

SIDNEY RUSHING

Instructor/Playwright/Published Writer
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EDUCATION

Texas State University, San, Marcos, TX

M.F.A in Theatre, Dramatic Writing – Graduation Date: May 2018

American Musical and Dramatic Academy, New York

Graduated Valedictorian Musical Theatre Student

University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS.

B.F.A. in Acting

LICENSES

2008

Texas Teacher License
Active

CERTIFICATIONS

AVID, Theatre Arts K-12
Active

Rice University
AP Training for Exam, AVID

AWARDS

2001

RED APPLE TEACHER OF THE YEAR
Klein ISD

2011 & 2012

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT TEACHER OF THE YEAR
Klein ISD

2014

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Klein ISD

2015	TEACHER OF THE YEAR Spring ISD
2016	Kennedy Center Semi National Finalist Playwriting Texas State University
2016	Presented Research Paper at Howard University in Washington, D.C <i>The Non-Traditional Casting Machine</i>
2017	Queensbury New Works Playwright Winner Houston, TX
2017	Queensbury Theatre Resident Playwright
2021	August Wilson Inaugural Playwriting Fellowship Recipient
2021	Jacob Krueger TV Writing Scholarship Winner
2021	New York Micro Development Playwriting Residency
2021	Cine Story TV Pilot – Semi-finalist
2021	National Black Theatre Grant for Play Development
2021	Writer’s Boot Camp TV Writing Scholarship Recipient
2022	Artist Residency with 4 the People Theatre, New York
2022	21 st Century New Voices Winner, Honorarium Recipient
2022	VIP Guest Inaugural Playwright for opening of August Wilson House

2023	Dramatist Guild Fellow Semi Finalist
2023	Screen Craft TOP TEN TV Pilot Finalist
2024	Winner AGT BIPOC Play lab
2024	Kennedy Center Selected Writer - Black Gathering of Playwrights
2024	Selected playwright for workshop with celebrated playwright Aaron Posner
2024	Featured in American Theatre Magazine and Broadway World
2024	Capiton Guild Finalist – Top Five Playwrights for North Carolina
2024	Lift Every Voice Winner – Workshop of Play
2024	Inaugural Garden State Play Festival Winner

TEACHING POSITIONS

KLEIN ISD

Theatre Arts Teacher, AVID Teacher

SPRING ISD EARLY COLLEGE

AVID Coordinator, AVID Teacher

TEXAS STATE UPWARD BOUND

ACT/SAT Instructor

Students accepted into Duke, Stanford

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Instructor for Introduction to Fine Arts

Introduction to Playwriting
Screenwriting
Advanced Playwriting

PLAYS PRODUCED

<i>FLOSSIE</i>	PLAYWRIGHT	GREENLIGHT PERFORMING
<i>UNSUNG HEROES</i>	PLAYWRIGHT	GREENLIGHT PERFORMING
<i>CONSTELLATIONS</i>	PLAYWRIGHT	GREENLIGHT PERFORMING
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WE ARE ONE	PLAYWRIGHT	HIGHWAYS SPACE
<i>AKASHIC PERMUTATIONS</i>	PLAYWRIGHT	TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY
<i>ZU'S EARTH</i>	PLAYWRIGHT	TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

HONOR/AWARDS

EXCELLENCE IN MEDIA AWARD	LOS ANGELES THEATRE AND FILM CRITIC
NAACP IMAGE AWARD	PLAYWRIGHT NOMINATION FOR BEST PLAY
<i>BATTY BOY</i>	KCACTF NATIONAL TEN-MINUTE PLAY SEMI-FINAL
<i>ZU'S EARTH</i>	QUEENSBURRY NEW WORKS WINNER
BLACKSMYTH RECIPIENT	MARK TAPER FORUM, MENTORED BY AUGUST
	WILSON
2020 SEMI FINALIST NBT	I AM SOUL PLAYWRIGHT RESIDENCY
2020 NATIONAL BLACK THEATRE	PLAYWRITING MICRO DEVELOPMENT SESSION
2021 NATIONAL BLACK THEATRE	PLAYWRITING MICRO DEVELOPMENT SESSION

PUBLISHED CREDITS

Talent Magazine
Weekly Theatre and Film Reviews, Articles for Five Years
Theatre Critic, Los Angeles, CA

RESEARCH PAPER ACCEPTANCE

August Wilson and the Non-Traditional Casting Machine

Presented at Howard University 2017

PUBLIC SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

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| Volunteer Writing Instructor
<i>Texas State University English Department, San Marcos, Texas</i> | December 2016 to May 2017 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assisted six students with writing projects that all resulted in being published | | |
| AVID Program - Avid Coordinator
<i>College Spring ISD, Houston, Texas</i> | August 2014 – May 2015 | <i>Early</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Organized and revamped program resulting in a record breaking three Dell Scholar recipients and 2.7 in scholarship money | | |
| Fine Arts Teacher promoted to AVID Teacher
<i>ISD, Houston, Texas</i> | August 2007 to May 2014 | <i>Klein</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students selected as Houston Chronicle Students of the Week, NASA, McDonald and Sony Scholarship Recipients | | |