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Hello,

Last May (2008) I finished my master’s degree at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. My hope is to serve as an instructor somewhere outside of the continental United States on a short-term (and, if all goes well, long-term) basis. Ideally, I’d like to work *afternoon or evening hours* with older students. At the earliest, I would be available to start mid January 2010.

In the past, I have served on two short-term foreign mission trips. Currently, I am employed as an adjunct instructor at Ivy Tech College in Bloomington where I teach both Interpersonal Communications and Fundamentals of Public Speaking. Of the various jobs I’ve held, the only work to date that has continually inspired me and proved to be intrinsically rewarding is teaching and serving others.

Again, thank you so much for contacting me. Below, please find a condensed version of my CV with my contact information listed at the top of the next page for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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*Curriculum Vitae*

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## *Education*

***MFA*** *Acting Indiana University Bloomington, IN 2005 - 2008*

***BS*** *Theatre Illinois State University Normal, IL 1990 - 1992*

***AA***  *Theatre* *Black Hawk College Moline, IL 1988 - 1990*

***Further Training***

***Improvisation Intensive*** *Second City Training Center Chicago, IL 2009*

***Auditioning*** *Audition Studio Chicago, IL 2003*

***Playwriting Fundamentals*** *Chicago Dramatists Chicago, IL 2001*

***Comedy Styles*** *Victory Gardens Training Center Chicago, IL 2000*

## *Teaching Experience*

***Adjunct***  *Indiana University Bloomington, IN Fall 2008*

***Adjunct***  *Ivy Tech State College Bloomington, IN 2008 - Present*

***Associate Instructor*** *Indiana University Bloomington, IN 2006 - 2008*

***Courses***

***Acting I***  *Indiana University T120 4 Sections*

***Acting I Majors*** *Indiana University T121 2 Sections*

***Acting II Majors***  *Indiana University T220 2 Sections*

***Interpersonal Communication*** *Ivy Tech State College COMM 102 4 Sections*

***Fund Public Speaking*** *Ivy Tech State College COMM 101 2 Sections*

***Workshops***

***Adult Acting***  *Bloomington Playwrights Project Bloomington, IN Spring 2009*

***Monologue Workshop***  *Indiana University Players Bloomington, IN 2006 - 2008*

***Awards & Honors***

***Outstanding Professor Nominee*** *Indiana University Alumni Association- Student Choice*

# **Indiana University Faculty Memorial Award** [2] Excellence in Performance

# **Outstanding College Social Program**  Theatre of Ted [co-founder] - Illinois State University

# **College Honors** Performance - Illinois State University

***Indiana University Student Evaluations***

*“… my favorite teacher ever…”*

*“…never made it seem like teaching was a hassle.”*

*“Jeff’s enthusiasm…made me want to go to class…”*

*“Jeff was very knowledgeable and very professional…”*

*“It is rare that a teacher can stir a student’s ambitions and passions with the fervor and commitment with which Mr. Grafton has stirred mine.”*

## *RateMyProfessor.com*

“The best teacher I've ever had.”

#  “Jeff is the best teacher anyone could ever wish to have for any class…”

“Jeff is a uniquely gifted educator in his ability to draw forth each student's personal strengths. He…fosters a comfortable learning environment where students need not doubt their intellectual character.”

“Jeff Grafton has an incredible ability to recognize a student's weaknesses and strengths and help them develop where they need to be developed.”

“Very skilled in his craft, highly helpful and inspirational…”

“Never before have I been in a classroom where the pupils are so eager to truly impress and please their instructor. As a student, I don't go to class for the grade, but instead because I WANT to thrive and everything about the class prompts me to do so.”

References

Dale McFadden Fontaine Syer Henry Woronicz

Associate Chair Former Artistic Director Former Artistic Director

IU Department of Theatre & Drama Delaware Theatre Company Oregon Shakespeare Festival

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