



DR. KENDYL JOI WATSON

Creative
Pedagogical Leader

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

- **Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Curriculum and Instruction** | Texas Wesleyan University (Fort Worth, TX) | March 2026
- **Master of Arts (M.A.) in Educational Psychology** | Pepperdine University (Los Angeles, CA) | July 2013
- **Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Acting** | University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (Guthrie Theater Program) | June 2004
- **Study Abroad:** Royal National Shakespeare Theater & British American Dramatic Academy (London, England); Dramatic Writing (Cape Town, South Africa via NYU)
- **Certifications:** Core Subjects with STR (EC-6); Theater EC-12

CONTACT

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PROFILE INFO

A faith-driven and highly credentialed educator, researcher, and award-winning artist with over 15 years of experience in curriculum design, theater arts, and early childhood education. Specialized in the intersection of Arts Integration and Culturally Responsive Teaching (CRT), leveraging multi-modal strategies to merge affective and cognitive thought in diverse learning environments.

TEACHING & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR** 2023 - Present
PREK PARTNERSHIP | DALLAS ISD
 - Lead/Mentor teacher for PreK Partnership.
 - Designed and presented PREK district workshop: **"Destination Arts Integration."**
 - Designed and presented **"Developing Student Leadership Through Classroom Rules"**
 - Member of SBIT and Family Engagement committees.
 - CNA Workscape Group for Campus Improvement Plan
- THEATER DIRECTOR | W.H. ADAMSON** 2019 - 2023
HIGH SCHOOL (DALLAS ISD)
 - Achieved **Distinguished Teacher Review (DTR)** status.
 - Led theater troupes to Area and District UIL competitions (2022, 2023).
 - Mentored incoming teachers and served on the Attendance and Credit Recovery committees.
- THEATER TEACHER | E.B. COMSTOCK** 2015-2019
MIDDLE SCHOOL (DALLAS ISD)
 - Developed original G/T Seminar (Theater Tech) curriculum.
 - Served as TEI Campus Expert to improve teacher performance evaluations and Grade Speed Administrator.

ACHIVEMENT

- **Teacher of the Year** | Dallas ISD
- **IVEY Award** | Best Emotional Impact Theater (*Sez She*)
- **Outstanding New Face in Theater** | Minneapolis Star Tribune
- **Many Voices Writing Fellowship** | Playwright's Center
- **NFAA Acting Award** | National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts



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RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

- **Doctoral Quantitative Study (2025–2026):** *Take Three: An Examination of How EC-3 Teachers Understand Arts Integration, Culturally Responsive Teaching, and Their Students Cognitively and Affectively.*
- **Action Research (Pepperdine University, 2013):** *Culturally Relevant Pedagogy in Los Angeles Community Centers.*
- **Undergraduate Research (University of Minnesota, 2002):** *Shifting Perspectives: American Theater's Ethical Responsibility to Racial Representations on Stage.*
- **Published Works:** *Wake Me Up: A Collection of Poems* (2011); *Coming Forth* (2021).

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FILM, TELEVISION, & PERFORMANCE



SERIES REGULAR

- Nefertiti in *LOVE THAT GIRL* (TV One).



GUEST STARRING

- Principal and Co-Star roles for CBS, NBC, and various independent films.



COMMERCIALS

- National (McDonald's), Local (Time Warner), and Industrials (Target, Best Buy, Betty Crocker).



STAGE

- Cast in productions at the Guthrie Theater, Illusion Theater, and Alchemy Theater.



SOLO WORK

- Writer, Producer, and Performer of *Wake Me Up: A One Woman Show*.

INDEPENDENT WORK

**FOUNDER / OWNER | CROWNS CREATIONS,
EDUCATION & CULTURE & CARE**

2014–PRESENT

- Tutoring for EC-12 Students
- Arts Integration and CRT Consultant for Early Childhood
- Develop original curriculum for acting classes and theater productions.
- Monologue and Audition Coach
- Wrote and directed original stage plays including *Green Juice* and *Clothed with the Sun*.