

Curriculum Vita

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Education

Doctor of Musical Arts in Wind Band Conducting, Arizona State University, 2017

Thesis: *A Survey of the Current Financial Trends in American Adult Community Bands*

Conducting Teachers: Gary Hill (primary), Jason Caslor, Wayne Bailey, Jeffery Meyer, David Schildkret (choral), Brian DeMaris (opera/musical theater)

Master of Arts in Instrumental Conducting, California State University, Fresno, 2014

Conducting Teachers: Gary Gilroy (primary), Steve McKeithen

Bachelor of Arts in Trombone Performance, California State University, Fresno, 2004

Primary Teachers: Lawrence Sutherland, Steve Trapani

Teaching Experience

Director of Bands and Assistant Professor for Low Brass, Department of Music, Northeastern State University; Tahlequah, OK, 2019-Present

Wind Ensemble MUS 3611

Marching Band MUS 3681 (Fall)

Concert Band MUS 3681 (Spring)

General Conducting MUS 3011 (Fall)

Advanced Instrumental Conducting MUS 4011 (Spring odd years)

Applied Lessons MUS Various (Low Brass - Trombone, Euphonium, and Tuba)

Brass Class MUS 3091 "Brass methods" (Spring even years)

Chamber Music (Brass) MUS 3671 (Spring)

Instrumental Pedagogy MUS 4052 (Fall odd years)

Private Instructor, Community Music Academy; Tahlequah, OK, 2020

Private Piano Instructor

Associate Director of Bands, Department of Music, University of Wyoming; Laramie, WY, 2017-2018

Marching Band MUSC 1370 (Fall)

Symphonic Band MUSC 1375 (Fall and Spring)

Marching Band Techniques MUSC 4750 (Fall)

Aural Theory IV MUSC 2045 (Spring)

Brass II MUSC 1315 PSM (Brass Methods-Spring)

Pep Band (Fall and Spring)

Student Brass Quintet Coach (Spring 2018)

Drum Major/Leadership Camp – primary instructor (Summer 2018)

Private Instructor, VIBES Fine and Performing Arts; Casper, WY, 2018

Private Piano Instructor

Teaching Assistant, School of Music, Arizona State University; Tempe, AZ, 2015-2017

Wind Orchestra MUP 442/542

Wind Ensemble MUP 442/542

Concert Band MUP 494/594

Gesture and Sound MUE 154 (Basic Conducting)
 Assistant Instructor/Staff Member, Sun Devil Marching Band, Arizona State University; Tempe, AZ, 2015-2017
 Marching Band MUP 461/561 (335 members)
 Graduate Assistant, California State University, Fresno; Fresno, CA, 2014
 Wind Orchestra MUS 211
 Assistant Instructor/Staff Member, Fresno State Bulldog Marching Band and Scholarship Pep Band, California State University, Fresno; Fresno, CA, 2004, 2014
 Marching Band, MUS 103MB (225 members)
 Pep Band, MUS 117BB (30 members)
 Section and Ensemble Leader/Instructor/Mentor, U.S. Army Bands; TX, AL, South Korea, HI, 2006-2013
 -Coordinated and taught a 54-member show for performances in China and a television audience of 5 million people; awarded the Army Achievement Medal
 -Mentored and led 9-member and to perform in over 200 performances in South Korea, and China
 -Mentored and led 5-member trombone section to perform in over 100 performances in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida
 -Army training (i.e. first aid, navigation, Army policies and procedures)
 -Army mentorship to soldiers (professional/career development)
 Private Teacher; CA, TX, AL, 2003-2014
 Trombone and conducting
 Instructor, high school marching bands, 1999-2004, 2010
 Daleville High School, Daleville, AL, 2010
 Hanford West High School, Hanford, CA, 2004
 Hoover High School, Fresno, CA, 2000-2003
 Clovis High School, Clovis, CA, 2000-2001
 Clovis West High School, Clovis, CA, 1999

Professional Conducting Experience

Associate Bandmaster/Conductor, 323rd Army Band “Fort Sam’s Own”; San Antonio, TX, 2011-2013
 Ceremonial Conductor, 98th Army Band; Fort Rucker, AL, 2010-2011
 Rehearsal Conductor, U.S. Army Bands program; AL, South Korea, and HI, 2007-2011

Judging and Clinician Experience

Kappa Kappa Psi National Solo Competition – Adjudicator; Grand Rapids, MI, July 2021
 Zephyrus Arts Academy – Instructor/Clinician (Brass and Visual); Tulsa, OK, June 2021
 Oklahoma Music Educators Association All-State Symphonic Band Trombone Sectional Coach; Jan 2021
 Okmulgee County Honor Band – Conductor/Clinician; Okmulgee, OK, Mar 2020
 Northeastern State University Instrumental Day - Clinician; Tahlequah, OK, Feb 2020
 University of Wyoming Marching Band Invitational - Clinician; Laramie, WY, Oct 2018
 University of Wyoming Drum Major/Leadership Camp - Clinician; Laramie, WY, Jul 2018
 Laramie Junior High School Festival – Conductor/Clinician; Laramie, WY, Apr 2018
 WMEA Southeast District Solo/Ensemble Festival - Adjudicator; Cheyenne, WY Mar 2018

WMEA North Platte District Solo/Ensemble Festival - Adjudicator; Casper, WY Feb 2018

Administration Experience and Service

Director of Bands, Northeastern State University, 2019-Present

- Oversee entire university band program including concert and athletic bands. Ensembles include wind ensemble, marching band, communiversy band, and basketball pep bands
- Duties include: recruiting, budget management, instrument inventory, band scholarships, leadership development, and building community relations
- Faculty advisor and sponsor – Alpha Rho Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi (2020-Present)
- Oversee the awarding of \$99,000 of band scholarship money
 - Oversee the distribution of additional \$40,000 for one-time scholarship awards for first-time freshman (2020, 2021)
- Contest manager Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association (OSSAA) for a marching band competition held on the NSU campus consisting of 18 5A and 6A schools (2019, suspended in 2020 due to COVID-19, 2021)
- Drill design – 4 shows (2019), 3 Shows (2020)
- Coordinator of annual student solo concerto competition
- Coordinator for instrumental audition days
- Manage the music department’s instrumental inventory including check in/out and maintenance
- Oversee travel of pep band to annual MIAA Basketball Tournament in Kansas City, MI
- Special projects
 - NSU Department of Music Virtual Open House (Spring 2021)
 - Advice and mentor the recolonization process of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi (2020)
 - Consortium commission, *Reunion* (wind ensemble) by Giovanni Santos (2020)
 - Consortium commission, *Infinite Dances* (wind ensemble and trumpet) by Persis Vehar; world premiere February 20th, 2020 (Dr. Ben Hay solist)
 - Create and advise Marching Band Leadership Team consisting between 8-9 members (Summer 2019-Present)
 - Create and advise Band Service Club (Spring 2020)
 - Integrate the Sassy Hawks dance team with the RiverHawk Marching Band (Spring 2020)
 - Modify spring courses to online instruction during COVID-19 outbreak (Spring 2020)

Director, Western Thunder Marching Band, University of Wyoming, 2017-2018

- Oversaw and managed the operation of a Division I athletic band program (150 members)
- Duties included: recruiting, budget management, program design, leadership development, and building community relations
- Drill design – 6 shows (2017), 5 shows (2018)
- Arranging – Music of Bon Jovi (2017), 80’s Show (2018)
- multiple community service/donor events
- Special Projects and Events
 - Joint Half-time performance with the 67th Army Band (2018)
 - Band Day (2017, 2018) - host over 18 middle and high school bands and over 1,000 performers at a UW home football games

- University of Wyoming/Troopers Marching Band Invitational (2017, 2018) - host 11-12 bands at a marching band competition
- 2017 Idaho Potato Bowl - led the marching band to a college bowl game
- Director, University of Wyoming Drum Major/Leadership Camp, 2018
 - Reinstituted and redesigned a summer weekend leadership camp for students and high school band directors
 - Camp included team building activities, workshops, conducting, leading musical rehearsals, marching technique, and teaching methods
- Director, University of Wyoming Color Guard Clinic, July 2018
 - Created a one day color guard clinic for all levels experience
 - Clinic includes basic body movement, writing routines, and techniques to unify work
- Director, Athletic Bands (non-marching band), University of Wyoming, 2017-2018
 - 7-8 volleyball games per season
 - 15 men's basketball games per season
 - 15 woman's basketball games per season
 - Mountain West Basketball Tournament, Las Vegas, NV, (2018)
 - Woman's NIB -1st and 2nd rounds (2018)
- Graduate Assistant, Arizona State University, 2015-2017
 - Duties included: coordinating auditions, manage ensemble placement, attendance, facility requests, and other assigned administrative duties
- Concert Band Librarian, California State University, Fresno, 2013-2014
 - Maintained over 2,000 concert band works including a reorganization of database
- Executive Officer, 323d Army Band "Fort Sam's Own," San Antonio, TX, 2011-2013
 - Supervised the personnel, security, training, operations, and logistics for a 62-member organization which accomplished over 450 performances a year
 - Approved and supervised the band's credit card holders and their purchases, resulting in \$60,000+ of ethical and proper purchases
- Human Resources Supervisor, 98th Army Band, Enterprise, AL: 2010-2011
 - Led a 6-member human resource section to process all administrative functions, including awards, evaluations, and personnel actions for a 40-member organization
- Human Resources Section Manager, 8th Army Band, Seoul, Korea: 2008-2010
 - Managed a 9-member human resource section to process over 475 personnel transactions in a 12-month period for a 62-member organization
- Security Manager, 25th Infantry Division Band, Tikrit, Iraq, 2006-2007
 - Ensured the proper entry authorization of the Base Defense Operation Center that protected over 10,000 service members and civilians resulting in zero security violations
 - Served as a member of a base security unit that reacted to security issues; successfully helped protect the entire base's 16 square miles of equipment, personnel, and information
- Procurement Specialist, 25th Infantry Division Band, Wahiawa, HI, 2005-2008
 - Ordered supplies for the band's logistical requirements for 40 members, including musical and operational inventories, resulting in ensembles having needed equipment to perform over 600 performances

Presentations and Publications

Forging Stronger Chains

Oklahoma Music Educators Association (OkMEA), Tulsa, OK; January 21, 2022

Don't Assume They Know.

Community and Collaboration Day. Northeastern State University; August 18, 2021

"NSU Alpha Rho: A New Beginning." *PODIUM*. Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma. Spring 2021: 6-7. (Co-author)

Rallying the Troop: Giving More to Your Students Through Leadership

Selected to present at Oklahoma Music Educators Association(OkMEA) 2020 Fall Conference - Cancelled due to COVID-19

"Summary Results from ACB 2017 Survey." *Journal of the Association of Concert Bands* 37, no. 1 (February 2018): 33-36.

Music and Leadership

University of Wyoming - Festival of Winds; February 23, 2018

Scheherazade by Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov: An Investigation of Mark Hindsley's Band Transcription and Technique

University of Wyoming Musicological Society; December 18, 2017

Distant Relations-A Lecture Recital Exploring Two Wind Symphonies

Arizona State University; November 29, 2016

Music in the Workplace-How to Incorporate your Band Service Experience for Employment

Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma District Leadership Conference; February 14, 2015

Conducting Workshop

Fresno State University; November 13, 2014

Professional Trombone Experience

Solo Performance

Joint Faculty Recital; Northeastern State University; Tahlequah, OK; Sept 2021

Faculty Recital; Northeastern State University; Tahlequah, OK; Apr 2021

NSU Instrumental Day; Northeastern State University; Tahlequah, OK; Feb 2020

NSU Jazz Band; Northeastern State University; Tahlequah, OK; Dec 2019

U.S. Army Bands, 2005-2011

98th Army Band; Fort Rucker, AL, 2010-2011

Concert/marching/ceremonial bands, brass quintet

Eighth Army Band; Seoul, South Korea, 2008-2010

Concert/marching/ceremonial bands, brass quintet, ceremonial brass ensemble

Notable performances: President Barack Obama, President George W. Bush, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, other government/military officials, and civilian dignitaries

25th Infantry Division Band; Schofield Barracks, HI, 2005-2008

Concert band, marching band, brass quintet, ceremonial/jazz/rock bands, jazz combo

Notable performances; Vice-President Dick Cheney, other government/military officials

Tulare County Symphony, Tulare, CA, 2003-2004

Principal Trombone

Other Performance Experience

Guest Conductor, Sounds of Freedom Band; Clovis, California, Oct-Sept 2013

Trombone, California State University, Fresno; Fresno, CA, 1999-2004, 2013-2014

Wind Ensemble, 1999-2004, Principal Trombone, 2001-2004, 2013-2014
Featured trombone soloist with Symphonic Band, 2004
Scholarship Pep Band, Lead Trombone, 2000-2004, 2013-2014
Scholarship University Brass Quintet, 2000-2004
Marching Band, 1999-2003, Section Leader 2001-2003
Jazz Band, 1999-2004, various semesters
Trombone Choir, 1999-2004
Euphonium, Santa Clara Vanguard; Santa Clara, CA, 1999, 2000, 2002
Drum Corps International World Champion, 1999

Professional Development, Courses, Training

Oklahoma Bandmasters Association (OBA) – Summer conference; Tulsa, OK, 2021
Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma – National Convention; Grand Rapids, MI, 2021
College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA)-Southwest Division Conference, Norman, OK, 2020
Oklahoma Music Educators Association (OkMEA) Winter Conference, Tulsa, OK 2020
CBDNA-Western/Northwestern Division Conference, Rohnert Park, CA, 2018
Wyoming Music Educators Association Conference (WMEA), Evanston, WY, 2018
Athletic Band Symposium (CBDNA), Amherst, MA, 2017; Austin, TX, 2018
CBDNA-National Conference, Kansas City, MO, 2017
Midwest Band Orchestra Clinic, Chicago, IL, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2021
Sacramento State Summer Conducting Workshop, Sacramento, CA, June 2014
Featured Clinicians: Robert Halseth and Gary Hill
Art of Wind Band Teaching at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, July 2014
Featured clinicians: Craig Kirchhoff, Jack Stamp, Mallory Thompson, and Richard Floyd
California All-State Music Educators Conference, Fresno, CA, 2014
Texas Music Educators Association Convention, San Antonio, TX, 2012, 2013
Texas Bandmasters Association Convention, San Antonio, TX, 2012
Army Band Leaders Training Conference, Norfolk, VA, 2012
Warrant Officer Basic Course, U.S. Army School of Music, Norfolk, VA, 2011
Advanced Leader Course, U.S. Army School of Music, Norfolk, VA, 2010
Basic Music Course, U.S. Army School of Music; VA, 2005

Honors and Awards

Teaching Awards and Recognition

President’s Ambassador Network; Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK, 2021
Northeastern State University Hall of Fame (group division) Nominee, NSU RiverHawk
Marching Band; Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, 2021
“Thumbs Up Award”; University of Wyoming College of Arts and Sciences, Laramie, WY,
2018
“Of the Month” Award Nominee, National Residence Hall Honorary; Laramie, WY, 2018
Promoting Intellectual Engagement (PIE) Award; University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY, 2018
“Top Prof”; University of Wyoming, Mortar Board Chapter; Laramie, WY, 2017
Teaching Excellence Award Finalist; Arizona State University; Tempe, AZ, 2016

Military Awards and Honors

Army Achievement Medal, 323rd Army Band; San Antonio, TX, 2012
Outstanding achievement and organization at annual Christmas concert

Army Commendation Medal, 98th Army Band; Enterprise, AL, 2011
Meritorious achievement as section leader and human resource manager 2010-2011

Distinguished Honor Graduate. U.S. Army School of Music; Norfolk VA, 2010
Highest G.P.A. for the Advanced Leaders Course

Army Commendation Medal, Eighth Army Band, Seoul; South Korea, 2010
Meritorious service as trombone section leader and squad leader 2008-2010

Army Achievement Medal, Eighth Army Band, Seoul; South Korea, 2009
Coordinating and teaching a 54-member show for a performance in China for a television audience of 5 million people

Army Achievement Medal, 25th Infantry Division Band; Schofield Barracks, HI 2008
Commandant's List (Top 20%) in Warrior Leader Course

Army Commendation Medal, 25th Infantry Division Band; Schofield Barracks, HI 2008
Meritorious service as a trombonist and procurement specialist (2005-2008)

Army Commendation Medal, 25th Infantry Division Band; Tikrit, Iraq, 2006-2007
Meritorious service in Operation Iraqi Freedom

Soldier of the Year-Finalist, U.S. Army, 2006

Soldier of the Year-Recipient, U.S. Army, Pacific; Honolulu, HI 2006

Soldier of the Year-Recipient, 25th Infantry Division; Schofield Barracks, HI, 2006

Soldier of the Year-Recipient, 25th Infantry Division-Special Troops Battalion; Schofield Barracks, HI 2006

Soldier of the Quarter-Recipient, 25th Infantry Division-Special Troops Battalion; Schofield Barracks, HI 2005

Collegiate Awards and Scholarships

Special Talent Award, Arizona State University; Tempe, AZ, 2015-2017

Most Outstanding Bandsman, Fresno State Bulldog Marching Band; Fresno, CA, 2002, 2013

Bulldog Beat-Scholarship Pep Band, California State University, Fresno; Fresno, CA, 2013-2014, 2000-2004

Most Inspirational, Fresno State Bulldog Marching Band; Fresno, CA, 2003

Clendenin Brass Quintet Scholarship, California State University, Fresno; Fresno, CA, 2000-2004

Best Marcher, Fresno State Bulldog Marching Band; Fresno, CA, 2000

Jazz Scholarship, California State University, Fresno; Fresno, CA 1999

Professional Associations

College Band Directors National Association – Wyoming State Chair (2018); Oklahoma Bandmasters Association (OBA); Oklahoma Music Educators Association (OkMEA); National Association for Music Educators (NAfME); Association of Concert Bands; National Band Association; Kappa Kappa Psi - Honorary Member (2020), Life Member (2008), former Western District Officer (2002-2003); Fresno State Alumni Association