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## **LMDA 2014 BIOS**

**Rachel Abrams** is a rising senior in the dramaturgy program at Carnegie Mellon. There, she has had the great fortune to study under Dr. Wendy Arons, Megan Rivas, Heather Helinsky, and Dr. Michael Chemers. Rachel is particularly interested new play dramaturgy and bringing communities together through the arts. This summer, Rachel works as an intern at Abrams Artists Agency (no relation to Harry Abrams) for the New York Literary Division.  
<http://rabramsdramaturgy.wordpress.com>

**Lynda Adams** is a director, choreographer, movement coach, teacher and sometimes performer hailing from Alberta Canada. She has a masters degree in choreology from the Laban centre in the UK and has taught in theatre programs across western Canada. Lynda was artistic associate at Northern Light Theatre in Edmonton, Alberta for six years, where she received an Outstanding Choreography Sterling Award for Daniel McIvor's 2-2 Tango and directed the English speaking premiere of Mou Sen's File Zero - A Theatre Poem. Currently, Lynda is a full time faculty member in the Theatre Performance and Creation program, at Red Deer College where she helped develop and then directed the world premiere's of Mieko Ouch's The Dada Play and Vern Thiessen's Wuthering Heights. Lynda also co-chairs Scripts at Work -Central Alberta's Playwright Series and next year, will be traveling to Nakai Theatre in Whitehorse, Yukon to workshop and direct a new musical entitled Dogtown!

**Jess Applebaum** has been working as a dramaturg in New York City for the past twelve years with companies such as One Year Lease, Enthuse Theater, Yinzerspielen and directors Anna Brenner and Simón Hanukai. She finished her MFA in Dramaturgy at Columbia University in 2012. The culmination of that work was a trip to Prague where she presented part of her thesis: "Standing the Dramaturg on Her Head: A Call for New Perspectives on Training" at the Prague Quadrennial's symposium Devised Dramaturgy: A Shared Space. In 2004 she earned her Master's Degree in Performance Studies at NYU and served as editorial assistant for *TDR: The Drama Review*. Her upcoming article "Finding the Hyphenate - Embodying Dramaturgy" will appear in the *The Routledge Companion to Dramaturgy*, edited by Magda Romanska.

**Izumi Ashizawa** is the artistic director of Izumi Ashizawa Performance, and Assistant Professor of Directing and Devising Theatre at SUNY Stony Brook. Based on Japanese physical performance techniques, and originally founded in 2002, Izumi Ashizawa Performance explores the physical story-telling with unconventional puppetry and object animation. Ashizawa's devised pieces were performed internationally. Izumi Ashizawa won numerous awards including the Medal of Honor for Cultural Excellence from the City of Piura in Peru, the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Faculty Achievement Award Excellence in Directing and Technology, Capital Fringe Director's Award, UNESCO-Aschberg Award, IIFUT Best Performance Award, Tehran Municipality Culture and Arts Organization Award, Australian Government Fund for the Arts, and Norwegian Cultural Fund, APAP Cultural Exchange Fund, SUNY Stony Brook College of Arts and Science Dean's Excellence Award. She is a graduate of the Yale School of Drama. See [www.izumiashizawa.com](http://www.izumiashizawa.com)

**Ira Avneri** is a theatre director and dramaturge. In his stage works, he creates visual-based, deconstructing adaptations of canonical Western drama, aiming at exploring dramatic space through an exposure of performative compositions hidden in the text. Alongside his directing career, Ira serves as a dramaturge and artistic adviser to theatre and performance-art productions

in Israel and abroad. Ira is currently a PhD student at Tel-Aviv University, researching the topic of “Theatrosophia” – dramaturgical readings of modern philosophical “opening scenes.” He holds a master’s degree with outstanding honors from the Philosophy Department, as well as a master of fine arts with outstanding honors in the Theatre Directing program at the Department of Theatre Arts, all in Tel-Aviv University. Ira has taught philosophy at the Philosophy Department at Tel-Aviv University and is currently teaching at the university’s Theatre Arts Department and at the School of Visual Theatre in Jerusalem.

**Natalya Baldyga** is an assistant professor and stage director in the Department of Drama and Dance at Tufts University. Her primary research focuses on theatre historiography, cultural identity, and the performing body in eighteenth-century Europe. In addition to the new *Hamburg Dramaturgy* translation, she is working on a monograph with the working title “Embodying Germanity: Hamburg Dramaturgy, Theatrical Performance, and Affective Cultural Identity” and is translating Carlo Gozzi’s *King Stag*.

**Catherine Ballachey** received her BFA in Performance Theatre and French Literature from Simon Fraser University. She is currently a candidate of the MA in Theatre Theory and Dramaturgy program at the University of Ottawa where she is pursuing research in dramatic adaptation of a literary and philosophical text. In 2009, she co-founded a company, Resounding Scream Theatre, dedicated to creating and producing new works by emerging artists."

**Ari Barbanell** is the Director of Special Projects at the American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.), and the Associate Producer for its second stage and club theater, OBERON. Ari serves as the A.R.T.'s Producer for The Emerging America Festival, a collaboration with the Huntington Theatre Company and ICA/Boston that presents groundbreaking American performance, and also worked to curate Boston's Inaugural Outside the Box Festival's Speigeltent in 2013. She recently worked at the Orchard Project, a theater artist residency and accelerator in New York, as Guest Producer. In 2000, she co-founded the New York City-based theater company One Year Lease, and now serves on its Board of Directors. Ari worked in NYC with many theatre artists including The Wooster Group, and worked in Boston as a grant writer for The Massachusetts College of Art and Design. She holds a Masters in Arts Administration from Boston University and received her BA from Vassar College with a degree in Drama.

**Nan Barnett** is a new play advocate, a developer of theatre artists, and a producer of the work they create. She served on the Executive Committee of National New Play Network, an alliance of more than seventy theaters across the country with a dedication to the development, production, and continued life of new plays, and, as its President, helped create several of the organization’s revolutionary programs including the NNPN Rolling World Premieres and its Playwright Residencies. In 2013 Nan was named Executive Director of the organization. She was a founding company member and the long-time Managing Director of Florida Stage, which produced exclusively new and developing work, where during twenty-four seasons she supported the work of thousands of theatre artists and artisans and the creation of more than one hundred plays and musicals, many of which have been subsequently seen around the world.

**Jane Barnette** was the Resident Dramaturg for the Department of Theatre and Performance Studies at Kennesaw State University from 2006-2014, during which time she served as LMDA’s regional vice president for the Southeast. She is about to begin a new position in the Department of Theatre at the University of Kansas, where she will teach courses in history,

theory, dramaturgy, and adaptation at the undergraduate and graduate levels. In the spring of 2014, she produced an original adaptation of Stephen Crane's *The Red Badge of Courage*, co-created with Michael Haverty, for both Kennesaw State University and 7 Stages Theatre in Atlanta. Barnette is the author of "The Matinee Audience in Peril: The Syndicate's *Mr. Bluebeard* and the Iroquois Theatre Fire" and "Rail-izing the Nation Along Lake Michigan: The *Wheels-a-Rolling* Pageant," both of which appeared in *Theatre Symposium* and stem from her research interests in the intersections of popular culture and the railroad business.

**Bruce Barton** is performance maker and research/creation scholar located in Toronto. His stage and radio plays have been produced across Canada, nominated for national awards, and anthologized. He works extensively as a dramaturg, writer and director with numerous devising and intermedial performance companies across Canada and internationally. He is also the Artistic Director of Vertical City, an interdisciplinary performance hub located in Toronto. Recent Vertical City projects include *YouTopia* (2013), *All Good Things* (2013-14), and *Trace* (2014). Bruce teaches performance creation, dramaturgy, intermedial performance, and practice-based research at the University of Toronto. He has published in a wide range of peer-reviewed and practical periodicals, including *Performance Research*, *TDR*, *Theatre Journal*, and *Theatre Topics*, as well as several international essay collections. He is the author or editor/contributor of seven books and guest editor/contributor on multiple theme issues for *Canadian Theatre Review* and *Theatre Research in Canada*. See [brucebarton.com](http://brucebarton.com).

**Jessie Baxter** is the Literary Director/Co-Founder of Fresh Ink Theatre and Dramaturgy Associate at Company One in Boston. She has previously worked at The Playwright's Center, The Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center, and The Denver Center Theatre Company. Jessie received the 2010 National Dramaturgy Award at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival and holds a BA from Emerson College, where she studied dramaturgy, directing, and gender studies.

**Steven Berman** published plays with: Heuer Publishing, Brooklyn Publishers and JAC Publishing. For young audiences: *Reigning Cats and Dogs* (for Brooklyn Children's Theatrer), *Adaptations of Tom and Huck*, *King Midas and his Friends*, and *The Pied Piper* (co-written with Christopher DiGrazia and Earl Maulding). Composer: *The Curse is Reversed!*, *Jack The Ripper: The Whitechapel Musical*, *Four Kisses*, *Animal Farm*. Steven is a member of Theatre Communications Group, NAFME, NETC and The Dramatists Guild of America, Inc., and teaches Drama and Chorus outside of Boston.

**Maaïke Bleeker** is a professor of Theatre Studies, and the Head of Department of Media and Culture Studies at Utrecht University. She studied Art History, Theatre Studies and Philosophy at the University of Amsterdam and obtained her PhD from the Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis (ASCA). Since 1991, she is active as dramaturge in theatre and dance. She performed in several lecture performances, ran her own theatre company (Het Oranjehotel, 1993-2000) and translated five plays that were performed by major Dutch theatre companies. In 2006-2007, she was an Artist in Residence at the Amsterdam School for the Arts and in 2007-2008 member of the jury of the Dutch national Theatre Festival Tf. She was the organizer of the 2011 world conference of Performance Studies international, titled *Camillo 2.0: Technology, Memory, Experience* (Utrecht, May 25-29, 2011). Currently she is president of Performance Studies international (PSi, [psi-web.org](http://psi-web.org)).

**Beth Bickers** is an agent at Abrams Artists Agency where she represents artists in all areas for theatre, television and film. Prior to that she was an agent at Helen Merrill Ltd. and the William Morris Agency, where she began work after graduating from New York University. She has been on the jury panel for the Weissberger and Kleban Awards and has been a part of panels for the Society of Directors and Choreographers Foundation, the Dramatists Guild, Musical Theatre Works, the Lark, New York University, the Non-Traditional Casting Project, the Texas Educational Theater Association, The Kennedy Center and the National Alliance for Musical Theatre. She is a member of the Association of Authors' Representatives, Inc.; serves on the Executive Committee of Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas for whom she is the President Elect; is on the Advisory Board of the Women's Project and is proud to be a Board Emeritas member of Theater Breaking Through Barriers, a New York company that works with artists with disabilities.

**Mark Bly** has worked both in the university and theatre world over the past 35 years. He was Director of the MFA Playwriting Program at Hunter College and Chair of the MFA Playwriting Program at the Yale School of Drama from 1992-2004 and is currently an Adjunct Professor at Fordham/Primary Stages MFA Playwriting Program. He has dramaturged and produced over 200 new and classical plays including works by Moises Kaufman and Emily Mann on Broadway. In 2010 Bly received LMDA's G. E. Lessing Career Achievement Award.

**Elizabeth Bojsza** has been a faculty member in the Department of Theatre Arts at Stony Brook University for ten years. Current projects include America-in-Play's Recovery Project under the artistic direction of Lynn M. Thomson, for which she received a Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas residency grant to serve as Lead Dramaturg, and Literary Manager and Reading Series Curator for Long Island-based Airmid Theatre Company, dedicated to recovering, collecting, and producing classic plays by women. From 2008-2013, she served as Literary Manager of Young Playwrights Inc., a non-profit theatre company founded by Stephen Sondheim and dedicated to fostering the development of playwrights 18 years of age and younger. She also works professionally as a dramaturg, and director of community performance projects. Ms. Bojsza received the Stony Brook University's John Gassner Award for Dramaturgy in 2004 and the Stony Brook University Shirley Strum Kenney Arts Festival alumni teaching award in 2013.

**Diane Borger** joined the A.R.T. as Producer in 2009 after working in London for 30 years. She was General Manager of the Royal Court Theatre, where she produced over 150 shows. Transfers to New York include *The Seagull*, *Rock'n'Roll*, and *The Weir*. Before that, she was Deputy Head of the National Theatre Studio for 13 years.

**Kirsten Bowen** is the Literary Manager at Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company in Washington, DC, where she has served as Production Dramaturg on *Appropriate* by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins, *We Are Proud to Present...* by Jackie Sibblies-Drury, and *The Totalitarians* by Peter Sinn Nachtrieb. Prior to joining Woolly, she was the Associate Literary Director for New York's Signature Theatre. She has worked as a dramaturg for The Civilians, physical theatre company Parallel Exit, Columbia University, Williamstown Theatre Festival, and American Repertory Theater. She has an MFA in Dramaturgy from the A.R.T./MXAT Institute at Harvard University.

**Amy Brooks** is a dramaturg, actor, teacher, and critic. She received a BFA in theater from West Virginia University and is currently entering her third year in the MFA dramaturgy program at

the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Amy is the co-founder and Graduate Producer of the UMass New Play Lab, and will return to her home state next month as the Humanities Director of the Contemporary American Theater Festival in Shepherdstown, WV.

**Ilana M. Brownstein** is a dramaturg and director specializing in new plays and public arts advocacy. She is the Director of New Work with Company One Theatre, the Founding Dramaturg at Playwrights' Commons, and on faculty at the BU School of Theatre. Formerly, she was the Literary Manager at The Huntington, where she created the Playwriting Fellows program and Breaking Ground Festival, programs recently celebrated by a 2013 regional Tony Award, and for which she won the 2008 Elliott Hayes Award. At C1: Lydia R. Diamond's VOYEURS DE VENUS, Rajiv Joseph's BENGAL TIGER, Kirsten Greenidge's SPLENDOR, Aditi Kapil's LOVE PERSON and SHIV. She is the Producer and Senior Dramaturg for The XX PlayLab, propelling works by women to the stage. Projects include: Lauren Yee's HOOKMAN, Natalia Naman's THE OLD SHIP OF ZION, Lydia Diamond's SMART PEOPLE, Natsu Onoda Power's ASTRO BOY AND THE GOD OF COMICS, Miranda Craigwell's SHELTER OF LAST RESORT, and Obehi Janice's FUFU & OREOS. Her annual Freedom Art Retreat takes emerging Boston-area artists into the wilds of New England to devise work collaboratively with natural world. She holds an MFA in Dramaturgy & Dramatic Criticism (Yale), and a Directing BA (The College of Wooster), and is on the Advisory Board for HowlRound/A Center for The Theatre Commons. Follow along: @bostonturgy

**Eleanor Burgess'** play *Mocha* was produced this January at the Last Act Theatre Company as part of Austin's FronteraFest. She has developed work with the Vineyard Theatre, New Georges, Broad Horizons, Reverie Productions, and the One Minute Play Festival. She was a playwriting fellow at the Huntington Theatre Company in Boston and a member of the writers' group at the Arcola Theatre in London, and has taught History, English and creative writing in Boston, London and New Haven.

**Daniel Burson** is a freelance dramaturg and director from Portland, Maine. For the past nine years, he was the Literary & Education Manager of Portland Stage Company, where he administered the Clauder Competition for New England Playwrights and curated nine seasons of Portland Stage's annual new works festival, *The Little Festival of the Unexpected*. His other dramaturgical projects include being a four-time Dramaturgy Respondent for KCACTF Region 1, and serving as dramaturg and co-adaptor for Portland Stage's adaptations of Ibsen's *Peer Gynt* and Andersen's *The Snow Queen*. As a director, he has worked at theaters in Maine and Massachusetts, including the recent world premiere of Travis Baker's *One Blue Tarp* at Penobscot Theatre Company. Dan is the regional co-vice president for LMDA Northeast, and is a graduate of the original Wesleyan University.

**Beatriz Cabur** is Co-Founder and Executive Director of New International Theatre Experience (NITEcorp). Beatriz Cabur is a Spanish theatre maker. She has written and/or directed over 35 plays which have been produced in 6 countries. Beatriz graduated with a degree in Playwriting and Theatre Directing from the RESAD and received a Master of Advanced Studies in Audiovisual Communication from the UCM. She is currently enrolled in her PhD in "Telepresence in Theatre" at the UC3M. Beatriz is a member of The Fence Playwriting Network, The League of Professional Theatre Women and the Coordinator of the Hispanic Languages Committee of Eurodram.

**Polly Carl** is the director and editor of HowlRound: A Center for the Theater Commons at Emerson College. Her work at HowlRound is focused on promoting practices for 21st Century theater making based on the core principle that theater is for everyone. She is also part of the ArtsEmerson programming team at Emerson College and is developing new works for the stage in that context. Over fifteen years in professional theater she has focused on developing and producing new plays, working with dozens of playwrights and theater companies from around the country. She spent two years as Director of Artistic Development at Steppenwolf Theatre and served eleven years at the Playwrights' Center in Minneapolis seven as Producing Artistic Director. She regularly teaches, consults, and mentors. In addition to continuing to make theater, she now devotes significant energy to researching innovative practices for the theater and writing and publishing essays. Her Ph.D. in Comparative Studies in Discourse and Society is from the University of Minnesota.

**Danielle Carroll** is a New York City based actor and comedienne. Originally from the Bay Area, California, Danielle holds a B.A. in theatre and a B.A. in mathematics from Boston College. In 2007, Danielle completed her M.A. in Performance Studies at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. Last September, Danielle had the opportunity to work with award winning Dutch director Bram Schouw on the short film "All Those Sunflowers" in which she played Sue, a fun, earthy woman who grows her own vegetables. This spring, she produced her first comedic webseries about career envy in the age of social media (co-written with Danielle Naugler and co-starring Danielle Faitelson); look for it online this summer! This month, Danielle has appeared in Ensemble Studio Theatre's Youngbloods reading of dear friend Krista Knight's (with Barry Brinegar) new musical "Corn Cobbers" as well as a sketch comedy pilot presentation under the direction of Sasha Vosk (Moscow Circus; HBO's Midnight Train to Moscow). Danielle is a graduate of William Esper Studio's 2-Year Meisner Training Program and studies improv at Upright Citizen's Brigade. In her downtime, she enjoys long walks on the beach, vodka martinis with olives, and playing fetch with her gorgeous but feral cat Jaina Carroll-Zorbas. She is thrilled to be a part of her 8<sup>th</sup> LMDA Conference as Administrative Director! [daniellecarroll.com](http://daniellecarroll.com) [danielleanddanielle.com](http://danielleanddanielle.com) @verydanielle #oddwebseries

**Ken Cerniglia** is dramaturg and literary manager for Disney Theatrical Group, where since 2003 he has developed over fifty shows for professional, amateur and school productions, including *Aladdin*, *Peter and the Starcatcher*, *Newsies*, *The Little Mermaid*, *High School Musical* and *Tarzan*. He has adapted Broadway scripts for young performers, including *Beauty and the Beast JR.*, *The Little Mermaid JR.*, *The Lion King JR.* and *The Lion King KIDS*. Freelance dramaturgy credits include Chris Brubeck's symphonic play *The Cricket in Times Square* for the NSO, which premiered at The Kennedy Center last year. Ken holds a Ph.D. in theater history and criticism from the University of Washington and is artistic director of Two Turns Theatre Company, which produces intimate theater in unique places. He has published several articles and recently edited *Peter and the Starcatcher: The Annotated Broadway Play* (2012) and *Newsies: Stories of the Unlikely Broadway Hit* (2013). Ken co-chairs the American Theatre Archive Project, which supports theater makers in archiving records of their work for the benefit of artists, scholars, patrons and the public.

**Faedra Chatard Carpenter** is a freelance dramaturg and an associate professor of theater and performance studies at the University of Maryland, College Park. She has served as a production and/or developmental dramaturg for a range of institutions, among them: Arena Stage,

Crossroads Theatre Company, Center Stage, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the African Continuum Theatre Company, Theater J, Black Women Playwright's Group, and TheatreWorks. As a theatre and performance scholar, Faedra's work has been published in *The Cambridge Companion to African American Theatre*; *Review: The Journal of Dramaturgy*; *Theatre Topics*; *Women & Performance*; *Text and Performance Quarterly*; and *Callaloo*; with work forthcoming in *The Routledge Companion to Dramaturgy* and the MLA's *Approaches to Teaching the Plays of August Wilson*. Faedra's first manuscript, *Coloring Whiteness: Acts of Critique in Black Performance*, will be published by The University of Michigan Press this coming fall.

**Sydney Cheek-O'Donnell** is an award-winning educator and dramaturg and heads up Theatre Studies in the Department of Theatre at the University of Utah. She teaches Dramaturgy, Directing, Theatre and Theory, Gender on the Global Stage, Science on Stage, and the History of Theatre. Dramaturgy credits include *Clybourne Park*, *In the Heights*, and *Next to Normal* (Pioneer Theatre Company); *Course 86B in the Catalogue* and *Charm* (Salt Lake Acting Company); *Three Days of Rain*, *Enrico IV*, and *Accidental Death of an Anarchist* (University of Washington). Dr. Cheek-O'Donnell is also the Co-Director of the Initiative for Theatre and Medicine at the University of Utah. A graduate of the School of Drama at the University of Washington, she is a proud member of the Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas.

**Michael Chemers** is an Associate Professor of Dramatic Literature at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He was the founding director of the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Production Dramaturgy program at Carnegie Mellon University. He is the author of *Ghost Light: An Introductory Handbook for Dramaturgy* (SIU Press, 2009), and has been involved in the development of social robotics and digital gaming since 2009.

**Walter Byongsok Chon** is a DFA candidate at the Yale School of Drama, where he is writing in dissertation on Romantic Irony. He served as dramaturg at the Yale Rep, The O'Neill Center, and The Great Plains Theater Conference. His translations of Korean and English plays have been staged in New York and Seoul, Korea. His article "Intercultural Dramaturgy: Dramaturg as Cultural Liaison" will be published in the upcoming *The Routledge Companion to Dramaturgy*.

**Jenna Clark Embrey** is the Content Manager at Signature Theatre in New York, where she oversees the creative direction of advertising, social media, and digital and printed content. She received her MFA in dramaturgy from the American Repertory Theater/ Moscow Art Theater School Institute for Advanced Theatre Training at Harvard University, and during her studies served as dramaturg on such productions as *The Gershwins' Porgy & Bess* and *The Blue Flower*. Since moving to New York in 2012, she has dramaturged new work at places such as the Incubator Arts Project, ANT Fest at Ars Nova, and more. She is currently working with author Stephen Elliott (*Happy Baby*, *Cherry*, and *The Adderall Diaries*) on his first play, *Independent Cinema for the Dying*.

**Maegan Clearwood** is currently the Dramaturgy Apprentice at the Olney Theatre Center in Maryland, and she is overjoyed to be at her first LMDA conference as an Early Career grant recipient. She graduated from Washington College in 2013, where she majored in English and drama, completed a senior thesis project as dramaturg for a production of 'King Lear,' and served as editor of her student newspaper. Proud ATHE Deb, 2013!



**Stephen Colella** is the Associate Artistic Director and Company Dramaturg for Young People's Theatre in Toronto, where he has worked on the premieres of numerous new plays. Other work includes: dramaturgy for Alameda Theatre, fu-Gen Theatre Potluck Festival, The Paprika Festival and Marionetas de la Esquina/Kennedy Center. He is a graduate of the Masters Dramaturgy program at the University of Glasgow and is Vice-President, Programs for LMDA.

**Matt Cornish** is (beginning August, 2014) assistant professor of theater history at Ohio University. He has taught at Yale College, Yale School of Drama, and Mount Holyoke College, and has held a Fulbright Research Fellowship and a DAAD Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, both in Berlin. His essays have appeared in *Performance Research*, *PAJ: A Journal of Performance and Art*, *TheatreForum*, *TDR: The Drama Review*, *Theater*, and *Theatre Journal*, and he contributes to *Theater der Zeit*. Currently, he is completing a manuscript on performances of history and nation in Germany following reunification, and is also editing a collection of contemporary German performance texts. As a dramaturg, he has worked at Yale Repertory Theatre, Long Wharf Theatre, and Son of Semele, and with IAMA Theatre Company. Matt received his MFA in Dramaturgy and Dramatic Criticism at Yale School of Drama, where he also recently completed his Doctor of Fine Arts.

**Scott T. Cummings** is Associate Professor of Dramatic Literature and Playwriting at Boston College, where he recently completed a four-year term as Chair of the Theatre Department. He is the author of *Remaking American Theatre: Charles Mee, Anne Bogart and the SITI Company* (Cambridge University Press) and *Maria Irene Fornes* (Routledge) and the co-editor of *The Theatre of Naomi Wallace: Embodied Dialogues* (Palgrave MacMillan).

**Ellen David Sullivan's** plays and fiction include *Recessed!* a winner of the 2013 Nor'Eastern Playwrights Showcase and *Yiddish Land*, a prize-winning story published in *Moment Magazine*. Her plays have been read and produced by Boston Actors' Theater, Thespian Productions of NYC, West Coast Players and Provincetown Theater Company. *Louisa At Last*, a full-length, earned Honorable Mention in the 2011 Ohio-State Newark New Play Contest. Ellen is a member of the Dramatists' Guild.

**Emily DeDakis:** Accidental Theatre (Belfast, Northern Ireland)

The daughter of a choral musician and a journalist, I grew up in the Southeast U.S. I studied literature and history at Tulane University in New Orleans, and moved to Belfast, N. Ireland, in 2005. Holding both MA and Ph.D degrees in creative writing from Queen's University Belfast, I have taught creative writing extensively – to undergraduates, ex-prisoners, school-kids, photographers, and community groups. A voracious editor, I work professionally on all sorts of texts: plays, poetry, literary magazines, book manuscripts, a university newspaper and an international academic journal. I'm a prose writer, now finishing a novel and a collection of flash fiction. Currently, I'm literary manager and dramaturg for Accidental Theatre, a Belfast-based new-writing company that works in alternative formats (like 24-hour theatre) and in close collaboration with other artists (like curators, sound designers and videographers). I am a scriptreader for New Writing South (Brighton) and a recipient of a 2014 fellowship from the BBC Performing Arts Fund, focusing on dramaturgy.

**Russell M. Dembin** is a freelance dramaturg who has worked regionally and in New York City. He coordinates the Austin, Texas, chapter of the American Theatre Archive Project, serves on the editing staff of *The Sondheim Review*, and writes for *American Theatre* magazine and *The*

*Austin Chronicle*. He was the coordinator of the LMDA Twitter Project, and he runs the Dramaturg's Protocol (@Dramaturgs), a Twitter feed dedicated to theater history and dramaturgy.

**Lee Devin** taught theatre at Indiana University (1958-62), the University of Virginia (1962-66), Vassar College (1966-70), and Swarthmore College (1970-2002). In 1975 he joined the artistic staff of the People's Light and Theatre, acting, teaching acting, and doing dramaturgy. With Robert D. Austin, then of the Harvard Business School he wrote *Artful Making; What Managers Need to Know about How Artists Work*, published by Pearson Education in 2003. In 2005 it won LMDA's Elliott Hayes Award for dramaturgy. *The Soul of Design: Harnessing the Power of Plot to Create Extraordinary Products*, also with Rob Austin, came out in 2012, Stanford University Press. He's Senior Dramaturg at People's Light and Theatre; and busy with writing projects that interfere with his trout fishing, and cause him to neglect his grandchildren.

**Julie Felise Dubiner** is the Associate Director of American Revolutions: The United States History Cycle at OSF. For six seasons, she was resident dramaturg at Actors Theatre of Louisville, and before that she worked in Philadelphia and Chicago. She has been a guest dramaturg at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the O'Neill Playwrights Conference, the New Harmony Project and elsewhere. Board member, Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas. Julie is a co-creator of Rock & Roll: The Reunion Tour, co-editor of three anthologies of Humana Festival plays, and a co-author of *The Process of Dramaturgy: A Practical Guide*. She holds degrees from Columbia University and Tufts University. Julie is a mentor for the Early Career Dramaturgs and a board member of LMDA.

**Robert Duffley** is an MFA candidate in Dramaturgy at the ART/MXAT Institute for Advanced Theater Training at Harvard University (BA in English, Georgetown University). Among his interests are the boundaries between literary studies and new drama production, and theater as cultural diplomacy. Recent theatre credits include productions at the Moscow Art Theatre, the American Repertory Theatre (Boston), and Theatre J (Washington, DC). Publications include *The Cornell International Affairs Review*, *Georgetown Outlook Asia*, and *DC Theatre Scene*.

**Norah Elges**: Originally from Washington, DC with a BFA in Theatre Arts: Performance from Boston University, I moved to Seattle in the fall of 2009 and was the casting intern under Erin Kraft and Jerry Manning at Seattle Repertory Theatre for the 2009-2010 season. Being an artist in Seattle has allowed me the freedom to move not only between theatre and film but also between actor, director, and dramaturg; occasional stage manager, producer, often assistant and always collaborator. Over the last (almost) 5 years, I've had the pleasure of working with many companies in Seattle including; Seattle Repertory Theatre, Book It Repertory Theatre, ACT, the Satori Group, New Century Theatre Company, Live Girls!, Ghost Light Theatricals, Catapult Theatre, and Annex Theatre. Member of LMDA. Steering Committee Member of The Gregory Awards <<http://gregoryawards.org/>> (Seattle). Reading team for Company One (Boston). Yoga teacher. Stress baker. Cookbook collector. [www.norahelges.com](http://www.norahelges.com)

**Liz Engelman** currently splits her year between Austin, TX, where she recently joined the faculty at UT Austin, and the Boundary Waters of Minnesota, where she is the director of Tofte Lake Center at Norm's Fish Camp, a creative retreat for artists of all disciplines. Liz has worked at Hedgebrook, a retreat for women writers on Whidbey Island, and has served as the Resident Dramaturg at Mixed Blood Theatre, as the Literary Director of the McCarter Theatre, the

Director of New Play Development at ACT Theatre in Seattle, Literary Manager/Dramaturg at Seattle's Intiman Theatre, and as Assistant Literary Manager at Actors Theatre of Louisville. She has worked on the development of new plays across the country and abroad. Liz has served as President, Board Chair and is a current Board Member of LMDA. She serves on the Advisory Board of the NNPN and is a member of the New Project Group of ITI.

**Harley Erdman** is a translator, theater historian, and dramaturg. He has published numerous articles on the history of Jewish representation, as well as the book *Staging the Jew*. His article on the Yiddish play *God of Vengeance* won the Kahn Award from the American Society for Theater Research. His commissioned work as a translator of contemporary Latin American theater includes work from Mexico, Nicaragua, and Chile. On the more classical side, his translations of Tirso de Molina's *Jealous of Herself* and *Marta the Divine* were recently published in companion volumes by Aris & Phillips. He is co-editing an anthology of essays on stage adaptation, to appear in 2014, and is currently working on a collection of translations of plays by 17th-century Spanish women. He has taught in the Dramaturgy program at the UMass Department of Theater since 1994.

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**Michael Evans** is an American expatriate who has been living in Norway and dramaturging at the Rogaland Theatre in Stavanger since the 1980's. He has overseen six world premieres of plays by Jon Fosse that have subsequently been produced over a hundred times in Europe and Asia. His English translations of Astrid Saalbach's plays have been produced five times, and his textbook *Innføring i dramaturgi* is widely used in Scandinavia.

**Brian Fairley** was Dramaturg and Music Director for Double Edge Theatre from 2007-2013. With Double Edge, he helped to create four internationally-touring performances and eight site-specific indoor/outdoor traveling spectacles at Double Edge's Farm Center. Among these, he wrote original music and helped craft the text for *The Disappearance* (based on a short story by Ilan Stavans), created sound and video design for *The Grand Parade* (of the 20th Century), and was the primary textual adapter for *The Odyssey* and *Shahrazad*, the latter based on *The Arabian Nights* and Sufi poetry. At Double Edge, he led a physically-integrated musical training that included vocal and rhythmic work. He received his B.A. in Ancient Greek literature from Harvard, where he also studied acting and directing with Marcus Stern. He is a classically-trained pianist, choral leader, and amateur ethnomusicologist, focusing on vocal music from the Republic of Georgia.

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**Haley Flanders:** I received a BA in Theatre Studies from BYU in 2010 and became the drama teacher at my former high school in Georgia immediately after. I taught for 3 years, then returned to BYU for the MA program in Theatre History, Theory, and Criticism. I have just finished my first year and will write my thesis on Blue Man Group and the art of spectatorship. I am also completing the dramaturgy courses whilst at BYU, under the direction of Janine Sobeck. I have been the dramaturg for student and international theatre projects at BYU, local community theaters, and will dramaturg the first BYU main stage show next season. In the future, I desire to work as a community college professor, teaching artist, and/or freelance dramaturg.

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**Elinor Fuchs** is the author or editor of five books, including *The Death of Character: Reflections on Theater After Modernism*, winner of the George Jean Nathan Award in Dramatic Criticism; *Land/Scape/Theater* (with Una Chaudhuri), which won the Excellence in Editing Award of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education; and *Making an Exit*, the family memoir on which she has lectured widely on aging and dementia. She has published numerous scholarly articles in anthologies and journals as well as theater criticism in *American Theatre* and *The Village Voice*. Her documentary play, *Year One of the Empire: A Play of American War, Politics, and Protest*, written with historian Joyce Antler, has been produced in Los Angeles, where it won the Drama-Logue Best Play award, and received its New York premiere in 2008. Elinor is a professor of Dramaturgy and Dramatic Criticism at the Yale School of Drama, and has also taught at Harvard, Columbia, NYU, Emory, and at the Institut für Theatrewissenschaft of the Free University in Berlin. A recipient of two Rockefeller Foundation awards and a

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**Patrick Gabridge** writes stage plays, radio plays, screenplays, and novels. His stage plays include *Distant Neighbors*, *Fire on Earth*, *Constant State of Panic*, and *Reading the Mind of God* and have been staged in theaters across the country. He co-founded Boston’s Rhombus Playwrights writers’ group, the Chameleon Stage theatre company in Denver, the publication Market InSight... for Playwrights, and the on-line Playwrights’ Submission Binge. He’s currently coordinating the New England New Play Alliance, a project bringing together companies who develop and produce new plays to work together to grow audiences for new work and to increase recognition for New England writers and new plays. He’s been a playwriting fellow with the Huntington Theatre Company and New Rep in Boston. Recent commissions include plays and musicals for In Good Company, The Bostonian Society, Central Square Theatre, and Tumblehome Learning. In his spare time, he likes to farm.

**Anna Galas** graduated from the Theatre Studies Department at the Aleksander Zelwerowicz National Academy of Dramatic Art in Warsaw. She was also a scholar at Real Escuela Superior de Arte Dramático in Madrid. She is participating in the EU Diploma for Cultural Project Managers programme whilst finishing her Ph.D. at the Institute of Art of the Polish Academy of Science. At the Zbigniew Raszewski Theatre Institute in Warsaw she is responsible for international projects. Anna also works as a producer and is collaborating with Polish theatre directors Paweł Wodziński and Marta Górnicka.

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**Alexandra Hamill** is a recent graduate of Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle, WA. She has served Velocity Dance Center as their first Dramaturgical Intern and Theatre for Young

Audiences (TYA/USA) as a conference planning intern. Alexandra will present her work on Cornish's 2013 production of *Ajax In Iraq* by Ellen McLaughlin as part of ATHE's Dramaturgy Debut Panel in July, 2014.

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**Mara Isaacs** is Creative Producer and Founder of Octopus Theatricals. She is dedicated to fostering an expansive range of compelling theatrical works for local, national and international audiences. Mara has produced over a hundred productions that have been seen in theaters around the country, on and off-Broadway, and internationally. As Producing Director of McCarter Theatre Center for eighteen years, she oversaw McCarter's theater series and play development programs. Prior to McCarter, Mara produced new play development programs and productions for the Mark Taper Forum. She teaches courses in creative producing, international theater and musical theater development for Princeton University, and serves on the Board of Directors for Tofte Lake Center in Ely, MN and Almasi Collaborative Arts in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Since the last LMDA conference, **Amy Jensen** performed in an immersive play for young audiences, was the dramaturg and a puppeteer in an adaptation of the Odyssey, produced her trio of short plays which received an LMCC Community Arts Grant, and was a dramaturg and performer in an adaptation of Twelfth Night set as three intersecting walking tours in the Lower East Side. She'll be the dramaturg/director for a one-woman show this summer and will perform immersive children's theatre again in the Park Avenue Armory this fall. Amy has worked with Conni's Avant Garde Restaurant, The Trusty Sidekick Theatre Company, Jeanette Oi-Suk Yew, the New York Neo-Futurists, East River Commedia, the Write Now festival, and Geva Theatre. She was a Fulbright scholar to Denmark. Amy has an MFA in dramaturgy from Stony Brook University.

**Alexandra Juckno** received her M.F.A. in Dramaturgy from the American Repertory Theater/Moscow Art Theater School Institute for Advanced Theater Training at Harvard University. For A.R.T., her dramaturgy credits include the Tony-nominated production of *The Glass Menagerie* (directed by John Tiffany) and *The Heart of Robin Hood*. For the A.R.T. Institute, she was the dramaturg for *Twelfth Night*, and, in 2008, she interned on the A.R.T.'s production of *Julius Caesar*. Alexandra also holds an M.A. in Shakespeare Studies from the Shakespeare Institute of Stratford-upon-Avon.

**Celise Kalke** since 2003 has developed and curated new work with American's leading and emerging playwrights. She joined the staff of the Alliance of the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta in 2005 where she as Director of New Projects she manages New Play Development, the Alliance/Kendeda Graduate Playwright Competition, and Alliance Theatre production dramaturgy. She is so proud to have worked with Darren Cannady, Tarell Alvin McCraney, Julia Brownell, Ismail Khalidi, David Robinson, Susan-Smith Blackburn nominee Meg Miroshnik, Mike Lew and Madhuri Shekar as well as a prestigious list of finalists through the Competition, and with Atlanta-based writers Pearl Cleage, Janice Schaffer, Phillip DePoy and Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey. Before moving to the Alliance she was the Director of the Literary Department at the Public Theater in New York. She was featured in *American Theatre* as one of 25 American Theatre leaders of the future.

**Rebecca Kastleman** is a PhD candidate in the Department of English at Harvard University. Her research focuses on theatrical modernism, drama and philosophy, and visual culture, and her



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**Gad Kaynar** is the outgoing Chair of the Theatre Arts Department, Tel Aviv University, and head of the Directing and Dramaturgy Studies; Guest Professor at the Jerusalem Hebrew University, Munich LMU University, and Venice International University. Recent book publications: *Another View: Israeli Drama Revisited*. with Zahava Caspi (The Ben Gurion University Publication, 2013); *The Cameri Theatre of Tel-Aviv* (2008). His book *The Reality Convention in Hebrew Theatre* is due to appear in Hebrew (Safra Publications, 2015), and *German Dramaturgy at the Turn of the Millennium* is due in 2016 in the *Forum Modernes Theater* series. Chapters in *The Routledge Companion to Dramaturgy* (2014) and *New Dramaturgies: International Perspectives* (Methuen 2014). Kaynar is the former dramaturg (1982–2005) of The Israeli National Theatre Habima, The Cameri Theatre of Tel Aviv, The Khan Theatre in Jerusalem, as well as curator of numerous festivals in Israel and abroad; co-editor of the quarterly *Teatron*; a poet, actor, director and translator. For his Ibsen translations and research, he has been appointed (2008) “Knight First Class of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit” by King Harald V of Norway.

**Martine Kei Green-Rogers** is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Theatre department at the University of Utah, but will transition into an Assistant Professor position there beginning July 1st. She is a freelance dramaturg who has worked at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, the Pioneer Theatre Company, the Classical Theatre Company, Stages Repertory Theatre, CATCO and Plan-B Theatre Company and currently serves as the Resident Dramaturg for the Court Theatre. Her most recent publication is the article "Talkbacks for 'Sensitive Subject Matter' Productions: The Theory and Practice" in the upcoming Routledge Companion to Dramaturgy.

**Allen Kennedy** has taught and directed at The Dalton School since 1992, chairing the theatre program for 15 years and retiring in June 2014 to return to life as an independent theater professional. At Dalton he's known for challenging himself, his students, and the community by mounting large and difficult projects including *The Winters Tale*, *On the Razzle*, *The Country Wife*, *The Cherry Orchard* and *Volpone*. Dalton's blessings have been many, but chief among them is the artistic satisfaction derived from working with exceptionally gifted students and colleagues. Prior to Dalton: Acting: Broadway: *Amadeus*, *A Venticello*; Regional: Walnut Street, Paper Mill, Williamstown, Royal Shakespeare Company in NY and at Woolly Mammoth, *Did You Hear the One About the Irishman*; Caravan Cambridge, Macheath in THREEPENNY OPERA; Off-Center Theatre, Doc in *A Mad World My Masters*; Boston Publick Theatre, Jack Absolute in *The Rivals*; Oldcastle Theatre, Tchaik in *The Private Ear*. Also Bluntschli in *Arms and the Man*, Trotter in *The Moustrap*, Alexander Berkman in *Emma* by Howard Zinn. And this Spring Allen returned to the professional stage in *To Damascus* at NYC's August Strindberg Rep. Directing: Professional productions include, TALLY'S FOLLY, ON THE VERGE, THE ART OF DINING, BLUE WINDOW, and Kevin Rice's extraordinary two-hander HOPPER'S GHOSTS. Also VETCO (Vietnam Veterans Theatre Company). An MFA from Brooklyn College's Dramaturgy Program led first to writing theatre reviews for the Village Voice, then to teaching directing in Brooklyn's BFA program and serving as production dramaturg for Carey

Perloff's production of *Creditors* in a new translation by Paul Walsh. He lives in Manhattan with his wife, theatre manager Patricia Taylor, and until recently, his two dear sons Ian and James now scattered around the globe.

**Terrence Kidd** earned an MFA in Creative Writing for Stage & Screen from Lesley University ('10). He has taught screenwriting at Emerson College and Lesley University. His plays, screenplays and films have been produced/screened at Coolidge Corner Theater, Lesley University, Boston Playwrights Theater, Boston Theater Marathon, The Strand Theater and the Kennedy Center. He writes for underrepresented audiences and characters whose voices tap into all the candor, comedy, hypocrisy, humility and tragedy of life's rich pageant. Terry aspires to inspire.

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**DD Kugler** was the first Canadian president of Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas (LMDA, 2000-02); in 2011, LMDA presented Kugler the Lessing Award for Career Achievement. Kugler served eight seasons as Production Dramaturg with Toronto's Necessary Angel Theatre, and five seasons as Artistic Director of Edmonton's Northern Light Theatre. Since January 1998 Kugler has taught in the School for Contemporary Arts at Simon Fraser University; in 2010 he received one of the three SFU Excellence in Teaching Awards.

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**Grant MacDermott** is an actor and playwright. He was most recently seen in *Now or Later* at the Huntington Theater. He is currently in *Sex Tips for a Straight Woman from a Gay Man Off-Broadway* in New York City. As a playwright his work has been seen in Boston and New York and his play *An independent Study on Race and the Brain* was a semi-finalist this year at the Eugene O'Neill Playwrights' Conference.

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Playwright, composer, lyricist, director, actor, singer, tech writer-editor, journalist, and all-round energetic type, **Deborah Magid** is a member of the Cleveland Play House Playwrights' Unit and is attached to four other Cleveland theaters, has served on the ICWP Board, and is a Dramatists' Guild member. Works include short, long, drama, comedy, SciFi, musical, rock opera, chamber opera, and RICHARD WAGNER'S ENTIRE RING CYCLE IN 10 MINUTES, a one-woman show she performs with sock puppets.

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