# CV - Kathy Barolsky

# PERSONAL DETAILS

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## **EDUCATION / ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

2018-01 - 2022-04	NTNU - Degree: Ph.D. PhD Faculty / Department: Institute of Art and Media Studies-Drama & theatre Thesis: Playback Theatre: Intra-acting with stories in post-apartheid South Africa
2021-01 - 2022-01	NTNU - Degree: Other ESTET8861 Foundational Discussions in Aesthetics Faculty / Department: Institute for Art and Media Studies Credits: 10
2020-02 - 2020-04	NTNU - Degree: Other KULT8850 Theories of Science Credits: 7.5
2019-02 - 2019-03	The University of the Witwatersrand - Degree: Other Advanced Research on Theatre and Democracy Faculty / Department: Humanities Credits: 5
2018-08 - 2018-09	NTNU - Degree: Other ESTET8863 Arts Based Research Methodology. Practice-Led Research: Discipline Research and Ways of Human Knowledge Faculty / Department: Institute of Art and Media Studies Credits: 5
2018-05 - 2018-05	University of South-Eastern Norway - Degree: Other PH-AEC9120-1 Arts-based research in education and culture Credits: 5
2011-09 - 2013-02	University of London - Degree: Master Drama and Movement Therapy Faculty / Department: The Royal School of Speech and Drama Research Report: Stepping in & Moving Through: How can the embodied role in Sesame facilitate healing?'
2008-01 - 2010-01	University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa - Degree: Master MA in Dramatic Arts Faculty / Department: Wits School of Arts Research Report: The Telling of untold Stories through Playback Theatre Training: Breaking the Silence in South Africa around Stigma and Denial, concerning relationships & HIV/Aids
2003-01 - 2006-12	University of the Witwatersrand - Degree: Bachelor Bachelor of Arts in Dramatic Arts-Honours Faculty / Department: The Wits School of Arts
2000-01 - 2001-12	The National School of the Arts - Degree: Other Drama Faculty / Department: Drama
WORK EXPERIENCE	
2023-07 -	The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Department of Teacher Education Job: Associate Professor in Drama\Theatre Education
2008-11 - 2019-08	Drama for Life Playback Theatre Job: Artistic Director and Performer During my time with Drama for Life Playback Theatre, I performed as a 'Conductor' in up to 30 performances a year over a period of eleven years. Performances took place in educational, community, NGO and corporate settings. Institution abroad
2017-08 - 2018-12	The Norwegian University of Science and Technology Job: Department of Art and Media Studies: ASSISTANT RESEARCHER Design and assemble Drama and Theatre studies audio and visual archive Facilitate workshops for students and staff when required Coordinate visiting professor visits
2016-04 - 2017-05	The African Leadership Academy Job: Drama and Movement Therapist Provide individual and group therapy sessions for learners Facilitate compulsory Wellness class for students once a week Run support sessions for staff Institution abroad
2014-03 - 2014-12	Tara Hospital-South Africa Job: Drama and Movement Therapy Running individual and group therapy sessions for inpatients for adult client groups with bipolar, schizophrenia and depression Institution abroad
2013-08 - 2014-06	Sparrow School-South Africa Job: Drama and Movement Therapy Holding individual and group therapy sessions for primary school children. Client Focus: Children with mild learning difficulties Institution abroad
2012-08 - 2013-02	Trinity Hospice-England Job: Drama and Movement Therapy CLINICAL PLACEMENT -DRAMA AND MOVEMENT THERAPIST Client Focus: Adults affected by terminal illness Institution abroad
2012-10 - 2012-12	Bethlam Royal Hospital - England Subject Job: Drama and Movement Therapy CLINICAL PLACEMENT Client Group: Adults with Bipolar, Schizophrenia, Depression Institution abroad
2012-08 - 2012-12	Brook School-England Job: Drama and Movement Therapy CLINICAL PLACEMENT Client Group: Children with Autism Institution abroad
2012-08 - 2012-12	Drayton Crisis House for Women - England Job: Drama and Movement Therapy CLINICAL PLACEMENT Client Group: Adults with bipolar, schizophrenia, depression Institution abroad

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TEACHING / MENTOR QUALIFICATIONS			
2019-08 - 2022-11	NTNU Subject: TEACHER:DRA3000- Research Theory and Practice-Based Methods in Drama and Theatre Teaching Masters students practice as research through seminars & studio work		
2019-08 - 2022-10	NTNU Subject: TEACHER:DRA3003- Research Theory and Practice-Based Methods in Drama and Theatre Responsible for holding a lecture on the relationship between Applied Theatre and decolonisation. Supporting Masters students with feedback on their reserch project proposals		
2022-03 - 2022-03	St Andrews School for Girls -Johannesburg Subject: APPLIED THEATRE FACILITATOR -Life Skills Consent and Body autonomy: Workshops for grade 11 learners		
2022-02 - 2022-02	Michael Mount Waldorf School-Johannesburg Subject: APPLIED THEATRE FACILITATOR- Student forum Consent and body autonomy workshops: Workshops for grade 11 learners:		
2019-02 - 2020-04	The University of Science and Technology Subject: TEACHER:DRA1002-Improvisation and Role-play Responsible for holding lectures and workshops for first-year drama students on improvisation and role-play.		
2014-02 - 2017-12	University of the Witwatersrand-Drama for Life Subject: Playback Theatre ACADEMIC SUPERVISOR Supervising Honours and Masters students dissertations		
2014-02 - 2017-04	University of the Witwatersrand-Drama for Life Subject: : Playback Theatre The South African School of Playback Theatre, South Africa ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER Managing and executing accredited training by the Centre for Playback Theatre and the University of the Witwatersrand		
	Key Accomplishments: Establishing the first affiliate school of Playback Theatre in Africa Running three successful years of Playback theatre Core and Intermediate training for Drama for Life Advanced Diploma Students The establishment of structures to run Playback theatre training throughout Africa		
2016-07 - 2016-07	University of the Witwatersrand Subject: Drama therapy theory & practice-FACILITATOR Addressed and workshopped how Playback Theatre can be adapted as a psycho-therapeutic model.		
2016-05 - 2016-06	Kairos School of Inquiry Subject: Playback Theatre PLAYBACK THEATRE TRAINER Training grade 5 to 7 learners in Playback Theatre techniques		
2014-02 - 2016-06	Ububele-The Educational and Psychotherapy Trust Subject: : Persona Doll PERSONA DOLL TRAINER Facilitating Persona Doll practitioner training groups		
2016-03 - 2016-04	University of the Witwatersrand Subject: Drama therapy-FACILITATOR Introduced Honours students to the practical and theoretical underpinnings of the Sesame\Drama and Movement therapy approach.		
2013-05 - 2015-11	Themba Interactive Theatre Subject: PRACTICAL SUPERVISION Providing creative supervision for the theatre in education company		
2015-08 - 2015-08	The International Association of Theatre for Children and Young People (ASSITEJ) South Africa Subject: GUEST SUPERVISOR Assist theatre groups in working with audiences and developing workshops		
2014-07 - 2015-06	University of the Witwatersrand Music Department Subject: : Drama DRAMA FACILITATOR Teach classes aimed at developing facilitation skills, embodiment and the use of drama for community music students		
2010-02 - 2010-11	University of the Witwatersrand- Drama for Life Subject: Applied Theatre SPECIAL STUDIES COURSE LECTURER & COURSE CO-ORDINATOR Co-ordinate and design the Special Studies Course with a focus on HIV & Aids for postgraduate students and carry out lecturing duties		
2010-06 - 2010-06	Standard Bank Maths Winter School Programme Subject: FACILITATOR WELL-BEING WORKSHOPS Design and facilitate de-stress workshops for Matric students studying maths and science		
2009-05 - 2009-11	Enhancing Children's HIV/AIDS Outcomes (ECHO) Harriet Shezi Clinic Subject: APPLIED THEATRE FACILITATOR Design and plan session support children who are affected and infected by HIV & Aids using Applied Theatre methodologies		
2009-03 - 2009-11	University of the Witwatersrand-Wits School of Arts Subject: Improvisation LECTURER IMPROVISATION Lecturing and planning improvisation classes for first-year drama students		

# ICT EXPERIENCE

Microsoft Word Knowledge level: Good

PROJECT / RESEARCH EXPERIENCE		
2022-08 - 2022-12	Project: Playback Theatre and social justice Scope / workload: CO-CONVENER Education and peer support group initiative	
2022-05 - 2022-12	Project: For Palestine Playback Theatre Festival Scope / workload: CO-CONVENER Curation of event,programme planning and partnership coordination	
2021-12 - 2022-12	Project: The International Playback Theatre Network: South Africa 2023 Scope / workload: CO-CONVENER\PROGRAMMING HEAD  I was part of the South African committee that won the bid to host the world Playback Theatre conference in 2023. I am the head of the programme portfolio which holds the vision and programming responsibilities for the conference	
2021-01 - 2022-12	Project: • Playback Theatre Reflects Seminar series Scope / workload: CONVENER Profiles practitioner-researchers in Playback Theatre who publish in peer-reviewed journals.	
2017-07 - 2017-11	Project: The Norwegian University of Science and Technology-Department of Art and Media Studies: The Democracy Through Theatre Project Scope / workload: COORDINATOR and ASSISTANT CURATOR Design, execute and report on conference Funding source: DIKU	
2008-09 - 2017-02	Project: ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER OF DRAMA FOR LIFE PLAYBACK THEATRE Scope / workload: Implement vision and mission of project Project planning and implementation Project design Execution of	

ongoing group training Key Accomplishments:

Founding the first officially recognised Playback Theatre Company in Southern Africa recognised by the Centre for

Playback Theatre in New York.

Running a successful company from inception working with many high-profile clients.

Developing inter-disciplinary playback theatre training relevant to the socio-political landscape of South Africa for company members such as HIV & Aids, emotional well-being and diversity issues concerning race, gender,

identity and sexuality themes

2014-11 - 2014-11 Project: Breaking Down the Wall Festival Scope / workload: CURATORr and PERFORMER

Breaking Down the Wall gathered Jewish and non-Jewish South African artists to speak out against the military occupation Isreal\Palestine and the bombardment of Gaza in 2014. It created a space for alternative Jewish voices to express their dissent through art. The event involved art installations, music, performance, films and

talks by famous Jewish and non-Jewish South Africans in solidarity with Palestine.

Project: University of the Witwatersrand- Acting Against Conflict Scope / workload: FACILITATOR AND PROJECT 2009-06 - 2011-06

CO-ORDINATOR

Co-ordinate the project and facilitate conflict resolution sessions using applied theatre methodologies

## **PUBLICATIONS / SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTIONS**

2022-08 Type: Thesis Degree: Ph.D.

Barolsky, Kathy, and Norges Teknisk-naturvitenskapelige Universitet Institutt for Kunst- Og Medievitenskap.

Playback Theatre: Intra-acting with Stories in Post-apartheid South-Africa 2022:2022-240 (2022).

2022-04

Type: Scientific Journal Degree: Other Barolsky, K. (2022). Playback Theatre and the significance of intra-actions in staging social artistry. Applied

Theatre Research, 10(1), 55-70.

Type: Scientific Journal Degree: Other 2021-07

Barolsky, K. (2021). Playback Theatre, social justice and empathy: A diffractive review. Applied Theatre Research, 9(2), 117-132.

Type: Peer Reviewed Anthology Chapter Degree: Other 2021-07

Barolsky, K., & Halley, C. (2021). Liezel's story-# NotInMyName: Playback Theatre in Post-apartheid South Africa. Theatre and Democracy: Building Democracy in Post-War and Post-Democratic Contexts, Oslo: Cappelen Damm

NOASP, 239-59.

Type: Scientific Journal Degree: Other 2021-02

Barolsky, K. (2021). Doing white differently? Playback Theatre and whiteness in post-apartheid South Africa.

Research in Drama Education: The Journal of Applied Theatre and Performance, 26(2), 224-239.

Type: Peer Reviewed Book Anthology Chapter Degree: Other 2021-01

BAROLSKY, K. (2022). Capter Seventeen Drama for Life Playback Theatre: Playback Theatre values in practice.

Innovative Methods for Applied Drama and Theatre Practice in African Contexts: Drama for Life, 323.

### **REFERENCES**

Emeritus Professor Location: University Phone: +47 472 50383 anna.l.ostern@ntnu.no Anna-Lena Østern

Helen Nicholson Professor & Director of Research and Knowledge Exchange, School of Performing and Digital Arts Location:

Royal Holloway, University of London Phone: +441784443944 H.Nicholson@rhul.ac.uk

Professor in Drama & Former Project Head of the Building Democracy Through Theatre Project Location: Bjørn Rasmussen

University of Science and Technology Phone: +479187425 bjorn.rasmussen@ntnu.no

**COURSES** 

Tavistock Accredited Level 2-Working with Groups Ububele-The Educational and Psychotherapy Trust, 2015-02

Johannesburg, South Africa Duration: One Year

Tavistock Accredited Level 1-Working with Groups : Ububele-, The Educational and Psychotherapy Trust 2014-02

Johannesburg, South Africa Duration: One Year

Centre for Playback Theatre-Leadership Training Duration: Three weeks 2013-07

Highest level training in Playback Theatre after a minimum of five years of Playback Theatre Practice

Ububele-The Educational and Psychotherapy Trust: Persona Doll Training Duration: One Month 2013-02

Training in Persona Doll facilitation for children

2009-06 Global Majority and the University of Johannesburg- Promoting Peace Through Dialogue; South Africa Duration:

Three Weeks

Training seminar on conflict resolution, transitional justice and peacebuilding

Centre for Playback Theatre- Core Course in Playback Theatre Duration: Five Days Training in the foundation skills of Playback Theatre practice

Centre for Playback Theatre-Advanced Skills Course Duration Duration: Five Days 2008-07

Advanced skills training in Playback Theatre

Centre for Playback Theatre-Conductor Training Duration: Four Days 2008-07

Specialised Playback Theatre training focusing on the role of the Conductor

**LANGUAGES** 

2008-07

English Verbal skills: Native language Written skills: Native language

Verbal skills: Basic skills Written skills: Basic skills Norwegian - bokmål