

# AHON GOOPTU

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## EDUCATION

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### Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA, 2021

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and English; Concentration in Technology Studies | 3.93

### Eugene O'Neill Theater Center, Waterford, CT, 2019

National Theater Institute, fall 2019 semester, including a two-week residency in London, UK

## HONORS & AWARDS

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Winner, Sandy Moffett Award for Practice in Theatre and Dance, 2021

Winner, Barbara McClenon Clark One-Act Playwriting Competition, 2021

Honorable Mention, Scott-Noun Prize for Racial Justice, 2021

Runner-up, Barbara McClenon Clark One-Act Playwriting Competition, 2020

Pedagogical Development Grant, Digital Bridges for Humanistic Inquiry: A Grinnell College/University of Iowa Partnership, 2018 (co-recipient with John S. Garrison)

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

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### Book chapters

"Mapping the Global Absent in Shakespeare." Co-author with John S. Garrison. *Shakespeare and Digital Pedagogy: Strategies for Teaching and Learning*, ed. Diana Henderson and Kyle Vitale. Bloomsbury Arden Shakespeare (in press).

### Plays

*All That Glistens: Four Short Plays*. Grinnell College Press.

### Conference presentations

"Mapping Absence in Shakespeare." *Digital Showcase at the Shakespeare Association of America*. Washington, D.C., April 2019.

"Mapping Absence in Shakespeare." *Student Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Symposium*. Grinnell, IA, April 2019.

"Mapping Absence in Shakespeare." *Digital Tech Fair*. Grinnell, IA, December 2018.

## RESEARCH

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### Research Assistant (remote)

2021

Pickle Factory Dance Foundation

Kolkata, India

- Conduct interviews with artists, producers, administrators to collect information about theatre resources in India
- Collate a pan-Indian dance and theatre database for Performing Arts Hub Norway (PAHN)

### Education Intern (remote)

2020

Steppenwolf Theatre Company

Chicago, IL

- Researched and wrote the production study guide for *Animal Farm* that reached 20,000+ students worldwide
- Developed and designed marketing collateral; organized and facilitated virtual Young Adult Council events

### Lead Student Developer of *Mapping Absence in Shakespeare*

2018—2020

Vivero Digital Scholarship Fellows

Grinnell, IA

- Collaborated with Dr. John Garrison to create an online pedagogy tool, funded by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- Read and mapped the global absent in Shakespeare's 40 plays, troubleshooting technical issues on ArcGIS

## TEACHING & WRITING

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### Musical Theatre Teaching Intern/Dance Captain

2019

Taproot Theatre Company

Seattle, WA

- Shadowed summer musical theatre studio director and served as assistant director for 6 shows
- Attended production meetings and conducted review sessions with students

### Teacher's Assistant

2018 & 2021

Grinnell College Preschool

Grinnell, IA

- Assist preschool teachers with daily classroom responsibilities; engage preschoolers through activities

### Reporter

2017—2018

*The Scarlet & Black* (Student-Run Weekly Newspaper)

Grinnell, IA

- Conducted interviews and wrote 20 articles on news, arts, sports, special features and the Grinnell community

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## LEADERSHIP

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### Senator

2020—2021

Grinnell College Student Government Association

Grinnell, IA

- Advocate for students and participate in committees focusing on COVID-19 safety, student transportation during the pandemic, technology, green solutions, campus lighting, and the new downtown residence hall

### Senior Interviewer / Campus Tour Guide / Administrative Assistant

2018—2021

Grinnell College Office of Admissions

Grinnell, IA

- Conduct student interviews, draft write-ups, and lead information sessions for prospective students and families
- Brainstorm and curate content for social media and engaged in active communication

### Student Educational Policy Committee Representative

2018—2021

Grinnell College Theatre and Dance and English Departments

Grinnell, IA

- Interview applicants for faculty positions and conduct reviews of current professors for promotions and tenure
- Articulate student needs, participate in implementing new policies, and organize regular events

### House Manager / Box Office Staff

2018—2020

Grinnell College Theatre and Dance Department

Grinnell, IA

- Managed crowds (ranging from 50 to 200) and filed performance reports for shows

### Secretary

2018—2019

Grinnell College International Student Organization (ISO)

Grinnell, IA

- Maintained a record of all cabinet and general meetings and archived all event materials
- Coordinated with administrative staff and students to host Food Bazaar, Cultural Evening, and ISO Rave

## SPECIALIZED SKILLS

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**Languages:** Bengali (fluent, native) | Hindi (intermediate) | French (beginning)

**Technology:** Microsoft Office | Google Suite | Social media | Website creation | WordFly | Wufoo | WordPress | iMovie | Canva | ArcGIS | QLab | Adobe Photoshop | SketchUp | Episerver

**Arts:** Theatre (acting, devising, writing, directing, production – resume available upon request) |

Tenor, a cappella | Piano (intermediate) | Bollywood movt. | Droznin | Unarmed stage combat