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Education

University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music & Dance Kansas City, MO
Doctor of Musical Arts in Conducting May 2016
Conducting Professors: Steven D. Davis, Dr. Joseph Parisi

University of Hartford — The Hartt School West Hartford, CT
Master of Music Education, Wind Conducting Emphasis May 2010
Conducting Professor: Glen Adsit

Columbia University — Teachers College New York, NY
Master of Arts in Music & Music Education May 2007
Conducting Professor: Dr. Dino Anagnost

State University of New York at Potsdam — Crane School of Music Potsdam, NY
Bachelor of Music Education December 2002
Conducting Professors: Dr. Timothy Topolewski, Dr. Michael Schaff

Professional Experience

SUNY New Paltz | *Instrumental Ensemble Conductor, Assistant Professor of Music* | Fall 2020 — present

Teaching Responsibilities

- Conductor, SUNY New Paltz Symphonic Band Conductor
- Conductor, SUNY New Paltz Orchestra
- Create and teach “Creativity in Music Education” (MUS493), Spring 2021

Administrative Duties and Accomplishments

- Area Head for Woodwind, Brass and Percussion Studies
- Coordinate with university administration on protocols for playing music in-person during COVID-19 pandemic
- Devise new recruitment strategies for the music department, including virtual masterclasses, and outreach opportunities
- Develop new Master of Music Education program (slated to start in 2022/23)

Bethel College (KS) | *Director of Instrumental Music, Assistant Professor of Music* | Fall 2016 — Spring 2020

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:

- Music Director, Bethel College Wind Ensemble
- Music Director, Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra
- Teach courses in the music, music education, and general education curricula:
 - Meet the Beatles (MUS105)
 - Music Theory I (MUS 113)
 - Music Theory II (MUS 114)
 - Aural Skills I (MUS 115)
 - Beginning Techniques in Brass and Woodwind Instruments (MUS 263)
 - Music of the Beatles (MUS305— online course)

- Conducting (MUS 314)
- Composition (MUS 330)
- Instrumental Materials and Methods (MUS 454)
- 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
- Initiated outreach/recruitment opportunities with local schools, including side-by-side performances, visiting performances and guest artist residencies

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, Associate Director of Bands, *University of Missouri-Kansas City*
- Karen Schlaubaugh, 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
- Elected by faculty body to serve as Faculty Secretary
- 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, Spring 2018
- Interim Director of Spring 2017 Musical Theater Production

Service to the Community:

- Board member, Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts Series, 2016-2020
- Board member, Newton-Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra, 2017-2019

UMKC Conservatory of Music & Dance | *Adjunct Professor* | Summer 2019

- Taught “Wind Band Repertoire and Rehearsal Approaches” (CONS 5586) during UMKC Summer Master of Music Education program

UMKC Conservatory of Music & Dance | *Graduate Teaching Assistant* | 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 (MO) | *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 at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania (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 (CT) | *Graduate Teaching Assistant* | 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

K-12 Teaching Experience

Jumoke Academy at the Hartford Conservatory (CT) | *Band Teacher* | 2012 — 2013

- Created, planned and implemented the inaugural band program (grades 4-7)

Newburgh Enlarged School District (NY) | *Orchestra & General Music Teacher* | 2011 — 2012

- Taught beginning orchestra (grades 4-5), and middle school general music (grades 5-8)

Ramapo Central School District (NY) | *Band, Orchestra & General Music Teacher* | 2010 — 2011, 2007 — 2008

- Taught instrumental music (grades 4-5), and general music (grades K, 2, 3)

Washingtonville Central School District (NY) | *Band Teacher* | 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 (NY) | *Vocal and General Music Teacher* | Spring 2003

- Leave Replacement position teaching vocal music (grades 6-8), and general music (grades 2, 3, 7, 8)

Clinician & Adjudication Experience

Oakland University Trumpet Studio (Oakland, MI) <i>Clinician</i>	October 2020
Newton High School Orchestras (KS) <i>Clinician</i>	October 2019
Kansas Large Ensemble Festival (Wichita, KS) <i>Adjudicator</i>	April 2019
Newton High School Orchestras (KS) <i>Clinician</i>	March 2019
Newton High School Band (KS) <i>Clinician</i>	March 2019
Eisenhower High School Wind Ensemble (KS) <i>Clinician</i>	March 2019
Patriot League Large Ensemble Festival (KS) <i>Adjudicator</i>	March 2019
Newton High School Orchestras (KS) <i>Clinician</i>	March 2019
Goessel High School Wind Ensemble (KS) <i>Clinician</i>	January 2019
Eisenhower High School Wind Ensemble (KS) <i>Clinician</i>	December 2018
Smokey Valley High School Orchestra (KS) <i>Clinician</i>	November 2018
McPherson High School Orchestra (KS) <i>Clinician</i>	November 2018
Shawnee Mission South High School Orchestras (KS) <i>Clinician</i>	October 2018
El Dorado High School Orchestra (KS) <i>Clinician</i>	October 2018
Newton High School Orchestras (KS) <i>Clinician</i>	October 2018
Liberty North High School Orchestra (MO) <i>Clinician</i>	October 2018
Shawnee Mission North High School Orchestras (KS) <i>Clinician</i>	September 2018
Kansas Large Ensemble Festival (KS) <i>Adjudicator</i>	April 2018
Buhler High School Wind Ensemble (KS) <i>Clinician</i>	April 2018
Council Grove High School Band (KS) <i>Clinician</i>	April 2018
Hesston High School Band (KS) <i>Clinician</i>	April 2018

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

Notable Performances

The Hartt Wind Ensemble (CT) | *Guest Conductor* | April 2020 (Postponed due to COVID-19)

- Performance for The Hartt School Centennial

Conductor's Guild Frederick Fennell Memorial Masterclass | *Conducting Participant* | December 2018

- Held in conjunction with the Eastman School of Music
- Conducted the Eastman Wind Ensemble and worked with teachers Donald Hunsberger and Mark Scatterday

Midwest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Conference (IL) | *Conducting Fellow* | December 2018

- Selected to conduct in the Inaugural H. Robert Reynolds Conducting Institute

Members of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra and Bethel College Concert Choir (KS) | *Conductor* | May 2018

- Performance of J.S. Bach's *Magnificat*, BWV 243

Bethel College Wind Ensemble (Wichita, KS) | *Conductor* | February 2018

- Performance at Kansas Music Educators Association State Convention

Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra, (Wichita, KS) | *Conductor* | February 2018

- Performance at Kansas Music Educators Association State Convention
 - First KMEA performance by the Philharmonia Orchestra in school history

University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory Musica Nova (MO) | *Conductor* | May 2016

- World Premiere of *Chamber Concerto for Alto Saxophone* by David Stock
 - Zachary Shemon, soloist (PRISM Quartet, UMKC Associate Professor of Saxophone)

University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory Chamber Players (MO) | *Conductor* | May 2014

- World Premiere of *Echoes of Silence* by Narong Prangcharoen

Juilliard Orchestra (NY) | *Clarinetist* | February 2013

- John Corigliano Birthday Concert in Carnegie Hall
 - Marin Alsop, conductor

Hudson Valley Chamber Winds (Indiana, PA) | Conductor | March 2012

- Performance at the 2012 College Band Directors National Association Eastern Division Conference

The Hartt Wind Ensemble (New York, NY) | Clarinetist | May 2010

- Performance in Carnegie Hall
 - Glen Adsit, conductor

National Collegiate Wind Ensemble (New York, NY) | Clarinetist | May 2010

- Performance in Carnegie Hall
 - H. Robert Reynolds, conductor

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
KC Metro Honorable Mention Band, Kansas City, MO	December 2018
South Central Kansas Music Educators Association 5/6 High School Honor Band, Wichita, KS	December 2018
Pioneer League Middle School Honor Band, Newton, KS	November 2018
Heart of the Plains League High School Honor Band, Pretty Prairie, KS	November 2018
Clinton County (IL) High School Honor Band, Breese, IL	March 2018
Newton Youth Orchestra, Newton, KS	August 2017
Cortlandt Chamber Orchestra, Croton, NY	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

National, Regional & State Presentations

Kansas Music Educators Association State Conference | Wichita, KS | February 2020

- “Tie It All Together: Innovative Approaches to Rehearsing and Programming”

College Band Directors National Association National Conference | Phoenix, AZ | February 2019

- “Strings? In a Wind Ensemble? Expanding the Wind Ensemble Repertoire for the Next Generation”

CBDNA Southwest Division Conference | Houston, TX | March 2018

- Title: “Strings? In a Wind Ensemble? Expanding the Wind Ensemble Repertoire for the Next Generation”

Connecticut Music Educators Association State Conference | Hartford, CT | April 2017

- “Enhanced Score Study for Better Ensemble Rehearsals”

Kansas Music Educators Association State Conference | Wichita, KS | February 2017

- “Enhanced Score Study for Better Ensemble Rehearsals”

College Band Directors National Association National Conference | Nashville, TN | March 2015

- “Stanislaw Skrowaczewski’s *Music for Winds*”

Interdisciplinary Performances

Bethel College Wind Ensemble & Philharmonia Orchestra presents *Un Pomeriggio en Italia!* | October 2019

- Immersive performance inspired by the Summer 2019 Art Class Tour of Italy
- Performance includes:
 - Visual artwork by Bethel College Art Majors
 - Vocal Soloists
 - Collaboration with local bakery, *Crust & Crumb*

Bethel College Wind Ensemble presents: *A Change is Gonna Come* | May 2018

- Collaborative, multimedia performance in memory of Martin Luther King Jr.
- Performance includes:
 - Video of Dr. King and Marion Anderson
 - Poetry by Maya Angelou and Joshua Clay

- Dramatic presentation by Akiyaa Hagen-Despuoir
- Performances by Bethel College Concert Choir and folk ensemble, The Regier Family Band
- Artwork and imagery on loan from the Kansas African-American History Museum

Ensemble Experience

Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra (KS) <i>Clarinet</i>	2017–2020
University of Missouri — Kansas City Conservatory Wind Symphony (MO) <i>Clarinet, Guitar</i>	2013–2016
Juilliard Orchestra (NY) <i>Clarinet</i>	2013
Bergen Symphony Orchestra (NJ) <i>Principal Clarinet</i>	2012–2013
New York Wind Symphony, (NY) <i>Clarinet</i>	2003–2013
Asylum Hill Congregational Church Choir (Hartford, CT) <i>Tenor</i>	2012–2013
Hartford Symphony Choir (CT) <i>Tenor</i>	2012
The Hartt School Wind Ensemble (CT) <i>Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Guitar</i>	2012, 2008–2010
Westchester County Music Educators Wind Ensemble (NY) <i>Principal Clarinet</i>	2011–2012
Cortlandt Chamber Orchestra, Croton, NY <i>Clarinet</i>	2011
National Collegiate Wind Ensemble, New York, NY <i>Clarinet</i>	2010
Hartford Pops Band, Hartford (CT) <i>Clarinet</i>	2010
The Hartt School Symphony Band (CT) <i>Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Guitar</i>	2008–2010
The Hartt School Chamber Music, (CT) <i>Clarinet</i>	2008–2010
Downtown Symphony, New York, NY <i>Clarinet</i>	2006
Putnam Chorale, Carmel, NY <i>Clarinet</i>	2004

Recordings and Publications

Assistant Producer: PRISM Quartet. *Ba Yin (The Eight Sounds)*, XAS 105, 2019, digital.

Arranger: “Morgen” by Richard Strauss, for soprano, violin and wind octet. Self-published.

Producer: Brielan Andersen. *Music for Tuba and Friends*, CD Baby 5638770286, 2016, compact disc.

Contributor: Evan Feldman and Ari Contzius, *Instrumental Music Education: Teaching with the Musical and Practical in Harmony*, First Edition (Routledge, 2010).

Certifications and Affiliations

- New York State Permanent Teaching Certification, K-12 Music
- Professional Affiliations: NAFME, CBDNA, Conductors Guild, New York State School Music Association, New York State Band Directors Association