

LITERARY MANAGERS AND DRAMATURGS OF THE AMERICAS DRAMATURGY BIBLIOGRAPHY: A WORK-IN- PROGRESS

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The LMDA *Dramaturgy Bibliography* offers readers a comprehensive listing of English-language articles, essays, and books on dramaturgy, production dramaturgy, literary management, and new play development. It also links to a comprehensive Wikipedia style entry on the topic of Dramaturgy available on LMDA's website.

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Introduction: “Foundations Matter” by Geoff Proehl, founding editor

In the early 1990s when I first set out to learn as much as I could about dramaturgy and the dramaturg, I went to the University of Pennsylvania and in a couple of hours and made photocopies of about all that had been written on the topic in English. Today the LMDA *Dramaturgy Bibliography* is nearly fifty single-spaced pages long.

The bulk of the copying I did at Penn was of two different issues of Yale *Theater*. (I purchased print copies as soon as I could figure out how to do so.) It is difficult to underestimate the contribution of these two publications – the first edited by Joel Schechter (1978); the second by Mark Bly (1986) – to the formative years of dramaturgy in North America. For novices like myself, the essayists and their editors provided multiple models of dramaturgical practice foregrounding the intelligence, curiosity, generosity, commitment, and open-mindedness of the first generation of dramaturgs in the United States. Reading those early editions of *Theater*, the response many of us had was, “I’d like to be one of those people.”

The Production Notebooks (Mark Bly, editor; volume one, 1996; volume two, 2001) built upon and deepened the ground-breaking work of these two issues of Yale *Theater*. Bly's casebook approach used the dramaturg's voice to chronicle a remarkable set of productions and, in doing so, emphasized the role of creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and dramaturgical questioning in the theatre making process. *Dramaturgy in American Theater: A Source Book* (Susan Jonas, Michael Lupu, and Geoff Proehl, editors, 1997), a project I was fortunate enough to work on, followed with over forty essays by both first- and second-generation dramaturgs working in professional and university theatres. With *The Production Notebooks*, *Dramaturgy in American Theater* became an early textbook in the field. Both projects would have never come about were it not for the support of LMDA. The Dramaturgy Focus Group of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education provided as well an early testing ground for many of the essays in *Dramaturgy in American Theater*. The field owes a great debt to these two organizations, as well as to the artists, writers and editors who brought these writings and the productions that informed them to fruition.

Since the nineties, a tidal wave of books, special editions of periodicals, case studies, interviews, essays, articles, and more recently, digital platforms have charted the rapid and dynamic growth of the dramaturg as a theatre artist around the world. Of particular note is an impressive range of book-length studies that offer introductions to and overviews of the discipline (Brown, Cattaneo, Chemers, Graham, Hingorani, Irelan et al., Jonas et al., Lang, Luckhurst, Rudakoff and Thomson, Szatkowski, Trencsényi, Turner and Behrndt) or explore specific areas of dramaturgical theory and practice: adaptation (Babbage, Barnette); architecture (Turner); collaboration (Sigal); creative writing (Londré); dance (Hansen and Callison, Hoghe, Profeta); directing (Barba); diversity, inclusion, and representation (Kelly); feminism (Hope and Kelly); correspondence (Riley); migration (Meerzon and Pewny); modernism (Kindelan); new dramaturgy (Trencsényi and Cochrane, Freeman); new media (Chemers, Eckersall et al.); new play development (Cole, London et al., Sapio); play analysis (Ball, Beckerman; Edgar, Georgelou et al., Grochala, Gross, Heyman, Hornby, Katz, Lech, Martin, Milhous and Hume, Rush, Scanlan, Scolnicov, Thomas, Wallis and Shepherd); playwriting (Bly); physical dramaturgy (Bowditch et al.); Shakespeare (Blacker, Hartley, Kott, Pinchbeck, Styant); translation (Baines, Jeffs, Johnston) and more. Particularly significant in the last decade has been *The Routledge Companion to Dramaturgy* (Magda Romanska, editor) and the Routledge's Focus on Dramaturgy Book Series (Magda Romanska, series editor).

What marks all of these ongoing conversations in print and online is the passion, intelligence, generosity, and curiosity found in those first issues of *Theater*. Foundations matter.

Background

This bibliography – building on the pioneering bibliographies by Rosemarie Bank (1983) and Laurence Shyer (1978) – originated in 1993 as a project of LMDA's University Caucus. Its aim has been to track an ever-growing body of English-language books, essays, articles, and related resources on dramaturgy. Notable as a rich source of writings on dramaturgy and literary management is another LMDA project: The *LMDA Review* available online by way of the [LMDA Digital Archive](https://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv87713) at the University of Puget Sound and a finding aid about what is available in the LMDA records collection held in Archives and Special Collections at Collins Library, University of Puget Sound, is available here: <https://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv87713>

Complimenting the archive are four recent online projects animating the field.

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A Living Document

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Maintaining a consistent form of citation has been a challenge. This bibliography began with the sixth edition of the *MLA Handbook*. The current edition of the *Handbook* is the ninth. We have, at least, tried for consistency, but find each time we proof the copy errors of one sort or another. Despite these and other shortcomings, we humbly offer this rough list as a starting place.

Suggestions and corrections are welcome at any time.

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Blogs/Dramaturgy Specific

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Amanda Dawson (Utah) @DrDramaDawson
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Dramaturg’s Protocol (New York) @Dramaturgs
411 Dramaturgy Co. (Ottawa/Vancouver) @411dramaturgy
Martine Kei Green-Rogers (DePaul Theatre School) @martinekei
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Jacqueline Lawton (Washington, DC) @dulcia25
Toby Malone (University of Waterloo) @TobyMalone
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Noe Montez (Tufts University) @noemontez
Anne Morgan (O’Neill Center, CT) @annegmorgan
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