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Education

- University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory, Kansas City, MO** *May 2016*
Doctor of Musical Arts in Conducting
- The Hartt School, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT** *May 2010*
Master of Music Education, Wind Conducting Emphasis
- Columbia University Teachers College, New York, NY** *May 2007*
Master of Arts in Music and Music Education
- Crane School of Music, State University of New York, Potsdam, NY** *December 2002*
Bachelor of Music Education

Professional Experience

- Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas** *Fall 2016-present*
Director of Instrumental Music, Assistant Professor of Music

Accomplishments:

- Increased Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra enrollment 100% since Fall 2016
- Increased Bethel College Wind Ensemble enrollment 33% since Fall 2016
- Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra selected to perform at the 2018 Kansas Music Educators Association Conference (first time in school history)
- Bethel College Wind Ensemble selected to perform at the 2018 Kansas Music Educators Association Conference

Teaching Responsibilities:

- Teach courses in the music, music education, and general education curricula:
 - Undergraduate Conducting (MUS 314)
 - Instrumental Materials and Methods (MUS 454)
 - Music of the Beatles (MUS305— online course)
 - Meet the Beatles (MUS105)
 - Composition (MUS 330)
 - Music Theory I (MUS 113)
 - Music Theory II (MUS 114)
 - Aural Skills I (MUS 115)
 - Beginning Techniques in Brass and Woodwind Instruments (MUS 263)
 - Musical Director for Bethel Musical Theater productions
 - *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Spring 2017)
 - *Godspell* (Fall 2017)

Administrative Duties:

- Manage and budget for Bethel College Instrumental Music program, including purchasing, rental and maintenance of instruments and sheet music
- Coordinator of Music Department's annual *Masterworks* and *Messiah-Sing* performances
- Host and administrator of annual Bethel College High School Honor Band and Orchestra Festival
 - Provide selected high school students in the region with an opportunity to rehearse and perform with renowned conductors and clinicians on the Bethel College campus
 - Guest conductors include:
 - Glen Adsit, Director of Bands, The Hartt School
 - Edward Cumming, Director of Orchestras, The Hartt School
 - Steven Davis, Director of Bands, UMKC
 - Matthew Forte, Director of Orchestras, University of Toledo
 - Damon Talley, Director of Bands, Louisiana State University
- Coordinate on-campus masterclasses
 - Guest Artists include:
 - Armida Quartet
 - Brett Hodge, Principal Horn, Omaha Symphony
 - Trevor Stewart, Principal Clarinet, Wichita Symphony
 - Michael Shults, Assistant Professor of Saxophone, University of Memphis
 - Sybarite 5

Performance Collaborations:

- Soyoun Chun, Associate Professor of Voice, Bethel College
- Seth Girton, Instructor of Cello, Bethel College
- Derek Jenkins, Assistant Professor of Composition, Arkansas State University
- Nancy Johnson, Principal Second Violin, Wichita Symphony
- John McCabe-Juhnke, Director of Theater, Bethel College
- Rosa Lee, Assistant Professor of Piano, Bethel College (Performance at 2018 KMEA State Conference)
- Peter Meechan, Guest Composer
- Cait Nishimura, Guest Composer
- Joseph Parisi, University of Missouri-Kansas City
- Karen Schlabaugh, Professor Emeritus of Piano, Bethel College

Commissions and Consortia:

- 2017: Zhou Long, *Concerto for Wind Ensemble* (consortium member)
- 2018: Ted King Smith, *Reflections on Green and Gold* (commission)
- 2019: Daniel Morel, *Flint Shards* (consortium member)
- 2020: Michael Gandolfi, *TBA* (consortium member)

Service to Bethel College:

- Nominated by faculty to serve on committee with college president and board members to redesign a new mission, vision, and value set for Bethel College
- Faculty Secretary (Elected by faculty body)
- Member of search committees for Assistant Professor of Piano, and Executive Director of the Bethel College Academy of the Performing Arts
- Member of Fall 2017 Orientation Committee
- Advisor to the Board, Bethel College Academy of the Performing Arts
- Interim Director of 2017 Musical Theater Production

Service to the Community:

- Board member, Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts Series
- Board member, Newton-Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra

University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory, Kansas City, Missouri
Graduate Teaching Assistant- Bands at the Conservatory

2013–2016

Conducting/Teaching Responsibilities:

- Conservatory Wind Symphony
- Conservatory Wind Symphony Chamber Players
- Conservatory Wind Ensemble
- Assistant Director of UMKC Basketball Band (“The Mob”)
- Instructor for Woodwind Techniques and Pedagogy (CONS 238)
- Teaching Assistant for undergraduate conducting courses (CONS 381 / 383)
- Guest conductor, Musica Nova (contemporary music ensemble)

Administrative Responsibilities:

- Coordinator for annual Midwest Honor Band and Orchestra Festival (350 middle and high school student participants)
- Coordinator for annual Kansas City Conducting Symposium
- Assistant Producer for UMKC Wind Symphony recording with PRISM Saxophone Quartet (October 2015)
- Coordinator for UMKC Conservatory Wind Symphony Chamber Players tour of China, including performance at the 2014 Beijing Modern Music Festival
- Administrator for College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA) Southwestern Division Conference in Fayetteville, AR (March 2014)
- Winds and Percussion music librarian and logistical coordinator

Youth Symphony of Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri
Symphony Orchestra Conducting Fellow

2013–2016

Conducting/Teaching Responsibilities:

- Rehearsal assistant and sectional conductor of the Symphony Orchestra (premier ensemble of the organization), and assistant conductor for:
- Multiple side-by-side concerts with Kansas City Symphony
- Tour of Ireland (June 2016)
- Performance at The Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, Chicago, IL (December 2014)
- Performance at Kansas Music Educators Association State Conference (February 2014)

Hudson Valley Chamber Winds & Strings, Washingtonville, NY
Founder & Music Director

2010–2014

Conducting and Administrative Responsibilities:

- Conducted, mixed-chamber ensemble comprised of musicians from the West Point Band, Albany Symphony, Juilliard, Manhattan School of Music, Yale University, and The Hartt School
- Conductor and administrator for all concerts and events
- Ensemble selected to perform at the 2012 College Band Directors National Association Eastern Division Conference— Indiana, PA (March 2012)

- Critics labeled HVCW as, “virtuosic,” and “a remarkable group that merits broader attention,” noting their, “solid confidence and sonorous results” (Times-Herald Record)
- Developed outreach programs that resulted in collaborations with the Hudson Valley (NY) Food Bank, and the Washingtonville (NY) School District Band Program
- Commissioned and premiered new works:
 - 2012 Jess Langston Turner: *Chamber Concerto fo Soprano Saxophone and Chamber Winds* (commission)
 - 2012- Lior Navok: *Tetris* (US Premiere)

University of Hartford- The Hartt School, West Hartford, CT
Graduate Teaching Assistant- Wind Conducting

2008–2010

Conducting/Teaching Responsibilities:

- Hartt Wind Ensemble
- Hartt Symphony Band
- Hartt Chamber Winds
- Assistant Conductor of the Greater Hartford Youth Wind Ensemble
- Recording Assistant for Hartt Wind Ensemble’s album for NAXOS Label, *Dragon Rhyme*
- Teaching Assistant for undergraduate conducting courses
- Assistant Director of the University of Hartford Basketball Band
 - Led basketball band during tour to NCAA Division I Women’s Tournament

Clinician & Adjudication Experience

<i>Judge:</i> Kansas Large Ensemble Festival; Wichita, KS	<i>April 2019</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Newton High School Orchestras; Newton, KS	<i>March 2019</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Newton High School Band; Newton, KS	<i>March 2019</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Eisenhower High School Wind Ensemble; Goddard, KS	<i>March 2019</i>
<i>Judge:</i> Patriot League Large Ensemble Festival; Wichita, KS	<i>March 2019</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Newton High School Orchestras; Newton, KS	<i>March 2019</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Goessel High School Wind Ensemble; Goessel, KS	<i>January 2019</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Eisenhower High School Wind Ensemble; Goddard, KS	<i>December 2018</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Smokey Valley High School Orchestra; Lindsborg, KS	<i>November 2018</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> McPherson High School Orchestra; McPherson, KS	<i>November 2018</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Shawnee Mission South High School Orchestras; Shawnee Mission, KS	<i>October 2018</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> El Dorado High School Orchestra; El Dorado, KS	<i>October 2018</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Newton High School Orchestras; Newton, KS	<i>October 2018</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Liberty North High School Orchestra; Liberty, MO	<i>October 2018</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Shawnee Mission North High School Orchestras; Shawnee Mission, KS	<i>September 2018</i>
<i>Judge:</i> Kansas Large Ensemble Festival; Wichita, KS	<i>April 2018</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Buhler High School Wind Ensemble; Buhler, KS	<i>April 2018</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Council Grove High School Band; Council Grove, KS	<i>April 2018</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Hesston High School Band; Hesston, KS	<i>April 2018</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Newton High School Orchestras; Newton, KS	<i>April 2018</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Nickerson High School Band; Nickerson, KS	<i>April 2018</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Eisenhower High School Orchestra; Goddard, KS	<i>March 2018</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Eisenhower High School Wind Ensemble; Goddard, KS	<i>March 2018</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Goddard High School Wind Ensemble; Goddard, KS	<i>March 2018</i>
<i>Clinician:</i> Central Community High School Band; Breese, IL	<i>March 2018</i>

<i>Clinician:</i> Mater Dei High School Band; Fairview Heights, IL	March 2018
<i>Clinician:</i> O'Fallon Township High School Freshman Band; O'Fallon, IL	March 2018
<i>Clinician:</i> Carlyle High School Concert Band; Carlyle, IL	March 2018
<i>Clinician:</i> Mascoutah High School Wind Ensemble; Mascoutah, IL	March 2018
<i>Clinician:</i> Central Community High School Band; Breese, IL	March 2018
<i>Clinician:</i> District 12 Middle School Band; Breese, IL	March 2018
<i>Clinician:</i> Aviston Middle School Band; Aviston, IL	March 2018
<i>Clinician:</i> Eisenhower High School Wind Ensemble; Goddard, KS	December 2017
<i>Clinician:</i> Hesston High School Band; Hesston, KS	November 2017
<i>Judge:</i> Kansas Large Ensemble Festival; Smokey Valley, KS	April 2017
<i>Clinician:</i> Eisenhower High School Wind Ensemble; Goddard, KS	April 2017
<i>Judge:</i> Wichita City Orchestra Festival; Wichita, KS	March 2017
<i>Clinician:</i> Hesston High School Band; Hesston, KS	March 2017
<i>Clinician:</i> Goessel High School Wind Ensemble; Goessel, KS	February 2017
<i>Clinician:</i> Newton High School Orchestra; Newton, KS	February 2017
<i>Clinician:</i> Wichita East High School Orchestra; Wichita, KS	January 2017
<i>Clinician:</i> Eisenhower High School Wind Ensemble; Goddard, KS	January 2017
<i>Clinician:</i> Liberty High School Orchestra; Liberty, MO	December 2016
<i>Clinician:</i> McPherson High School Wind Ensemble; McPherson, KS	November 2016
<i>Clinician:</i> Newton High School Wind Ensemble; Newton, KS	October 2016
<i>Clinician:</i> Eisenhower High School Wind Ensemble; Goddard, KS	September 2016
<i>Clinician:</i> McLouth High School Band; McLouth, KS	April 2016
<i>Clinician:</i> Bishop Miege High School Band; Kansas City, MO	April 2014
<i>Clinician:</i> Suffern High School Wind Ensemble; Suffern, NY	March 2011

Notable Performances

- The Hartt Wind Ensemble, West Hartford, CT April 2020
Guest Conductor: Performance for The Hartt School Centennial
- The Midwest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Conference, Chicago, IL December 2018
Conducting Fellow: Inaugural H. Robert Reynolds Conducting Institute
- Members of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra and Bethel College Concert Choir May 2018
Conductor: Performance of J.S. Bach's *Magnificat*, BWV 243
- Kansas Music Educators Association State Convention, Wichita, KS February 2018
Conductor: Bethel College Wind Ensemble
- Kansas Music Educators Association State Convention, Wichita, KS February 2018
Conductor: Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra
First KMEA performance in school history
- University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory Chamber Players April 2016
Conductor: Performance of *Siegfried Idyll* by Richard Wagner
- University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory Musica Nova May 2015
Conductor: World Premiere of *Chamber Concerto for Alto Saxophone* by David Stock
 - Zachary Shemon, soloist (Alto Saxophone, PRISM Quartet)
- University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory Chamber Players December 2014
Conductor: Performance of *La Création du monde*, Op. 81a by Darius Milhaud
- University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory Chamber Players May 2014
Conductor: World Premiere of *Echoes of Silence* by Narong Prangcharoen

- Juilliard Orchestra, New York, NY *February 2013*
Clarinetist: John Corigliano Birthday Concert, Marin Alsop, conductor
- College Band Directors National Association East Division Conference, Indiana, PA *March 2012*
Conductor: Hudson Valley Chamber Winds
- Hudson Valley Chamber Winds *October 2010*
Conductor: Premiere Performance, Washingtonville, NY
- The Hartt Wind Ensemble, Glen Adsit, conductor *May 2010*
Clarinetist: Performance in Carnegie Hall
- National Collegiate Wind Ensemble, H. Robert Reynolds, conductor *May 2010*
Clarinetist: Performance in Carnegie Hall

Guest Conducting Experience

- Nebraska Wind Symphony, Omaha, NE *February 2020*
 Newton-Mid Kansas Symphony Orchestra, Newton, KS (Music Director Finalist) *October 2019*
 Newton-Mid Kansas Symphony Orchestra, Newton, KS *April 2019*
 Kansas City (MO) Metro Honorable Mention Band *December 2018*
 South Central Kansas Music Educators Association 5/6 High School Honor Band *December 2018*
 Pioneer League Middle School Honor Band *November 2018*
 Heart of the Plains League High School Honor Band *November 2018*
 Clinton County (IL) High School Honor Band *March 2018*
 Newton Youth Orchestra, Newton, KS *August 2017*
 Cortlandt Chamber Orchestra, Croton, NY (New Year's Gala) *January 2014*
 Kansas City Clarinet Festival Clarinet Choir, Kansas City, MO *November 2013*
 Hartford Independent Chamber Orchestra, Hartford, CT *November 2012*
 Temple University Chamber Winds, Philadelphia, PA *June 2012*
 Newburgh All-District Orchestra, Newburgh, NY *May 2012*
 Rockland County (NY) Senior High All-County Band, Nanuet, NY *February 2009*

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

- College Band Directors National Association National Conference, Phoenix, AZ** *February 2019*
Presentation: "Strings? In a Wind Ensemble? Expanding the Wind Ensemble Repertoire for the Next Generation"
- CBDNA Southwest Division Conference, Houston, TX** *March 2018*
Presentation: "Strings? In a Wind Ensemble? Expanding the Wind Ensemble Repertoire for the Next Generation"
- Connecticut Music Educators Association State Conference, Hartford, CT** *April 2017*
Presentation: "Enhanced Score Study for Better Ensemble Rehearsals"
- Kansas Music Educators Association State Conference, Wichita, KS** *February 2017*
Presentation: "Enhanced Score Study for Better Ensemble Rehearsals"
- College Band Directors National Association National Conference, Nashville, TN** *March 2015*
Presentation: "Stanislaw Skrowaczewski's Music for Winds"

Ensemble Experience

<i>Clarinet</i> , Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra, Newton, KS	2017–present
<i>Clarinet, Guitar</i> , UMKC Wind Symphony, Kansas City, MO	2013–2016
<i>Clarinet</i> , Juilliard Orchestra, New York, NY	2013
<i>Principal Clarinet</i> , Bergen Symphony Orchestra, Englewood, NJ	2012–2013
<i>Clarinet</i> , New York Wind Symphony, Central Valley, NY	2003–2013
<i>Tenor</i> , Asylum Hill Congregational Church Choir, Hartford, CT	2012–2013
<i>Tenor</i> , Hartford Symphony Choir; Hartford, CT	2012
<i>Clarinet, Bass Clarinet</i> , The Hartt School Wind Ensemble, West Hartford, CT	2012, 2008–2010
<i>Principal Clarinet</i> , Westchester Music Educators Wind Ensemble, Lakewood, NY	2011–2012
<i>Clarinet</i> , Cortlandt Chamber Orchestra, Croton, NY	2011
<i>Clarinet</i> , National Collegiate Wind Ensemble, New York, NY	2010
<i>Clarinet</i> , Hartford Pops Band, Hartford, CT	2010
<i>Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Guitar</i> , The Hartt School Symphony Band, West Hartford, CT	2008–2010
<i>Clarinet</i> , The Hartt School Chamber Music, West Hartford, CT	2008–2010
<i>Clarinet</i> , Downtown Symphony, New York, NY	2006
<i>Clarinet</i> , Putnam Chorale, Carmel, NY	2004

Additional Teaching Experience

Jumoke Academy at the Hartford Conservatory , <i>Hartford, CT</i>	2012–2013
• Created, planned and implemented the inaugural band program (grades 4-7)	
Newburgh Enlarged School District , <i>Newburgh, NY</i>	2011–2012
• Taught instrumental music (grades 4-5), and general music (grades 5-8)	
Ramapo Central School District , <i>Suffern, NY</i>	2010–2011
• Taught instrumental music (grades 4-5), and general music (grades K, 2, 3)	
Ramapo Central School District , <i>Suffern, NY</i>	2007–2008
• Taught instrumental music (grades 4-5)	
Washingtonville Central School District , <i>Washingtonville, NY</i>	2003–2007
• Taught instrumental music (grade 5)	
• Odyssey of the Mind Coach	
• NYSUT-Trained Mentor Teacher	
• Sponsored student teacher from SUNY Potsdam	
South Orangetown Central School District , <i>Blauvelt, NY</i>	2003
• Taught vocal music (grades 6-8), and general music (grades 2, 3, 7, 8)	

Certifications and Affiliations

- New York State Permanent Teaching Certification, K-12 Music
- Professional Affiliations: NAFME, CBDNA, Kansas Music Educators Association, Kansas Bandmasters Association