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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

Doctorate of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting and Literature, University of Colorado, 2019

- Graduate Teaching Assistant (2016-2019)
- Principal Conducting Instructors: Gregory Gentry, Andrea Ramsey, Elizabeth Swanson, Gary Lewis

Master of Music, Georgia State University, 2014

- Music Education

Bachelor of Music Education, Virginia State University, 1997

- Choral Music Education

Atlanta Summer Conducting Institute, Georgia State University (2012 and 2013)

- Principal Conducting Coaches: Deanna Joseph (Georgia State University)
Daniel Barra (University of Georgia)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

Mary Baldwin University

Assistant Professor of Music/Choir Director (Fall 2019-present)

- Responsible for repertoire selection, weekly rehearsals, planning and conducting all choral concert performances, recruiting singers and organizing choral trips and activities
- Conductor – University Choir and Baldwin Singers
- Faculty Director - Baldwin Charm (a cappella pop group)
- University Supervisor for student teachers in music education
- Instructor:
 - MUS 100 – Introduction to Listening
 - MUS 217 – Conducting
 - MUS 200 – Topics in Music History
 - MUS 310 – Elementary Music Methods

University of Colorado at Boulder

Conductor, Men's Chorus - EMUS 1247-3247 (Fall 2016-2019)

- Responsible for recruitment of singers, repertoire selection, bi-weekly rehearsals, and conducting all concert performances

Conductor Assistant, University Choir - EMUS 1227 (2016-2017)

- Rehearsed and conducted one musical selection per semester
- Conducted rehearsals when major professor was traveling
- Assisted with rehearsals and administrative responsibilities
- Prepared Mozart's *Requiem*

Conductor, Summer Lab Choir (2017 & 2018)

- Responsible for organizing, recruiting of singers, repertoire selection, weekly rehearsals and conducting the final concert performance

Chorus Master, CU Festival Singers, (Fall 2017)

- Responsible for organizing, recruitment of singers, repertoire selection, weekly rehearsals leading to the final concert performance
- Prepared Britten's *Ballad of Heroes*

Conductor Assistant, University Singers Choir - EMUS 1217-3217-5217 (2019)

- Rehearsed and conducted several musical selections throughout the semester
- Conducted rehearsals when major professor was traveling
- Assisted with rehearsals and administrative responsibilities

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHING

Fayette County Public Schools, Fayetteville, GA

Choral Music Director/Literary Coach, Sandy Creek High School (2012-2016)

- Responsible for choral music program of approximately 140 students on a campus of 1,200 students
 - Advanced Chamber Choir (auditioned mixed)
 - Advanced, Intermediate and Freshmen Women
 - Men's Chorus
 - SCHS Gospel Choir
 - Musical Director for theatrical productions
 - Music Appreciation
- Responsible for preparing participants to compete in the annual Georgia High School Athletic Association Literary Competition
 - Male Quartet, Women's Trio, Vocal Solo, Essay, Dramatic Interpretation, Oratorical Presentation

Henry County Public Schools, McDonough, Georgia

Choral Music Director, Dutchtown Middle School (2008-2012)

- Responsible for choral music program of approximately 350 students of a school of 1,100 students, grades 6-8
 - Advanced Treble, Intermediate Mixed Choirs (7th & 8th grade)

- Sixth Grade Chorus and Male Ensemble
- Music Appreciation (6th – 8th grade)
- Choir selected for performance at the Georgia Music Educators State Conference in 2011

Clayton County Public Schools, Jonesboro, GA

Choral Music Director, Forest Park Middle School (2004-2008)

- Responsible for rebuilding the choral music program of approximately 100 students on a campus of 500 students, grades 6-8
 - 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Chorus
 - General Music (7th & 8th grade)
 - Study Skills (6th – 8th grade)

Volusia County Schools, DeLand, FL

General Music Instructor/Choral Director, Reading Edge Academy (2002-2003)

- Responsible for general (grades k-5)/choral (grades 3-5) music program and musical production
- Taught afterschool piano and voice lessons

Keyboard Lab Instructor/Assistant Choral Music Director, Bonner Elementary School (2001-2002)

- Responsible for implementing and facilitating a keyboard lab (grades k-2nd)
- Assisted with rehearsals and performances of the elementary school's chorus

CHURCH MUSIC EXPERIENCE

**Director of Music for Children and Youth Choirs, Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church
Denver, Colorado (2016-present)**

- Responsible for the administration, rehearsals and conducting performances of the Timbrel Choir (3rd-6th grade), Cantate Choir (k-2nd grade) and youth hand bells
- Assist with Westminster Adult Choir by leading sectionals and conducting performances (i.e. Sunday morning worship, Annual Christmas and Spring concerts, Holy Week Services, etc.)

**Choir Director/Worship Leader/Interim Minister of Music, Clarkston First Baptist Church
Clarkston, Georgia (2011-2016)**

- Responsible for the administration, rehearsing and conducting of the adult choir and the men's chorus

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Assistant Camp Director/Team Leader, Kathy's Kamp Denver, Colorado (summer 2017)

- Responsible for creating and implementing daily lessons for the youth summer camp program
- Organize weekly field trips
- Instruct the music module
- Plan and produce the end of camp talent show

Camp Director, Kathy's Kamp International, Denver, Colorado (summer 2018)

- Manage daily operations of the summer youth camp of migrant and immigrant students

- Train and supervise camp staff
- Keep accurate records of each student, process behavior and incident reports
- Responsible for confidential and time sensitive material
- Organize weekly field trips
- Plan and produce the end of camp talent show

Administrative Assistant, College of Music’s Dean’s Office (Fall 2017 – present)

- Provides administrative support to ensure efficient operation of the office
- Supports the managers and employees through a variety of tasks related to organization and communication
- Responsible for confidential and time sensitive material

Organizer, 57th Annual Madrigal Festival (Fall 2018)

- Responsible for the overall organization and implementation of the festival and the 530 participating students
- Administrative duties included: participant correspondence, event scheduling, managing volunteers, organizing transportation needs and posts-event feedback from participating schools

AREAS OF RESEARCH

“Reconciling Practice, History, and Integrity in the Performance of the Negro Spiritual and Gospel Music” - (dissertation research and lecture project)

“Teaching in Urban Schools”

“Life and Choral Works of Undine Smith-Moore: Dean of African-American Female Composers”

“Culturally Responsive Pedagogy in the Choral Classroom”

HONOR CHOIR/GUEST CONDUCTING

Conductor: Coweta County Honors Choir (GA)	(2009)
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Conductor: Georgia Music Educators Association District 6 Honor Chorus	(2013)
Conductor: Erie High School (Erie, CO)	(2017 & 2019)
Conductor: Golden High School (Golden, CO)	(2017)
Conductor: East High School Choral Festival (Denver, CO)	(2018)
Conductor: University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus Choir (Denver, CO)	(2018)
Conductor: Cooper Middle School (Austell, GA)	(2019)
Conductor: Alcovy High School (Newton, GA)	(2019)
Conductor: Maynard Jackson High School (Atlanta, GA)	(2019)
Conductor: Colorado Children’s Choir (Denver, CO)	(2019)
Conductor: Montview Presbyterian Church “Westminster Choir” (Denver, CO) Duke Ellington’s <i>Sacred Concert</i>	(2019)
Conductor: First United Methodist Church (Lafayette, CO)	(2019)
Conductor: GMEA District IV Honor Chorus (Atlanta, GA)	(2020)
Conductor: Richmond City Public School Honor Choir (Richmond, VA)	(2020)

CONFERENCE PRESENTER

- Presenter: Georgia Music Educators Association (GA) (2010)
Topic: Middle School Choral Reading Session
- Presenter: Opening Act Theater Workshop (Denver, CO) (2018)
Topic: Vocal Technique
- Presenter: American Choral Directors Association (CU Boulder Chapter) (2018)
Topic: "Teaching in an Urban Setting"
- Presenter: Montview Presbyterian Church Conservatory of Music (Denver, CO) (2018)
Topic: *The Cry of Jeremiah* by Rosephanye Powell
- Presenter: Graduate Teacher Program (University of Colorado Boulder) (2018)
Topic: "Teaching in an Urban Setting"
- Presenter: Colorado Music Educators Association Conference (2019)
Topic: "Teaching in an Urban Setting"
- Presenter: The Middle School Choir Director Tune-Up (webinar) (2020)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- District 6 All-State Audition Coordinator (2008)
- District 6 Honor Choir Coordinator (2009)
- Clayton County Curriculum Writing Committee (2007)
- Fayette County Writing Committee – Student Learning Objectives Assessment (2015)
- Augusta County District Choir Adjudicator (2020)
- Virginia All-State Adjudicator (2020)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

- American Choral Directors Association
- Georgia Music Educators Association
- Colorado Music Educators Association
- National Association for Music Education
- College Music Society

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

- Betterment of Brothers and Sisters, Inc.
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Virginia State University National Alumni Association
- Virginia State University Concert Choir Alumni Association

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Teacher of the Year Finalist – Forest Park Middle School (2007)
- Georgia Governor's Mansion Holiday Performance – Dutchtown Middle School Treble Choir (2008)
- Music in the Park "Overall Winner" (Orlando, FL) – Dutchtown Middle School Treble Choir (2009)
- Music in the Park "First Place" (Orlando, FL) – Dutchtown Middle School Mixed Choir (2009)
- Georgia Aquarium Performance – Dutchtown Middle School Sixth Grade Choir (2009)
- Georgia State University *MidSingFest* – Dutchtown Middle School Mixed Chorus (2009)
- "Top Dawg" Teacher Award – Dutchtown Middle School (2010)
- "Superior" ratings at CaroWinds Music Festival (Charlotte, NC) – Dutchtown Middle School Sixth Grade Choir (2010 & 2011)
- OrlandoFest (Orlando, FL) – 2nd Place - Dutchtown Middle School Treble Choir (2011)
- 3rd Place - Dutchtown Middle School Mixed Choir (2011)
- Georgia Music Educator Association Conference Performance – Dutchtown Middle School

Treble Choir (2011)

75th Anniversary of Shawnee Press Performance at Carnegie Hall (NY) – Sandy Creek High School Chorus (2014)

Georgia High School Athletic Association Literary Competition:

2015 (Regional Runner-Ups) 2016 (Regional Runner-Ups)

1st Place Essay 1st Place Male Quartet (Regional Champions)

2nd Place Male Quartet 2nd Place Oratorical Presentation

2nd Place Women’s Trio 2nd Place Dramatic Interpretation

2nd Place Oratorical Presentation 2nd Place Women’s Trio

Benefit Concert for the Joseph Sams School – Sandy Creek High School Chamber Choir (2014)

Clayton State University Chorus Day (Spivey Hall Auditorium-Morrow, GA) – Sandy Creek High School Chamber Choir (2014 & 2015)

Assistant Choir Director - National Baptist Conference – Atlanta, GA (2015)

Sandy Creek High School Gospel Choir:

 Performed with Canton Jones – CAJO Gospel Recording Artist (2014)

 Performed with Geoffrey Golden – *Sunday’s Best* Winner and RCA Gospel Recording Artist (2015)

 “People's Choice Award” at *Bring the Noise Gospel Choir Competition* – Atlanta, GA (2015 & 2016)

University of Colorado College of Music Scholarship Celebration speaker (2018)

PROFESSIONAL CHORISTER PERFORMANCES

Boulder Bach Festival Choir (Boulder, CO) 2016-2017

Boulder Chorale – (soloist) 2018

REFERENCES

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