# FRANCES NELSON McSHERRY

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### Qualifications

**Teaching Professor:** Northeastern University, Boston MA, 2004-Present

- taught 3-4 semester length courses per academic year including: Introduction to Theatre Design, Costume Design, Makeup Design, Mask Making, Pattern Drafting and Costume Construction, Evolution of Fashion and Costume, Fashion and Costume Design in Film and Television, Technical Theatre, Intro to Global Fashion Studies, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fashion History.
- -developed and led NU Dialogue of Civilization programs to Paris, 2015-Present Offering Summer 2018:
- Summer 1: *Exploring Fashion in Paris* focusing on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> century fashion history, the Paris Fashion Industry and Fashion Trend Forecasting
- Summer 2: Fashion, Culture and Commerce in Paris- focusing on global fashion studies (history, theory and contemporary practices) and Fashion Marketing and Merchandising
- -advised students undertaking Independent Study courses in design
- -designed 2-3 NU main stage shows during each academic year
- -mentored and supervised students designing main stage shows during each academic year
- -supervised Costume Lab Supervisor, Costume Lab interns and student workforce
- -advised three student groups/clubs: NU Fashion and Retail Society, The Avenue and Acting Out, 2012-Present

Freelance Costume Designer: New York, Boston and Regional Theatres, 1984-Present

-costume design for over eighty professional productions, representative list below

Resident Costume Designer: Merrimack Repertory Theatre, 1996-2001

- -designed and supervised execution of entire season of seven professional productions with resident and guest directors and guest set and lighting designers
- -supervised costume shop staff
- -guest lecturer at area high schools and colleges in conjunction with MRT's Partners in Education Program

#### Designer in Residence: Boston College, 1995-1997

- -designed main stage shows during academic year
- -supervised costume shop staff, shop interns and student workforce
- -guest lecturer in theatre classes to explain design process for individual shows

#### Partner in ACCU Costumes, Inc., New York City, 1984-1988

- -co-founded and co-owned costume construction company servicing theatre, opera, dance, TV and film industries
- -supervised execution of designs, hired and managed stitchers, drapers, cutters and other craft persons
- -managed company accounting function

## **Education & Affiliation**

**MFA in Theatre Design**- New York University, Tisch School of the Arts, 1984 -studied all aspects of theater and film design with an emphasis on costume design

BA with High Honors in Theater- Smith College, 1981

Member- United Scenic Artists, Local 829, since 1986

Professional Costume Design	(representative list)		
The Man of La Mancha	Antonio Ocampo-Guzman	New Repertory Theatre	2017
Albatross	Rick Lombardo- director	59E59 Theater, NYC	2017
Albatross	Rick Lombardo-director	Edinburgh Fringe Festival	2016
The Snow Queen	Rick Lombardo-director	New Repertory Theatre	2015
The Snow Queen	Rick Lombardo-director	NY Music Theatre Festival	2014
The Snow Queen	Rick Lombardo-director	San Jose Repertory Theatre	2013
Amadeus	Jim Petosa- director	New Repertory Theatre	2013
Little Shop of Horrors	Russell Garrett-director	New Repertory Theatre	2012
A Christmas Carol	Rick Lombardo-director	San Jose Repertory	2011
Rent	Ben Evett-director	New Repertory Theatre	2011
Breaking The Code	Adam Zahler-director	Underground Railway Theatre	2011
After Life	Kate Warner- director	New Repertory Theatre	2011
Black Pearl Sings	Rick Lombardo-director	San Jose Repertory	2010
Hot Mikado	Kate Warner- director	New Repertory Theatre	2010
Last Of The Red Hot Lovers	David Zoffoli-director	Gloucester Stage Co.	2009
Picasso At The Lapin Agile	Daniel Gidron-director	New Repertory Theatre	2009
Cabaret	Rick Lombardo-director	New Repertory Theatre	2009
According to Tip	Rick Lombardo-director	Stuart Street Playhouse	2008
Eurydice	Rick Lombardo-director	New Repertory Theatre	2008
Dessa Rose	Rick Lombardo-director	New Repertory Theatre	2008
A Streetcar Named Desire	Rick Lombardo-director	New Repertory Theatre	2007
Wild Party	Rick Lombardo-director	New Repertory Theatre	2007
Silence	Rick Lombardo-director	New Repertory Theatre	2007
Pillowman	Rick Lombardo-director	New Repertory Theatre	2006
Ragtime	Rick Lombardo-director	New Repertory Theatre	2006
Frozen	Adam Zahler-director	New Repertory Theatre	2006
A Christmas Carol	Rick Lombardo-director	New Repertory Theatre	2005
Romeo & Juliet	Rick Lombardo- director	New Repertory Theatre	2005
Quills	Rick Lombardo- director	New Repertory Theatre	2005

Approaching Moomtaj	Rick Lombardo- director	New Repertory Theatre	2004
Scapin	Rick Lombardo- director	New Repertory Theatre	2004
Yellowman	Lois Roach- director	New Repertory Theatre	2004
The Gigolo Confessions of Baile Breag	Carmel O'Reilly- director	Sugàn Theatre Company	2004
The Threepenny Opera	Rick Lombardo- director	New Repertory Theatre	2004
Sweeney Todd	Rick Lombardo- director	New Repertory Theatre	2004
Waiting For Godot	Rick Lombardo- director	New Repertory Theatre	2003
As Bees In Honey Drown	Michael Allosso- director	Stoneham Theatre	2003
Jerusalem	Rick Lombardo- director	New Repertory Theatre	2003
Gun Shy	Charles Towers- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	2002
The Weir	M. Burke Walker- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	2002
Short Haired Grace	Charles Towers- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	2002
Rose	Adam Zahler- director	New Repertory Theatre	2002
Three Days of Rain	Charles Towers- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	2001
Art	David G. Kent- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	2001
Visiting Mr. Green	Daniel Gidron- director	MRT & Jewish Theatre of N.E.	2001
King O' The Moon	Steve Stettler- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	2001
From The Mississippi Delta	Kaia Calhoun- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	2001
Founder of the Feast	David G. Kent- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	2000
A Walk In The Woods	Alex Dmitriev- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	2000
Last Of The Red Hot Lovers	David Zoffoli- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	2000
The Front Page	Russel Treyz- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	2000
Lend Me A Tenor	Robert Walsh- director	American Stage Festival	2000
Avenue X	John Ruocco- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	2000
Cloud Tectonics	David G. Kent- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	2000
The Rainmaker	Tom Markus- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	1999
Awake and Sing	David G. Kent- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	1999
Scotland Road	Michael Murray- director	New Repertory Theatre	1999
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Russel Treyz- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	1999
Twelve Angry Men	David G. Kent- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	1999
K2	Robert Walsh- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	1999
Full Gallop	David Zoffoli- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	1999
Beast On The Moon	Rick Lombardo- director	New Repertory Theatre	1999
The Boys Next Door	Danny Peak- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	1998
Mrs. Klein	Rick Lombardo- director	New Repertory Theatre	1998
Laughter On The 23 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	David Zoffoli- director	MRT & Lyric Stage Company	1998
Over The Tavern	Gerri Librandi- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	1998
Nixon's Nixon	David G. Kent- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	1998
The Gifts of the Magi	Michael Allosso- director	New Repertory Theatre	1997
Long Day's Journey Into Night	David G. Kent- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	1997
The Big Slam	Rick Lombardo- director	New Repertory Theatre	1997
Italian American Reconciliation	Eli Simon- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	1996
All In The Timing	David Zoffoli- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	1996
Blue Window	Michael Allosso- director	New Repertory Theatre	1995
Holiday Memories	Robert Walsh- director	Merrimack Repertory Theatre	1994
A Shayna Maidel	Alan Brody- director	New Repertory Theatre	1992
X The Life & Times of Malcolm X	Rhoda Levine- director	New York City Opera	1986
A Death In The Family	Rhoda Levine- director	Opera Theatre of St. Louis	1986
Curse of the Starving Class	Robin Smith- director	Theater 890	1985
The Bartered Bride	Rhoda Levine- director	Glimmerglass Opera Co.	1985