

# Dr. Robyn N. Pursley

Actor/Theatre Artist

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## EDUCATION

Ed.D, University of Arkansas, 2011.

Major: Higher Education and Leadership

Supporting Areas of Emphasis: Teaching and Administration

Dissertation Title: *An Exploration of the Experiences of Performing Arts Students at a Regional University*

MA, Oklahoma State University, 2003.

Major: Theatre

Supporting Areas of Emphasis: Directing

Dissertation Title: *Directing David Lindsay Abaire's Fuddy Meers*

BA, Northeastern State University, 2000.

Major: Theatre

Minor: English

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Department Chairperson, Art and Drama (August 2018 - Present).

*Represent department at meetings, recruitment, and administrative functions. Work collectively with program coordinators to maintain the efficient function of the department.*

Assistant Dean, College of Liberal Arts (July 1, 2018 - Present).

*Oversee recruitment and promotions for the College. Represent the college at recruitment and promotional events on and off campus.*

Executive Director, Sequoyah Institute. (July 15, 2017-present)

*Supervise the Coordinator and work collectively to develop a season and oversee the successful execution of the season.*

Artistic Director, River City Players. (2005-present)

*Devise the shows for the River City Players and oversee all hiring of artistic staff and artistic design for the productions.*

Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts. (October 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018).

*Served as the Dean of the College while a search was conducted to fill the position. Handled all faculty HR matters including annual evaluations and faculty disciplinary*

*issues; oversight of the Seminary Hall building as well as other spaces inhabited by the College; worked collaboratively with an Assistant Dean and Administrative Assistant to ensure the efficient function of the College.*

Coordinator, Drama program. (August 2005 - 2017).

Department Chairperson, Art and Drama. (August 2013 - October 2017).

### **Professional Organizations**

Oklahoma Speech Theatre Communications Association

*President 2017, VP 2016, VP Elect 2015*

*\*Planned the 2016 conference held at Oral Roberts University, Tulsa*

Association for Theatre in Higher Education

Educational Theatre Association

Arts Council of Tahlequah

*Executive Board Member*

Alpha Psi Omega, Mu Gamma Cast

### **STAGE DIRECTING EXPERIENCE**

(\*denotes American College Theatre Festival entry)

*Hidden in this Picture*, NSU Drama, 2022

*The Best of River City Players: Country*, River City Players 2021

*The Best of River City Players: Rock n Roll*, River City Players 2021

*Small Mouth Sounds*, NSU Drama, 2020

*A Commedia Rapunzel*, NSU Drama, 2019

*River City Presents the 60s: Rock*, River City Players 2019

*River City Presents the 60s: Country*, River City Players 2019

*The Robber Bridegroom*, NSU Drama, 2019

*A Bagful of Fables*, NSU Drama, 2018

*Rock and Roll Replay*, River City Players, 2018

*Country Traditions*, River City Players, 2018

*For Better\**, NSU Drama, 2017

*60s Retro Jukebox*, River City Players, 2017

*70s Country Radio*, River City Players, 2017

*80s Movie Soundtrack*, River City Players, 2017

*Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, NSU Drama, 2017

*Rock and Roll is Here to Stay*, River City Players, 2016

*River City Mixtape*, River City Players, 2016

*Country Legends*, River City Players, 2016

*The Hypocrite: An Adaptation of Moliere's Tartuffe*, NSU Drama, 2016

*Rumplestiltskin*, NSU Drama, 2015

*Generations of Rock*, River City Players, 2015

*Honky Tonk Hits*, River City Players, 2015

*Twistin Time*, River City Players, 2015  
*The Fantasticks*, NSU Drama, 2015  
*Thank you Lord for Making Gals*, NSU Drama, 2014  
*Opals Millioin Dollar Duck*, NSU Drama, 2014  
*Kung Fu Kitty*, NSU Drama, 2014  
*Farragut North*, NSU Drama, 2012  
*A Dog's Tale*, NSU Drama, 2012  
*You Can't Take it With You*, NSU Drama, 2012  
*Hansel and Gretel*, NSU Drama, 2011  
*Noises Off*, NSU Drama, 2011  
*Old Sultan*, NSU Drama, 2010  
*Steel Magnolias*, NSU Drama, 2010  
*A Bagful of Fables*, NSU Drama, 2009  
*Big: The Musical*, NSU Drama, 2009  
*The Dead Guy*, NSU Drama, 2008  
*Red vs. the Wolf*, NSU Drama, 2008  
*Don't Dress for Dinner*, NSU Drama, 2008  
*Shadowbox*, NSU Drama, 2007  
*Nunsense*, NSU Drama, 2007  
*Can Mrs. Claus Save Christman*, NSU Drama, 2006  
*School House Rock: Live!*, NSU Drama, 2006  
*How Santa Got His Christmas Tree*, NSU Drama, 2005  
*The Goat, or Who is Sylvia?*, NSU Drama, 2004  
*Jack and the Beanstalk*, NSU Drama, 2004  
*Little Shop of Horrors*, NSU Drama, 2004  
*The Sword in the Stone*, NSU Drama, 2003

## **DEvised WORK/PLAYWRITING**

*The Storybook Players*, NSU Drama, 2016

*Colleague Chris Miller and I developed an improvisation troupe concept that involved drama students. We devised a performance that was driven by the audience and toured the play to elementary schools in Tahlequah, Pryor, and Norwood.*

*The Tale of Rumpelstiltskin*, NSU Drama 2015

*I authored an adaptation of the traditional children's tale for a children's theatre stage production that was produced for area elementary schools.*

## **DESIGN EXPERIENCE (2014 to present)**

(\*denotes ACTF entry)

*Hidden in this Picture*, Costumes, Props, 2022

*Graceland*, Costumes, Props, 2022

*The Dumb Waiter*, Costumes, Props, 2022

*Asleep on the Wind*, Costumes, Props, 2022

River City Players, 2021

*Small Mouth Sounds*, Co-Design Costumes, Props, 2020  
*She Kills Monsters\**, Costumes, Dir. Scott Pursley, 2020  
*A Commedia Rapunzel*, Costumes, Props, Scenic, 2019  
River City Players 2019  
*And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little*, Costumes, Props, Set Dressing, Dir. Scott Pursley, 2019  
*The Robber Bridegroom*, Costumes, Props, 2019  
*Call of the Wild\**, Costumes, Props, Dir. Chris Miller, 2018  
*A Bagful of Fables*, Costumes, Props, Scenic, 2018  
*Rock and Roll Replay*, Costumes, River City Players, 2018  
*Country Traditions*, Costumes, River City Players, 2018  
*Moon Over Buffalo*, Costumes, Props, Dir. Scott Pursley, 2018  
*For Better\**, Costumes, Props, 2017  
*60s Retro Jukebox*, Costumes, River City Players, 2017  
*70s Country Radio*, Costumes, River City Players, 2017  
*80s Movie Soundtrack*, Costumes, River City Players, 2017  
*Hallowed Halls*, Costumes, Props, Dir. Chris Miller, 2017  
*Mr Burns, a post-electric play\**, Costumes, Props, Dir. Scott Pursley, 2016  
*Rock and Roll is Here to Stay*, Costumes, River City Players, 2016  
*River City Mixtape*, Costumes, River City Players, 2016  
*Country Legends*, Costumes, River City Players, 2016  
*Doubt: a parable*, Costumes, Props, Dir. Scott Pursley, 2016  
*Good People*, Costumes, Props, Dir. Scott Pursley, 2015  
*Rumplestiltskin*, Costumes, 2015  
*Generations of Rock*, Costumes, River City Players, 2015  
*Honky Tonk Hits*, Costumes, River City Players, 2015  
*Twistin Time*, Costumes, River City Players, 2015  
*Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*, Co-Design Costumes, Props, Dir. Scott Pursley, 2015  
*Abundance*, Costumes, Chris Miller, 2015  
*The Fantasticks*, Costumes, 2014  
*Thank you Lord for Making Gals*, Costumes, 2014

## **PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE (2015-present)**

*Graceland*, Bev Davies, directed by Scott Pursley, NSU Drama, 2022  
*A Doll's House*, Christine Linde, directed by Sloan Garner, Evergreen Theatre Collective, 2021  
*Lysistrata*, Women's Chorus, directed by Ryan Mahanna, Evergreen Theatre Collective, 2020  
*And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little*, Catherine, directed by Scott Pursley, NSU Drama 2019  
Commerical Voice Over, Cherokee National History Museum, Cherokee Nationa Tourism 2019  
*Hallowed Halls*, Professor, directed by Chris Miller, NSU Drama 2017  
*Doubt: a parable*, Sister Aloysius, directed by Scott Pursley, NSU Drama 2016  
*Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*, directed by Scott Pursley, NSU Drama 2015