# DEBORAH YARCHUN

## **PLAYWRIGHT**

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## **EDUCATION**

M.F.A. Playwriting 2013

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Summa Cum Laude

B.S. Screenwriting & Playwriting 2008

Minors: Theater, Psychology Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA Summa Cum Laude with Honors

#### **SELECT AWARDS & HONORS**

New Dramatists Residency, 2024-2031

Core Writer at The Playwrights' Center, 2021-2024

Alliance for Jewish Theatre Grant, 2023

Austin Film Festival Drama Pilot Award Second Rounder, 2021 (The Wrong Approach)

New Georges Affiliated Artist, 2021 - Present

SPACE on Ryder Farm Working Farm Group Finalist, 2020

Civilians' R&D Group, Sept. 2018 - May 2019

Dramatists Guild Foundation Fellow, Sept. 2017 – Oct. 2018

Jerome Fellowship, The Playwrights' Center, Two-Time Recipient, 2014 –2015, 2013-2014

Tennessee Williams Scholar, Sewanee Writers' Conference, 2015

Ensemble Studio Theatre/Sloan Project Commission, 2014

University of Iowa's Iowa Arts Fellowship, August 2010 – May 2013

Young Playwrights Inc. National Playwriting Competition, 2004 & 2005

#### RESIDENCIES

Eugene O'Neill Foundation Travis Bogard Artist in Residence, August 2024

Marble House Project Residency, April 2021

HBMG National Playwright Winter Retreat, Feb. - March 2020

The O'Neill, Playwright Observership Sponsored by the Kennedy Center and DGF, July 2018, July 2012

William Inge Center for the Arts' Playwright-in-Residence, Independence, KS, Sept. – Nov. 2017

Dorit & Gerald Paul Artist-in-Residence, Indiana University, Jan. – May 2016

SPACE on Ryder Farm, Brewster, NY, August 2014, August 2015

## PLAYS (Selected)

#### **FULL LENGTHS**

The Aleph Complex		
Production	Alleyway Theatre Company, Buffalo, NY	2023
Student Production	Berea College, Berea, KY (upcoming)	
Winner	Maxim Mazumdar New Play Award	2020
Reading	Swandive Theatre Company, Minneapolis, MN	2018
Honorable Mention	The Kilroys List	2015
Reading	Workhouse Theater Company, Minneapolis, MN	2015
Workshop	The New Harmony Project, New Harmony, IN	2013
Finalist	Bloomington Playwrights' Woodward/Newman Drama Award	2013
Production	University of Iowa's New Play Festival, Iowa City, IA	2013
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Production	Winnipeg Jewish Theatre, Winnipeg, Canada	2023
Production	Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company, St. Paul, MN	2021
Production	Jewish Theatre of Bloomington, Bloomington, IN	2021
Production	Minnesota Jewish Humor Festival, Sabes Center, Minneapolis, MN	2018
Winner	Minneapolis' BroadwayWorld.com Best Original/New Work	2017
Production	Really Spicy Opera, Minnesota Fringe Festival, Minneapolis, MN	2017
Workshop	The Playwrights' Center, Minneapolis, MN	2015

Drive		
Publication	The Best Men's Monologues, Smith & Kraus	2024
Production	Mirrorbox Theatre, Cedar Rapids, IA	2022
Publication	The Best Women's Monologues, Smith & Kraus	
Workshop	The Playwrights' Center Ruth Easton Series	2022 2022
Reading	Mirrorbox Theatre, Virtual, Cedar Rapids, IA	2022
Reading	Northern Stage, Virtual, White River Junction, VT	2021
Reading	Centenary Stage Company, Hackettstown, NJ	2020
Workshop	VoxFest, Dartmouth College, Virtual	2020
Winner	Neukom Literary Arts Award for Playwriting	2020
Finalist	Seven Devils Playwrights Conference, McCall, ID	2020
Reading	Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, Edgartown, MA	2019
Reading	Civilians' 2019 FINDINGS Series, The Lark, NYC	2019
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Atlas, the Lonely Gibb		2022
Publication	The Best Men's Monologues, Smith & Kraus	2022
Production	Spreckels Theatre Company, Rohnert Park, CA	2022
Reading	Centenary Stage Company, Hackettstown, NJ	2021
Reading	Clamour Theatre Company, Fleming Island, FL	2021
Finalist	Neukom Literary Arts Award for Playwriting, Dartmouth College	2021
Finalist	Seven Devils Playwrights Conference, McCall, ID	2021
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Reading	Veteran Repertory Theatre, NYC	2023
Finalist	Woodward Newman Drama Award	2022
Semi-Finalist	National Playwrights Conference	2022
Finalist	Veteran Repertory's Playwriting Competition	2022
Workshop	The Playwrights' Center, Minneapolis, MN	2021
Reading	Capital Repertory Theatre, Albany, NY	2019
Reading	The Blank Theatre, Los Angeles, CA	2019
Semi-Finalist	Premiere Stages, Kean, NJ	2019
Tectonic Mélange		
Winner	Veteran Rep's National Playwriting Competition	2023
Reading	Circle City New Play Festival, Indianapolis, IN	2017
Semi-Finalist	Premiere Stages, Kean, NJ	2017
Workshop	TheatreSquared's Arkansas New Play Festival, Fayetteville, AR	2016
Winner	Kernodle New Play Award, University of Arkansas, AR	2016
Finalist	JAW Festival, Portland Center Stage, Portland, OR	2016
Semi-Finalist	Eugene O'Neill National Playwrights Conference	2016
Reading	Ensemble Studio Theatre, First Light Festival, NYC	2015
Workshop	The Playwrights' Center, Minneapolis, MN	2015
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Semi-Finalist	Premiere Stages New Play Festival	2024
Finalist	Kitchen Dog Theatre's New Works Festival	2023
Semi-Finalist	National Playwrights Conference	2023
Semi-Finalist	American Blues Theatre Blue Ink Award	2023
Publication	The Best Men's Monologues, Smith & Kraus	2022
Reading	The Blank Theatre Company, Los Angeles, CA	2021
Reading	Nora's Playhouse Salon, New York, NY	2019
Reading	Capital Stage Company, Sacramento, CA	2018
Winner (2 <sup>nd</sup> place)	Henley Rose Playwright Competition for Women	2018
Honorable Mention	The Relentless Award, American Playwriting Foundation	2016
Reading	Great Plains Theatre Conference, Omaha, NE	2016
Finalist	Bay Area Playwrights Festival, San Francisco, CA	2015
Reading	Strange Sun Theater, NYC	2015

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Reading	Workhouse Theatre Company, Minneapolis, MN	2015 2014
Workshop	The Playwrights' Center, Minneapolis, MN	2014
Preservation		
Featured Finalist	American Blues Theater's Blue Ink Playwriting Award	2022
Winner	Women in the Arts & Media Collaboration Award	2019
Winner	Jewish Ensemble Theatre's JETFest	2019
Finalist	Kitchen Dog Theater's 2019 New Works Festival	2019
Publication	The Best Women's Monologues, Applause Theatre	2019
Finalist	Bloomington Playwrights' Woodward/Newman Drama Award	2018
Student Production	Atlantic Acting School, NYU, Atlantic Stage 2, NYC	2018
Reading	Valiant Theatre Company, New Orleans, LA	2018
Workshop	William Inge Center for the Arts, Independence, KS	2017
Hans & Sophie (crea	ted with Sean Hudock, and Illana Stein)	
Winner	Outstanding New Play, Dallas Fort-Worth Critics Forum	2020
Production	Amphibian Stage Productions, Fort Worth, TX	2020
Reading	Drama League First Stage Residency, NYC	2019
Bomber's Moon		
Publication	The Best Women's Monologues, Applause Theatre	2019
Publication	The Best Men's Monologues, Applause Theatre	2019
Production	Williams Street Repertory, Crystal Lake, IL	2018
Reading	Williams Street Repertory, Crystal Lake, IL	2017
Reading	Workhouse Theatre Company, Minneapolis, MN	2015
Workshop	The Playwrights' Center, Minneapolis, MN	2013
The Man in the Sukl	kah	
Semi-Finalist	National Playwrights Conference	2024
Workshop	Theatre Ariel's Salon Series, Philadelphia, PA	2018
Workshop	The Playwrights' Center, Minneapolis, MN	2014
Finalist	PlayPenn, Philadelphia, PA	2014
Workshop	Jewish Plays Project's OPEN Festival	2013
Student Production	University of Iowa's New Play Festival	2012
Portmanteaux		
Reading	Workhouse Theatre Company, Minneapolis, MN	2015
Production	Overtime Theater, San Antonio, TX	2014
Reading	The Great Plains Theater Conference, Omaha, NE	2011
Workshop	WordBRIDGE Playwrights Laboratory, Clemson, SC	2009
FreezeFrame		
Finalist	Risk is This, Cutting Ball Theater, San Francisco, CA	2015
Student Production	Drexel University, Philadelphia New Play Festival, Philadelphia, PA	2007
Student Production	Wichita State University, Wichita, KS	2007
Production	Young Playwrights Festival, at The Peter Jay Sharp Theater, NYC	2006
Winner	Wichita State University's National Student Playwriting Competition	2006
Winner	Young Playwrights Inc. National Playwriting Competition, NYC	2005
	SELECT ONE-AC	TS.
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Workshop	Red Eye Theater's Works-in-Progress Festival, Minneapolis, MN	2015
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Perception Play	Habingood Eastival of Distriction Thantan Outside Court	2012
Production	Unhinged- Festival of Disturbing Theater, Ontario, Canada Generous Company (broadcast on NewPlayTV), Baltimore, MD	2013 2013
Reading	Generous Company (broadcast on New Play I V), Daltimore, MD	2013
Spinal Alignment		
Publication	The Book of EstroGenius Festival 2011	2013

Production	Estrogenius Festival, Manhattan Theater Source, NYC	2011	
Next Year in Jerusaler Production Production	Rogue Theater, at site-specific bars and cafes in the East Village, NYO The Philadelphia Fringe Festival, Philadelphia, PA	2010 2007	
	SELECT TEN-MINUTES & SHORT WORKS		
<b>Light the Menorah</b> Winner Workshop	Jewish Plays Project National Ten-Minute Play Contest Berkshire Theatre Group, Jewish Plays Project, Pittsfield, MI	2024 2024	
<b>Zoom Coaster</b> Production Publication Production	Walking Shadow Readers Theatre Smith & Kraus Best Men's Monologues Post-Industrial Productions, Buffalo, NY (virtually)	2021 2021 2020	
<b>The Starfire Dance</b> Production Finalist	Fusion Theatre Festival's "The Seven," Albuquerque, NM City Theater's National Short Play Award, Miami, FL	2014 2015	
Portrait of an Artist fr Production Production	From the Perspective of his Pears, or Luscious Butts Flush Ink Productions, Ontario, Canada Working Theatre Collective, Portland, OR	2012, 2013 2012	
Painted Desert Production Production Finalist	The Samuel French Off Off Broadway Festival, NYC Theater Master's National MFA Festival at the Wild Project, NYC Humana Festival's Heideman Award, Louisville, KY	2012 2012 2012	
Signs Production Production Production	Minnesota Shorts Festival, Mankato, MN Northwest Playwright's British Arts Tour: toured to Seattle Repertory Theater, The Abingdon Theater, and venues in England Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Theatre, Mount Vernon, IA	2014 2012 2013	
On Gonoga Falls Published Production	Out of the Mount: 19 from New Play Project New Play Project, Provo, UT	2010 2007	

#### THEATER EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Todd London's An Ideal Theater, NYC	July 2009 – Aug. 2010
Literary Assistant, Salvage Vanguard Theater, Austin, TX	Jan. 2009 – June 2010
Interim Literary Manager, Rattlestick Playwrights' Theatre	Jan. 2009 – June 2009

Script reader for The DGF Fellows Program (2018 - Present), The Playwrights' Center (2013 – Present), Marble House Project (2021- 2023), The New Harmony Project (2014), JPP's National Competition (2014 - 2020), and PlayPenn (2005 - 2010)

Dramaturg through The Playwrights' Center, 2016- Present

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### **Semester-Length Courses**

Instructor, Intro to Playwriting, Independence Community College, Fall 2017 \*Instructor, Playwriting: A Writing Community, Indiana University, Spring 2016 Instructor, Art & Spirituality, Indiana University, Spring 2016 Instructor, Playwriting I, University of Iowa, Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 TA, History of Theater & Drama I, University of Iowa, Spring 2012 TA, History of Theater and Drama II, University of Iowa, Fall 2011

\*Carl Ziegler Teaching Award, Indiana University, 2016

#### **Seminars**

"Enough: Writing Bootcamp," class for winning teenage playwrights through Enough and Dramatists Guild, Aug. 12 - 28, 2023

"Writing to Impact," six-session virtual seminar at The Playwrights' Center Feb. 28th - Apr. 4, 2023

"Spinning A New Play," six-session seminar taught virtually at The Playwrights' Center Jan – Feb, 2022.

"Character and Language," playwriting seminar taught at the Kennedy Center's American Theatre College Festival Region V Conference at Normandale Community College in Bloomington, MN in Jan 2015

"Intimate Plays in Epically Theatrical Ways," playwriting seminar taught at The Playwrights' Center in Dec 2014, The Overtime Theater in San Antonio, TX, Metonomy Media in Indianapolis, IN in 2016, the Raue Center for the Arts in Crystal Lake, IL in 2017

"Writing to Impact," playwriting seminar taught at the Women's Theatre Festival (virtually) in July 2020, The Playwrights' Center in Nov 2013 and in Des Moines, IA at the Des Moines Social Club Theater in May 2012

#### **Teaching Artist Work**

Teaching Artist for the Dramatists Guild Foundation New Voices Program, co-taught workshops for fourth graders at elementary schools in New York City, 2018 – 2020

Teaching Artist, Labette County High School, Altamont KS, Fall 2017

Dramaturg for Pillsbury House Theater's Chicago Avenue Project, a program for 8-12-year-old playwrights, Fall 2013 and 2014

#### **PUBLISHED ARTICLES**

"Character & Language, The Playwright's Toolkbox, editor Justin Maxwell, 2024

"Language Made Sensuously Attractive," The Playwright's Toolbox, editor Justin Maxwell, 2024

"Staying Focused in the Time of COVID: 22 Tips and Strategies," The Playwrights' Center, 2020

"Civilians R&D in Process: Drive," Civilians' Extended Play Blog, 2019

"Your Pen, Our Sword," The Dramatists, May 2018

"Crafting a Participatory Performance Space," Theater Communications Group's <u>Audience (R)Evolution</u>: <u>Dispatches from the Field (edited by Caridad Svich)</u>, 2016

"Writing to Impact," The Playwrights' Center, 2016

"First-Person Research as a Playwright," The Playwrights' Center, 2015

"Why Write Jewish Plays? A Talmudic Inquiry," HowlRound, 2014