

Jess Curtis: Positionality statement



Fig 1 - Profile picture of Jess Curtis (Curtis 2019)

Hello! My name is Jess and I am a white, cis-gendered, non-disabled 53-year-old woman born in the United Kingdom.

I have a BA in Graphic Design (Illustration) and studied at the Motley Theatre design course to become a freelance Set and Costume designer for theatre, opera and dance. I have been a freelance designer for 28 years in Europe and the United Kingdom and bring my professional experience to my work.

I also teach design practice (part-time) to first- and second-year BA Costume for Design and BA Hair, Make-up and Prosthetics for Performance students at the London College of Fashion, part of the University of the Arts, London. As a lecturer at UAL and a freelance designer I can access the resources I need to conduct my research.

I acknowledge these education systems and structures afford me unearned privilege. As such, I am committed to improving my understanding and practice, guided by people with lived experiences different than my own. I strive to be aware of my own biases and recognise how these may shape my research.