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Education

Doctor of Musical Arts in Wind Conducting

August 2012

University of Kansas
Lawrence, KS

Master of Music Education

May 2010

Indiana University
Bloomington, IN

Bachelor of Music in Music Education

May 2004

Bowling Green State
University
Bowling Green, OH

Educational Employment

Associate Director of Bands Coordinator of Music Education

Assistant Chair (since 2019)
2016-present

Arkansas State
University
Jonesboro, AR

- Director of the A-State Symphonic Winds
- Instructor of graduate & undergraduate music education classes
 - Methods and Materials for Teaching Instrumental Music
 - Introduction to K-12 Music Education
- Co-advisor of 85 instrumental music education majors
- Instructor of graduate & undergraduate conducting
 - Elementary Conducting (1st level for all music majors)
 - Private undergraduate & graduate lessons
- Supervisor of student interns
- Guest Director of the A-State Wind Ensemble
- Faculty advisor of Collegiate NAfME
- Faculty advisor of Sigma Alpha Iota
- Active in department, college, and university level service through committee and committee leadership
- Active in recruitment & community outreach
 - Host a band director reading band event
 - Host a conductor's workshop
 - Host a marching band competition on campus
 - Host a yearly honor band for high school and junior high students
 - Offer professional development events for area teachers

Associate Director of Bands
Director of Athletic Bands
2012-2016

Arkansas State
University
Jonesboro, AR

- Director of the Sound of the Natural State Marching Band
- Director of the Howlers Basketball Bands & Volleyball Band
- Director of the A-State Symphonic Winds
- Taught graduate & undergraduate music education classes
- Instructor of graduate & undergraduate conducting
- Supervisor of student interns
- Planned and executed marching band and basketball band travel
- Grew the athletic band program and instrumental music education program so much that a new faculty line was created and my position was split in two

Assistant Director of Bands
2011-2012

Washburn University
Topeka, KS

- Director of the Washburn Marching Blues
- Director of the Men's and Women's Basketball Bands
- Assistant Director of the Wind Ensemble & University Band
- Instructor of Marching Band Pedagogy

Graduate Teaching Assistant
2010-2012

University of Kansas
Lawrence, KS

- Assistant for the Marching Jayhawks
- Associate Director of the Men's Basketball Band
- Associate Director of the Volleyball Band
- Conductor of the University of Kansas University Band
- Assistant Conductor of the Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Winds
- Instructor for undergraduate and graduate conducting classes

Director of Bands
2008-2010

Athens High School
The Plains, OH

- Conductor, three concert bands (1 High School, 2 Middle School)
- Director, competitive marching band
- Director, two jazz bands (1 High School, 1 Middle School)
- Conductor, pit orchestra
- Instructor of music theory
- Instructor of jazz improvisation

Associate Instructor of Marching Band Indiana University
2007-2008 Bloomington, IN

- Instructor for the piccolo and clarinet sections
- Oversaw woodwind drill rehearsals
- Assisted with game day and travel logistics for the band

Associate Instructor of Music Education Indiana University
2006-2008 Bloomington, IN

- Instructor of Band Methods
- Coordinator of the Young Winds of Indiana Program

Head Instrumental Music Director Admiral King
2004-2006 High School
Lorain, OH

- Conductor, two bands
- Conductor, full orchestra
- Director of a non-competitive marching band
- Director of jazz band and pit orchestra
- Assisted with band, orchestra, and jazz band at the middle school level
- Director of one elementary school band

Employment

Camp Administrator University of Kansas
Midwestern Music Camp Lawrence, KS
2011-present

Principal Clarinetist Blue Lake
Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp International Youth Orchestra Twin Lake, MI
2007

Second Clarinetist Firelands Symphony
2004-2006 Sandusky, OH

Creative Activities

Conducting Appearances:

- Arkansas State University Wind Ensemble-CBDNA 2020
Southwest Regional Conference, Norman, OK
- Arkansas State University Wind Ensemble 2019
 - March & November Concerts

- ASBOA Region I High School First Band
Maumelle, AR 2019
- ASBOA Region V Junior High School Second Band
Jonesboro, AR 2018
- Bowling Green State University Honor Band
Bowling Green State University 2018
- New Mexico State University Honor Band
New Mexico State University 2018
- Guest Conductor at Soochow University
Suzhou, China 2017
- Fulton County High School Honor Band
Atlanta, GA 2017
- ASBOA Region IX High School Second Band
Lake Hamilton, AR 2017
- Mid South Honor Band
Arkansas State University 2017
- Mid South Honor Band
Arkansas State University 2016
- ASBOA Region IV Second Senior High Band
Searcy, AR 2016
- West Tennessee 9-10 Red Honor Band
Memphis, TN 2016
- Topeka Youth Wind Symphony
Washburn University 2016
- A-State Conducting Colloquium
Arkansas State University 2015
- Mid South Honor Band
Arkansas State University 2015
- Chamblee High School Symphonic Band Camp
Chamblee, GA 2015
- Milton High School Symphonic Band Camp
Milton, GA 2015
- Poplar Bluff Concert Band Festival
Poplar Bluff, MO 2015
- Diamond Brass Band Music Director
Jonesboro, AR 2014-present
 - 1 winter concert and 1 spring concert per year
- UWM Middle School Honor Band Festival
Milwaukee, WI 2014
- Arkansas State University Wind Ensemble-CBDNA
Southwest Regional Conference, Fayetteville, AR 2014

- Region V Arkansas Band Directors Association
High School Level Honor Band 2014
- Washburn University Summer Music Camp
Middle Level Band 2013
- Mid South Honor Band
Arkansas State University 2013
- A-State Symphonic Winds
Arkansas State University 2012-present
 - 1 concert per fall and 2 concerts per spring
- Washburn University Wind Ensemble
CBDNA SW Regional Conference, San Antonio, TX 2012
- University of Central Missouri Conducting Workshop
University of Central Missouri 2012
- NE KMEA Middle Level Honor Band
Kansas City, KS 2011
- Conductor of Helianthus Contemporary Music Ensemble
Transparencies by Kip Haaheim-Lawrence, KS 2011
- Fountain City Brass Band Youth Academy
Mid-American Nazarene University 2011
- Washburn University Chamber Winds
Washburn University 2011
- Conductor of Helianthus Contemporary Music Ensemble
Pierrot Lunaire by Arnold Schoenberg-Lawrence, KS 2010
- Guest Conductor at Firestone High School
Akron, OH 2010
- Michigan State University Conducting Workshop
Michigan State University 2009
- Guest Conductor Firelands Symphony Orchestra
Sandusky, OH 2005 & 2006
- Bowling Green State University Summer Music
Bowling Green State University 2003 & 2004
- Bowling Green State University Clarinet Choir
Bowling Green State University 2002-2004

Clinic Appearances:

- Benton Middle School-Benton, AR 2019
- Rivercrest High School Band-Wilson, AR 2019
- Osceola High School Band-Osceola, AR 2019
- Greene County Tech High School-Paragould, AR 2019
- Riverview High School-Searcy, AR 2019
- Germantown Junior High School-Germantown, TN 2019

- Beebe Junior High School- Beebe, AR 2019
- Marion Junior High School- Marion, AR 2019
- Southside High School-Batesville, AR 2019
- Wynne High School- Wynne, AR 2019
- Valley View High School- Jonesboro, AR 2019
- Westside High School- Westside, AR 2019
- Annie Camp Junior High School-Jonesboro, AR 2019
- Jonesboro High School-Jonesboro, AR 2019
- Brookland High School-Brookland, AR 2019
- Brookland Junior High School-Brookland, AR 2019
- Valley View Junior High School-Jonesboro, AR 2019
- Valley View High School-Jonesboro, AR 2019
- MacArthur Junior High School-Jonesboro, AR 2019
- Norman High School-Norman, OK 2018
- MacArthur Junior High School-Jonesboro, AR 2018
- Greene County Tech Middle School-Paragould, AR 2018
- Wynne High School- Wynne, AR 2018
- Piggott High School-Piggott, AR 2018
- Rector High School-Rector, AR 2018
- Bay High School-Bay, AR 2018
- McCrory High School-McCrory, AR 2018
- Riverview High School-Searcy, AR 2018
- Forrest City High School-Forrest City, AR 2018
- West Memphis High School-West Memphis, AR 2018
- Valley View Junior High School-Jonesboro, AR 2018
- Annie Camp Junior High School-Jonesboro, AR 2018
- Corning High School- Corning, AR 2018
- Paragould High School-Paragould, AR 2018
- Cross County High School- Cherry Valley, AR 2018
- Batesville Junior High School-Batesville, AR 2018
- Jonesboro High School-Jonesboro, AR 2018
- Brookland High School-Brookland, AR 2018
- Valley View High School-Jonesboro, AR 2018
- Milton High School-Milton, GA 2017
- Greene County Tech SD-Paragould, AR 2017
- Annie Camp Jr High-Jonesboro, AR 2017
- West Memphis HS-West Memphis, AR 2017
- Corning High School-Corning, AR 2017
- Hoxie High School-Hoxie, AR 2017
- Bryant High School-Bryant, AR 2017

• Buffalo Island Central SD-Monette, AR	2017
• Cave City High School-Cave City, AR	2017
• Rivercrest High School-Wilson, AR	2017
• Blytheville High School-Blytheville, AR	2017
• Piggott High School-Piggott, AR	2017
• Nettleton High School-Jonesboro, AR	2017
• Paragould High School-Paragould, AR	2017
• Riverview High School-Searcy, AR	2017
• Salem High School-Salem, AR	2017
• Brookland High School -Brookland, AR	2017
• Osceola High School-Osceola, AR	2017
• Lake Cormorant HS-Lake Cormorant, MS	2017
• Valley View High School-Jonesboro, AR	2017
• Jonesboro High School-Jonesboro, AR	2017
• West Memphis High School-West Memphis, AR	2016
• West Side High School-Jonesboro, AR	2016
• Riverview High School-Searcy, AR	2016
• Rivercrest High School-Wilson, AR	2016
• Piggott High School- Piggott, AR	2016
• Nettleton High School-Jonesboro, AR	2016
• Mammoth Springs HS-Mammoth Springs, AR	2016
• Jonesboro High School-Jonesboro, AR	2016
• Greene County Tech SD-Paragould, AR	2016
• BIC SD-Monette, AR	2016
• Brookland High School -Brookland, AR	2016
• Bradford High School-Bradford, AR	2016
• Southside High School-Batesville, AR	2015
• Bryant High School-Bryant, AR	2015
• BIC SD-Monette, AR	2015
• Greene County Tech SD-Paragould, AR	2015
• Jonesboro High School-Jonesboro, AR	2015
• Lake Hamilton Middle-Lake Hamilton, AR	2015
• Marmaduke High School-Marmaduke, AR	2015
• Riverview High School-Searcy, AR	2015
• Brookland High School-Brookland, AR	2015
• Buffalo Island Central Schools-Monette, AR	2014
• Salem High School-Salem, AR	2014
• Greene County Tech H.S.-Paragould, AR	2014
• Piggott High School-Piggott, AR	2014
• Rivercrest High School-Wilson, AR	2014

- Tuckerman High School-Tuckerman, AR 2014
- Wonder Jr. High-West Memphis, AR 2014
- Buffalo Island Central SD-Monette, AR 2013
- Salem High School-Salem, AR 2013
- Milton High School-Milton, GA 2013
- Blytheville High School-Blytheville, AR 2013
- Hazen High School-Hazen, AR 2012
- Woodland High School-Stockbridge, GA 2008
- Norton High School-Norton, OH 2007

Presentations & Publications

- AMRO University Clinic, Memphis, TN: “Conducting Your Way to Better Classroom Management” 2020
- CBDNA Southwest Regional Conference, Norman, OK: “Connecting the Dots: A Cross Curricular Approach to Teaching Conducting and Music Education” 2020
- Arkansas All-State Clinic, Hot Springs, AR “Rehearsing Your Way Through the National Core Arts Standards” 2019
- Arkansas Music Educators Association, Little Rock, AR: “Path to Employment” 2019
- Arkansas All-State Clinic, Hot Springs, AR: “Young Band Director Panel Discussion” 2018
- AMRO University Clinic, Memphis, TN: “Conducting Your Way to Better Classroom Management” 2018
- *Smartmusic Blog*, “Rehearsing Your Way through the National Core Music Standards” Invited blog post for the Smartmusic website 2018
- The 71th Midwest Clinic, An International Band & Orchestra Conference, Chicago, IL: “Rehearsing Your Way Through the National Core Music Standards” 2017
- Arkansas All-State Clinic, Hot Springs, AR: “Make Them Earn Their A: Assessment for the Music Classroom” 2017

- Arkansas All-State Clinic, Hot Springs, AR: “Coffee Talk” 2017
- *Kansas Music Review*, “Utilizing the National Core Music Standards in Your Large Ensemble” Invited online article 2017
- Arkansas Music Educators Association Professional Conference, Hot Springs, AR: “Mock Interviews” 2016
- Arkansas Music Educators Association Professional Conference, Hot Springs, AR: “If I Knew then What I Know Now” 2016
- Young Musician’s Workshop, Arkansas State University: “Beginning Clarinet” 2016
- AMRO Back to School Clinic, Memphis, TN: “Conducting Your Way to Better Classroom Management” 2016
- AMRO University Clinic, Memphis, TN: “Conducting Your Way to Better Classroom Management” 2016
- CBDNA Southwest Regional Conference, Boulder, CO: “Trends in Education: The Impact on the Band Rooms of You, Your Students and Your Community” 2016
- *Segue*, “Utilizing the National Core Music Standards In Your Large Ensemble” Article for the official publication of the Arkansas Music Educators Association 2016
- *Music in a Minuet*, “Conducting Your Way through The New 2014 Music Standards” Invited blog post on the National Association for Music Education website 2016
- Young Musician’s Workshop, Arkansas State University: “Beginning Clarinet” 2015
- Arkansas Music Educators Association Professional Conference, Hot Springs, AR: “Ready, Set, Hired!” 2015

- Young Musician’s Workshop, Arkansas State University: “Beginning Clarinet” 2015
- ASBOA Region V Clinic, Jonesboro, AR: “Not Everyone Gets an A in Band, Assessment for Large Ensembles” 2015
- Tennessee Music Educators Association Conference, Memphis, TN: “Conducting Your Way to Better Classroom Management” 2015
- West Tennessee State Band and Orchestra Association Conference, Memphis, TN: “Conducting Your Way to Better Classroom Management” 2015
- CBDNA National Conference, Nashville, TN: “Perception Is Reality: Understanding the Working Relationship Between Universities and High School/ Junior High Instrumental Music Programs” 2015
- *Teaching Music Through Performance in Band*, volume 10, 2014: Chicago: GIA Publications, Selected pieces for Middle School Band 2014
- CBDNA Southwest Regional Conference, Fayetteville, AR: “Perception Is Reality: Understanding the Working Relationship Between Universities and High School/ Junior High Instrumental Music Programs” 2014
- Young Musician’s Workshop, Arkansas State University: “Beginning Clarinet” 2014
- Arkansas All-State Clinic, Hot Springs, AR: “Conducting Your Way to Better Classroom Management” 2014
- The 67th Midwest Clinic, An International Band & Orchestra Conference, Chicago, IL: “Conducting Your Way to Better Classroom Management” 2013
- The Instrumentalist, “To Affirm and Inspire: A Preview of the 2013 Midwest Clinic” Featured Abstract on Midwest Clinic Presentation 2013

- Young Musician’s Workshop, Arkansas State University: “Beginning Clarinet” 2013
- ASBOA Region V Clinic, Jonesboro, AR, “Repertoire For Small Bands” 2013
- Kansas Music Educators Association In Service Workshop, Wichita, KS: “Conducting Your Way to Better Classroom Management” 2013
- CBDNA Southwest Regional Conference, San Antonio, TX: “Joel Puckett’s *Avelynn’s Lullaby*, A Conductor’s Analysis” 2012
- Kansas Music Educators Association In Service Workshop, Wichita, KS: “The Marching Wind Ensemble” 2012
- *Teaching Music Through Performance in Band*, volume 9, 2011: Chicago: GIA Publications, Selected composers and their works for solo and band 2011
- Topeka School System Inservice, Washburn University: “Conducting for the Beginning Band and Orchestra Director” 2011
- Thompson Symposium, Penn State University: “The Musical Landscape of Popular Broadcast Television For Sex Role Associations, A Content Analysis” 2009
- Indiana Music Educators Association Conference, Indianapolis, IN: “Troubleshooting for the Clarinet” 2008

Commissioning Projects

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| • <i>Symphony No. 9</i> by James Barnes | In progress |
| • <i>Forever Radiant</i> by Aaron Perrine | 2018 |
| • <i>the field well</i> by Nick Omiccioli | 2017 |
| • <i>Winter Ricercar</i> by Kevin Walczyk | 2015 |
| • <i>Love</i> by Daniel McIntosh | 2015 |

Recordings

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| • Production Assistant for a currently untitled NAXOS recording by the University of Kansas Wind Ensemble | 2018 |
| • Production Assistant for “Of Shadow and Light” Wind Band Classic CD for the University of Kansas | 2016 |
| • Production Assistant for “Bliss”, a track by the University of Kansas Wind Ensemble on an CD of the Music of Michael Torke | 2013 |
| • Production Assistant for the NAXOS recording “Glass: Concerto Fantasy for 2 Timpanists and Fairouz: Symphony No. 4” by the University of Kansas Wind Ensemble | 2013 |
| • Production Assistant for the NAXOS recording “Landscapes” by the University of Kansas Wind Ensemble | 2012 |

Adjudication

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| • Greene Country Tech Pre-Assessment Concert-Paragould, AR | 2020 |
| • Jonesboro Pre-Assessment Concert-Jonesboro, AR | 2020 |
| • Southside Batesville Pre-Assessment Concert-Batesville, AR | 2020 |
| • ASBOA Region I Marching Assessment-Benton, AR | 2019 |
| • Washington State University Marching Competition-Putnam, WA | 2019 |
| • Mid-South Marching Classic-Jonesboro, AR | 2019 |

- West Memphis Marching Competition-West Memphis, AR 2019
- Region V Solo and Ensemble Competition-Highland, AR 2019
- Paragould Pre Assessment Concert- Paragould, AR 2018
- Jonesboro Pre Assessment Concert-Jonesboro, AR 2018
- ZIA Marching Competition-Albuquerque, NM 2018
- Mid-South Marching Classic-Jonesboro, AR 2018
- Arkansas Intercollegiate Band-Hot Springs, AR 2018
- Arkansas Intercollegiate Band-Hot Springs, AR 2017
- Southside Pre Assessment Concert- Batesville, AR 2017
- Paragould Pre Assessment Concert- Paragould, AR 2017
- Jonesboro Pre Assessment Concert-Jonesboro, AR 2017
- Mid South Marching Classic-Jonesboro, AR 2017
- Jonesboro Pre Assessment Concert-Jonesboro, AR 2016
- Mid South Marching Classic-Jonesboro, AR 2016
- Red Skin Class-Pocahontas, Arkansas 2016
- Fox HS Marching Contest-Arnold, Missouri 2015
- Red Skin Class-Pocahontas, Arkansas 2015
- West Memphis Marching Class-West Memphis, Arkansas 2014
- Festival of Champions-University of Central Missouri 2013
- Capital City Marching Festival- Washburn University 2011
- Centennial Marching Festival- Topeka School System 2011
- CBDNA Intercollegiate Band Chair Placement 2011
- OMEA District 17 High School Band 2009

Drill Designs

- Harrisburg High School-Harrisburg, AR 2019
- Valley View High School-Jonesboro, AR 2019
- Walnut Ridge High School-Walnut Ridge, AR 2019
- Norman High School-Norman, OK 2019
- Wynne High School-Wynne, AR 2019
- Andale High School- Andale, KS 2019
- Parkers Chapel High School-Parkers Chapel, AR 2019
- Rector High School-Rector, AR 2019
- Brookland High School-Brookland, AR 2019
- Harrisburg High School -Harrisburg, AR 2018
- Brookland High School-Brookland, AR 2018
- Andale High School- Andale, KS 2018
- Norman High School-Norman, OK 2018
- Valley View High School- Jonesboro, AR 2018
- Piggott High School- Piggott, AR 2018
- Walnut Ridge High School- Walnut Ridge, AR 2018

- Wynne High School- Wynne, AR 2018
- A-State Marching Band- Jonesboro, AR 2012-2015 & 2017
- Washburn University- Topeka, KS 2011
- University of Kansas- Lawrence, KS 2011
- Admiral King High School- Lorain, OH 2004-2005

Performance Opportunities

- Jonesboro High School Pit Orchestra-Clarinet & Saxophone 2020
- Delta Symphony Orchestra-Principal Clarinet 2020
- Delta Symphony Orchestra-Principal Clarinet 2019
- Delta Symphony Orchestra-Principal Clarinet 2018
- Jonesboro High School Pit Orchestra- Clarinet, Sax, Flute 2017
- First Baptist Church- Clarinet 2016-2018
- Delta Symphony Orchestra- Eb Clarinet & Percussion 2016
- First United Methodist Church- Soprano & Clarinet 2014-2015
- Young Musician's Workshop Faculty Recital-Clarinet 2014
- Young Musician's Workshop Faculty Recital-Clarinet 2013
- Washburn Summer Music Camp Faculty Recital-Clarinet 2013
- Lawrence City Band: Lawrence, KS- Clarinet 2011-2012
- KU Jazz Band 2: Lawrence, KS- Alto Sax 2 2011
- Athens Berean Community Players: Athens, OH
actor, singer, pit musician 2009-2010
- Under the Elms City Band: Athens, OH- Clarinet 2008-2010
- Southern Indiana Wind Ensemble: Bloomington, IN 2007-2008
- KU Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Bloomington, IN- Alto 2008
- IU Concert Band: Bloomington, IN- Principal Clarinet 2006-2008
- Patriot Band: Avon Lake, OH- Clarinet 2004-2006
- BGSU Wind Ensemble: Bowling Green, OH-
Principal Clarinet & Clarinet 2001-2004
- BGSU Jazz Band 1: Bowling Green, OH- Lead Alto Sax 2001-2002
- Falcon Marching Band: Bowling Green, OH- Alto Sax 2000-2001
- BGSU Jazz Band 2: Bowling Green, OH- Lead Alto Sax 2000
- BGSU Symphonic Band: Bowling Green, OH-
Principal Clarinet 2000

Associations

- College Band Directors National Association 2011-present
- President of the Arkansas Chapter 2016-2018
- Vice President of the Arkansas Chapter 2014-2016
- Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Association 2012-present
- Arkansas Music Educators Association 2012-present
- Collegiate Chair 2015-2019
- Kansas Music Educators Association 2011-2013
- National Band Association 2009-2012

- College Music Society 2010-2013
- Ohio Music Educators Association 2000-2006 & 2008-2010
- National Association for Music Education 2000-present
- Indiana Music Educators Association 2006-2010
- Sigma Alpha Iota active 2002-2004, currently alumni member
- Tau Beta Sigma active 2000-2002, currently honorary member

Awards

- Sun Belt Basketball Tournament Pep Band Award 2018
- Who's Who of American Women 2005
- Mark S. Kelly University Band Award 2003
- Music Education Talent Award 2003
- Brecklen Foundation Instrumental Scholarship 2003
- Richard and Annette Ecker Scholarship 2003
- University Professors' Scholarship 2000-2004
- Ohio Board of Regents Scholarship 2000-2004
- Ohio Collegiate Music Educators Association 2001
- Outstanding Freshman Bandswoman Award 2001

