Michael D. Klima - Designer / Educator

Contact Information

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Education

Master of Fine Arts Theatre Arts: Design1998 Brandeis University, Waltham, MA Bachelor of Arts Theatre Arts 1992 Appalachian State University, Boone, NC Certification, 10-hour General Industry Safety and Health 2022 OSHA, #15-702028426 Certification, Mobile Elevated Work Platform, Class III-C 2024

Professional Experience

Lighting Designer, 1989-present

Over 150 productions with forty companies across thirteen states (listed below under "Productions"). Lighting designer for productions of various sizes in venues that range from 40 to 2000 seats creating light plots that vary in size from 40 to 400 lighting units with budgets of zero to \$10,000 per production.

Technical Director, 1990-2005

Over thirty productions with seven companies (listed below).

Served as technical director for productions of various size and scope. Managed scenic budgets varying from \$500/show to \$30,000/season, in fly and dead-hung houses, from 120 to 1700 seat venues, using the aid of student, professional, and I.A.T.S.E. staffs of 6 to 20. Other duties included technical drafting, hiring staff, supervision of construction and installation, safety, and scheduling.

Assistant Lighting Designer, 1997-2001

Seven productions with three companies (listed below).

Primary assistant for lighting designer for plays and operas in venues that ranged in size from 120 to 1000 seats. Job duties included drafting, communication with master electrician, coaching followspot operators, organizing projections, and maintaining design integrity of production through monitoring of performances.

Rental Manager, Bylites, Inc. Little Rock, Arkansas, 1993-1995

Managed rentals and rental installations of an equipment inventory valued at approximately \$650,000 and performed fieldwork as lighting engineer. Job-site duties included: Lighting Director for Southern Living's Table Decor Tour (12 weeks), First Electrician for ESPN Top Rank Boxing (6 weeks), and Intellabeam Operator for Payper- View Pasienza/Duran II boxing match in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Electrics Supervisor, Arkansas Repertory Theatre, Little Rock, Arkansas, June 1992-1993
Managed and maintained lighting inventory of 150 units for this Equity Theatre's six show season. Hung, circuited, and focused all units as well as serving as board programmer and operator for all performances.

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Teaching Experience

Coppin State University (CSU), Department of Humanities, Visual and Performing Arts (VPA), Baltimore, MD

Associate Professor of Design and Production Fall 2023-present
Assistant Professor of Design and Production Fall 2018-Spring 2023

Chairs: Dr. Blessing Diala-Ogamba Fall 2021-present
Dr. Seth Forrest Fall 2018-Spring 2021

VPA Coordinator: Dr. Garey A. Hyatt Fall 2018-present

Fifty-seven sections over twelve courses (listed below under "Courses Taught").

Other duties:

Co-Chair Middle States Steering Committee - Fall 23-present Standard VI.- Planning, Resources, and

Institutional Improvement

Member, 125th Anniversary Committee Fall 24-present

Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor Spring 2024-Spring 25

of History

Co-Chair, Committee for the Evaluation of Centers Spring 2020-Fall 2024

and Institutes

Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor Spring 2024

of Theatre (NTTFT)

Faculty Senate representative for Humanities Fall 2018-Spring 2024
Faculty Senate Treasurer Fall 2022-Spring 2024
Member, Faculty Academic Resources and Fall 2023-present

Retention Committee

Website liaison for VPA Fall 2020-Spring 2023

Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor Spring 2023

of Dance

Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor Fall 2022-Spring 2023

of Art

Member, Search Committee for Vice President of Spring 2022 Enrollment Management and Student Activities

Co-Chair, Faculty Senate Campus Affairs Committee Spring 2021-Spring 2022 Faculty Senate Secretary Fall 2020-Spring 2022

Member, Centivintennial Committee Spring 2020-Spring 2021

Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor Spring 2019

of History

Towson University, Department of Theatre Arts, Towson, MD

Adjunct Instructor II Fall 2012-Spring 2018
Adjunct Instructor I Fall 2008-Spring 2012

Chairs: Dr. Robyn Quick Spring 2012-Spring 2018

Mr. Tom Cascella Fall 2011

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Mr. Jay Herzog

Fall 2008-Spring 2011

Fifty-three sections over seven courses (listed below under "Courses Taught").

Other duties:

Advisor to Theatre Minors Fall 2017-Spring 2018
Assessment Coordinator for Department Spring 2017-Spring 2018

Department Representative to College of Fine

Arts and Communication Assessment Council Fall 2016-Spring 2018

University or Maryland, Baltimore County, Department of Theatre, Catonsville, MD

Adjunct Instructor Fall 2011

Chair: Dr. Alan Kreizenbeck

One section of one course (listed below under "Courses Taught").

Howard Community College, Department of Theatre, Columbia, MD

Adjunct Instructor Fall 2006 and Fall 2007

Chair: Dr. Lisa Wilde

Two sections of one course (listed below under "Courses Taught").

Franklin and Marshall College, Department of Theatre, Lancaster, PA

Adjunct Instructor Spring 1999

Chair: Dr. Lynn Brooks

One section of one course (listed below under "Courses Taught").

Productions (dir. = Director, des. = Designer)

2025 Lighting Design

The 25th Annual Putnam United States Naval Academy [USNA](MD), dir. Jeremy

County Spelling Bee Cottrell

Marty and the Hands That Could Coppin State University [CSU], dir. Willie O.Jordan at PNC

Theatre (Pittsburgh, PA)

2024 Lighting Design

Marty and the Hands That Could CSU, dir. Willie O.Jordan. Ghosts CSU, dir. Willie O.Jordan.

Mamma Mia! United States Naval Academy [USNA](MD), dir. Brian

Hissong

Scenic Design

Ghosts

2023 Lighting Design

Pipeline CSU, dir. Willie O.Jordan at the Lyric Opera House, (Balt, MD)

Pipeline CSU, dir. Willie O.Jordan.

production at James Weldon Johnson Auditorium

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Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery CSU, dir. Rashida Forman-Bey, Fall 2023 remount

Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery CSU, dir. Rashida Forman-Bey Spring 2023

Pipeline CSU, dir. Willie O.Jordan Spring 2023 - Black Box Theatre

Into the Woods USNA, dir. Brian Hissong

2022 Lighting Design

Broke-ology CSU, dir. Willie O. Jordan CSU, dir. Willie O. Jordan CSU, dir. Willie O. Jordan USNA, dir. Brian Hissong

La Scala De Seta Peabody Chamber Opera (MD), dir. Garnett Bruce

Scenic Design

Broke-ology CSU, dir. Willie O. Jordan
The Glass Menagerie CSU, dir. Willie O. Jordan
The Colored Museum CSU, dir. Willie O. Jordan

2021 Lighting Design

Blues for an Alabama Sky CSU, dir. Willie O. Jordan

Scenic Design

Blues for an Alabama Sky CSU, dir. Willie O. Jordan

Co-Production Design

Colorblind: The Katrina CSU, dir. Azya Maxton

Monologues

2020 Lighting Design

Susannah Annapolis Opera (MD), dir. Braxton Peters

The Meeting CSU, dir. Willie O. Jordan Oklahoma! USNA, dir. Brian Hissong

Scenic Design

The Meeting CSU, dir. Willie O. Jordan

2019 Lighting Design

Joe Turner's Come and Gone CSU, dir. Robert White

Best of Enemies McDaniel College (MD), dir. Willie O. Jordan

Best of Enemies CSU, dir. Willie O. Jordan Coppin Dance Spring Concert CSU, dir. Vanessa Jackson

Carmen Annapolis Opera, dir. Fenlon Lamb

A Raisin in the Sun CSU, dir. Willie O. Jordan

The Falling and the Rising Peabody Chamber Opera, dir. Sam Mungo

Little Shop of Horrors USNA, dir. Brian Hissong

Projection Design

Best of Enemies McDaniel College, dir. Willie O. Jordan

Best of Enemies CSU, dir. Willie O. Jordan

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2018 Lighting Design

A Soldier's Play CSU, dir. Robert White

Barber of Seville Annapolis Opera, dir. Braxton Peters for colored girls ... CSU, dir. Rashida Forman-Bey Annapolis Opera, dir. Braxton Peters

Joseph and the Amazing... USNA, dir. Brian Hissong

Scenic Design

A Soldier's Play CSU, dir. Robert White

2017 Lighting Design

Little Women Annapolis Opera, dir. Braxton Peters Madame Butterfly Annapolis Opera, dir. Braxton Peters

How to Succeed in Business... USNA, dir. Brian Hissong

The Magic Flute Opera AACC (Arnold, MD), dir. James Harp

2016 Lighting Design

South Pacific Annapolis Opera, dir. Braxton Peters

Candide USNA, dir. Aaron Smith

Faust Annapolis Opera, dir. Braxton Peters

Cabaret USNA, dir. Brian Hissong

Macbeth Anne Arundel Community College [AACC](MD), dir.

Casey Kaleba

2015 Lighting Design

Sweeney Todd Towson University, dir. Stephen Nunns

Tarzan Anne Arundel Community College, dir. Casey Kaleba

Cosi Fan Tutte Annapolis Opera, dir. Braxton Peters

Pirates of Penzance USNA, dir. Brian Hissong

Phantom of the Opera AACC, dir. Douglas Brandt Byerly

2014 Lighting Design

The Fantasticks Rep Stage (Columbia, MD), dir. Nancy Tarr Hart

La Boheme Annapolis Opera, dir. Braxton Peters

Spamalot USNA, dir. Brian Hissong

2013 Lighting Design

Amahl and the Night Visitors Opera AACC, dir. Douglas Brandt Byerly Annapolis Opera, dir. Braxton Peters

Fiddler on the Roof USNA, dir. Lars Tatom

Jesus Christ Superstar (concert) AACC, dir. Douglas Brandt Byerly

2012 Lighting Design

Trash and Ninjas & Squirrels Towson University, dir. Peter Wray Aida (concert version) Annapolis Opera, dir. Braxton Peters

La Traviata Opera AACC, dir. James Harp

Romeo and Juliet Annapolis Opera, dir. Braxton Peters

South Pacific USNA, dir. Lars Tatom

Naughty Marietta Opera AACC, dir. Jay David Brock

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2011 Lighting Design The Pearl Fishers The Marriage of Figaro The Mikado OTMA

Syracuse Opera (NY), dir. Marc Astafan Annapolis Opera, dir. Braxton Peters Opera AACC, dir. Jennifer Blades University of Maryland, Baltimore County,

dir. Eve Munson

2010 Lighting Design
The Misanthrope
A Passion for Justice
History of the Rock Opera II

Towson University, dir. Peter Wray Everyman Theatre, dir. Paul Morella AACC, dir. Douglas Brandt Byerly

2009 Lighting Design

The Medium and Trouble in Tahiti New England Conservatory (Boston, MA) dir. Michael Ehrman

2008 Lighting Design The Marriage of Figaro Arabian Nights

Arabian Nights
Spinning into Butter
L'Egisto

The Gondoliers

New England Conservatory, dir. Nic Muni

Theatre Hopkins (Baltimore, MD), dir. Suzanne Pratt

Theatre Hopkins, dir. Suzanne Pratt

New England Conservatory, dir. Marc Astafan

Young Victorian Theatre Company (Baltimore, MD),

dir. James Harp

2007 Lighting Design Summer and Smoke Nickeled and Dimed Barefoot in the Park

A Funny Thing Happened...

West Side Story
Orpheus in the Underworld

Talley's Folly

ISDE 2007 (Dance Concert)

New England Conservatory, dir. Marc Astafan

Theatre Hopkins, dir. Suzanne Pratt

East Carolina University [ECU]/Loessin Summer

Theatre (NC), dir. Walter Schoen

ECU/Loessin Summer Theatre, dir. Robert Caprio ECU/Loessin Summer Theatre, dir. John Shearin New England Conservatory, dir. Tom Diamond

Theatre Hopkins, dir. Suzanne Pratt Imagination Stage (Bethesda, MD), dir. Veronika Farkas

2006 Lighting Design

Gianni Schicci and

New England Conservatory, dir. Marc Astafan

The Breasts of Tiresias

Great Halloween Lantern Parade Friends of Patterson Park (Baltimore, MD),

dir. Molly Ross

Gala 2006 Imagination Stage, dir. Karl Kippola

Pirates of Penzance Colorado Light Opera (Boulder), dir. Samuel Mungo Colorado Light Opera (Boulder), dir. Leigh Holman University of Colorado, dir. William Gustafson

Travesties Theatre Hopkins, dir. Timothy Fowler

Cosi fan Tutte

New England Conservatory, dir. Patricia Weinmann
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern...
Baltimore Shakespeare Festival, dir. James Kinstle
Baltimore School for the Arts, dir. Donald Hicken

What I Did Last Summer Theatre Hopkins, dir. Suzanne Pratt

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The Cripple of Inishmaan Everyman Theatre, dir. Donald Hicken

Il Matrimonio Segreto Merola Opera Program (Young Artist division of the

San Francisco Opera), dir. Nicola Bowie

2005 Lighting Design

Little Women New England Conservatory, dir. Marc Astafan

Great Halloween Lantern Parade Friends of Patterson Park, dir. Molly Ross

Royal Family
Giulio Cesare
University of Maryland, dir. Leon Major
La Boheme
University of Maryland, dir. Pat Diamond
New England Conservatory, dir. Marc Astafan

Associate Lighting Designer

"Two Front Teeth" (film) Roast Beast, LLC, des. Jay Herzog

Technical Director

The Barber of Seville Lyric Opera Cleveland, dir. Jonathon Field She Loves Me Lyric Opera Cleveland, dir. Jonathon Field Lyric Opera Cleveland, dir. Jonathon Field Lyric Opera Cleveland, dir. Jonathon Field

2004 Lighting Design

Turn of the Screw New England Conservatory, dir. David Gately

The Drawer Boy Everyman Theatre, dir. Nick Olcott

Bluff Johns Hopkins University Theatre (Baltimore, MD),

dir. John Astin

Shaw: Four Firsts Theatre Hopkins, dir. Suzanne Pratt

The Magic Flute New England Conservatory, dir. Marc Astafan Dido and Aenis Oberlin College (performed in Cleveland, OH),

dir. Jonathon Field

Gianni Schicci Instituto Superior de Arte Teatro Colon (performed in

Cleveland, OH), dir. Jorge De Lassaleta

Fallen Angels Theatre Hopkins, dir. Suzanne Pratt
Antigone Towson University, dir. Peter Wray
Slow Dance on the Killing Ground Everyman Theatre, dir. Jennifer Nelson

Copenhagen Theatre Hopkins, dir. Suzanne Pratt

La Calisto New England Conservatory, dir. Marc Astafan

2003 Lighting Design

The Marriage of Figaro Cleveland Institute of Music, dir. Jonathon Eaton Candide New England Conservatory, dir. Marc Astafan

Our Town Theatre Hopkins, dir. John Astin

Rose Everyman Theatre, dir. Vincent Lancisi

Snow White

Alice in Wonderland

Ballet Theatre of Lancaster (PA), dir. Victor Velehin

Ballet Theatre of Lancaster (PA), dir. Gay Porter

The Tender Land

New England Conservatory, dir. Marc Astafan

Marvin's Room Theatre Hopkins, dir. Suzanne Pratt Light Up the Sky Everyman Theatre, dir. Vincent Lancisi

Technical Director

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The Marriage of Figaro Cleveland Institute of Music, des. Mark Kobak

2002 Lighting Design

All's Well That Ends Well Theatre Hopkins, dir. Suzanne Pratt

Hansel and Gretel
New England Conservatory, dir. William Gustafson
The Little Prince
Ballet Theatre of Lancaster, dir. Peter Pawlshyn
Merry Wives of Windsor
University of Minnesota, dir. Lorna Haywood

Putting It Together Theatre Hopkins, dir. Todd Pearthree Laura Theatre Hopkins, dir. Suzanne Pratt

Technical Director

The Dialogue of the Carmelites Cleveland Institute of Music, des. Mark Kobak

2001 Lighting Design

Tosca Eugene Opera (OR), dir. Lorna Haywood

Lucia di Lammermoor Chattanooga Symphony and Opera [Chatt. SOA]

(TN), dir. Francis Cullinan

The Marriage of Figaro New England Conservatory, dir. Marc Astafan

The Barber of Seville Chatt. SOA, dir. Thomson Smilie Faith Healer Theatre Hopkins, dir. Suzanne Pratt

Assistant Lighting Design

Faust Baltimore Opera Company, des. Ben Pearcy

Technical Director

The Merry Widow
Lyric Opera Cleveland, des. Mark Kobak

2000 Lighting Design

A Streetcar Named Desire Theatre Hopkins, dir. Suzanne Pratt La Traviata Chatt. SOA, dir. Francis Cullinan

Tales of Hoffmann Summer Opera Theatre Center (DC), dir. John Lehmeyer Madame Butterfly Summer Opera Theatre Center (DC), dir. John Lehmeyer

La PericholeNew England Conservatory, dir. Marc AstafanVioletAxis Theatre (Baltimore, MD), dir. Brian KlaasThe Rape of LucretiaNew England Conservatory, dir. Marc Astafan

Assistant Lighting Design

Hansel and Gretel Baltimore Opera Company,

des. Duane Schuler/Todd Hensley

Electra Baltimore Opera Company, des. Donald Thomas/Doug Cox

1999 Lighting Design

Aida Eugene Opera, dir. Garnett Bruce

La Boheme Opera Illinois (Peoria, IL) dir. Marc Astafan

Tartuffe Franklin and Marshall College, dir. Camilla Schade

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A Midsummer Night's Dream New England Conservatory, dir. Marc Astafan

Technical Director

Ariadne auf Naxos Aspen Opera Theatre Center (Aspen Music Festival),

dir. Edward Berkeley

Belladonna Aspen Opera Theatre Center, dir. Edward Berkeley Cosi fan Tutte Aspen Opera Theatre Center, dir. Edward Berkeley

1998 Lighting Design
The Marriage of Figaro
The Breasts of Tiresias and
An Incomplete Education

Franklin and Marshall College, dir. Dorothy Louise New England Conservatory, dir. Marc Astafan

Technical Director

Susannah Chatt. SOA, dir. John Hoomes

GreekAspen Opera Theatre Center, dir. Edward BerkeleySusannahAspen Opera Theatre Center, dir. Edward BerkeleyFalstaffAspen Opera Theatre Center, dir. Edward Berkeley

1997 Lighting Design

Turn of the Screw Hartt School of Music (Hartford, CT), dir. Dale Girrard

The Robber Bridegroom Hartt School of Music, dir. Pamela Hill

The Marriage Contract and New England Conservatory, dir. Marc Astafan

The Padrone

Assistant Lighting Design

Madame ButterflyCentral City Opera (CO), des. Dennis ParichyThe Merry WidowCentral City Opera, des. Dennis ParichySusannahCentral City Opera, des. Dennis Parichy

Travels With My Aunt Merrimack Rep (Lowell, MA), des. Dennis Parichy

1996 Technical Director

Tosca Chatt. SOA, dir. David Pennebaker

The Magic FluteAspen Opera Theatre Center, dir. Edward BerkeleyKing of HeartsAspen Opera Theatre Center, dir. Edward BerkeleyLa TraviataAspen Opera Theatre Center, dir. Edward Berkeley

1994 Lighting Design

Gridiron '94 Arkansas Repertory Theatre, dir. Jana Beard Reckless Arkansas Repertory Theatre, dir. Brad Mooy

1992 Lighting Design

1940s Radio Hour Cumberland County Playhouse (Crossville, TN), dir. Abby Crabtree

Assistant Technical Director

1940s Radio Hour Cumberland County Playhouse, des. John Partyka South Pacific Cumberland County Playhouse, des. John Partyka

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1991 Lighting Design

Elixir of Love Appalachian Opera Theatre (Boone, NC), dir. Joseph Amaya

Technical Director

The Sound of Music Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC)

(Charlotte, NC) des. Terry Wooldridge

Into the Woods
Rumors
CPCC, des. Joseph Gardner
CPCC, des. Terry Wooldridge
CPCC, des. Joseph Gardner
Chess
CPCC, des. Joseph Gardner
CPCC, des. Joseph Gardner

Tartuffe Appalachian State University, des. Frank Mohler God's Favorite Appalachian State University, des. Frank Mohler

1990 Lighting Design

Pirates of Penzance Appalachian Opera Theatre, dir. Joseph Amaya

Technical Director

Driving Miss Daisy New Harmony Summer Theatre (Evansville, IN),

des. Alan King

The Curious Savage
Painting Churches
Hedda Gabler
Children of a Lesser God
New Harmony Summer Theatre, des. Alan King
Appalachian State University, des. Frank Mohler
Appalachian State University, des. Frank Mohler

1989 Lighting Design

Amahl and the Night Visitors Appalachian Opera Theatre, dir. Joseph Amaya

Guest Lecturer

The Art and Craft of Lighting Design / What does a Lighting Designer do?, Denmark Technical College (SC), July 20, 2020, Dr. A Clifton Myles, Executive Vice President - Host

Project Consultant

Naval Academy Chapel - Repertory Performance Lighting, United States Naval Academy, July 2019-December 2021, Dr. Aaron Smith, Director of Musical Activities

Panel Discussion

Panel member, *Insight Series* "Unsung Heroes: The Production Staff", Annapolis Opera, March 10, 2019

Courses Taught

Coppin State University, Baltimore MD, Fall 2018 through Spring 2025

Special Topics in Technical Theatre: Lighting Design 3 sections 9 students Special Topics in Technical Theatre: Stage Management 3 sections 12 students Special Topics in Technical Theatre: Properties Design 2 sections 5 students Stagecraft I 7 sections 55 students Stagecraft II 6 sections 31 students Theatre History I 4 sections 22 students

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Theatre History II

Stage Make-up

Theatre Practicum (Coppin Players)

Introduction to Theatre

Introduction to Art, 2D Design

University Seminar

1 section 4 students
1 section 5 students
6 sections 49 students
10 sections 116 students
1 section 16 students

Towson University, Towson, MD, Fall 2008 to Spring 2018

Introduction to Theatrical Design 6 sections
Lighting Design I 10 sections. 10 to 16 students per section
History of Drama and Theatre II 2 sections
History of Drama and Theatre III 2 sections
Advanced Study in Theatre Design 2 sections 3 students

Introduction to Theatre 21 sections 20 to 30 students per section Introduction to American Theatre 9 sections 20 to 30 students per section

University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Catonsville, MD, Fall 2011

Lighting Design I 1 section 14 students

Howard Community College, Columbia, MD, Fall 2006 and Fall 2007

Lighting I 2 sections 8 to 12 students per section

Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA, Spring 1999

Lighting in Theatre and TV 1 section 18 students

Courses Available to Teach

Introduction to Theatre, Introduction to Theatrical Design; Lighting Design I, II; Scenic Design I, II; Stagecraft I, II; Drafting; and all Theatre Histories: Ancient Greece through 20th Century and the History of Stage and Lighting Design

Professional Affiliation

Member, United States Institute of Theatre Technology (USITT) Fall 2018-present

Service to Community and Personal Interest

Parent of Baltimore City Public School student Fall 2013-present

Arts Every Day / Baltimore City Public Schools

Member, Dance and Theatre Spring 2021-Spring 2023

Creative City Public Charter School Foundation, Baltimore, MD

Member of Board of Directors Fall 2014-Spring 2020 Board of Directors Secretary Fall 2016-Fall 2018

Abell Improvement Association, Baltimore, MD - Neighborhood Association

Co-Logistics Coordinator for annual street fair 2020-present Logistics Coordinator for annual street fair 2010-2019 Member-at-large 2010-2015 President 2007

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Parking Coordinator 2004-2006 Member 2001-present

Appalachian Trail

Ten Twelve year plan to hike the 2198.4 mile trail

1353.1 miles completed - 61.5% 2015-present

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