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Education

- Ed.D in Higher Education: Rockhurst University (May 2024 anticipated graduation)
- Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion: Cornell University 2020
- UCLA Writing Extension Courses 2015
- Masters of Business Administration Educational Leadership with Principal Certification, Letourneau University 2010
- Masters of Fine Arts Acting & Directing, University of Missouri Kansas City 2004
- Bachelors of Science in Secondary Theatre & Speech Education, Missouri State University 2000

Publications

- Always Writing 4 U: short stories, short plays, and poetry on business website were written by Kristy Thomas and published by the company (Over 500 titles)
- The Interp Store: Two one act plays in two different books as well as a collection of poetry

Related Work History

- **Writing for Television (Professor): Missouri State University
July 2023- present**

Teach students how to properly craft a television script by breaking down the operational expectations and building the script up from concept to final draft. Work with students on: concept, story, the world of the show, beat sheets, outline, the importance of editing and grammar, plotlines, storyboards, industry norms and expectations, rewriting and drafts, organization of the show, finding your voice, etc.

- **Always Writing 4 U: Owner/ Writer/ Educator/ Publisher/ Consultant
Created March 2013- Present**

Always Writing 4 U is a writing, editing and publishing service that caters to high school and college competitive speech and debate students as well as theatre programs. I write and publish one act plays, short stories, and multiple character performances for competition. I also edit oratorical speeches for competition. I have clients from all over the country and have won state level and national level recognition. I assist students with editing college entrance essays as well as working with adults with public speaking

engagements. My staff and I travel around the country during the summer and throughout the school year doing acting and competitive workshops. www.alwayswriting4u.com

- **Ad Astra Media: Assistant Writer**
October 2021- Present

Ad Astra Media is a Latino owned educational media production company, focusing on creating diverse S.T.E.A.M. educational content. We are a team of diverse individuals, seeking to inspire under-represented communities to pursue science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. As an assistant writer I create content in the form of pitch packets for clients with the purpose of future production as animated series, screenplays, books or cartoon strips. www.adastrasteammedia.com

- **Thomas DEI Consulting LLC: Owner/ Consultant/ Educator**
Created August 2020- Present

Thomas DEI Consulting is a firm that does the challenging work of assisting organizations as well as educational institutions address their issues of diversity, equity and inclusion. This is a firm that is also deeply knowledgeable of the world of education. With more than twelve years of educational experience as a teacher, working with student leaders and leadership groups is also a strength and a passion. www.thomasdeiconsulting.com

- **Writer at The Interp Store:** writer 2009-2013 (under the names: Elise Sharron & Kristy Thomas)

Other Theatrical

- Emerging Artists' New Works Festival (NYC)- "Will Wilson Saves the World"- Director (spring 2023)
- "In Search of Freedom and Equity" written and performed by Kristy Thomas- Comcast Cable Company- 2020- 2023
- Missouri State University: "Sweat" by Lynn Nottage- Director (spring 2023)
- **Raise Our Voice:** Starlight Theatre, Kansas City, MO- Artist Advisor/ Director 2023
- **SheNYC Arts Women's Play Festival:** "Gray" Playwright in Residence 2022
- Shakespeare Frankfurt (Germany): "Sweat" by Lynn Nottage- Dramaturg 2022

Productions: Writer

- **Different Strokes! Performing Arts Collective:** "Only Black" - 2023
- **Open To It:** Web series- Writer Season 1 Episode 8 - 2023
- **SheNYC Arts Women's Play Festival:** "Gray" Playwright in Residence 2022
The Connelly Theatre, New York City
- **Liberty North High School:** "Sisters & Brothers" Commissioned Writer- 2022
- **Theatre Resources Unlimited (TRU):** New York City, NY- "Only Black" 2022
- **Theatre Unmasked:** Dover, NH – "What's Hidden" 2021

- “Soliter” – short film- 2021
- **Kansas City Public Theatre:** Kansas City, MO- “Memories of the Game” –2021
- **Planet Connections Theatre:** New York City- “Lip Service: Life, Art and Tokenism” festival- “Only Black”- 2020
- **The Living Room Theatre:** Kansas City, MO- “What’s Missing” 2020
- **Alliance Theatre of the Arts-** Fort Meyers, FL “Hands Up”- 2020
- **Center Stage Theatre** Greenville, SC – “Memories of The Game” World premiere Jan.- Feb. 2017
- **SheNYC Arts Women’s Play Festival-** “Memories of the Game” The Connelly Theatre, New York City 2016
- **“Culture Club”**-short film- 2016

Writing Awards

- 2023 **Atlanta Film Festival Screenplay Competition-** Pilot- Quarterfinalist “Storm”
- 2023 **Writers X Writers-** Pilot Quarterfinalist- “Sideline”
- 2023 **WAVE Grant-** Pilot Finalist- “Next Steps”
- 2023 **ScriptMatix-** Pilot Finalist- “Sideline”
- 2022 **Showcase Script Competition-** Semi-Finalist
- 2022 **Impact Skydance- Premium Drama Pilot-** Finalist- “Sideline”
- 2022 **Scriptation Showcase** Quarter Finalist- Drama Pilot “Storm”
- 2022 **Atlanta Film Festival Screenplay Competition-** Pilot- Semi-Finalist “Exonerated Justice”
- 2021 **Chicago Screenplay Awards-** Pilot Semi-Finalist- “Sideline”
- 2021 **Big Apple Film Festival and Screenplay Competition-** Pilot Semi-Finalist- “Exonerated Justice”
- 2021 **New York International Screenplay Awards-** Pilot Finalist- “Storm”
- 2021 **The Wiki Screenplay Contest-** Pilot Winner- “Sideline”
- 2021 **The Wiki Screenplay Contest-** Pilot Finalist- “Storm”
- 2021 **Impact Skydance- Premium Drama Pilot-** Finalist- “Sideline”
- 2021 **Lanford Wilson New American Play Festival-** Semifinalist- “The Memory of Time”
- 2021 **ScreenCraft TV Pilot Script Competition-** Semifinalist- “Set You Free”
- 2020 **AOF MegaFest Competition-**Selected Television Pilot- “*Sideline*”
- 2019 **California Film Awards-** Award winner for Television Pilot- “*Set You Free*”
- 2019 **California Film Awards-** Award winner for Television Pilot- “*Sideline*”
- 2018 **1st TV Script Writing Competition-** Second place winner Drama Pilot- “*Sideline*”
- 2018 **Beverly Hills Screenplay Contest-** Finalist best stage play- “*Memories of The Game*”
- 2018 **Beverly Hills Screenplay Contest-** Finalist TV Existing Series- “*This Is Us: Birds and The Bees*”
- 2017 **World Series of Screenwriting Contest-** Finalist best stage play- “*Memories of The Game*”
- 2017 **Hollywood Screenplay Contest-** Gold Prize Winner best stage play- “*Memories of The Game*”

- 2017 **New York Screenplay Contest**- Finalist Original Pilot- "*Sideline*"
- 2017 **SHE New York Women's Play Festival**- Finalist- "*Memories of The Game*"
- 2017 **Peachtree Village International Film Festival**- Atlanta, GA- Finalist Screenplay- "*Laws*"
- 2016 **Screenplay Festival**- Los Angeles, CA- Semifinalist original pilot- "*Sideline*"
- 2016 **Screenplay Festival**- Los Angeles, CA- Semi-finalist half hour comedy spec- "*Mom*"
- 2016 **Los Angeles CineFest**- semi-finalist short film category- "*Culture Club*"
- 2016 **Hollywood Screenings Film Festival**- semi-finalist short film category- "*Culture Club*"
- 2016 **New York Film & TV Festival**- selected to participate in Teleplay category- "*Culture Club*"
- 2016 **Flicks 4 Chicks Short Film Festival**- winner for Best Dialogue- "*Culture Club.*"
- 2016 **26th Annual Dayton Playhouse FutureFest Playwriting Competition** - Finalist Dayton, OH- "*Memories of the Game*"
- 2016 **26th Annual Dayton Playhouse FutureFest Playwriting Competition** Winner: Audience favorite show "*Memories of The Game*"
- 2015 **Screenplay Festival**- Honorable Mention Los Angeles, CA- "*Criminal Minds: Color Blind*" in the category of one-hour drama spec script
- 2015 **Screenplay Festival**- Semifinalist Los Angeles, CA- "*HATE*" in the category of one-hour original drama pilot
- 2015 **Center Stage Theatre New Play Festival**- Finalist Greenville, SC- one-week workshop as well as a rehearsed staged reading of play, "*Memories of The Game.*"

Other Community Service/ Awards/ Recognition

- 2021- present: SheNYC Arts/ LA/ ATL Executive Board Member & Resident Publisher
- 2022- Society of Voice Arts and Sciences- Nomination Best Spoken Word Poetry

Memberships

- Screen Actors Guild- Actor
- Dramatist Guild- Playwright
- National New Play Network
- National Alliance of Black School Educators
- National Speech and Debate Association

Social Media Handles

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