

BEN CARLEE

EDUCATION

Doctor of Musical Arts in Flute Performance - University of Wisconsin-Madison Madison, WI
(Exp. Spring 2025, ABD Spring 2024)

Advanced Opportunity Fellow & Teaching Assistant

Major Professor: Dr. Conor Nelson

Doctoral Minor: Arts Administration in the Wisconsin School of Business

Chamber Music Coaches: Dr. Lindsay Flowers, Parry Karp, and Alicia Lee

Vocal Studies: Dr. Sarah Brailey

Master of Music in Flute Performance - Texas A&M University-Commerce Commerce, TX
May 2022

Graduate Teaching Assistant - Flute Studio

Major Professor: Dr. Julee Kim Walker

Bachelor of Music in Flute Performance - University of Texas at San Antonio San Antonio, TX
May 2020

Major Professors: Dr. Rita Linard (*Retired* Professor Emeritus) & Dr. Rachel Woolf

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin-Madison Madison, WI

Teaching Assistant - Music in Performance (MUS 113) (Fall 2022- Spring 2024)

Course Description: Descriptive lectures on chamber music with performances by instructor and others.

- Manage operation of course using Canvas platform
- Create weekly assignments and quizzes
- Fulfill other duties as necessary as assigned by supervising faculty

Additional Responsibilities - Flute Studio

- Teach for the Major Professor in case of illness
- Teach flutists in the studio seeking supplemental instruction
- Various administrative studio tasks
- Social media content creation

Texas A&M University-Commerce Commerce, TX

Graduate Teaching Assistant - Flute Studio (Aug. 2020-May 2022)

- Teach weekly private lessons to Music Education undergraduates

- Teach/Coach Chamber Music
- Teach weekly flute sectionals and technique class
- Manage Department of Music Convocation class: attendance and grading
 - Versed in Blackboard & D2L learning platforms
- Organize studio and guest artist recital programs
- Assist in other areas of need in the Department of Music
- Department of Music Social Media

University/College Masterclass Teaching

- University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, WI

Grades 6-12 Masterclass Teaching

- Anna High School (Anna ISD)
- Anna Middle School (Anna ISD)
- Bonham High School (Bonham ISD)
- Flower Mound High School (Lewisville ISD)
- Jefferson Middle School (Northside ISD)
- John Jay High School (Northside ISD)
- Judson High School (Judson ISD)
- Kazen Middle School (South San ISD)
- L.E.E High School (Northeast ISD)
- Lytle High School (Lytle ISD)
- McKamy Middle School (Lewisville ISD)
- O'Connor High School (Northside ISD)
- South San High School (South San ISD)
- UW-Madison Fall Mini-Music Clinic
- UW-Madison Spring Mini-Music Clinic
- UW-Madison Summer Music Clinic
- Van Alstyne High School (Van Alstyne ISD)
- Zamora Middle School (South San ISD)

Private lesson instructor (Grades 6-12) at High School Music Service in San Antonio, TX (2015-2020)

WORK EXPERIENCE

UW-Madison Symphony Orchestra Librarian (Summer 2023- May 2024)

Madison, WI

- Coordinate music for rehearsals and performances for Orchestra and conducting staff
- Maintain and curate the Orchestra's library of parts and scores

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Vocal Pedagogy for Flutists - My research explores the connection between bodily awareness and flute pedagogy, aiming to enhance flutists' playing by drawing from the expertise of singers in understanding their physical instrument. I have given several presentations on this across the US. Book planning in progress.

Video Game Music - Exploring the video game music (VGM) community as a performer, I've premiered two arrangements of VGM compositions. Currently, I am researching Caricature vs. Homage

Mexican Composers of the 19th Century - As a first-generation Chicano college student, Mexican music has been pivotal in my musical journey, with a focus on works by Mexican composers during my doctoral degree. My goal is to unearth and showcase the lost works of a late 19th-century Mexican composer who studied both flute and composition at a prestigious institution.

PUBLICATIONS

Major Publications

United Music and Media Publishers - Alry Publications

Authored performance notes for Dominic Valadez's "*Violet Ridge for Flute and Piano*"

https://ummpstore.com/products/valadez-violet-ridge-for-flute-and-piano-fp223?_pos=1&_sid=6e786413d&_ss=r

Informal Publications

Articles

Texas Flute Society & UTSA School of Music e-magazines "*Enhance Your Sound with Color and Connection*" (2021)

https://issuu.com/utsanantonio/docs/cadenza_opus_31

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

- **UW-Madison Music in Performance MUS 113** - *Lecturer/Performer* - "A Journey Through Flute Music Across the Ages" April 2024
- **2024 Mid-Atlantic Flute Convention** - *Lecturer* - "A Flutist's Voice: Vocal Pedagogy to Enhance Performance" February 2024
- **University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Business** - *Presenter and Panelist* - Bolz Center for Arts Administration Collegium, August 2023
- **2023 National Flute Association Convention** - *Moderator for Panel Discussion* - "Keeping the Torch Lit: Strong Foundations for Flute Organizations" August 2023
- **2023 Wisconsin Flute Festival** - *Lecturer* - "A Flutist's Voice: Vocal Pedagogy for Flutists" April 2023

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AWARDS, COMPETITIONS

- **UW-Madison 2024 Arts Business Competition Grant Winner**
- **UW-Madison - Advanced Opportunity Fellowship Recipient** - Fellowship awarded to one black/Latinx/underrepresented Asian student selected from the audition pool by faculty committees in each area of study, covering full tuition, student fees, and providing a generous stipend.
- **Texas Flute Society** - Outstanding Graduate/Professional/Teacher Ensemble Award (May 2022)
- **Texas Flute Society** - Honor Graduate Soloist Award (May 2021)
- **Texas Flute Society** - Honor Undergraduate Flute Choir Award *Conductor* (May 2021)
- **National Flute Association** Collegiate Flute Choir Competition winner (2018)
- **Texas Summer Flute Symposium** International Year Solo Competition Finalist (2018)
- **UTSA School of Music Al Sturchio Award Recipient** - Awarded to a single music major in the School of Music for Instrumental Excellence (2018 & 2020)

ADJUDICATION EXPERIENCE

- **2024 Wisconsin Flute Festival** - Young Artist Competition Judge
- **2023 UW-Madison Summer Music Clinic** - Pre-College Tuition Waiver Competition - Preliminary Round and Final Round Judge
- **2023 Wisconsin Flute Festival** - Junior Artist Competition Judge
- **2023 Texas Flute Society Festival** - Donna Marie Haire Young Artist Competition
- **Texas Music Educators Association** - Region Band Judge in Flute/Clarinet (Fall 2016 - Fall 2019)
- **Association of Texas Small School Bands** - Region Band Judge in Flute (Fall 2016 - Fall 2019)

ORCHESTRA EXPERIENCE

LaCrosse Symphony Orchestra

Alexander Platt, Music Director

Principal, Flute 3/Piccolo Regular Sub - Fall 2022 - Spring 2024

LaCrosse, WI

Irving Symphony Orchestra

Hector Guzman, Music Director

3rd Flute/Piccolo - Spring 2022

Irving, TX

Sherman Symphony Orchestra

Daniel Dominick, Music Director

2nd Flute/3rd Flute/Piccolo - Fall 2021 - Spring 2022

Sherman, TX

Alamo City Symphony Viva San Antonio, TX
Dr. Joseph Kneer, Music Director
Assistant Principal Flute Fall 2016 - Spring 2022

Lone Star Philharmonic San Antonio, TX
Richard Castillo, Music Director
Principal Flute Fall 2019 - Spring 2020

South Texas Symphonic Orchestra San Antonio, TX
Dr. Ronnie Sanders, Music Director
Principal Flute Fall 2016 - Spring 2020

San Antonio Sinfonietta San Antonio, TX
Music Director, N/A
2nd Flute - Fall 2019

Symphony of the Hills Kerrville, TX
Dr. Eugene Dowdy, Music Director
3rd Flute/Piccolo - Spring 2019

San Antonio Symphony San Antonio, TX
Sebastian Lang-Lessing, Music Director
Guest 2nd Flute Fall 2018

PIT ORCHESTRA EXPERIENCE

Reed 1 Woodwind Doubler - Flutes, Clarinets, Saxophones

- Charlene McCombs Empire Theatre San Antonio, TX
- TAMUC Lyric Theatre Commerce, TX
- The Public Theatre San Antonio, TX
- The Woodlawn Theatre San Antonio, TX
- UTSA Lyric Theatre San Antonio, TX
- UW-Madison Opera Madison, WI

SOLOIST ENGAGEMENTS

National Flute Association San Antonio, TX
Jorge Sosa *Sones para Flauta y Mariachi* - Soloist with the University of Texas at San Antonio Mariachi. August 2024

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, WI

Antonio Vivaldi *Piccolo Concerto RV. 443* - Collegium Musicum early music ensemble. April 2023

University of Texas San Antonio Symphony Orchestra

San Antonio, TX

Otar Gordelli *Flute Concerto*. February 2018

CHAMBER MUSIC

Wind Quintet Literature

Beethoven - Wind Quintet Op. 71

Colomer - Menuet and Scherzo for Wind Quintet

Ligeti - Six Bagatelles for Wind Quintet

Nielsen - Wind Quintet Op. 43

Flute Chamber Literature

Barthomeiu - Chats for Flute Quartet

Bozza - Jour d'Été à la Montagne

Bozza - Three Pieces for Four Flutes

Briccialdi - Flute Quartet in A Major

Casterede - Flûtes en Vacances

Clarke - Maya for 2 flutes and Piano

Schocker - Three Dances for 2 flutes

Sosa - Ariel for Flute, Alto Flute and Electronics

Takemitsu - Masque for 2 Flutes

Zyman - Fantasía Mexicana for 2 Flutes and Piano

Other Chamber Literature

Beethoven - Serenade for Flute, Violin, and Viola Op. 25

Copland - As It Fell Upon a Day for Flute, Clarinet, and Soprano

Dring - Trio for Flute, Oboe, and Piano

Ibert - Cinq Pieces en Trio for Oboe (Flute), Clarinet, and Bassoon

Kuhlau - Grand Trio Op. 119 for Flute, Cello, and Piano

Piazzolla - Histoire du Tango for Flute and Guitar

Sosa - Tiempo Plástico for Flute and Violin

Stout - Stars of Brazil for Flute and Marimba

Ustvolskaya - Composition No. 3 Benedictus, qui venit for four Flutes, four Bassoons, and Piano

Valadez - Sonatina for Flute, Cello and Piano (**World Premiere**)

Zyman - Suite de La Mancha for Flute, Cello, and Piano

CONVENTIONS, FESTIVALS & PUBLIC RECITALS

2024 National Flute Association Convention

San Antonio, TX

World Premiere of Jorge Sosa's "*Sones para Flauta y Mariachi*" August 2024

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, WI

Final DMA Chamber Recital "Sonidos de México - Chamber Works by Mexican Composers" April 2024

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, WI

Professor Marc Vallon's Faculty Bassoon Recital - Flute Collaborator April 2024

2024 North American Conference on Video Game Music

East Lansing, MI

World Premiere of "*Rhapsody on Eight Themes from Octopath Traveler for Flute and Piano*" in collaboration with Thomas Yee, Professor of Music Theory/Composition at UTSA and Ryan Thompson from the University of Michigan. March 2024

2024 Mid-Atlantic Flute Convention

Herndon, VA

"Celebrating Mexican/Chicano Works for Flute" February 2024

2023 Chicago Flute Festival

Chicago, IL

Car/Lee Duo "La Voz de la Flauta - Works by Mexican and Chicano Composers" October 2023

2023 National Flute Association

Phoenix, AZ

Guest Flutist with *Ensemble 126*, featured performers. August 2023

Grace Presents Concerts on the Square

Madison, WI

Car/Lee Duo featured performers "Works by Underrepresented Composers". June 2023

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, WI

Doctoral Chamber Recital I. May 2023

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, WI

Doctoral Solo Recital I. May 2023

Arts + Literature Laboratory

Madison, WI

Car/Lee Duo "Works by Underrepresented Composers" May 2023

2023 Wisconsin Flute Festival Madison, WI

Guest Artist Solo Recital “Celebrating Mexican/Chicano Works for Flute” April 2023

DEIB Festival Madison, WI

Car/Lee Duo at Color Me Cabaret “Video Game Music for Flute and Piano” February 2023

Texas A&M University-Commerce Commerce, TX

M.M Recital. April 2022

Texas A&M University-Commerce Commerce, TX

M.M Degree Recital. November 2021

WORLD PREMIERES

Sones para Flauta y Mariachi San Antonio, TX

Jorge Sosa (b. 1976)

2024 National Flute Association Convention “Around the World” Series (*upcoming* August 3rd, 2024)

Sonatina for flute, cello, and piano Madison, WI

Dominic Valadez (b. 1996)

Final DMA Chamber Recital, April 28th, 2024

Rhapsody on Eight Themes from Octopath Traveler East Lansing, MI

Thomas Yee (b. 1990)

North American Conference on Video Game Music, March 16th, 2024

“Every Day” Suite for Flute and Piano Madison, WI

Eric Delgado (b. 1993)

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Festival - Cabaret, February 10th, 2023

MASTERCLASS PERFORMANCES

- Eva Amsler
- Julien Beaudiment
- Linda Chatterton
- Charlotte Daniel
- Tabatha Easley
- Gabe Fridkis
- Jake Fridkis
- Nora Lee Garcia
- Brandon Patrick George
- Catherine Ransom Karoly
- Suyeon Ko
- Mira Magill
- Rene Mishka
- Conor Nelson
- Sergio Pallotelli
- Linda Pereksta
- Laura Pirucelli

- Terri Sundberg
- Nestor Torres
- Heather Zenobia
- Mark Teplitsky
- Rafeale Trevisani

COMMERCIAL RECORDINGS

Mr. Chair - 2023 Hip Hop/Orchestral Album (*Label forthcoming*) *Flutist* - From their website: “Based in Madison and winner of the 2021 Wisconsin Area Music Industry Award for Best Jazz Artist, Mr. Chair brings a truly unique performance to every stage they play. Mr. Chair is a contemporary fusion ensemble for music fans of all backgrounds. Their sound palette is diverse, and used to tell stories in styles cinematic, surreal, romantic, funky, and whimsical.”

SERVICE

UW-Madison - Graduate School Dean’s Advisory Board

Chair/Board Member (Fall 2023 - Spring 2024)

National Flute Association

Lesson Scholarship Coordinator and Flute Clubs Committee Member (2022 - Current)

UW-Madison - DEIB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging) Festival

Managing Director (2022-2023)

Texas Flute Society

Festival Co-Chair - 2022 Texas Flute Festival (2021-2022)

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Admitted to UW-Madison Mead Witter School of Music
- Earned coveted spots in highly competitive TMEA All-State band
- Received scholarship offers for music studies at Texas universities, including University of Texas at San Antonio and Texas A&M University-Commerce
- Advanced to penultimate ‘area’ round of Texas All-State band auditions
- Secured positions in TMEA/ATSSB Region bands at middle and high school levels
- Received superior ratings at Solo and Ensemble Festivals
- Participated in masterclass competitions sponsored by Texas Flute Society and Texas Christian University
- Former students are now accomplished band directors in San Antonio, TX area

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Flute Association - *Appointee*

Kappa Kappa Psi - Mu Tau Chapter - *Alumni* - National Honorary Band Service Fraternity

ARTIST SAMPLES

YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnRb9H66s7NIB_lg8L2-U2w

DESIGN PORTFOLIO

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lIukcUwbuyLOGSU3br9d56PRUIXV3F4k?usp=drive_link