

NIKKI ZALESKI

OBJECTIVE

To foster public conversations around social justice and sexual politics using bold, curious, and dynamic performance.

EDUCATION

Northwestern University	Evanston, Il
<i>Double Degree in Performance Studies and Gender Studies, Minor in English Literature</i>	
○ Bachelor of Science	
○ GPA 3.71 on a 4.0 scale, Graduating With Honors	
Harold Washington College	Chicago, Il
<i>Youth Development Practitioner Certification Program</i>	

WORK EXPERIENCE

2008-present	Chicago Girls' Coalition – <i>Sisters Empowering Sisters Director</i>	Chicago, Il
2008-present	Redmoon Theater Dramagirls – <i>Choreographer, Administrative Associate</i>	Chicago, Il
2008-present	Urban Gateways Center for Arts Education – <i>Teaching Artist</i>	Chicago, Il
2008-present	Wilmette Theater Actor's Training Center – <i>Teaching Artist</i>	Wilmette, Il
2008	About Face Youth Theatre – <i>Stage Manager</i>	Chicago, Il
2007	Creative Kids Corner – <i>Drama Instructor</i>	Chicago, Il
2007	Global Girls Inc – <i>Volunteer</i>	Chicago, Il
2007	ViBe Youth Theatre Experience – <i>Education Intern, Stage Manager</i>	New York, NY
2005-2007	YWCA Kids Can Dance – <i>Dance Instructor</i>	Evanston, Il

RESEARCH AND INSPIRATION

- Collaborator, Writer and Ethnographer for *Project US*, a new participatory performance on sexual health education for youth
- Studied performance art and adaptation with Mary Zimmerman, radical human rights performance with Soyini Madison, as well as devising theater and civic engagement with Michael Rohd
- Conducted an undergraduate research project on performance of identity in children's beauty pageants in 2007
- Specific interest in Augusto Boal's *Theater of the Oppressed*, devising theater as critical resistance, adaptation and spectacle.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DERU Leadership Honors Society Member- Northwestern Branch 2007-present

Curtis L. Carlson Family Scholarship for Mentoring Children 2007

Madeline Robinson Memorial Scholarship for Community Service 2007

Performance Studies Departmental Book Award 2006 and 2007

School of Communications Undergraduate Research Grant- studying children beauty pageant culture 2007

American Alliance for Theater and Education Scholarship Recipient 2006