

# JENEFAS OKONMA

Costume and Fashion Design, Technology and Wardrobe

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## Illinois Shakespeare Festival

<u>Position</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Director/Supervisor/ Choreographer/Designer</u>	<u>Date</u>
Wardrobe Supervisor/Stitcher	<i>The Comedy of Errors</i>	Doug Finlayson	June 2023
Wardrobe Supervisor/Stitcher	<i>The Tempest</i>	Chris Anthony	July 2023
Stitcher	<i>The Book of Will</i>	Lori Adams	July 2023

## Illinois State University (Costume Designer, Technician)

Firsthand, Cutter-Draper and Stitcher	<i>All School Productions</i>	Susie High	2022-2024
Costume Design	<i>Men On Boats</i>	Maggie Marlin-Hess	Feb. 2023
Costume Design	<i>Frankenstein</i>	John McCall Jr.	Oct 2023
Costume Design	<i>Romantic Deconstruction</i>	Gregory Merriman	Dec 2023
Costume Design	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Connie DeVeer	Apr 2024
Wardrobe Supervisor	<i>Equus</i>	Em Stranski	Mar 2023

## Freelance Fashion Designer and Seamstress

Fashion clothing design and build, Personal shopping and Wardrobe styling, Styling for special events.

**Skills:** Pattern and Freehand Cutting; Hand and Machine sewing; Costume History Knowledge and Research; Fabric, Trim, etc. Sourcing and Swatching; Shop Documentation and Costume Bible Prep.; Intermediate Level Proficiency in Hair, Wigs and Stage Makeup; Alterations; Effective Problem Solving; Quick Changes; Costume Management and Care; People Management.

## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

KidNation Junior, First Assembly of God Church, Normal, IL.	April 2021 - Date
Diverse Voices, Crossroads Committee, ISU School of Theatre and Dance,	Fall 2021 - Date
Salvation Army Outreach.	September 2021 - Date

## EDUCATION

<b>Illinois State University</b>		<b>Houdegbe North American</b>	
M.F.A Costume Design and Technology	<b>Expected graduation</b>	<b>University, Benin Republic</b>	
M.A Theatre Studies	<b>May 2024</b>	B.A English Language and Literary Studies	<b>February 2014</b>

## REFERENCES

Kee-Yoon Nahm Head of Theatre Studies, Illinois State University <a href="mailto:knahm@ilstu.edu">knahm@ilstu.edu</a>	Lauren M. Lowell Head of Production, Design and Technology, Illinois State University <a href="mailto:lmlovel@ilstu.edu">lmlovel@ilstu.edu</a>	Susie High Costume Shop Director, Illinois State University <a href="mailto:slhigh@ilstu.edu">slhigh@ilstu.edu</a>
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