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EDUCATION

Kansas State University
Manhattan, Kansas (2018-2021)
Doctor of Philosophy: Curriculum & Instruction

Kansas State University
Manhattan, Kansas (2012-2016)
Bachelor of Arts: Music

University College Dublin
Dublin, Ireland (2016-2017)
Master of Musicology: Ethnomusicology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Associate Director of Bands/Director of Athletic Bands (July 2024-present)

ATHLETIC BANDS

- Direct the Sound of the Natural State Marching Band
 - Write all pregame and halftime drill
 - Organize Band Day with over 500 high school participants
 - Custom music arrangements
 - Organize & plan all trips and events
 - Organize a marching competition hosting 30 high school bands
 - Created first ever Friday Night Hype Band coordinating with local restaurants
- Direct two Basketball Bands & organize tournament travel
 - Organize/plan a trip to the Sun Belt Conference, NIT, & NCAA Tournaments
- Direct the Volleyball Band & train graduate students in conducting athletic bands
- Assist with recruitment, retention, and fundraising
- Create merchandise for The Sound of the Natural State Marching Band
- Tau Beta Sigma Faculty Sponsor

CONCERT BANDS/TEACHING

- Conduct Concert Band made up of 95% non-music majors
- Teach Marching Band Methods
- Teach Graduate-level independent study on drill-writing and music arranging

DORDT UNIVERSITY

Assistant Director of Instrumental Ensembles (Jan 2022-May 2024)

- Direct the Campus-Community Band, a blend of students and community members
- Work closely with the Director of Instrumental Ensembles to organize scholarships and recruitment
- Assist with organizing/conducting for the Annual Honor Band weekend & Bi-Annual Band Festival

TEACHING EXPERIENCE CONT.

DORDT UNIVERSITY Cont.

Director of the Defender Band (2022-2024)

Began the first official athletic band at Dordt University

- Organization and management of personnel, budget, inventory, & scholarships
- Work closely with athletics & cheer coach to arrange the addition of the band to sporting events
- Coordinate scholarship details with the music department, athletic department, financial aid, and Vice President

SIOUX CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Band/Choir Director & Music Teacher (Aug 2021-May 2024)

5th – 8th Grade Band & Choir Director

Drum Line Director (first for the school)

Jazz Band Director

General Music Teacher

Chapel Music Coordinator

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2018-2021)

ATHLETIC BANDS

Kansas State University Marching Band – Graduate Assistant

- Graduate Assistant Drill Writer
 - Creator of 5 shows, some of which involved 400 college marching band members, 100 alumni, 160 high school students, and military band personnel
 - Editor of 2 shows for 400 college marching band members
- Central States Marching Festival – Graduate Assistant Coordinator
- Coordinate with 35+ local businesses dealing with contracts, scheduling, and payments

Basketball & Volleyball Pep Band – Graduate Assistant Conductor

- Director for the Men's & Women's Tournaments
- Volleyball Lead director, audition and select student members, manage travel, administrative tasks

Pub Crawl Pep Bands –Conductor/Organizer

- Lead director, audition and select student members, manage & organize performances

RECRUITING/FUNDRAISING

- Manage social media presence for the entire Kansas State University Band department
- Assisted in the development and establishment of a recruiting system state-wise and nationally
 - Assisted with creating new recruitment materials
- Organize Band Ambassadors – students selected to recruit at University functions
- Graduate Assistant Coordinator for fundraising within the Band program
- Assisted with the coordination of side-by-side concerts to bring local high school bands to campus

TEACHING EXPERIENCE CONT.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY Cont.

CONDUCTING

Wind Ensemble – Graduate Assistant Conductor

- Conductor of the Premiere Performance of Aaron Perrine’s Chamber work, *Forever Radiant*
- Assist with conducting rehearsals, sectionals, & performances as needed

Concert Band – Graduate Assistant Conductor

- Organize auditions, select literature, create programs, organize rehearsals & performances

University Band – Graduate Assistant Coordinator & Conducting Coach

- Conducting coach for undergraduate Music Education student conductors
- Organize auditions, select literature, create programs, organize rehearsals & performances

Woodwind & Brass Ensemble – Graduate Assistant Conductor

- Select literature, create programs, organize rehearsals & performances

Beginner & Advanced Conducting Classes – Graduate Assistant Conducting Coach

- Assist undergraduates in learning and developing conducting skills

Manhattan Municipal Band (summer community band) – Graduate Assistant Conductor

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant Coordinator for K-State Summer Camps

- Leadership & Auxiliary Camp: Organize, manage, and teach 70+ high school drum majors
- Summer Music Camp: Organize and manage 200+ middle school and high school students

Graduate Assistant Coordinator for Concert Band Clinic

- 7 honor bands, 7 guest conductors, 800+ high school students & directors

Conductor of the Summer Boy’s State Pep Band

- Select literature, organize rehearsals & performance at the end of the camp

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Clinician at Gosnell Small Marching Band Competition

Gosnell, AR (Fall 2024, 2025)

Adjudicator at Rivercrest Marching Band Competition

Rivercrest, AR (Fall 2025)

Mid-South Honor Band Clinician

Arkansas State University (Spring 2025)

Musical Director/Founder for Grind City Brass Band

Memphis, TN (Summer 2024-present)

Adjudicator/Clinician – Central States Marching Band Festival

Kansas State University (Fall 2024, 2022 & 2021)

Guest Conductor of Wind Symphony Iowa Bandmasters Association Conference Performance

Dordt University (Spring 2024)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CONT.

Horn line and Visual Technician

MOC-FV High School Marching Band (Fall 2023 & 2022)

Dordt High School Honor Band Conductor

Dordt University (Spring 2022 & 2023)

Drill Writer – Winfield High School (Fall 2022 & 2021)

Adjudicator – Aria and Concerto Competition

South Dakota State University (Fall 2021)

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDER – ABA INTERVENTIONIST

Integrated Behavioral Technologies, (March 2018 – July 2019)

- Work one-on-one with students with autism
 - Develop social awareness and behavior
 - Assist with learning and athletic activities in the schools
 - Work closely with colleagues for continual learning and training

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

Graduate Teaching Assistant (Sept. 2016 – Dec. 2016) Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland

- POPULAR MUSIC – Lead Instructor: Dr. Jamie Jones

PRINCIPAL BASSOONIST: SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Including performances in Ireland and Belgium

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

BASSOONIST IN NORTHWEST IOWA

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (Fall 2021–Spring 2024)

BASSOONIST IN COMMUNITY BAND

Manhattan Municipal Band (Summer 2018 & 2019)

PRINCIPAL BASSOONIST IN WIND ENSEMBLE

Kansas State University (Spring 2018)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

NAfME, CBDNA

AND WE WERE HEARD

Representative (2021)

TAU BETA SIGMA

(Faculty Sponsor)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Leadership Development in Musicians
- Purpose/History of Athletic Bands
- Psychology of Music
- Effects/Learning of Music in Individuals with Autism