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## Education

Masters of Liberal Arts from Minnesota State University Moorhead	2010
Thesis: Scenic and Lighting Design: 17th - 19th Centuries	
Bachelor of Arts from Minnesota State University Moorhead	2003
Major: Theatre Arts with Emphasis in Technical, Directing and Acting	
High School diploma from Park Center Senior High	1998

## Scenic Designs

<u>Title</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>The Frog Princess</i>	Meagan Kedrowski	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2010
<i>The Rocky Horror Show</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2010
<i>The Music Man</i>	Jennifer Tuttle	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2010
<i>All Shook Up</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2010
<i>Sound of Music</i>	Kristin Fox	Oak Grove Lutheran High School	2010
<i>RENT</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2009
<i>Les Misérables</i>	Rusty Bender	Oak Grove Lutheran High School	2009
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Rusty Bender	Oak Grove Lutheran High School	2008
<i>Jesus Christ Superstar</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2008
<i>Guys and Dolls</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2007
<i>Blithe Spirit</i>	David Wheeler	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2005
<i>Anything Goes</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2004
<i>Honk!</i>	David Wheeler	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2004
<i>All My Sons</i>	Jim Bartruff	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2004
<i>The Man Who Came to Dinner</i>	David Wheeler	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2003
<i>A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum</i>	Jim Bartruff	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2003
<i>Steel Magnolias</i>	Theresa A. Carson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2002
<i>Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.</i>	David Wheeler	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2001
<i>Arms and the Man</i>	Theresa A. Carson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2001

## Light Designs

<u>Title</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>Hairspray</i>	Adam Pankow	West Fargo High School	2011
<i>Our Town</i>	Adam Pankow	West Fargo High School	2010
<i>The Frog Princess</i>	Meagan Kedrowski	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2010
<i>The Music Man</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2010
<i>The Tempest</i>	David Wheeler	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2010
<i>Altar Boyz</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2010
<i>All Shook Up</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2010
<i>Nunsense</i>	Shelly Gaza	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2010
<i>Spring Awakening</i>	David Wheeler	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2010
<i>Hamlet</i>	Jennifer Tuttle	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2010
<i>CATS</i>	Adam Pankow	West Fargo High School	2010
<i>Pinocchio</i>	Tyler Michaels	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2009
<i>Lucky Stiff</i>	Adam Pankow	West Fargo High School	2009
<i>RENT</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2009
<i>The Great American Trailer Park Musical</i>	Rebecca Meyer-Larson	Domres Theatricals	2009
<i>The Pajama Game</i>	Adam Pankow	West Fargo High School	2009
<i>The Box Office of the Damn</i>	Charlene Hudgins & Scott Brusven	Fargo-Moorhead Community Theatre	2008
<i>Rumpelstiltskin Revisited</i>	David Wheeler	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2006
<i>Wonder of the World</i>	David Wheeler	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2006
<i>The Fantasticks</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2006
<i>Proof</i>	Kristin Larson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2006
<i>Oedipus &amp; Antigone</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2006
<i>A New Brain</i>	Kristin Larson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2005
<i>A Cat on a Hot Tin Roof</i>	Kristin Larson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2005
<i>Chicago</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2005
<i>Odd Couple</i>	Theresa A. Carson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2004
<i>Western Civilization: The Complete Musical (Abridged)</i>	Jim Bartruff	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2004
<i>Steel Magnolias</i>	Theresa A. Carson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2002
<i>The Straw Hat Follies: A Salute to America</i>	Jim Bartruff & Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2002
<i>Snow Queen</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2002
<i>Fuddy Meers</i>	Jim Bartruff	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2002
<i>An Evening of Dance</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2002
<i>The Unusual Suspects - 7 Student Directed 1-Acts</i>	Various	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2001
<i>Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.</i>	David Wheeler	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2001
<i>Bye, Bye Birdie</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2001
<i>The Laramie Project</i>	Jim Bartruff	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2001
<i>Agnes of God</i>	Theresa A. Carson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2001
<i>The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)</i>	Jim Bartruff	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2001
<i>The Last Night of Ballyhoo</i>	Jim Bartruff	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2000

## Light Designs continued

<u>Title</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>Plaza Suite</i>	Craig A. Ellingson, Chelle Robinson & Michael Imdieke	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2000
<i>The Fridge Stands Alone - 9 Student Directed 1-Acts</i>	Various	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2000
<i>Cinderella</i>	David Wheeler	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2000
<i>Danger, Dinosaurs!</i>	Susan Rabideau	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2000
<i>3 Student Directed 1-Acts</i>	Various	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2000

## Technical Direction

<u>Title</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>The Great American Trailer Park Musical</i>	Rebecca Meyer- Larson	Domres Theatricals	2009
<i>CATS</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2007
<i>The Boyfriend</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2006
<i>Wonder of the World</i>	David Wheeler	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2006
<i>The Fantasticks</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2006
<i>Urinetown: The Musical</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2006
<i>Proof</i>	Kristin Larson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2006
<i>Rumpelstiltskin Revisited</i>	David Wheeler	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2006
<i>Oedipus &amp; Antigone</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2006
<i>The Signature Series: David Mamet</i>	Various	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2006
<i>As Bees in Honey Drown</i>	David Wheeler	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2006
<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2005
<i>A New Brain</i>	Kristin Larson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2005
<i>A Cat on a Hot Tin Roof</i>	Kristin Larson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2005
<i>Into the Woods</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2005
<i>Chicago</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2005
<i>Romeo &amp; Juliet</i>	Kristin Larson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2005
<i>Blythe Spirit</i>	David Wheeler	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2005
<i>Hair</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2005
<i>Anything Goes</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2004
<i>Odd Couple</i>	Theresa A. Carson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2004
<i>Seven Keys to Baldpate</i>	Jim Bartruff	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2004
<i>Western Civilization - The Complete Musical (Abridged)</i>	Jim Bartruff	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2004
<i>Honk!</i>	David Wheeler	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2004
<i>Taming of the Shrew</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2004
<i>All My Sons</i>	Jim Bartruff	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2004
<i>Rosencrantz &amp; Guildenstern are Dead</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2004
<i>Sleeping Beauty</i>	David Wheeler	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2003
<i>A Lie of the Mind</i>	Kristin Larson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2003
<i>The Man Who Came to Dinner</i>	David Wheeler	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2003

## Scenic Artist

<u>Title</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>	Jim Bartruff	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2002
<i>1776</i>	Jim Bartruff	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2002
<i>Oklahoma!</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2002
<i>Charley's Aunt</i>	David Wheeler	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2001
<i>The Last Night of Ballyhoo</i>	Jim Bartruff	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2000
<i>The Three Penny Opera</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2000
<i>Once Upon A Mattress</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	1999
<i>The Spirit of Christmas</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	1999

## Assistant to Scenic Designer

<u>Title</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>1776</i>	Jim Bartruff	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2002
<i>Fuddy Meers</i>	Jim Bartruff	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2002
<i>Oklahoma!</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2002
<i>The Three Penny Opera</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2000
<i>Picasso at the Lapin Agile</i>	Jim Bartruff	Minnesota State University Moorhead	1999

## Assistant Lighting Designer

<u>Title</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>Hello, Dolly!</i>	Jim Bartruff	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2000
<i>You're a Good Man Charlie Brown</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2000
<i>Danger, Dinosaurs!</i>	Susan Rabideau	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2000
<i>Trojan Women</i>	David Wheeler	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2000
<i>Picasso at the Lapin Agile</i>	Jim Bartruff	Minnesota State University Moorhead	1999
<i>Putting it Together</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	1999

## Assistant Technical Director

<u>Title</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum</i>	Jim Bartruff	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2003
<i>Bus Stop</i>	David Wheeler	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2003
<i>Our Town</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2003
<i>The Dinner Party</i>	Jim Bartruff	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2003
<i>Noises Off</i>	Craig A. Ellingson	Straw Hat Players, MSUM	2002
<i>W;t</i>	Jim Bartruff	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2001
<i>Arms and the Man</i>	Theresa A. Carson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2001

## Touring Productions

<u>Company</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Date</u>
The Acting Company and the Guthrie Theatre present <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Technical Director	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett Performing Arts Series *(PAS)	2010
Dancing With Spirit	Technical Director	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2006
Percussion Group Cincinnati	Technical Director	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2005
Hubbard Street 2	Technical Director	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2005
The Boys of the Lough	Technical Director	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2005
Borromeo String Quartet	Technical Director	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2004
Minnesota Dance Theatre	Technical Director	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2004
Cavani String Quartet	Technical Director	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2004
Aquila Theatre Company presents <i>Othello</i>	Technical Director	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2004
Gershwin on Broadway	Technical Director	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2004
Koresh Dance Company	Technical Director	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2003
The Minnesota Orchestra	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2003
Turtle Island String Quartet and Ying Quartet	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2003
James Sewell Ballet	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2003
<i>Club Swing</i> by Five by Design & The Jazz Arts Group of Fargo/Moorhead	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2002
The Guthrie Theatre presents Eugene O'Neill's <i>Ah, Wilderness!</i>	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2002
Rhythm and Brass	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2002
Monte/Brown Dance	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2002
Caution: Men at Work; Tap	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2001
Turtle Island String Quartet	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2001
Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2001
The Guthrie Theater presents <i>Molly Sweeney</i>	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2001
Dancing Wheels	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2001
Quartetto Gelato	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2000
"Unforgettable" The Nat King Cole Story	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2000
"Braziliana" (Music of Brazil and the Americas) With Christopher Parkening, Guitar and Jubilant Sykes, Baritone	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2000
The Guthrie Theater's <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2000
Ragamala Music and Dance Theater	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	2000
Edmund Battersby Pianist	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	1999

## Touring Productions continued

<u>Company</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Date</u>
Saint Petersburg Ballet of Russia	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	1999
Zenon Dance Company	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	1998
Beehive	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	1998
Sweet Honey in the Rock	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	1998
Vincent	Crew	MSUM, Cheryl-Nelson Lossett PAS	1998

## Committees

Performing Arts Series Advisory Board Member	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2010 - 11
Founders Gala	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2010 - 11
Search Committee: Dean of Arts and Humanities	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2010
Search Committee: Dean of Education and Human Services	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2009
Presidential Inauguration Committee, President Edna Mora Szymanski	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2009
Energy Task Force	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2009
Search Committee: Assistant Professor, Theatre Arts	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2006
Search Committee: Theatre Technician, Costumer	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2004

## Workshops

Leadership Exploration Program, worked with <i>DiSC</i> (profiling and training) and Strength Training using Training Our Campus Against Racism (TOCAR) level I lead by the Minnesota Collaborative Antiracism Initiative of St. Paul, MN	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2009
	Minnesota State University Moorhead	2008

## Teaching

Guest Scenic Design Teacher for North Dakota One Act Festival in Fargo, ND	2010
On the job training for student crews at MSUM, West Fargo High, Oak Grove Lutheran High	2000 - present

## Mentorship

<u>Title</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>A Midsummer Nights Dream</i>	Lighting	The Guthrie Theater	1996
<i>The Price</i>	Lighting	The Guthrie Theater	1996
<i>Many Colors Make the Thunder - King</i>	Lighting	The Guthrie Lab Theatre	1996

## High School Theatre

<u>Title</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>42nd Street</i>	Light crew	Trollwood Performing Arts School	1998
<i>West Side Story</i>	Light Designer	Park Center Senior High	1998
<i>Warts and All</i>	Light Designer	Park Center Senior High	1998

## High School Theatre continued

<u>Title</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum</i>	Lighting crew	Trollwood Performing Arts School	1997
<i>Nit Wits</i>	Light Designer	Park Center Senior High	1997
<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i>	Light Designer, Sound & Props crews	Park Center Senior High	1997
<i>Guys and Dolls</i>	Lighting crew	Trollwood Performing Arts School	1996
<i>Impromptu</i>	Light Designer	Park Center Senior High	1996
<i>Play On</i>	Light Designer	Park Center Senior High	1996
<i>Bye, Bye Birdie</i>	Sound and Prop Crews	Park Center Senior High	1996
<i>West Side Story</i>	Lighting & Set Construction crews	Trollwood Performing Arts School	1995
<i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>	Sound crew and Prop Mistress	Trollwood Performing Arts School	1995
<i>Almost the Bride of Dracula</i>	Light & Set Construction crews	Park Center Senior High	1995
<i>Dracula: The Vampire Play</i>	Light & Set Construction crews	Park Center Senior High	1995
<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>	Costume crew	Trollwood Performing Arts School	1994
<i>The Sound of Music</i>	Costumes & Set Construction crews	Moorhead Senior High	1994

## Awards

<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Council of Staff Affairs Scholarship	2010
Commencement from MSU Moorhead with Cum Laude	2003
Honorarium Black Friars Award for USITT	2003
Dr. Hansen Scholarship	2002-03
Honorarium President's Award	2002
Alumni Foundation Award	2002
Department Scholarship for USITT	2002
MSUM Upperclassmen Scholarship	2001-02
Dr. Carol Gaede Scholarship	2000-02
Straw Hat Players Scholarship	1999-02
Commencement from Park Center Sr. High with High Honors	1998
Certificate of Appreciation for Dedication, Commitment & Support Park Center Choir	1998
President Education Awards Program signed by President Bill Clinton	1998
National Honors Society of Secondary Schools	1996-98
Who's Who Among America's High School Students	1996-98

## Special Skills

Microsoft Office; iLife and iWork; basic Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign; basic Vectorworks; Lightwright; manual drafting, conventional modeling, drivers license and Reiki Master