

# JENNA NILSON

DRAMA AND LANGUAGE  
TEACHING SCHOLAR AND  
PRACTITIONER

## EDUCATION

**MASTER OF FINE ARTS, THEATRE FOR  
YOUTH AND COMMUNITIES**

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY | 2018 -  
2021

**BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN THEATRE  
AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES,  
SOCIOLOGY-MAGNA CUM  
LAUDE**

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN  
DIEGO | 2012 - 2016

## CERTIFICATIONS

**TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE  
(TEFL) CERTIFICATION**

COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL  
EDUCATION AND EXCHANGE (CIEE) |  
2016

## LANGUAGES

**SPANISH LANGUAGE**  
ADVANCED SPANISH CONVERSATION AND  
ANALYSIS  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

## CONTACT

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### FACILITATOR: BILINGUAL ARTS-BASED WORKSHOPS

FUNDACIÓN CEPAIM, ACCIÓN INTEGRAL CON MIGRANTES  
MADRID, SPAIN | APRIL-MAY 2022

- Designed and led arts-based workshops in collaboration with the center for students ages five to ten in the after-school support program
- Led workshops in English and Spanish

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ASSISTANT

MADRID MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
VALDEMORILLO, SPAIN | OCT 2021 - PRESENT

- Teach English classes at IES Valmayor
- Teach drama-based techniques in collaboration with English teachers
- Guest teach classes in the theatre department

### GUEST LECTURER

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY  
THEA 315 THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES  
SEPTEMBER 2021

- Guest taught lecture on theatre for neuro-diverse audiences

### ENGLISH TUTOR

VOXY  
MAY 2020 - SEPTEMBER 2021

- Plan private and group Task-Based English classes to adults
- Teach half an hour to an hour private Task-Based English classes adults
- Teach half hour to forty-five minute Task-Based English classes to group of three to eight adults

### ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY ASPHALT ARTS  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA | AUG 2019 - MAY 2021

- Designed art-based workshops in partnership with the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department and Asphalt Arts
- Led mask-making and poetry workshops at two Phoenix community parks centers with groups of five to twelve students aged nine to sixteen
- Developed arts-based workshops online in partnership with ASU campus organizations
- Developed online arts-based summer camp program for students of migrant workers in Arizona with the College Assistance Migrant Program at ASU

### TEACHING ARTIST

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY MAIN STAGE ENGAGE  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA | AUG 2018 - MAY 2021

- Co-led dramatic pre-show workshops at local high schools for ASU's mainstage productions
- Co-led dramatic workshops for High School Engagement Night at ASU

## **TEACHING ASSISTANT**

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA | AUG 2018 - MAY 2021

- Section Instructor for THF 220 Dramatic Analysis
- Online grader for THE 405: Hitchcock, FMP 250: Sex and Violence in Film
- Grader and class assistant for FMP 201: Film: The Creative Process

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ASSISTANT**

COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND EXCHANGE  
MADRID, SPAIN | SEPT 2016 - JUN 2018

- Taught English classes at Colegio Bilingüe CEIP Valdebernardo
- Assisted Spanish teachers with their English lessons in the classroom

## **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AND CLASS ASSISTANT**

ACTING IMPACT ACTING CLASSES  
MADRID, SPAIN | SEPT 2016 - JUN 2018

- Lead sections of rehearsal working on English verbal skills and dramatic exercises with a group of 20 adult students
- Substitute teach acting classes and rehearsals when needed
- Designed and taught two weekend workshops to groups of 20 adult students

## **PARENT/TODDLER DANCE CLASS INSTRUCTOR**

JOY OF DANCE  
MADRID, SPAIN | OCT 2017 - JUN 2018

- Taught a group of five 2-3 and their parents dance/movement classes in English
- Substituted 3-5 year-old dance classes when needed

## **INTERNSHIPS / APPRENTICESHIPS**

### **ASPHALT ARTS APPRENTICE**

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY | JAN 2019 - APRIL 2019

- Assisted in planning for Asphalt Arts residency with Phoenix Community Parks and Recreation Department
- Co-led residency workshops on digital storytelling and mask making at two community parks locations in Phoenix with groups of five to ten students aged five to sixteen

### **EDUCATION AND OUTREACH INTERN**

THE LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE | DEC 2015 - JUN 2016

- Assisted Alison Urban (Associate Director of Education and Outreach) in designing the Curriculum Guide and workshops for the La Jolla Playhouse Performance Outreach Program (POP Tour)
- Assisted at the La Jolla Playhouse Preuss School Workshops in a seventh grade science classroom

### **HELLO ENGLISH INTERN**

HELLO! CREATIVE MOVEMENT IN ENGLISH | MAY 2015 - JUL 2015

- Greeted families at local parks in Madrid and passed out flyers about the company's programs and summer camps
- Taught three weeks of after school English classes to a class of four year olds at Asunción Rincón Bilingual School and taught in-home English classes
- Assisted instructors at three weeks of Swim and Arts Summer Camp and Broadway Musical Summer Camp

### **ARTISTIC LEARNING INTERN**

CALIFORNIA SHAKESPEARE THEATRE | JUL 2014 - AUG 2014

- Supervised two groups of fifteen campers, ages eight to ten and ages thirteen to sixteen
- Developed and led age appropriate Theater games and activities with the two groups
- Assisted Teaching Artists in Theater classes
- Assisted director during rehearsal for two Shakespeare plays (Comedy of Errors and Taming of the Shrew)
- Led a workshop about Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors

## GRANTS / FELLOWSHIPS

**HERBERT SMITH FAMILY GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP IN THEATRE**  
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY  
AUGUST 2020

**RITA CRISTE FELLOWSHIP**  
ARIZONA STATE  
UNIVERSITY  
APRIL 2019

**SPECIAL TALENT AWARD IN THEATRE**  
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY  
AUGUST 2019

**JIM RYE FELLOWSHIP**  
INTERNATIONAL PERFORMING ARTS FOR YOUTH SHOWCASE  
JANUARY 2019

**BARBARA SALISBURY WILLS MEMORIAL THEATRE SCHOLARSHIP**  
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY  
AUGUST 2019

## CONFERENCES

### **INTERNATIONAL DRAMA IN EDUCATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE 2022**

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION PRESENTATION: "ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF EXPLORING CRITICAL INTERCULTURAL PEDAGOGY DURING A PANDEMIC"  
JULY 2022

### **AMERICAN ALLIANCE FOR THEATRE AND EDUCATION 2022 CONFERENCE**

POSTER PRESENTATION "EXPLORING CRITICAL INTERCULTURAL LANGUAGE PEDAGOGY THROUGH PROCESS DRAMA"  
JULY 2022

### **DRAMA IN EDUCATION DAYS 2021 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

CONFERENCE PAPER, "EXPLORING CRITICAL INTERCULTURAL LANGUAGE PEDAGOGY THROUGH ONLINE PROCESS DRAMA"  
SEPTEMBER 2021

### **SCENARIO FORUM 2021 CONFERENCE**

CONFERENCE PAPER, "EXPLORING CRITICAL INTERCULTURAL LANGUAGE PEDAGOGY THROUGH ONLINE PROCESS DRAMA"  
JUNE 2021

### **CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND PERFORMANCE 2021 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

CONFERENCE PAPER, "EXPLORING CRITICAL INTERCULTURAL LANGUAGE PEDAGOGY THROUGH PROCESS DRAMA"  
JUNE 2021

### **AMERICAN ALLIANCE FOR THEATRE AND EDUCATION 2020 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

CHAIR, NEW GUARD DEBUT PANEL  
AUGUST 2020

### **DRAMA IN EDUCATION DAYS 2020 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

CONFERENCE PAPER, "ENGAGING INTERCULTURAL AWARENESS IN LANGUAGE LEARNING THROUGH PERFORMATIVE LANGUAGE TEACHING"  
JULY 2020

### **DRAMA IN EDUCATION DAYS, ZUG, SWITZERLAND**

CONFERENCE PAPER, "OUTCOMES OF USING DRAMA-BASED PEDAGOGY IN FOREIGN AND SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES IN SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES"  
JULY 2019

### **ARTSWORK GRADUATE RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM, ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY**

CONFERENCE PAPER, "OUTCOMES OF USING DRAMA-BASED PEDAGOGY IN FOREIGN AND SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES IN SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES"  
APRIL 2019

## PUBLICATIONS

**OUTCOMES OF USING DRAMA-BASED PEDAGOGY IN LANGUAGE TEACHING AND LEARNING**  
THE ROUTLEDGE COMPANION TO DRAMA IN EDUCATION, FIRST EDITION  
2022

### **DRAMA AND CRITICAL INTERCULTURAL PEDAGOGY**

SCENARIO JOURNAL OF PERFORMATIVE TEACHING, LEARNING, AND RESEARCH  
DECEMBER 31, 2021

**EXPLORING CRITICAL INTERCULTURAL LANGUAGE PEDAGOGY THROUGH PROCESS DRAMA**  
PROQUEST  
2021

## **VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE**

### **MFA IN THEATRE FOR YOUTH 2019 AND 2020 INTERVIEW DAY COMMITTEE MEMBER**

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY | JANUARY 2019/20 - FEBRUARY 2019/20

- Created the Theatre for Youth 2019 Interview Day schedule for prospective MFA students
- Coordinated and executed the schedule for Interview Day

### **FILM, DANCE, AND THEATRE DEPARTMENT GRADUATE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER**

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF FILM, DANCE, AND THEATRE | SEPT 2019 - MAY 2021

- Create and send survey out to graduate student in the Film, Dance, and Theatre Department to address student concerns
- Serve as a liaison between faculty and students in the Film, Dance, and Theatre Department

### **SEASON SELECTION COMMITTEE GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF FILM, DANCE, AND THEATRE | AUG 2018 - MAY 2019

- Read and assessed play submissions for ASU's Film, Dance, and Theatre 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 season
- Met weekly with the Season Selection Committee to discuss submissions

### **ELEANOR ROOSEVELT COLLEGE BREAK AWAY GLOBAL SERVICE PARTICIPANT, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO**

ISTANBUL, TURKEY | MARCH 2013

BUCERÍAS, MEXICO | MARCH 2015

- Volunteered in a week-long service trip at an Armenian Elementary School and at a Rehabilitation Center for adults with mental disabilities
- Volunteered in a week-long service trip with Human Connections Volunteer Organization

## **AWARDS / HONORS**

### **GPSA TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD**

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION  
MARCH 2020

### **ARTSWORK GRADUATE RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM OUTSTANDING PRESENTATION**

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY  
APRIL 2019

### **ELEANOR ROOSEVELT GLOBAL SERVICE AWARD**

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT COLLEGE, UC SAN DIEGO  
JUNE 2016

### **DR. FLOYD GAFFNEY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE, UC SAN DIEGO  
JUNE 2016