Retreat Center
 Jan. 2024 Present on "Spiritual Companionship LGBTQ+" NRC Spiritual Direction Internship Program
 2022/2024 Presentation & Dramatic Reading, "Living Your Creative Purpose," KYGSA, Lexington, KY

SELECT TEACHING & FACILITATION EXPERIENCE

Passionist Earth & Spirit Center, Faculty & Retreat Associate, Louisville, KY, Fall 2025-Present

- "Writing as Spiritual Practice," 3 & 6 week adult writing class series taught online, 2025-2026
- "Memento Mori," a 2-hour workshop co-taught & devised with author Becky Robison, 2025

Freelance Creative-Spiritual Leadership: Facilitator / Programming Producer, 2017-Present

- "Nature as Our Teacher," Facilitate 4-hour meditation/writing retreat for Wildflowers Collective, 2026
- LGBTQ+ Wedding Officiant & ceremony consultant/writer with Inclusive KY Weddings, 2025-Present
- "Trauma-informed Strategies for Filmmakers," workshop taught at DePaul University, 2024

KY College of Art & Design, Visiting Faculty & Guest Teaching Artist, Louisville, KY

- "Viewpoints Movement Workshop," undergraduate Introduction to Performance class, 2025
- "The Warwick Artist Residency: Convivial Creation in Solitude," 3-week intensive course with "artist residency" immersion trip, co-designed & co-taught with Professor Elle Hendrickson, Spring 2024
- "Approaching Creativity Through the Body," a nervous-system mapping collage workshop for first-year studio art foundations class, Feb 2023

Trauma-informed Meditation Teacher, 2022-Present

- "LGBTQ+ Meditation & Spiritual Reclamation" Annual Retreat, Nazareth, KY, June 2025/2026
- Meditation Club: a free, community practice space hosted weekly on Zoom
- "Introduction to Meditation" Workshops & 4-day Vedic Meditation Training Courses for private clients & small groups offered in virtual format or in-person.
- "Nervous-System Regulation & Meditation" 3-hour workshop for stage-management & theatre tech students in DePaul Theatre School's Summer Training Program, 2023

KY Governor's School for the Arts, Drama Faculty (2022/2023) & Faculty Chair (2024)

- Voice&speech/acting teacher & director of final showcase for 33 high-schoolers at 3-week, intensive arts camp. Serve as communication liaison between faculty and administrators. Manage budget.

Community Storytellers Program, Full Spectrum Features, Chicago, IL, 2024

- Impact Strategist/Creative Producer — Shape & refine storyteller's event ideas to reflect themes and messages of their film. Assist goal setting, develop a tracker to concretize planning specifics including but not limited to budgets, tasks and timelines, partnerships, marketing needs, etc.

SELECT TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

Vedic Meditation Teacher Training, Mark Price of Alchemy Collective, 2020-2022

- 600+ hour advanced practice meditation & yoga philosophy training taught through anti-racist lens

Integrated Somatic & Trauma-therapies Certificate, The Embody Lab, 2021 *scholarship recipient

- 3 month training on somatic approaches to trauma-informed care taught by leaders in the field.

SELECT FILMMAKING & NEW PLAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

*Writing, story development, editing were major components of the following collaborative projects:

- Story Consultant & Writer / Director / Producer — *Drift City* "Fiends Lullaby" Music Video, 2025
- Director / Producer / Co-creator — *Lee Baby*, award-winning short-film streaming on OTV, 2023
- Producer / Co-creator / Actor — *Rough River Lake*, award-winning short-film shot in Kentucky, 2021
- Lead Actor in a World Premier Play(s) — *T* by Dan Aibel & *Colombinus 2.0* (American Theatre Company), *Strange Heart Beating* by Kristin Idaszak (Cloudgate Theatre).
- Creative Producer / Director / Script Editor — *Reverse Missionary*, Haven Theatre, 2019

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & AFFILIATIONS

- The Woodbine Chamber — Board Member, Programming Committee, Louisville, KY 2024-Present
- Member of — KYRUX (Class of 2025-2026) / Maybeitsfate Creative-Co-op, Louisville / Loretto Link
- Monthly Donor — Queer Kentucky "Bedfellows" / Tibetan Nuns Project / Children International