

**Zachary Clein**

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**CAREER SUMMARY**

- Majored in theatre with a focus on playwriting/screenwriting
- Co-wrote the short film *Slashtag*, which was selected to show at the Rails to Reels Film Festival
- Focused my honors thesis on writing an original play based off my time in foster care: *Are You Sure?: Experiences of a Gay Foster Youth*
- Member of the Teen Advisory Board (2014-2017), organization of former/current foster youth pushing for changes in the Department of Human Services policies for foster youth.
- Writer of *House Among the Red Cotton*, thesis show at Carnegie Mellon University

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA**

**May 2019 – March 2020**

***Box Office Attendant/Student Worker***

- Assist guests with ticket orders/refunds.
- Aid teachers in the School of Drama's Pre-College program.
- Show prospective students around the building.
- Get documents for teachers as well as take attendance for summer classes.
- Prepare programs and assist guests with finding their seats.

**Walt Disney World® Resort, Orlando, FL**

**August 2017 – January 2018**

***Disney College Program/Quick Service Restaurant***

- Deliver daily guest service in Fortune 100 Company
- Demonstrate excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Manage multiple tasks and work well under pressure
- Quick/creative thinker with ability to problem solve
- Participating in the Disney Entertainment Show Production PDS course

**Camp DayStars, Jackson, MS**

**May 2017 – June 2017**

***Theatre Instructor***

- Teach children the fundamentals of acting and theatre
- Encourage critical/creative thinking
- Aid them in forming their characters
- Teach them their blocking for *Aladdin Jr.*
- Stage manage the performance

**Aim Higher Program, Washington D.C.**

**May 2015 – June 2015**

***Intern***

- Participate in workshops geared towards research and networking.
- Strengthen verbal/written communication skills.
- Outline the creation of videos geared towards encouraging foster youth to seek out postsecondary education

- Create a video strictly for LGBTQ foster youth encouraging them to also seek out post-secondary education as well as a healthy life

**University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS**

**May 2015 – December 2015**

***Data Entry***

- Enter data into online system.
- File the results from participants in the study accordingly.
- Ensure my future replacement was trained on all procedures.
- Be proficient in Microsoft Office (Excel, Powerpoint, Word, etc.).
- Keep track of departmental changes to entry protocol.

**EDUCATION**

***University of Southern Mississippi (USM), Hattiesburg, Mississippi***

Bachelor of Arts, Theatre (General)

Academic Dean's List, President's List, and *Magna Cum Laude*

***Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania***

Master of Fine Arts, Dramatic Writing

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Member of the theatre honor society: Alpha Psi Omega Lambda Nu.
- Successful member of the Honors College where I completed an honors thesis on the relationship between authenticity and autobiographical playwriting using my own story as a foundation.
- Studied abroad in the UK two times: British Studies Program Summer 2015 (Political Science), Exeter University Semester Exchange Program Fall 2016 (Playwriting/Acting)
- Honors thesis was selected for the 2017 Undergraduate Symposium of USM
- Luckyday Citizenship Program (and Luckyday Study Abroad Scholarship) Alumni
- Foster Care to Success Scholarship Alumni
- Guest panelist in Mississippi Child Welfare Conference 2016