## **Todd Wren**

## **CCU Personal Statement**

Dear current students, alumni, faculty, and all members of the CCU theatre department community.

I have watched the video and read the associated notes. I am listening. I deeply regret I was unable to attend in person. I am grateful for your passion and your commitment to better the CCU Theatre Dept. While my intentions may have been honorable, I accept the impact of my actions has caused harm, and for that I apologize. There are many situations that I wish I could undo. I will always try to be a better teacher, designer, and human. I am instituting methods of personal accountability in work and classroom settings. I am reading plays and working to diversify the literature I use in class. I am developing classroom community agreements and safe space guidelines. I am reading and researching to improve my awareness of BIPOC experiences. As I start my journey, I am thankful for the alumni, students, and teachers that have offered me their understanding and research. My journey is just beginning, and I will stumble often, but I am resolute to continue. I welcome all opportunities to listen more, to understand more, to learn more, and I accept the responsibility to actively change both myself and the community around me. Black Lives Matter.

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