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EDUCATION

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERISTY, DeKalb, Illinois
College of Visual and Performing Arts, School of Music
Master of Music, May 2008. Jazz Improvisation and Vocal Studies

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
College of Arts and Letters, School of Music
Bachelor of Music, May 2005. Major: Jazz and Classical Saxophone Studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Schauer Arts and Activities Center, Hartford, Wisconsin

Kettle Moraine Children's Concert Choir Director and Early Childhood Music Instructor: Direct weekly choir rehearsals to 4th-8th-grade student choir of varying ability levels. Direct choir performs for community events and two concerts (fall and winter/spring) at the Schauer Center. Early Childhood classes meet in two different age groups (1-2 yrs and 3-4 yrs). Classes are centered on listening and movement activities. (August 2009-present)

Hartford, Erin, Slinger and Hubertus, Wisconsin

Freelance Music Teacher: Maintain a studio of 19 students. Teach beginning piano, voice and woodwinds to students in the local community. Encourage performance and practice; work closely with parents to enhance student's learning experience. (June 2008-present)

White House of Music, Germantown, Wisconsin

Music Lesson Instructor: Instruct music lessons in the voice and woodwind areas. Voice lessons are centered toward musical theater and popular music styles. Students range from beginner to intermediate levels. (January 2009-Present)

Erin School 8th grade musical *North Pole Star*, Hartford, Wisconsin

Voice and Acting Coach: Conducted rehearsals, gave voice lessons to lead performers, conducted choir (consisting of 6th and 7th graders). Instruction was centered on performance practice, diction and breathing techniques. Assisted director with dress rehearsals and final performance at the Schauer Center. (October-December 2008)

Whitnall High School, Greenfield, Wisconsin

Woodwind Instructor: Assist band director with marching band rehearsals throughout season, coach woodwind sectionals. (August -October 2008, June-October 2009)

Erin School District, Hartford, Wisconsin

Substitute Teacher: Teach grades 4K-8, art and music as needed.

Hartford Union High School, Hartford, Wisconsin

Assistant Band Director (Co-Curricular) and Private Lesson instructor:

Assisted band director with football games, parades, pep band performances and band parent's meetings. Taught brass, woodwind and percussion lessons during spring semester. (August 2008- June 2009)

Sycamore Community Unit School District 427, Sycamore, Illinois

Summer Music Lessons Instructor: Coached middle school students on flute and saxophone. Taught intonation basics, ensemble playing and practice techniques. (Summers 2007 and 2008)

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois

Graduate Teaching Assistant: Principal teacher of 140-student undergraduate jazz music appreciation course; designed syllabi, lectures, quizzes, assignments and tests; maintained online course management system. (August 2006-May 2008)

Clinton Rosette Middle School, DeKalb, Illinois

Jazz Band Director and Woodwind Instructor: Planned and conducted jazz band rehearsals and performances; taught improvisation, jazz styles and performance standards of big band jazz. Taught group lessons on saxophone, clarinet, and flute; coached beginner to intermediate level band music and solo etudes through demonstration and application. (September 2007-May 2008)

DeKalb Community Unit School District #428, DeKalb, Illinois

Substitute Teacher: Taught elementary school, middle school band, and high school humanities. (September 2007- May 2008)

Private Studio of Saxophone Instruction, DeKalb and Sycamore, Illinois, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and Huntsville, Alabama

Instructor: Taught applied saxophone and woodwind lessons to students of all ages and levels of ability; lessons focused on jazz, classical repertory, technique, and creative music. (September 1998-July 2008)

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Camp Choral-ation, Schauer Arts and Activities Center, Hartford Wisconsin

Camp Director: Created camp description for advertising purposes, coordinated and scheduled camp activities and rehearsals, coordinated assisting faculty's schedules, selected music.

Northern Illinois University Summer Jazz Camp, DeKalb, Illinois

Head Counselor: Oversaw camper activities and events; served as liaison and assistant to camp director. (July 2006-2008)

Mount Sequoyah Summer Music Festival, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Head Counselor: Planned and coordinated student activities; taught music theory, jazz history, and improvisation; served as assistant saxophone instructor; coached chamber groups; performed with students; performed in faculty concerts; presented solo jazz concert. (Consecutive summers, June 2003-2009)

CLINICS/WORKSHOPS

2006-2008 Illinois IMEA District Jazz Auditions, Rockford, IL

2007 Sycamore Middle School Solo and ensemble, Sycamore, IL

2004-2005 Grissom High School Marching Band Camp, Huntsville, AL

PRESENTATIONS

Wisconsin State Music Educators Conference, Madison, WI, October 2011. "Style Says it All, Using Vocal Jazz Techniques in the Classroom".

District 428 Black History Month Celebration, Malta, Wright, Brooks, and Jefferson Elementary Schools, DeKalb, IL, February 2008: "Notable African American Composers highlighted for Black History Month."

The National Association for Music Education Monthly Meeting, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, February 2008: "Potential Challenges for the Music Educator in a Jazz Band Setting."

Northern Illinois University Spring Teaching Assistant Orientation, DeKalb, IL, January 2008: "TA Reflections on Lesson Planning."

University of Southern Mississippi's Women's Studies Program, Women's History Month Panel, Hattiesburg, MS, March 2005: "Women in Creativity".

GRANTS

2007 Northern Illinois University Graduate Colloquium Sponsorship- \$2000

AWARDS AND HONORS

2009 Chick Singer Night Showcase, Caroline's Jazz Club, Milwaukee

2008 UW-Eau Claire Jazz Festival, Outstanding Soloist Award