Claire Wittman

Educati	on:		
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
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	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
<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
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
	<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
Production Dramaturgy:		
	Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812 Firehouse Theatre	2025

Selected Teaching Experience:

Theatre Arts Teacher: Playwriting, Directing, Acting, Foundations of Theatre Appomattox Regional Governor's School, Petersburg VA	2024 – present
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

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 de Bergerac
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
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The Signalman ^
She Stoops to Conquer
Miss in Her Teens
The Actors' Lament
Les Misérables
Mary Poppins

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

Richmond Shakes, Andrew Gall Richmond Shakes, James Ricks Richmond Shakes, Foster Solomon Richmond Shakes Bootleg, Jeff Cole Richmond Shakes Bootleg, James Ricks Richmond Shakes Bootleg, Melissa Rayford & James Ricks Elsewhere Shakespeare, renaissance show Flagstaff Shakespeare Festival, Amie Bjorklund Flagstaff Shakespeare Festival, Dawn Tucker Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest, Melora Kordos Bard Unbound Touring Troupe, Cynde Liffick Lynchburg Old City Cemetery, Melora Kordos Red Vein Haunted House, solo performance 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

Richmond Shakes, Andrew Gall

Films, Podcasts, and Online Content:

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

^ Playwright

Additional Training and Development:

Provisional Teaching License VDOE	2024 – present
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