# Maegan Clearwood

#### WSC AVANT BARD

# ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE

## Resident Dramaturg — 2015 - present

• Provide dramaturgical support, including actor packets, lobby displays, and educational materials; facilitate and plan audience talkbacks and events; lead the selection process for annual Scripts-in-Play Festival; serve as an artistic advocate in staff and marketing meetings; represent Avant Bard as community events.

## Director of Audience Engagement — 2015 - present

• Hire and train a team of house managers to run box office and front-of-house; facilitate community partnerships and organize cross-over events and promotions.

#### **HIGHWOOD THEATRE**

### Teaching Artist, Living Shakespeare — 2016 - Present

• Lead an eight-week beginner Shakespeare class for homeschooled students, ages 5 through 13; craft a unique lesson plan using an interactive plot and character chart, improvisation exercises, arts and crafts projects, and beginner text and scene work.

## **DC THEATRE SCENE**

## Fringe Festival Critic — 2014, 2016

• Wrote coverage on Washington DC's annual Capital Fringe Festival.

## FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY

## Public Programs Administrative Assistant — 2015/16 season

• Supported the Folger's wide range of programming, including literary readings and its 2015-16 theatre season; wrote press releases and event emails; proofread copy for style and grammar; drafted playbill content for theatre programming.

## **EUGENE O'NEILL THEATER CENTER**

## Literary Associate — 2014/15 season

• Assisted in day-to-day management of literary office and team of five interns; organized submission databases for more than 1,300 plays; provided reader coverage for more than 200 scripts; tracked changes to a play and a musical during their rehearsal processes; coordinated and programmed a Visiting Professionals weekend.

## Young Playwrights Festival Coordinator/Dramaturg — 2015, 2016

• Organized submission and selection process for annual Festival; served as dramaturg for three selected playwrights to develop their script and work towards a staged reading.

## National Playwrights Conference Reader — 2014 - 2016

• Provide reader coverage for new play festival, evaluating scripts for content, style, structure, and language.

## **OLNEY THEATRE CENTER**

#### Dramaturgy Apprentice — 2013/14 season

• Created Audience Context Guides, program notes, blogs, actor packets, and lobby displays for mainstage productions; facilitated talkbacks and events; taught weekly theatre course to fifth grade students; organized apprentice networking events.

# CATER SOCIETY OF JUNIOR FELLOWS

## Research Grant Recipient — 2013

• Conducted production history research at the Globe Theatre and Shakespeare Birthplace Trust archives for role as dramaturg on *King Lear* in independent two-week research project.

## APPLEROUTH

# - ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE -

## SAT, ACT, and SSAT tutor — 2016 - Present

• Work with high school and middle school students on standardized test preparation, focusing on active reading and effective test-taking strategy; completed an intensive training course, which included scoring in the 99th percentile on the SAT and ACT.

# **RED PEN BRISTOL**

# Editor — 2014 - Present

• Edit and provide feedback for academic papers—primarily dissertations for English-as-a-second-language students; offer suggestions for clarifying voice, eliminating passive language, and implementing consistent stylistic choices.

# THE ELM, STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF WASHINGTON COLLEGE

## Editor-in-Chief — 2012 - 13

• Oversaw the planning, design, and execution of 24 12-page print/online newspapers; managed and trained a staff of 30 students; oversaw budget and invoices, including payroll and ad and subscription sales; wrote coverage and designed/edited articles.

#### – SKILLS ·

 Computer proficiencies: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, Powerpoint, Access), Google Suite, Adobe Creative Suite (inDesign, Photoshop), Filemaker, Wordpress

## • Typing speed of 80 WPM

## Writing/editing styles: AP, MLA, Chicago, APA

• Administrative skills: Calendar/travel organization, data entry and upkeep, payroll management, front-of-house management, box office sales

# EDUCATION

# WASHINGTON COLLEGE — BA in English and Drama, 2009-13

• 3.8 GPA, Summa Cum Laude; Phi Beta kappa; departmental thesis honors

• Awards: Stewart Award for excellence in drama; Washington College Maureen Jacoby Prize for publishing and editing; Washington College Writers Union Award

- Finalist for Sophie Kerr Prize, largest undergraduate award for writing in the country, 2013
- Association for Theatre in Higher Education Dramaturgy Debut Panelist, 2013
- LMDA Travel Grant Recipient, 2014

# - PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS -

DRAMATURGY CREDITS -

• "Missing Voices and Misogyny in Shakespeare Theatre Company's Taming of the Shrew": Howlround.com, 2016 "What is the Cause of Thunder?' Natural Law and Absolutism in King Lear and the Politics of King James I": Washington College Review, 2014

•"Learning to Shout": Howlround.com, 2014

• "Bringing Lear Full Circle, From Iron Age England to the Globe to the Eastern Shore": ATHE conference, 2013

• Contributing articles/graphic design: dctheatrescene, *Raw* Food Magazine, admintopia.com, *The Kent County News*, *The Herald-Mail, BeWell World*, Washington College website and Alumni Magazine, *The Elm* 

Lizzie	Dir. Marie Sproul	Pink Swear Productions, 2017
TAME.	Dir. Angela Kay Pirko	WSC Avant Bard, 2016
	By Jonelle Walker	
A Bid to Save the World	Dir. Lee Liebeskind	Rorschach Theatre, 2016
	By Erin Bregman	
Static	Dir. Bridget Grace Sheaff	Source Theatre, 2016
	By Tom Horan	
The Good Devil (in Spite of Himself)	Dir. Tyler Herman	WSC Avant Bard, 2016
	By Tyler Herman and Mario Baldessari	
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Dir. Randy Baker	WSC Avant Bard, 2016
Holiday Memories	Dir. Tom Prewitt	WSC Avant Bard, 2015
World Builders	Dir. Amber Jackson	Forum Theatre, 2015
Friendship Betrayed (co-dramaturg)	Dir. Kari Ginsburg	WSC Avant Bard 2015
	Co-Dramaturg Laura Esti Miller	
End of Shift (asst. dramaturg)	Dir. Daniella Topol	Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center, National Playwrights Conference, 2015
	Playwright Jenny Connell Davis Dramaturg Kelly Miller	
Slaughterhouse-Five (asst. dramaturg)	Dir. Lindsey Hope Pearlman	Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center, NationalMusic Theatre Conference, 2015
	Composer Jed Feuer Book/Lyrics Adele Ahronheim Dramaturg Carrie Chapter	
To Kill a Mockingbird	Dir. Shirley Sherotsky	National Players, 2014
As You Like It	Dir. Gus Haegerty	National Players, 2014
The Tempest	Dir. Jason King Jones	National Players, 2014
Colossal	Dir. Will Davis	Olney Theatre Center, 2014
	By Andrew Hinderaker	
Avenue Q	Dir. Jason Loewith	Olney Theatre Center, 2014
The Piano Lesson	Dir. Jamil Jude	Olney Theatre Center, 2013
I and You	Dir. Eleanor Holdridge	Olney Theatre Center, 2013
	By Lauren Gunderson	
How to Succeed in Business	Dir. Jason Loewith	Olney Theatre Center, 2013
Rancho Mirage	Dir. Jason Loewith	Olney Theatre Center, 2013
	By Steven Dietz	
King Lear	Dir. Jason Rubin	Washington College, 2013