

Emily Rebecca Wirkus

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

2019	Master of Fine Arts	Acting & Directing
	Western Illinois University	
2014	Bachelor of Fine Arts	Musical Theatre
	University of North Dakota,	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
2011	Bachelor of Music	Music Education
	University of North Dakota,	<i>Cum Laude</i>

CERTIFICATIONS

North Dakota ESPB Teacher's License K-12 Music Education

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Western Illinois University (WIU) - Macomb, IL

Spring 2019	Movement I , Instructor
	Supervisor: Tammy Killian and DC Wright
Spring 2019	Dialects for the Stage , Graduate Assistant Instructor
	Supervisor: Carolyn Blackinton
Fall 2018	Introduction to Theatre , Instructor
	Supervisor: Jason Connor
Fall 2018	Movement II , Co-Instructor
	Instructor: DC Wright

- Spring 2018 **Directing II**, Instructor
Supervisor: Tammy Killian
- Fall 2017 **Directing I**, Instructor
Supervisor: Tammy Killian
- Spring 2017 **University Writing Center**, Graduate Tutor
Supervisor: Neil Baird
- Fall 2016 **University Writing Center**, Graduate Tutor
Supervisor: Neil Baird
- Spring 2016 **University Writing Center**, Graduate Tutor
Supervisor: Neil Baird
- Fall 2015 **University Writing Center**, Graduate Tutor
Supervisor: Neil Baird

Western Illinois University (WIU) - Private Coaching

- Spring 2019 **Proficiency Preparation**, Private Coach
Supervisor: Lysa Fox, Head of Musical Theatre
One on one coaching for undergraduate BFA candidates in preparation for yearly proficiency skills evaluation.
- Fall 2018 **Audition Screening Preparation**, Private Coach
Supervisor: Lysa Fox, Head of Musical Theatre
One on one coaching for undergraduate BFA candidates in preparation for department screening for professional auditions.
- Fall 2017 **Audition Screening Preparation**, Private Coach
Supervisor: Lysa Fox, Head of Musical Theatre
- Spring 2017 **Proficiency Screening Preparation**, Private Coach
Supervisor: Lysa Fox, Head of Musical Theatre
- Fall 2016 **Audition Screening Preparation**, Private Coach
Supervisor: Lysa Fox, Head of Musical Theatre
- Spring 2016 **Proficiency Screening Preparation**, Private Coach
Supervisor: Lysa Fox, Head of Musical Theatre

CREATIVE/SCHOLARLY WORK

Professional work - Acting

- 12/2019 **MTKC Pro**, Shawnee, KS
Elf: The Musical - Macy's Manager/Ensemble
- 9/2019 **This Happy Breed & The Arts Asylum**, Kansas City, MO
Jesus Christ Superstar - Featured Ensemble
- 6/2019 **North Dakota Shakespeare Company**, Grand Forks, ND
Much Ado About Nothing - Beatrice
- 6/2018 **Crossroads Repertory Theatre**, Terre Haute, IN
Hairspray! - Penny Pingleton
Steel Magnolias - Annelle
- 8/2017 **Empire Theatre Company**, Grand Forks, ND
Heathers - Heather Duke
- 6/2017 **Crossroads Repertory Theatre**, Terre Haute, IN
Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde - Elizabeth
Young Frankenstein - Featured Ensemble
- 6/2016 **Crossroads Repertory Theatre**, Terre Haute, IN
Avenue Q - Christmas Eve
Boeing, Boeing - Gabriella
Company Cabaret - Featured Ensemble
- 6/2015 **Minot Summer Theatre**, Minot, ND
The Music Man - Featured Ensemble
Little Shop of Horrors - Audrey
Nunsense! - Sister Amnesia
- 6/2014 **Minot Summer Theatre**, Minot ND
Musical of Musicals the Musical - Jeune
Big River - Ensemble
See How They Run - Penelope Toop
- 6/2013 **Minot Summer Theatre**, Minot, ND
25th Annual...Spelling Bee - Logainne Schwartz'grubinerre
Jesus Christ Superstar - Ensemble

8/2010 **Crimson Creek Players**, Grand Forks, ND
The Producers - Featured Dance Ensemble

Professional Work - Directing

1/2021 **Festival 56**, Princeton, IL
Rabbit Hole - virtual revival reading

7/2019 **Festival 56**, Princeton, IL
Rabbit Hole

3/2014 **Valley Middle School**, Grand Forks, ND
Peter Pan, Jr.

Professional Work - Choreography

6/2018 **Crossroads Repertory Theatre**, Terre Haute, IN
Hairspray! - Choreographer's assistant & Dance Captain

6/2017 **Crossroads Repertory Theatre**, Terre Haute, IN
Young Frankenstein - Co-Choreographer

6/2015 **Minot Summer Theatre**, Minot, ND
Little Shop of Horrors - Choreographer
The Music Man - Dance Captain

6/2014 **Minot Summer Theatre**, Minot, ND
Spamalot! - Choreographer

Professional Work - Music Direction

8/2012 **Empire Theatre Company**, Grand Forks, ND
Xanadu

Professional Work - Stage Management

8/2013 **Empire Theatre Company**, Grand Forks, ND
Avenue Q, Co-Assistant Stage Manager

Professional Work - Technical Theatre

2013-2015	Minot Summer Theatre , Minot, ND Costume Shop Manager (*denotes head designer) <i>The Music Man</i> <i>Little Shop of Horrors</i> <i>Greater Tuna</i> <i>Nunsense!</i> <i>Big River</i> <i>The Nerd</i> <i>Spamalot!*</i> <i>See How They Run</i> <i>Musical of Musicals</i> <i>25th Ann. Spelling Bee*</i> <i>Jesus Christ Superstar</i> <i>Shrek the Musical</i>
8/2011	Crimson Creek Players , Grand Forks, ND <i>RENT</i> , Spotlight operator

Educational Work - Acting

* denotes KCACTF Irene Ryan Nomination for the role

2017-2019	Western Illinois University , Macomb, IL Catherine - <i>Proof</i> Kitty - <i>The Drowsy Chaperone</i> Roscoe/Rachel* - <i>One Man, Two Guvnors</i> Gossip 5 Track - <i>Sense and Sensibility</i>
2008-2014	University of North Dakota , Grand Forks, ND Beatrice* - <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> Diana Morales - <i>A Chorus Line</i> Nan/Lina* - <i>Three Days of Rain</i> Featured Ensemble/Co-Creator - <i>Crush(ed)</i> Featured Ensemble/Co-Creator - <i>My Generation</i> Little Sally - <i>Urinetown</i> Lenny* - <i>Crimes of the Heart</i> Smitty* - <i>How to Succeed in Business</i> Nurse - <i>South Pacific</i>

Educational Work - Directing

- 2015-2017 **Western Illinois University**, Macomb, IL
Henry IV unrehearsed
Spring Awakening
25th Annual Putnam Co. Spelling Bee
Circle Mirror Transformation
Somina Mundi (devised piece)
Talk to Me Like the Rain and Let Me Listen
The Rising of the Moon
- 2012-2014 **University of North Dakota**, Grand Forks, ND
Body Awareness (selected scenes)
Becky Shaw (selected scenes)
Other Desert Cities (selected scenes)

Educational Work - Choreography

- 2015-2019 **Western Illinois University**, Macomb, IL
Spring Awakening (selected numbers)
Insomnium - University Dance Theatre
The Waiting Room - University Dance Theatre
Revolting Children - University Dance Theatre
Open - devised piece

Educational Work - Stage Management

- 2016 **Western Illinois University**, Macomb, IL
The Wild Party

Community Theatre Work - Acting

- 2015 **Starry Night Repertory Theatre**, Macomb, IL
Enchanted April, *Caroline Bramble*
- 2014 **Starry Night Repertory Theatre**, Macomb, IL
Spoon River Anthologies - Ensemble
- 2012 **Firehall Theatre**, Grand Forks, ND
Ruthless! - Judy Denmark
- 2011 **Firehall Theatre**, Grand Forks, ND
A Christmas Carol - Ensemble

Community Theatre Work - Directing

- 2019 **Starry Night Repertory Theatre**, Macomb, IL
Over the River and Through the Woods
- 2017 **Macomb Arts Center**, Macomb, IL
Complete Works of Shakespeare Abridged

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Guest Instructor, German Dialect, THEA 477G Western Illinois University,
Spring 2018, Carolyn Blackinton

Myanmar Theatre Workshop, Actor, Western Illinois University, Spring 2019,
Tammy Killian, Chair of Department of Theatre and Dance

Improvisational Theatre Workshop - Macomb Public Schools, Spring 2019,
Tammy Killian

Foundations of Directing Workshop - Blackburn College, Spring 2019, Caroline
Conover

Acting Workshop (Meisner/Esper Technique) Workshop - Blackburn College,
Spring 2019, Caroline Conover

Intro to Tap Dance for Adult Beginners Workshop - Minot Summer Theatre,
Summer 2014, Chad Gifford

UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Faculty Selection Committee Member - Head of Directing Search, Western
Illinois University, Spring 2019, Adam Lewis and DC Wright

Public Relations Committee Member, Western Illinois University, Spring 2019,
Tammy Killian

Directing Curriculum Revision Committee Member - Graduate/Undergraduate,
Western Illinois University, Fall 2018, Tammy Killian

HONORS/AWARDS

Western Illinois University - Tammy Killian, Department of Theatre and Dance

- 2019 KCACTF Irene Ryan Semi-Finalist, Region III
- KCACTF Musical Theatre Acting Intensive Finalist, Region III
- KCACTF Musical Theatre Dance Intensive Finalist, Region III
- 2018 KCACTF Irene Ryan Nominee, Region III

University of North Dakota - Kathleen McClennan, UND Theatre

- 2014 Most Valuable Theatre Student Award
- KCACTF Irene Ryan Nominee, Region V
- KCACTF Musical Theatre Acting Intensive Finalist, Region V
- 2013 KCACTF Irene Ryan Nominee, Region V
- 2009 KCACTF Irene Ryan Nominee, Region V