

Rodolfo Robles Cruz

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RESEARCH INTERESTS AND FIELDS

Directing for Theatre, Playwriting, Devising, Acting, Artistic Leadership, Teaching, Workshop Facilitation, New Play Development, Latinx Theatre

EDUCATION PROFILE

The University of Texas at Austin – Austin, TX (2023-2026)
M.F.A. in Theatre Arts with a Specialization in Directing

California State University, Fresno – Fresno, CA (2015-2020)
B.A. in Theatre Arts – Acting Emphasis

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

University of Texas at Austin Graduate School Summer 2024 Fellowship (2024)
ArteVism Fellowship Program with Pan Valley Institute, Fresno, CA (2022-2023)
KCACTF National Playwriting Program National Semi-Finalist & (2020)
Region 8 Winner

TEACHING PROFILE

The University of Texas at Austin – Austin, TX (2023-Present)
Assistant Instructor

- Directing 1 (Spring 2025)
- Playing & Writing – Section Instructor (Fall 2023)

Teaching Assistant

- Prof. Kirk Lynn M.F.A. – U.G. Playing & Writing / G. Playwriting Workshop
- Prof. Alex Bassiakou Shaw M.F.A. – New Productions in Work (UTNT)

Salt of the Earth National Encuentro – Madera, CA (2023)
Workshop Facilitator

- Theatre of the Oppressed Workshop
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THEATRE PROFILE

DIRECTING

Full Production:

- 2024 **JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH** by Roald Dahl adapted by David Wood, UT Austin Mainstage Season, Austin, TX
- 2024 **THIS IS OUR YOUTH** by Kenneth Lonergan, UT Austin Studio Series, Austin, TX
- 2024 **EXIT STRATEGY** by Ike Holter, Beyond August Productions, Austin, TX
- 2024 **SANCTUARY CITY** by Martyna Majok, UT Austin Studio Series, Austin, TX
- 2023 **ANNA IN THE TROPICS** by Nilo Cruz, Madera Theatre Project, Madera, CA
- 2022 **OEDIPUS EL REY** by Luis Alfaro, Selma Arts Center, Selma, CA
- 2018 **DOG SEES GOD: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead** by Bert V. Royal, The Experimental Theatre Company, Fresno, CA
- 2024 *(Assistant Director)* **ROMEO Y JULIET** by William Shakespeare adapted by KJ Sanchez and Karen Zacarias, Directed by Anna Skidis Vargas, UT Austin Mainstage Season, Austin, TX
- 2018 *(Assistant Director)* **JUST LIKE US** by Karen Zacarias, Directed by Dr. Gina Sandi-Diaz, CSU Fresno Mainstage Season, Fresno, CA

Developmental Staged Reading (New Works):

- 2024 **SPREAD** by Jesus Valles, Teatro Vivo & ReImagine TYA Grant, Austin, TX
- 2024 **HAPPENCHANCE** by Nicholas Hart, independently produced hosted at CrashBox courtesy of The Rude Mechs, Austin, TX
- 2024 **GRIEF CAMP** by Eliya Smith, UT Austin New Works Reading Series, Austin, TX

PLAYWRITING

LA NORTEÑA *(One-act play)*

- 2021 Production, Lime Arts Productions (Virtual), directed by Chelly Purnell
- 2020 Workshop, National Playwriting Program (KCACTF Region 8) Hosted by CSU Fullerton, directed by Kathryn Ervin
- 2020 Reading, Experimental Theatre Company (Fresno, CA), directed by Rodolfo Robles Cruz
- 2019 Production, Selma Arts Center (Selma, CA), directed by Rodolfo Robles Cruz

ENTRELUCIR

- 2022 Production, CSU Fullerton One Act Festival (CSU Fullerton), directed by Alejandro Castro Pineda

EXTRANJEROS: or Self-Deportation Nation

- 2023 Reading, Selma Arts Center (Selma, CA) directed by Rodolfo Robles Cruz

PERFORMANCE (selected)

- 2023 **S'WILL 3** (Titania/Egeus) adapted by The Fools Collaborative, performed at Fresno's Rogue Festival, drunk Shakespeare production of A Midsummer Night's Dream

- 2019 **ANON(YMOUS)** (Mr. Mackus) by Naomi Iizuka, CSU Fresno Mainstage Season, directed by Dr. Gina Sandi-Diaz
- 2019 **AS YOU LIKE IT** (Corin) by William Shakespeare, CSU Fresno Mainstage Season, directed by Kathleen McKinley
- 2018 **LYDIA** (Rene) by Octavio Solis, CSU Fresno Mainstage Season, directed by Dr. Gina Sandi-Diaz
- 2018 **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING** (Don John) by William Shakespeare, Woodward Shakespeare Company, directed by Summer Session
- 2017 **THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA** (Lance) by William Shakespeare, CSU Fresno Mainstage Season, directed by Brad Myers
- 2017 **REFERENCES TO SALVADOR DALI MAKE ME HOT** (Martin) by Jose Rivera, Fresno Soap Co, directed by Summer Session

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2022-2024 **American Friends Service Committee – (Pan Valley Institute)**
Community Outreach Coordinator, Full-Time
- 2022-2023 **BoxLunch, Fresno, CA.**
Assistant Store Manager, Full-Time
- 2020-2022 Assistant Store Manager, Part-Time
- 2020 KeyHolder, Part-Time
- 2019-2020 Sales Associate, Part-Time
- 2020-2021 **American Friends Service Committee – (Pan Valley Institute)**
Independent Contractor/Freelance Video Producer