Claire Wittman

| Educati | on: | | |
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| MFA Pl Hollins U | aywriting niversity | MLitt & MFA Shakespeare & Performance Mary Baldwin University | BFA Musical Theatre Shenandoah Conservatory |
| Plays: | | | |
| | <i>Emma</i> Reading | g at Appomattox Regional Governor's School | 2025 |
| | <i>Carmilla</i> Availabi | le for premiere | 2024 |
| | Phillida & Gali Appom | <i>lathea</i> attox Regional Governor's School, Petersburg VA | 2024 |
| | | <i>Deck!</i> on Tour, Silver Line Theatre Exchange ssioned by Silver Line Theatre Exchange, Staunton VA | 2025 2024 |
| | Publisho Reading | <i>Toppable Mighty Mites Take the Field (Again)</i> ed by YouthPLAYS g at Appomattox Regional Governor's School ssioned by Masterworx Theatre, Lynchburg VA | 2025 2024 2024 |
| | | <i>period</i> pment reading at the American Shakespeare Center, Staunton VA pment readings by the Belle Esprit Theatre Collective, Atlanta GA | 2023 2022-2023 |
| | Publishe | <i>ise of the Cottingley Fairies</i> ed by Stage Partners ssioned by Masterworx Theatre, Lynchburg VA | 2024 2023 |
| | | l Wilson New American Play Festival Finalist 3 at Appomattox Regional Governor's School | 2024 2023 |
| | James M Dunlog Main St Drippin Oley Va The Hig Marcellu Lincoln MoCo A Valley V Vidalia Publishe Oakcres Worksh | ge School, Pasadena CA <i>A</i> . Steele Early College High School, Roanoke TX gin Middle School, Ellicott City MD reet Theatre, Huston TX ag Springs High School, Dripping Spring TX alley High School, Oley Valley PA gh School of St. Thomas More, Champagne IL us Driver Middle School, Marcellus NY . High School, Lake City MN Arts, Keene NH View Middle School, Edina MN Heritage Academy, Vidalia GA ed by Stage Partners st Middle School, Vienna VA hop and Staged Reading, Hollins Summer Festival, Roanoke VA | 2025 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 |
| | Newton Brookvi Publishe | <i>dice</i> High School, Aynor SC n Theatre Company, Newton MA ille High School, Lynchburg VA ed by YouthPLAYS ssioned by Sweet Tea Shakespeare Youth Company, Raleigh NC | 2023 2023 2023 2023 2022 |

| The Female Quixote Masterworx Theatre, Lynchburg VA Published by YouthPLAYS Oakcrest Middle School, Vienna VA Workshop and Staged Reading, Hollins Summer Festival, Roanoke VA | 2022 2022 2020 2020 |
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| <i>Gulliver's Travels</i> Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg VA | 2023 – present |
| Play House of Horror Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg VA | 2023 – present |
| Foundered (based on the life of Minnie Coles Shumaker) Commissioned by Lynchburg Old City Cemetery, Lynchburg VA | 2022 |
| Fortune & Felicity Available for premiere | 2021 |
| Ladies of Llangollen Available for premiere | 2021 |
| <i>The Signalman</i> Red Vein Haunted House, Ashland VA | 2020 - 2023 |
| Lucinda and the Lottery Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg VA | 2021 – present |
| The Washingtons Wed – Digital Program (with Katharine Pittman and Daniel Cross) Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg VA | 2021 |
| Some Natural Notes About Her Body – Digital Program Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg VA | 2021 |
| An Infallible Guide to the Hidden Degrees of Fate (with Luke Schares and Patrick Rooney) Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg VA | 2021 |
| Loquacious Lucy: The Christmas Box (with Margarette Joyner and Dave Catanese) Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg VA | 2021 |
| Loquacious Lucy: Queen for a Day (with Mary Carter and Dave Catanese) Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg VA | 2020 - 2023 |
| <i>The Coffee Cantata</i> (with Luke Schares and Patrick Rooney) Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg VA | 2020 - 2023 |
| <i>Juvenilia</i> Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg VA | 2020 - 2022 |
| Perambulations of a Rat: a Morality Tail Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg VA | 2020 |
| Love at a Distance – Digital Program (with Luke Schares) Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg VA | 2020 |
| The Memoirs of Mrs. Anne Bailey – Digital Program Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg VA | 2020 |
| Star Flyer Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg VA | 2020 |
| <i>Guillotine in a Garden</i> Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg VA | 2020 |
| <i>Ellen Ternan's Christmas Carol</i> Commissioned by the Flagstaff Shakespeare Festival, Flagstaff AZ | 2019 |

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| <i>Lady Susan</i> – Claire F. Martin Belle Esprit | 2024 |
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| Sense and Sensibility – Claire F. Martin Atlanta Shakespeare Tavern | 2024 |
| Bumblebee – Alexis Washington Appomattox Regional Governor's School | 2023 |
| <i>Traverser 12, Do You Copy?</i> – Alexandria Rhodes Appomattox Regional Governor's School | 2023 |
| Scooby Doo and the Governor's School Ghoul – Matthew Dodson Appomattox Regional Governor's School | 2023 |
| Heaven on a Trapeze – Travis Stith Appomattox Regional Governor's School | 2023 |
| Nine Lives – Matthias Williams Appomattox Regional Governor's School | 2023 |
| <i>Night at ARGS</i> – India Reynolds Appomattox Regional Governor's School | 2023 |
| <i>Larkspur</i> – Claire F. Martin Belle Esprit | 2023 |
| <i>Henry III</i> – Ella Pellegrino Mary Baldwin University | 2023 |
| <i>Fashioning a Future</i> – Victoria Koro Colonial Williamsburg Foundation | 2023 |
| The Count of Monte Cristo – Claire F. Martin Belle Esprit | 2023 |
| <i>The Fall of Thebes</i> – Andrew Knight Mary Baldwin University | 2023 |
| A Tale of Two Cities – Claire F. Martin Belle Esprit | 2023 |
| <i>Of Old Romantics</i> – Brady Davenport Private Client | 2023 |
| <i>What People Do</i> – Emily Elyse Everett Private Client | 2023 |
| Persuasion – Claire F. Martin Private Client | 2023 |
| <i>The Declaration of Evelina</i> – Claire F. Martin Private Client | 2023 |
| <i>Arabella</i> – Claire F. Martin Private Client | 2023 |
| Fortune's Alms – Mac MacDaniel Private Client | 2022 |
| <i>Belinda</i> – Claire F. Martin Private Client | 2022 |
| <i>Curioser</i> – Lawrence E. Fisher Private Client | 2022 |

| | <i>Faith and Gasoline</i> – Paul Gabbard Private Client | 2022 |
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| | <i>Everlasting</i> – Christian Tripp Private Client | 2022 |
| | <i>Emma</i> – Claire F. Martin Sweet Tea Shakespeare | 2021 |
| | <i>Her Own Words</i> – Mary Poindexter McLaughlin Private Client | 2021 |
| | <i>Journey to Love</i> – Caroline Moledor and Zach Conklin Private Client | 2021 |
| | <i>The Killer of Camp Arden</i> – Mac MacDaniel Private Client | 2020 |
| | <i>War & Peace</i> – Claire F. Martin Private Client | 2020 |
| | <i>The Brave and Glorious Victory</i> – Mac MacDaniel Private Client | 2020 |
| | <i>Tybalt and the Three Choruses</i> – Mac MacDaniel Private Client | 2020 |
| | <i>Miss Samantha</i> – Christian Tripp Private Client | 2019 |
| | <i>Border Voices</i> – Robert Neustadt Flagstaff Shakespeare Festival | 2019 |
| | <i>Circus Actress Shot</i> – Dawn Tucker Flagstaff Shakespeare Festival | 2019 |
| | <i>Pleiades Rising</i> – Lisa Jayne Flagstaff Shakespeare Festival | 2019 |
| | <i>Echoes of Miami</i> – Katelyn Nevin, Meryl Juergens, and Melissa Rowan Miami University | 2018 |
| | Shakespeare's New Contemporaries – 50+ plays and playwrights Script Reader for the American Shakespeare Center | 2018 - 2021 |
| Produc | tion Dramaturgy: | |
| | Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812 Firehouse Theatre | 2025 |
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Selected Teaching Experience:

| Theatre Arts Teacher: Playwriting, Directing, Acting, Foundations of Theatre Appomattox Regional Governor's School, Petersburg VA | 2024 – present |
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| Director and Instructor – Richmond Shakespeare Festival Young Company Richmond Shakes, Richmond VA | 2024 – present |
| Director and Instructor – Richmond Shakespeare Bardathon Richmond Shakes, Richmond VA | 2024 – present |
| Direct Inquiry Supervisor – Playwriting Mary Baldwin University MFA, Staunton VA | 2023 – present |
| Theatre Arts Long-Term Substitute: Playwriting, Acting, Foundations of Theatre Appomattox Regional Governor's School, Petersburg VA | 2023 - 2024 |
| Guest Lecturer – Playwriting Mary Baldwin University MFA, Staunton VA | 2023 – present |
| Guest Teacher – Playwriting Brookville High School, Lynchburg VA | 2023 |
| Teaching Artist – Playwriting Silver Line Theatre Exchange, Staunton VA | 2022 |
| Teaching Artist – "Horror Dinner Theatre Party" and Dramaturgy Mill Mountain Theatre, Roanoke VA | 2022 |
| Adjunct Professor – English Composition Mary Baldwin University, Staunton VA | 2022 |
| Guest Lecturer – Playwriting University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa AL (Virtual) | 2022 |
| Guest Teacher – Creating Adaptations Oak Crest School, Vienna VA (Virtual) | 2021 |
| Teaching Artist – Playwriting Mill Mountain Theatre, Roanoke VA (Virtual) | 2021 |
| Teaching Artist – <i>Measure for Measure</i> : Write Your Own Ending St. Christopher's Academy, Richmond VA | 2020 |
| Guest Lecturer – Playwriting Coconino Community College, Flagstaff AZ | 2019 |
| Teaching Artist – Exploring Shakespeare Through Movement Flagstaff Arts and Leadership Academy, Flagstaff AZ | 2019 |
| Summer Camp Director and Teaching Artist – Shakespeare for Youth Flagstaff Shakespeare Festival, Flagstaff AZ | 2019 |
| Guest Teacher – English and Theatre Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center, Staunton VA | 2019 |
| Graduate Teaching Fellow – English Composition and Script Analysis Mary Baldwin University, Staunton VA | 2018 - 2019 |
| Teaching Artist – "PlaywritingWhere Do We Begin?" and "Shakespeare Spies" Workshops The Bards Ablaze Theatre Collective, Middle and High Schools Throughout VA | 2018 - 2019 |
| Guest Lecturer – Playwriting Mary Baldwin University, Staunton VA | 2018 |
| Guest Lecturer –Women in Theatre Mary Baldwin University, Staunton VA | 2018 |
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Work Experience:

Adjunct Faculty - Playwriting, Script Analysis, and English Composition Mary Baldwin University

- Create and deliver unique one-on-one curriculum for Playwriting Direct Inquiries for MLitt • and MFA candidates
- Dramaturg new plays for MLitt and MFA candidates
- Create and deliver curriculum for multiple sections of English 102: College Composition in cohesion with university standards for first year students, as well as Early College Program students and Adult Degree Program learners
- Create and deliver curriculum for a writing-intensive Script Analysis course intended for both • theatre majors and non-majors taking a performing arts elective

Artistic Associate - Education

Richmond Shakespeare

- Coordination of the Bardathon education program in partnership with the English Speaking • Union and Richmond Performing Arts alliance, including cutting Shakespeare scripts for student performances, liaising with local high schools, teaching workshops,
- Coordination of the Festival Young Company education program, including collaboration with ٠ other faculty to develop curriculum, curating monologues and scenes for student performances, teaching summer classes in verse, rhetoric, movement, and theatre history, directing a showcase, and supervising student performances at Agecroft throughout the Summer Shakespeare Festival

Theatre Arts Teacher

Appomattox Regional Governor's School

- Create and deliver curriculum for Playwriting and Directing, Foundations of Theatre, Acting II: Devised and Physical Theatre, Acting III: Playing Shakespeare, and Acting IV: Repertoire
- Supervise senior students in funding, producing, directing, designing, and performing a festival of student-written one-acts, as well as supervising independent study projects
- Direct competition and full-length productions for student performers
- Participate in faculty development, volunteer opportunities, and adjudication of prospective • students

Theatre Arts Long-Term Substitute Teacher Appomattox Regional Governor's School

- Create and deliver curriculum for Playwriting and Directing, Foundations of Theatre, Acting II: Devised and Physical Theatre, Acting III: Playing Shakespeare, and Acting IV: Repertoire
- Supervise senior students in funding, producing, directing, designing, and performing in a fulllength play, as well as supervising independent study projects

Historical Interpreter

St. John's Historic Church

- Present a thirty-minute tour of the church site and detailing the history of Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death" speech
- Frontline customer service including gift shop retail and digital and physical ticket management through Square, orienting guests to the historic site, giving directions and dining recommendations

2024 - present

Summer 2024

2023 - 2024

2023 - present

Theatrical Interpreter

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

- Wrote, composed, directed, and performed plays, musicals, and interpretive programs for youth and family audiences based on 18th century history, literature, and folklore
- Frontline customer service including orienting guests to the historic theatre site, giving directions and dining recommendations, and digital and physical ticket management
- Scheduled rehearsals for up to fifteen new productions yearly, coordinating the calendars of ten performers, ensuring adherence to Colonial Williamsburg's pandemic response guidelines regarding employee and guest capacity, and providing stage management for programs

Graduate Assistant – Shakespeare and Performance Program Administration 2016 – 2019 Mary Baldwin University

- Organized and orchestrated the 2017-2019 MLitt and MFA Thesis Festivals
- Assisted with class registration and course schedule creation
- Created copy and content for programs, websites, brochures, etc.
- Clerical and administrative duties including calendar management and bookkeeping

Directing Experience:

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Theatre:

Cyrano Comedy of Errors Romeo and Juliet Much Ado Two Gentlemen of Verona Measure for Measure King Lear Hamlet The Winter's Tale The Duchess of Malfi Othello As You Like It Foundered ^ Gillet's Crossing Halt ^ The Signalman ^ She Stoops to Conquer Miss in Her Teens The Actors' Lament Les Misérables Mary Poppins

Luciana Juliet Hero Silvia Isabella Cordelia Ophelia/Priest/Osric Hermione/Mopsa/Musician Cariola/Servant/Musician Desdemona Rosalind/William Minnie Coles Rose Annie Kate Hardcastle Miss Biddy Miss Pure Ensemble/Cosette u/s Miss Lark/Ensemble

Duenna/Lise/Sister Martha/etc.

Films, Podcasts, and Online Content:

| The Gallery (Short Film) | The Girl - Supporting | Chelsea Burke |
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| The Ballad of Christie Jean Curtis | Franki Cosmos | Phantom Limb Podcast by Free Jambalaya, Alex N |
| The First Time It Happened | Nina | Phantom Limb Podcast by Free Jambalaya, Alex N |
| Skip This Episode | Clarissa | Phantom Limb Podcast by Free Jambalaya, Alex N |
| The Last Winter | Alma | Concept Album by Free Jambalaya, Matt Treacy |
| Some Natural Notes About Her Body ^ | Nancy Hallam | Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Katharine Pite |
| The School for Scandal | Maria | Sweet Tea Shakespeare, Claire F. Martin |
| The Belle's Stratagem | Lady Frances Touchwood | Sweet Tea Shakespeare, Claire F. Martin |
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^ Playwright

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Richmond Shakes, Andrew Gall

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Richmond Shakes, James Ricks

Richmond Shakes, Foster Solomon

Richmond Shakes Bootleg, Jeff Cole

Richmond Shakes Bootleg, James Ricks

Elsewhere Shakespeare, renaissance show

Flagstaff Shakespeare Festival, Amie Bjorklund

Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest, Melora Kordos

Bard Unbound Touring Troupe, Cynde Liffick Lynchburg Old City Cemetery, Melora Kordos

Lynchburg Old City Cemetery, Melora Kordos

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Bryan Austin

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Patrick Rooney

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Michelle Smith

Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre, Hal Herman

Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre, Edward Kerrigan

Red Vein Haunted House, solo performance

Flagstaff Shakespeare Festival, Dawn Tucker

Richmond Shakes Bootleg, Melissa Rayford & James Ricks

Additional Training and Development:

| Provisional Teaching License VDOE | 2024 – present |
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| Anti-Racism for Children Selam Debs | 2024 |
| Anti-Racism 101 Selam Debs | 2024 |
| Dramaturgy of Intimacy Cha Ramos, Intimacy Directors and Coordinators | 2021 |
| Playwriting of Intimacy Cha Ramos, Intimacy Directors and Coordinators | 2021 |
| Pursuing Black Liberation Monique Melton, Shine Bright School | 2021 |

Awards, Honors, and Grants:

Lanford Wilson New American Play Festival Finalist, 2024 – *Mansfield Park* Broadway World Regional Awards Finalist for Best New Play, 2022 – *The Female Quixote* The Mary and Donald Gonzales Field Experience Fund for "Exploring the Digital Restoration Series", 2021 Flagstaff Arts Council Project Grant for "Foul Papers/Fair Copies" Staged Reading Series, 2019 Mary Baldwin University Graduate Teaching Fellow Excellence in Teaching Award, 2019 MBU Shakespeare and Performance Ariel Award for Outstanding Service and Leadership, 2019 Finalist for the Actors Theatre of Louisville Heideman Award, 2015-2016 – *Gillett's Crossing Halt* Inaugural Shenandoah Conservatory Playwrights Award, 2013 – *Copernicus* Presidential Scholar at Shenandoah Conservatory, 2012 - 2016

Proficiencies and Special Skills:

G Suite, Outlook, Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Photoshop, Premiere Pro, Garageband, Canva, Wix website creation, Datatel, Kronos, Viewpoints and Michael Chekhov physical training, ballet and musical theatre jazz, basic French, classical coloratura soprano (F3-C6), piano, EpiPen and seizure training, and first aid certified