

AMY STEELE WERNIG BIOGRAPHY

As an educator in Katy KSD, Amy Steele Wernig is committed to developing the storyteller in all students.

Before moving to Katy, Amy was one of the theatre directors at Waller High School, where she helped lead a program that focused on the development of original student-written work.

Preceding her time in Waller, Amy was the Alley Theatre's Education and Community Engagement (ECE) Director. As the ECE Director, Amy managed the Alley's wide-ranging educational programs that served over 100,000 students, educators, and community members each year.

Prior to her tenure in the ECE Department, she was the Alley's Resident Dramaturg/Literary Manager. While serving as the production dramaturg for the Alley's season plays, Amy also collaborated with playwrights, facilitated new-play development workshops, and moderated new-play readings and talkbacks.

Amy is the former vice president of the Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas (LMDA) Homestead Region and was a recipient of the LMDA Elliott Hayes Award for dramaturgy excellence for her contributions to the Alley Theatre's *The Exonerated Project*.

In addition to working as an educational consultant and workshop leader for the Houston Shakespeare Festival, Amy was an adjunct faculty member of the University of Houston School of Theatre & Dance and has been a guest lecturer at Rice University, Sam Houston State University, and Ohio University.

Among her favorite educational theatre experiences are the years she spent mentoring young playwrights as the Texas Thespian State Festival PlayFest dramaturg and as the director for the Alley Theatre's Houston Young Playwrights Exchange.

Amy received Master's Degrees in Secondary Education and Theatre History and Criticism from Ohio University.