

**COURTNEY ABBOTT**  
**Intimacy Director & Coordinator**

**EDUCATION**

MFA Acting, Ohio University - BS Theatre, Northwestern University

Organs & Glands Intensive, Erika Berland and Wendell Beavers. Aug 2023  
Global Majority Intimacy Conference, Ann James. Apr 2023  
TIE Stage Managers and Intimacy, Vicki Whooper. Feb 2023  
Winter Wonderland Workshop, choreo/combat, various instructors. Jan 2023  
Experiential Anatomy, 9 mo program, Erika Berland. Oct '22-June '23  
Decolonization and Care, IDC, Lauren DeLeon. Oct 2023  
Burnout Prevention, NSIP, Amanda Edwards. Sep 2022  
Critical Conversations @ Work: Anti-Racist workshop, Chicago Poetry Center, Greg Geffrard.  
Jul 2022  
TIE Working w Trans and Enby Actors, Raja Benz and Joy Brooke Fairfield. Apr 2022  
Thumbprint Consent in the Classroom, April Sigman-Marx. Mar 2022  
NSIP Kissing and Masking, Rachel Flesher. Feb 2022  
ICOC JEDI, Chelsey Morgan. Jan 2022  
ICOC Intimacy Captain, Ann James. Jan 2022  
TIE Foundations of Race Intimacy & Consent; Race & Choreography. June 2021  
TIE Intimacy Coordination, Chelsea Pace. June 2021  
TIE 16 hour practical intensive with Chelsea Pace, Laura Rikard. Oct 2019  
Mental Health First Aid certification, National Council for Behavioral Health, Feb 2019  
IDC 24 hour practical intensive with Tonia Sina, Clare Warden. Jan 2019  
Assistant to Gaby Labotka, *Don't Smoke In Bed*, Chimera Ensemble. 2018  
Assistant to Rachel Flesher, *Women Laughing Alone With Salad*, Theatre Wit. 2018  
SME in Sexual Assault prevention, Catharsis Productions. 2005-2017  
Crisis Intervention 40 hour training, Rape Crisis Hotline, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago. 2005

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**THEATRE**

**2024**

<i>Romeo &amp; Juliet, Short Shakes!</i> ◇ Wm Shakespeare	Mikael Burke	Chicago Shakes
<i>Women Beware Women</i> ◇ Thomas Middleton	Kevin V. Smith	Blue in the Right Way
<i>Lavender Men</i> ◇ Roger Q. Mason	Lucky Stiff	About Face
<i>Baby</i> ◇ John Pielmeier	Scott Shallenbarger	Citadel
<i>Love Song</i> ◇ John Kolvenbach	Marti Lyons	Remy Bumpo
<i>Dracula: A Feminist Revenge Fantasy, Really</i> ◇ Kate Hamill	Jasmine B. Gunter	Northwestern
<i>Silent Sky</i> ◇	Beth Wolf	Citadel

Lauren Gunderson

**2023**

<i>Christmas with Elvis</i> ◇ Productions Terry Spencer Hesser	Dexter Bullard	MD
<i>John Proctor is the Villain</i> Kimberly Belflower	Pat King	Lake Michigan College
<i>She Loves Me</i> Joe Masteroff	Matthew Silar	Citadel
<i>Wolves</i> Steve Yockey	Dusty Brown	Redtwist
<i>The Rise + Fall of Little Voice</i> Jim Cartwright	Devon DeMayo	The Gift
<i>No Man's Land</i> Harold Pinter	Les Waters	Steppenwolf
<i>Betrayal</i> Harold Pinter	Chris Toft	Edge of the Wood
<i>Pretty Shahid</i> <sup>1^</sup> Omer Abbas Salem	Sophiyaa Nayar	Jackalope
<i>Agnes of God</i> John Pielmeier	Clare Brennan	Redtwist Theatre
<i>Waa-Mu 2023</i> student written	Johanna Miller	Northwestern
<i>Grease</i> Jacobs & Casey	Paul Stancato	Drury Lane Theatre
<i>Holler River</i> ◦ Caridad Svitch	Abbott & Goldstein	NEIU
<i>Lavender Men - workshop</i> Roger Q. Mason	Lucky Stiff	About Face
<i>Comedy of Errors</i> * Wm Shakespeare	Barbara Gaines	Chicago Shakes
<i>Freshman Projects</i> devised	Kauzlaric, Stetzel, Mader	Roosevelt CCPA
<i>Chlorine Sky</i> Mahogany L Browne	Ericka Ratcliff	Steppenwolf
<i>Violet</i> Jeanine Tesori	Mikael Burke	Northwestern
<i>And Neither Have I Wings To Fly</i> Ann Noble	Heather Chrisler	First Folio
<i>The Magic Flute</i> Mozart	Joachim Schamberger	Northwestern

**2022**

<i>Bald Sisters</i> <sup>1</sup>	Jesca Prudencio	Steppenwolf
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Vichet Chum		
<i>Georgiana+Kitty:Christmas at Pemberley</i>	Marti Lyons	Northlight Theatre
Gunderson & Melcon		
<i>Collabaret</i> <sup>1</sup>	Morgan Frost	Northwestern
devised		
<i>Spoiler Alert: Someone Dies</i> <sup>1</sup>	Stephen Peng	Sit n Spin
Stephen Peng		
<i>The Crucible</i>	Chris Toft	Edge of the Wood
Arthur Miller		
<i>The Revolutionists</i>	John Bliss	NEIU
Lauren Gunderson		
<i>House of Circe 2022</i> <sup>1</sup>	Jeff Mills	Proboscis
Devised		
<i>Tiger Style!</i>	Brian Balcom	Writers Theatre
Mike Lew		
<i>Overtly Queer</i> <sup>1</sup>	Cameron Chase	Roosevelt CCPA
Devised		
<i>Stupid F*ckin Bird - collab w Charlie Baker</i>	Declan Collins	Sit N Spin
Aaron Posner		
<i>Enough to Let the Light In</i> <sup>1</sup>	Georgette Verdin	Teatro Vista
Paloma Nozicka		
<i>The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll &amp; Mr Hyde</i> <sup>1*</sup>	Morgan Manasa	Idle Muse
Michael Dalberg		
<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Matthew Silar	Citadel
Howard Ashman		
<i>Cabaret</i>	Robbie Simpson	Metropolis
Masteroff, Kander & Ebb		
<i>Hurricane Diane</i>	Jeremy Wechsler	Theater Wit
Madeleine George		
<i>Choir Boy - collab w Greg Geffrard</i>	Kent Bash	Steppenwolf
Tarell Alvin McCraney		
<i>Dance Nation</i>	Kirsten Fitzgerald	Northwestern
Clare Barron		
<i>Marisol</i>	Brian Balcom	Northwestern
José Rivera		
<i>Sister Act the Musical</i>	Sadé May	Metropolis
Steinkellners & Menken		
<i>Scientific Method</i>	Tyler Pleasant	U of Chicago
Jenny Connell Davis		
<i>King Lear</i>	Jared Zuker	U of Chicago
Wm Shakespeare		
<i>The Trail to Oregon!</i>	Klemm & Fennell	U of Chicago
Blim, Lang & Lang		
<i>Picasso at the Lapin Agile</i>	Scott Phelps	Citadel
Steve Martin		

<i>Waa-Mu 2022</i> student written	Johanna Miller	Northwestern
<i>Adam</i> ^ Adam Kashmiry	Jaq Seifert	Pride Arts
<i>Water by the Spoonful</i> Quiara Alegria Hudes	Ji Won Jeon	Northwestern
<i>Spring Awakening</i> Sater & Sheik	Vivian Murphy	Ovation Arts
<i>Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo</i> Rajiv Joseph	Hamid Dehghani	Northwestern
<i>In Every Generation</i> ^ Ali Viterbi	Devon de Mayo	Victory Gardens
<i>Passage</i> * Christopher Chen	Kaiser Ahmed	Remy Bumpo
<i>The Black Knight</i> ^ Angeli Primiani	Brian Pastor	Lifeboat Productions
<i>Solaris</i> ^ David Greig	Scott Weinstein	Griffin Theatre
<i>Wife of a Salesman</i> ^□ Eleanor Burgess	Jo Bonney	Writers Theatre
<b>2021</b>		
<i>Enough to Let the Light In</i> *^ Paloma Nozicka	Marti Lyons	Jackalope Theatre
<i>Human Animals</i> Stef Smith	Chiara Dorsi	Sit-n-Spin Prod.
<i>The Legacy of Sherwood Forest</i> devised by the players	Lara Filip & Zach Barr	Inkwell Arts
<b>2019</b>		
<i>Big Love</i> Charles L. Mee	Corey Ragan	OU
<i>Stitched with a Sickle...</i> ^ Inna Tsyrlin	Anne McAlexander	OU
<i>Romeo &amp; Juliet</i> Wm Shakespeare	Johnathan Hetler	OU
<i>Holly Down In Heaven</i> Kara Corthron	Brian Evans	OU
<b>2018</b>		
<i>Venus In Fur</i> David Ives	Johnathan Hetler	OU
<i>Don't Smoke In Bed</i> ^* Aurin Squire	Chika Ike	Chimera Ensemble
<i>Women Laughing Alone...</i> * Sheila Callahan	Devon de Mayo	Theater Wit

◇upcoming \*assisted □violence only  
^postponed ^premiere °directed

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## FILM

<i>Stars in the Water</i>	Amy Tompkins	Joliet Pictures
<i>Paper Planes</i>	A Thordarson/M Glover Smith	Jólakötturinn Prod.
<i>Lee Baby</i>	Leah Raidt	Falling Leaf Creatives
<i>Departing Seniors</i>	Clare Cooney	Queensbury Pictures
<i>Appalachian Law Enforcement Initiative</i>	Eric Williams	Ohio U
<i>Mother of Two</i>	Jacob Midkiff	OU Film
<i>Plain Jane</i>	Bailey Plumley	OU Film
<i>Applebaum</i>	Edward Loupe	OU Film

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## OUTREACH

Guest Educator, MFA Opera Student Workshops, Northwestern U. 2022-23  
Resident Intimacy Consultant, with Greg Geffrard, Steppenwolf. 2022-23  
Resident Intimacy Consultant, Inkwell. 2022-23  
Adjunct Faculty, CCPA, Roosevelt U. 2022-23  
Guest Educator for Faculty, Dept of Dance & Theater, University of Wyoming. 2022  
Co-Facilitator, Faculty & Student Workshops, Grinnell College. 2022  
Co-Facilitator, Virtual workshop for MFA students, Rose Bruford College. 2022  
Co-Facilitator, Virtual Community Forum on Consent, Young Chicago Authors. 2021  
Guest Educator for Columbia College, Chicago, IL. 2021  
Guest Educator for Kinder High School for the Visual and Performing Arts, Houston, TX. 2020  
Guest Educator for SITl Summer Intensive, Skidmore College, Saratoga Spgs, NY. 2019  
Educator for BSN Nursing, BFA/MFA Acting, BFA Stage Management, MFA Directing students.  
Ohio University, Athens, OH. 2018-2021

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