

Nicholas Rocco Mendillo

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PROFILE

Comprehensive, dynamic background leading all aspects of intermedia creative talents, ranging from fiction/nonfiction writing, rhetoric, film/media, social media content production, and performance.

RESEARCH/TEACHING INTERESTS

Strong desire to produce content implementing aforementioned intermedia skills in an enhanced and beneficial cross-disciplinary educational setting, combining pedagogical methods and popular culture archetypes.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts, English

May 2020 (expected)

University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI

- Concentration in Creative Fiction and Narrative Theory
- Currently Enrolled

Initial Certification, Secondary Education, ELA and Theatre

2017

Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA

- Student Teaching at Southeastern Regional Vocational High School
- 3.9 GPA

Certificate of Completion, Advanced Study Improv

2009

Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre, New York, NY

- Advanced Study Sketch minor
- 4.0 GPA

Bachelor of Arts, Secondary English Education

2008

University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI

- Film/Media minor
- Theatre minor
- Literature of the Sea and Moby Dick – *Letters to Laconia* Screenplay
- 3.3 GPA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Theatre Director

2018-present

Mt. Hope High School, Bristol, RI

- Produces two productions per year
- Teaches Intro to Theatre, Acting, Digital Audio Recording, and Guitar
- Overseer of after school club “The Masqueraders”

Nature Science Teacher **2018**

Kent County YMCA, Warwick, RI

- Taught 3rd-8th grade Science to Kent County YMCA Campers as part of Providence School District Grant
- Improved pretest scores >50% for 100% of grant-approved campers

8th Grade ELA Teacher **2017 – 2018**

North Cumberland Middle School, Cumberland, RI

- Held after-school Writers Workshops to improve school ELA RICAS/SRSD scores.
- Focused on rhetoric and narrative nonfiction.

Teacher and Performer **2013 - present**

Providence Improv Guild, Providence, RI

- Weekly Weekend House Team performances.
- Teaching and developing curricula for improv and sketch comedy.

8th Grade ELA Teacher / 6th-8th Grade Theatre Teacher **2014 –2016**

Talbot Innovation Middle School, Fall River, MA

- Developed and implemented full theatre curriculum for 275+ students.
- Identified needs of inner city students within safe learning environment, analyzing and lesson planning based on statewide testing.
- Summer school teacher – focused on essay writing and reading comprehension.

SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

MA/RI Initial Teaching Certification, ELA & Theatre (7-12)	May 2014 & May 2017
Sheltered English Immersion Endorsed	May 2014
ALICE/CPR Training Certified	January 2014

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Assistant Director **Spring 2006, 2017, 2018**

Cranston High School West Theatre, Cranston, RI

- Alongside Director Nancy Vitulli, assisted with production and execution of three separate, award-winning productions for Cranston West Theatre.

Medical Simulation Actor **November 2016 - present**

Rhode Island College School of Social Work, Providence, RI

Women & Infants Hospital, Providence, RI

- Portraying patients with medical ailments in controlled simulations for diagnoses.

Social Media Content Creator **March 2013 – September 2013**

Major League Baseball, New York, NY

- Created video sketches, blogs, and managed social media accounts that reached millions of fans, bridging the gap between baseball and pop culture.

Sound and Lighting Technician/Teacher

January 2009 – March 2013

Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre, New York, NY

- Operated lights and sound for several live comedy performances.
- Coached and taught improv comedy

PRESENTATIONS

“Stop Trying to Be Funny!” Improv Seminar, Providence, RI

March 2015 & March 2016

“Show Us Your Dish!” cooking/comedy webseries, New York, NY

March 2011 – March 2012

- Creator, Host, Producer

“Free Lollipops!” one-act play, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI

April 2008

- Writer, Director

HONORS & AWARDS

Winner of Rhode Island Drama Fest - Director

May 2006, 2016, 2018

Motif Award Nominee, “Best Improv Group – Fool’s Pudding”

June 2017

Dean’s List, University of Rhode Island & Bridgewater State University

MEMBERSHIPS

- Sigma Pi Fraternity International
- Providence Improv Guild
- New England Theatre Conference
Adjudicator
- Board Member of Rhode Island Theatre
Education Association

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES/NOTABLES

“The Carson Daily” 00’s pop punk/emo cover band, singer & guitarist

May 2016 - present

Unpublished full-length novel *The Alice Atom*

May 2017

Softball Coach, Talbot Innovation Middle School, Fall River, MA

March 2015

Expert in Improvisation

Proficient in Microsoft Office, GarageBand, iMovie, and Final Draft