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EDUCATION

University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music, Cincinnati, OH

Doctor of Musical Arts

Major: Choral Conducting; GPA: 3.95

Cognate: Vocal Performance

Graduated 2013

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

Master of Music

Major: Conducting; GPA: 4.00

Graduated 2009

Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA

Bachelor of Music

Major: Music Education with emphasis in Voice; GPA: 3.56

Graduated 2004

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley (Brownsville Campus)

2014-Present

Assistant Professor of Music / Director of Choral Studies

- Teach Undergraduate Conducting, Choral Methods, and Applied Voice
- Conduct UTRGV Master Chorale and Chamber Singers
- Serve on Curriculum and Concert Programming Committees
- Present outreach workshops for and guest conduct area high school students

Singersbabel.com, Sheffield, MA

2013-Present

Diction Specialist

- Create phonetic transcriptions of foreign language texts to assist singers
- Engineer pronunciation recordings of texts in Latin and English

Knox Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, OH

Assistant Director, Knox Choir

2010 to 2014

- Prepared semi-professional choir for Knox Music Series and weekly service music
- Served as Choir Manager

Office Administrator

2013-2014

- Prepared and supervised publishing of weekly bulletins and Knox Music Series programs
- Collaborated daily with church music, education, finance, and administrative staff

Director, Handbell Choir

2010 to Present

- Program, prepare, and conduct the volunteer handbell choir

Director, Knox Youth Ensemble

2012 to 2013

- Programmed, prepared and conducted the volunteer youth music ensemble

Bass Section Leader, Knox Choir

2009 to 2014

- Performed solos in weekly services and biannual Knox Music Series

Berkshire Choral International, Sheffield, MA

Bass Faculty/Staff Conductor

2008 to Present

- Produce and conduct weekly choral concerts at the Norman Rockwell Museum
- Teach private voice lessons, daily classes, and lead daily sectional rehearsals
- Perform on weekly solo recitals with fellow members of the Faculty
- Participate in conducting master classes with and prepare singers for conductors including John Alexander, Anton Armstrong, Jerry Blackstone, Philip Brunelle, Simon Carrington, Vance George, Tom Hall, Craig Jessop, Craig Hella Johnson, Robert Page, and Dale Warland

Central State University, Wilberforce, OH

Adjunct Faculty

2012 to 2013

- Prepared future music educators for student teaching through the instruction of Choral Methods, Choral Literature and Arranging, and Advanced Choral Conducting
- Reviewed and updated current music education curriculum to address NATS recertification

Washington & Jefferson College, Washington, PA

Adjunct Faculty

2012

- Prepared and conducted the W&J Choir and W&J Camerata Singers in performances of diverse repertoire as Director of Choirs
- Taught weekly private voice lessons to male and female students from diverse musical backgrounds

University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music, Cincinnati, OH

Graduate Assistant

2009 to 2013

- Prepared and conducted the CCM Chorale, Chamber Choir and Chamber Singers in performances of diverse repertoire as Assistant Conductor of the Chorale and Chamber Choir
- Directed the UC Cabaret Singers, a 24 voice select ensemble of university students
- Produced and conducted independent concerts with chorus and orchestra funded by the Tangeman Sacred Music Fund

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

Assistant Conductor to Robert Page

2007 to 2009

- Conducted the Concert Choir and Repertory Chorus in preparation for and performance of diverse repertoire
- Prepared soloists and chorus for and conducted performances of opera and musical theatre
- Served as Choral Librarian

Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Conducting Assistant

2007 to 2009

- Prepared the chorus for concerts with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra
- Served as logistical liaison between the chorus and Heinz Hall

Member, Professional Core

2005 to 2009

- Served as section leader and soloist

Beaver Local School District, Lisbon, OH

Music Teacher

2004 to 2007

- Increased enrollment in High School Mixed Choir from 24 to 70 students and developed competitive soloists and ensembles
- Recruited, instructed and conducted members of the fifth grade band
- Taught fifth grade general music and assisted with other general music and band duties
- Created music curriculum for Middle School General Music
- Created a fifth grade chorus and presented four concerts annually

BASS-BARITONE SOLOIST / SECTION LEADER EXPERIENCE

<u>May Festival Chorus, Cincinnati, OH</u>	2011-Present
▪ Member of Professional Core	
<u>Vocal Arts Ensemble, Cincinnati, OH</u>	2010-Present
▪ Member and Soloist	
<u>Plum Street Temple, Cincinnati, OH</u>	2010-2013
▪ Member of Professional Octet	
<u>Rodef Shalom Congregation, Pittsburgh, PA</u>	2007-2009
▪ Member of Professional Quartet	
<u>Third Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA</u>	2005-2009
▪ Soloist	
<u>Mary, Mother of Hope Parish, New Castle, PA</u>	2002 to 2004
▪ Cantor-in Residence	

SELECT RECENT CONDUCTING EXPERIENCE

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| - <u>Jesu, Meine Freude</u> , J.S. Bach | - <u>King David</u> , Honegger |
| - <u>Mass in C</u> , Beethoven | - <u>Kyrie in D Minor</u> , Mozart |
| - <u>Chichester Psalms</u> , Bernstein | - <u>Vesperae Solennes de Confessore</u> ,
Mozart |
| - <u>Alto Rhapsody</u> , Brahms | - <u>Wedding Cantata</u> , Pinkham |
| - <u>Schicksalslied</u> , Brahms | - <u>Christmas Cantata</u> , Pinkham |
| - "Choral Dances" from <u>Gloriana</u> , Britten | - <u>Gloria</u> , Rutter |
| - <u>Rejoice in the Lamb</u> , Britten | - <u>Mass in G</u> , Schubert |
| - <u>Requiem</u> , Faure | - <u>King of the Stars</u> , Stravinsky |
| - <u>Messiah</u> , Handel | - <u>Street Scene</u> , Weill |
| - <u>Die Schöpfung</u> , Haydn | |

CERTIFICATIONS & AWARDS

- Pennsylvania Teaching Certification
- Ohio Teaching Certification
- Charles Dodsley Walker Conducting Apprentice Award (Berkshire Choral Festival, 2009)
- Robert Page Conducting Apprentice Fund Scholarship (Berkshire Choral Festival, 2009)
- Who's Who Among American Teachers (2007)
- Most Outstanding Junior Music Major (Westminster College, 2003)
- National Association of Teachers of Singing Tri-State Competition
 - First Place – Freshmen Men (2000); Second Place – Junior Men (2002)