



## Curriculum Vita

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## EDUCATION

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

2020 - Director, Piano Academy at A&M-Commerce  
2013 - Instructor (class piano, private lessons, piano pedagogy course, piano literature, accompanying)  
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)  
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  
MUS 552 Graduate Piano Pedagogy Lecture Recital  
MUS 589 Graduate Independent Study in Piano Pedagogy  
MUS 131 Accompanying  
MUS 335 Advanced 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)  
2002 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  
*Klavier Kids*, private piano studio in Clarksville area

## **RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES**

### **Adjudication**

- 2020 to present Mid-Cities Music Teachers Association piano festivals  
2017 to present Richardson Music Teachers Association piano festivals  
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

2004 – present	Nationally Certified Teacher of Music
2020 – present	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
2002 – 2004	Decatur Area Music Teachers Association, President, Vice President

Omicron Delta Kappa

Phi Kappa Phi

Pi Kappa Lambda

Secretary, University of Southern Mississippi chapter

Gamma Beta Phi

Sigma Alpha Iota

2011 - present	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**

*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

*Composer Festival, Hunt County Music Teachers Association*

2020	Jennifer Linn (canceled due to COVID)
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

*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*  
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**

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

*Caging the Freed Bird: A look into Barbara Lister-Sink's technical approaches to performance practice*  
2020 MTNA Collegiate Chapter Piano Pedagogy Symposium  
Presentation by the A&M-Commerce 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 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**

*Orpheus Chamber Singers* – video recording, fall 2020  
*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, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020  
*Texas Tuba/Euphonium Camp* – guest artist performances - summer 2017, 2018  
Jens Lindemann, former trumpet Canadian Brass – *Blast of Brass*, summer 2018  
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  
*FlootFire* summer camp competitors – summer 2017  
Ryan Anthony, principal trumpet, Dallas Symphony – *Blast of Brass*, summer 2017  
Jeff Nelsen (horn) – *Blast of Brass* summer 2016  
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  
Daniel Brady, trombone – *Blast of Brass*, summer 2014

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

Patrick Sheridan, tuba – Blast of Brass, summer 2013, 2017

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

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

Henderson State University, fall 2015

Texas A&M Wind Ensemble – fall 2013, fall 2016

Concerts – 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2018