



Texas A&M University- Commerce Curriculum Vita

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Education in higher education, ABD
Texas A&M University-Commerce, summer 2019 to present

Master of Music in piano pedagogy
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2001

Bachelor of Science in piano performance
Austin Peay State University, 1996

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Texas A&M University – Commerce

2023 - Pedagogy director, Piano Academy at A&M-Commerce
2020 - 2023 Director, Piano Academy at A&M-Commerce
2013 - Instructor (class piano, private lessons, piano pedagogy course, piano literature, accompanying)
2013 - Coordinator of accompanying services, secondary piano studies, and piano pedagogy degree
2012 – 2013 Ad-interim instructor (class piano, private lessons, piano pedagogy courses, piano literature)
2010 – 2012 Adjunct instructor (class piano, private lessons, music theory, critical thinking)
2010 - Accompanist (individual student, faculty, and guest artist performances)
2010 - Private piano instructor, Piano Academy at A&M-Commerce

Courses created or reconstructed:

MUS 136 Class Piano – level A
MUS 140 Class Piano – level B
MUS 236 Class Piano – level C (instrumental barrier)
MUS 351 Private Piano Lessons (vocal barrier)
MUS 331 Undergraduate Piano Pedagogy - two semester curriculum
MUS 437 Undergraduate Piano Pedagogy Internship - two semester curriculum
MUS 352 Undergraduate Piano Pedagogy Lecture Recital
MUS 531 Graduate Piano Pedagogy – two semester curriculum
MUS 535 Graduate Piano Pedagogy Internship - two semester curriculum
MUS 552 Graduate Piano Pedagogy Lecture Recital
MUS 589 Graduate Independent Study in Piano Pedagogy
MUS 131 Accompanying
MUS 335 Accompanying
MUS 326 Undergraduate Piano Literature – two semester curriculum

University of Southern Mississippi

2006 – 2010 Accompanist (individual student performances, opera, music theater, faculty performances)

- 2007 – 2008 Coordinator of graduate studies (prospective student inquiries, application process, comprehensive exam process, advising, maintain graduate files, process all paperwork)
 2006 – 2008 Adjunct instructor of music (class piano)

Indiana State University

- 2004 – 2006 Adjunct instructor of music (theory, ear training, class piano, private lessons)
 Accompanist (individual student performances, auditions, faculty performances)
Musikgarten and private piano teacher, ISU Community Music Center

Millikin University

- 2000 - 2004 Adjunct instructor of music (class piano, private lessons)
 Private and group piano instructor, Millikin University Preparatory Department
 Accompanist (individual student performances, college auditions, faculty performances)
 2022 Summer camp coordinator, *Big Blue Composer Camp for Kids*
 2002 (fall) Coordinator of class piano

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

- 2001 – 2006 Coordinator of Piano Laboratory Program
 1998 – 2006 Illinois Summer Youth Music camp instructor (piano, class piano for all camps, listening class for
 choral camp, theory class for all camps, office assistant, practice room monitor)
 1997 – 2006 Private and group piano instructor, Piano Laboratory Program
 1997 – 2000 Teaching assistant assigned to piano pedagogy division

Austin Peay State University

- 1992 – 1996 Private and group piano instructor, Community School of the Arts at APSU
 1992 – 1996 *Klavier Kids*, private piano studio in Clarksville area

RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Adjudication

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| 2021 to present | Frisco Music Teachers Association piano festivals
Garland Music Teachers Association piano festivals
Carrollton Music Teachers Association piano festivals |
| 2020 to present | Mid-Cities Music Teachers Association piano festivals |
| 2017 to present | Richardson Music Teachers Association piano festivals and scholarship competitions |
| 2015 | Grayson College Piano Competition |
| 2012 to present | Rockwall Music Teachers Association piano festivals |
| 2013 | International Piano Performance Examination Committee, Taiwan |
| 2011 | Hubbard Chamber Music Festival, junior division |
| 2011 to present | Plano Music Teachers Association piano festivals |
| 2009 | National Federation of Music Clubs - Hattiesburg, Mississippi |
| 2006 | Mississippi Music Teachers Association pre-college auditions – Hattiesburg, Mississippi |
| 2007 | Mobile Music Teachers Association Sonata Contest – Mobile, Alabama |
| 2005, 2006 | Hoosier Auditions – Terre Haute, Indiana |
| 2003, 2005 | ISMGA Solo and Ensemble contest – Champaign, Illinois |
| 2003, 2005 | Conservatory of Central Illinois Ensemble Festival – Champaign, Illinois |

Professional Memberships

National Guild of Piano Teachers

National Federation of Music Clubs

Music Teachers National Association

2024 – present	Texas Music Teachers Association, Vice President for Business Activities - Elect
2021 – 2023	Texas Music Teachers Association Board of Directors, Activities Director II
2021 – 2023	Hunt County Music Teachers Association, President
2020 – 2021	Texas Music Teachers Association Board of Directors, Awards director
2017 – 2020	Texas Music Teachers Association Collegiate Chapters Chair
2012 - present	Hunt County Music Teachers Association, Treasurer
2012 – present	TAMU-C MTNA Collegiate Chapter, Advisor
2007 – 2010	Mississippi Music Teachers Association, State Certification Chair
2007 – 2010	Hattiesburg Music Teachers League, Vice President Membership
2005 – 2006	University of Illinois MTNA student chapter, Advisor
2004 – present	Nationally Certified Teacher of Music
2002 – 2004	Decatur Area Music Teachers Association, President, Vice President

Omicron Delta Kappa

Phi Kappa Phi

Pi Kappa Lambda

Secretary, University of Southern Mississippi

Gamma Beta Phi

Sigma Alpha Iota

2011 - 2023	Collegiate advisor, Texas A&M University-Commerce
2011 - 2020	Philanthropies, Inc., project director for graduate performance awards
2008 - 2010	Regional Officer, Region 2
2003 – 2007	Province Officer, Upsilon B
2003 - 2004	Collegiate advisor, Millikin University

Presentations and Festival Organization

Teaching Students to Play with Style and Good Technique through the Exploration in Music

Presentation for Richardson Music Teachers Association, 2023

Effective Performance through Character Expression

Presentation for Garland Music Teachers Association, 2023

Piano Pedagogy Residency at A&M-Commerce

2023 Margarita Denenberg, University of Texas at Austin

2022 J.P. Murphy, University of Oklahoma

Composer Festival, Hunt County Music Teachers Association

2024	Mike Springer
2023	Mona Rejino
2022	Jennifer Linn (including a commission for a book of Hal Leonard educational piano pieces)
2019	Phillip Keveren
2018	Timothy Brown
2017	Dennis Alexander
2016	Mike Springer
2015	Jennifer Linn
2014	Mona Rejino
2013	Images in Music – various composers featured

Duets around the World

May 5, 2021	Frances Clark Center webinar
August 2021	National Conference on Keyboard Performance, poster session
September 10, 2021	Costa Rica piano conference, virtual presentation
September 29, 2021	Frances Clark Center webinar, part 2

Studio Teaching networking session moderator

MTNA Collegiate Chapters Piano Pedagogy Symposium, January 2020

The Complete Package: using musicianship skills to enhance the teaching of repertoire

TMTA State Conference, June 2019

Plano Music Teachers Association, January 2019

Grad School networking session moderator

MTNA Collegiate Chapters Piano Pedagogy Symposium, January 2019

Tau Beta Sigma's Women in Music series

2018 spring semester featured speaker

Duets: Pathways to Success

2013 Texas Music Teachers Association convention - Presentation with Luis Sanchez

The History of the Trumpet – accompanist

Hattiesburg Music Teachers League meeting, 2008

MTNA Certification Session

Mississippi Music Teachers Association conferences in 2008, 2009, 2010

The Morceaux de Concours of Jean Baptiste Laurent Arban – accompanist

2006 International Trumpet Guild conference

Why So Many Piano Methods?

The Music Shoppe in Champaign, Illinois, 1999

Student Presentations and Poster Sessions

No Tension, No Injury

2023 Music Teachers National Association Collegiate Symposium

Presentation by Soohyun Lee

Music Therapy Principles in the Piano Lesson

2023 Music Teachers National Association national conference

Presentation by Momoko Hoffman, Soohyun Lee, and Rafael Lima de Paula

Benefits of Music Therapy in the Private Piano Lesson

2022 Texas Music Teachers Association conference

Presentation by Momoko Hoffman

Using Improvisation in Piano Lessons

2022 Texas Music Teachers Association conference

Presentation by Victorino Perez
Playing in the Zone
2022 Texas Music Teachers Association conference
Presentation by Soohyun Lee

Caging the Freed Bird: A look into Barbara Lister-Sink's technical approaches to performance practice
2021 MTNA Virtual National Conference
Presentation by the MTNA Collegiate Chapter

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2020 MTNA Collegiate Chapter Piano Pedagogy Symposium
Presentation by the MTNA Collegiate Chapter

Why Bother With Preschoolers?
2019 Texas Music Teachers Association conference
Poster Presentation by Elaina Chrisman, graduate piano performance major

From Student to Successful Independent Piano Teacher in the Digital Age
2019 Texas Music Teachers Association conference
Poster Presentation by Abigail Pioquinto, piano pedagogy major

Castelnuovo-Tedesco's Little Mermaid and Other Intermediate Treasures
2019 Texas Music Teachers Association conference
Presentation by Elaina Chrisman, graduate piano performance major

Don't Let the Fire Die: Recovering from the Effects of Musician Burnout
2018 Texas Music Teachers Association conference
Poster Presentation by Emily Brooks, piano pedagogy major

Effective Practice Makes Permanent, Not Perfect
2018 Texas Music Teachers Association conference
Presentation by Abigail Pioquinto, piano pedagogy major

Comprehensive Musicianship in the Piano Studio
2018 Texas Music Teachers Association conference
Presentation by Giordi Frederick, piano performance major

Masterclasses: Dispelling Fear and Cultivating a Positive Learning Experience
2017 Texas Conference of Collegiate Chapters, TMTA conference
Presentation by Emily Brooks, piano pedagogy major

What was, What is, What is to Come: Class Piano in the Public Schools
2016 Texas Conference of Collegiate Chapters, TMTA conference
Presentation by Benjamin Daniel, piano pedagogy major

You Mean I Can Teach my Student Cage?
2016 Texas Conference of Collegiate Chapters, TMTA conference
Poster Presentation by Alex Shawver, piano pedagogy major

Awards

Collegiate Teacher of the Year

Texas Music Teachers Association, 2021

Collegiate Chapter Advisor of the Year

TAMUC Student Organization Activities Committee, 2016

Incomplete List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students

University of Illinois, 1997 to 2000

Ruby Sword of Honor (leadership award – second in national competition)

National Chapter Leadership Award – Delta Pi – chapter president

Sigma Alpha Iota, 1995

Honors Certificate (1996) and *Honors Award* (1994)

Sigma Alpha Iota

Music department special recognition for excellence

Austin Peay State University, 1995

University Honors and Kimbrough scholarships (academic awards)

Austin Peay State University, 1990-1994

Performance – Collaborative Recitals

Classical Music Festival choral rehearsal pianist, 2023

Patricio Costino, internationally renowned tubist - 2022

National Association of Teachers of Singing competition – 2022

Orpheus Chamber Singers – video recording, fall 2020 – audition pianist, spring 2021

The Texas Voices – performance in Plano, Texas – January 2020

The Society of Composers, Inc. – 2019 conference, 11 performances of solo and collaborative pieces

Astraios Chamber Ensemble – 2015 to present

Texas Tuba/Euphonium Camp – guest artist performances - summers 2017, 2018

Blast of Brass Camp – guest artist performances

Ashley Hall-Tighe, former trumpet for Canadian Brass – 2024

Elmer Churampi, trumpet, Dallas Symphony Orchestra - 2023

Haley Hoops, horn, Dallas Symphony Orchestra - 2023

Brian Hecht, trombone, Dallas Symphony Orchestra - 2023

Alex Kienle, horn, Dallas Symphony Orchestra – 2022

Patrick Sheridan, internationally renowned tubist – 2013, 2017, 2021

Rex Richardson, international trumpet recording artist - 2021

Jens Lindemann, former trumpet Canadian Brass – 2018, 2022

Ryan Anthony, principal trumpet, Dallas Symphony – 2017

Jeff Nelsen, horn - 2016

Daniel Brady, trombone – 2014

Alan Baer, principal tuba, New York Philharmonic – spring 2018, University of Texas, Arlington

David Cooper, principal horn, Dallas Symphony Orchestra – spring 2018

Brian Walker, trumpet professor, Tarleton State University – spring 2018

International Trumpet Guild regional conference with Daniel Kelly, trumpet – spring 2018

Curso Internacional de Flautistas de Bauria Festival – Brazil, fall 2017

FloodFire summer camp competitors – summer 2017

Wiff Rudd (trumpet) – spring 2016, Southeastern Oklahoma University

Chris Combest (tuba) and Jeff Baker (tuba) – spring 2016, University of North Texas

Ryan Robinson (tuba) and John Allen (trombone) – fall 2015, University of North Texas

Daniel Kelly – fall 2015, Mu Phi Epsilon sponsored concert at the Dallas Public Library

Tarleton Brass Day – spring 2014

Daniel Kelly (trumpet, Texas A&M University-Commerce),

Wiff Rudd (trumpet, Baylor University), Gregory Hustis (horn, Dallas Symphony),

Ed Jones (tuba, Fort Worth Symphony), Jeremy Moeller (trombone, Chicago Lyric Opera)

Daniel Kelly (trumpet) and Brian Zator (percussion) – spring 2014, Baylor University

Brian Walker, trumpet professor, Tarleton University – fall 2013

J. Taylor Hightower, voice professor, University of Southern Mississippi – fall 2013

Allen Rippe, saxophone professor, University of Memphis – spring 2013

Jeff Baker, tuba – fall 2012, University of North Texas

Andy Wen, saxophone, University of Arkansas – spring 2012

Steve Mead, euphonium – spring 2012, spring 2014

Lawrence Gwozdz, saxophone professor, University of Southern Mississippi – spring 2011

Thomas Hooten, principal trumpet, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra – spring 2010, University of Southern Mississippi and Loyola University

Daniel Kelly, trumpet – spring 2010, University of South Alabama, Florida State University, University of South Florida, University of Florida

Darcy Bishop, principal trumpet, Mississippi Symphony Orchestra – fall 2009

Daniel Kelly, trumpet – spring 2009, Mississippi State University, Pearl River Community College

Brian Shaw, trumpet professor, Louisiana State University – spring 2009

Adam Frey, euphonium – fall 2006

Doppio Movimento Piano Duo performances

Duets from Around the World - fall 2021

Astraios Chamber Series concert, Sam Houston State University, A&M-Commerce

Astraios Chamber Series, Carnival of the Animals – spring 2021

Collin College, Southwestern Assemblies of God University, Steinway Hall Plano – fall 2018

Henderson State University, fall 2015

A&M-Commerce Wind Ensemble – fall 2013, fall 2016

Faculty Concerts on campus – 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2021