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K-12 TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021- Present The Shared Learning Trust / The Chalk Hills Academy, Luton, UK – **Curriculum Head of Music** (Key Stages Three & Four). Completely rewrote the scope and sequence of the curriculum for Key Stage Three to best match the new Model Music Curriculum and UK National Curriculum. Wrote a five-year plan to expand the music offerings at the school and extend them into Key Stage Five by adding the Rock School Music Production qualification and the Music Teacher Board performance qualifications. Hired new music teachers and expanded the department to add a music technician. Experience teaching the Eduqas GCSE course.
- 2017 - 2021 Cleveland Metro Schools / Campus Intl. High School, Cleveland, OH - **Director of Music Activities** (Grades 9-12) Teaching Music Industry, Concert Band, Orchestra, and IB Core classes. Ordering and writing curriculum for new school in the IB model (MYP and Diploma Programme) which included student solo/chamber recitals and composition studies. Full Orchestra has received Superior Ratings at Festival.
- 2014 - 2017 Green Dot Public Schools / Locke High School, Los Angeles, CA - **Director of Bands** (Grades 9-12) 140 students Led turnaround of music and band program from 5 to over 110 band students consisting of beginning, intermediate, advanced and guitar classes. Developed yearly budget, wrote grants for new instruments and equipment on Donorschoose.org. Wrote UC application for matriculation for Chorus and Music Industry Studies. Facilitated professional development in budgeting and literacy integration for the arts.
- 2013 - 2014 Dublin City Schools / Dublin High School, Dublin, GA - **Director of Performing Arts Programs** (Grades 9-12) 200 students
Led turnaround of music program consisting of music appreciation, band, guitar, and music theatre.
- 2013 Marc & Eva Stern Math and Science School, Los Angeles, CA - **Summer Administrator** (Grades 9-12) 200 students
Led operations, discipline, and curriculum development for Summer school and student orientation for Stern MASS.
- 2008 - 2013 Marc & Eva Stern Math and Science School, Los Angeles, CA - **Director of Musical Activities** (Grades 9-12) 600 students - Led innovative music program consisting of music appreciation, music industry, guitar, music theatre. Facilitated local school site professional development on student motivation, internet safety, and personality types. CMO professional development facilitator – using Data Director for lesson planning. Wrote application for UC Matriculation Approval for Music Appreciation. Wrote \$13k in funded grants for new instruments and equipment on Donorschoose.org
- 2006-2008 Marietta City Schools / Marietta Sixth Grade Academy; Marietta, GA - **Director of Bands** (Grade 6) 130 Students
- 2005-2006 Sumter District Schools / Crestwood High School; Sumter, SC - **Director of Bands** (Grades 6-12) 100 students
- 2003-2005 Jefferson County Schools / Wrens Middle School; Wrens, GA - **Director of Bands** (Grades 6-8) 100 students

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Jan 2006- July 2006 University of South Carolina Sumter; Sumter, SC – **Adjunct Professor**
Taught classes in: Music Appreciation, American Popular Music
Received excellent reviews from superiors.

EDUCATION

2010 - 2021	University of Southern California , Los Angeles, CA <i>All But Dissertation</i> , Doctorate of Musical Arts; Music Education
2012 - 2013	California State University – Los Angeles , Los Angeles, CA Master of Arts; Educational Leadership
2005-2006	Nova Southeastern University , Davie, FL Specialist in Education; Teacher Leadership – Brain-Based Teaching
2001-2003	Central Michigan University , Mt. Pleasant, MI Master of Music, Music Composition
1996-2000	University of Georgia , Athens, GA Bachelor of Music, Music Education

CERTIFICATION & TRAINING

United Kingdom	Qualified Teacher Status (QTS); gained 12 March 2021.
California	Single Subject Teaching Credential; Music P-12 (Exp. 11/24) Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development Certificate Administrative Services Credential; Certificate of Eligibility
Ohio	Professional 5-year Certificate, Music (Exp. 07/22); Mentor Educator and RESA Facilitator
IBO	Middle Years Programme Arts 2018 (C2), Diploma Programme Music 2018, 2020 (C1), Theory of Knowledge 2018 (C1), Creativity, Activity, Service Coordination 2018 (C1)

AWARDS & HONORS

Employee of the Month (Teaching) 2021 – The Chalk Hills Academy
Teacher of the Year (Award for Professional Leadership) 2020 – Campus International High School
Carl Fisher Music Diversity Grant Award Winner
NAMM Support Music Merit School Award (2019, 2020, 2021 Campus International High School; 2016, 2017 Alain Leroy Locke College Prep Academy, 2013 Stern Math and Science School)
ASCD Emerging Leader Class of 2012
Center for Collaborative Education Los Angeles Principal Residency Cohort Four, 2012-13.
American Association of Educators Teacher Scholarship Award (2012)
Boy Scouts of America's Mentor Award for Eagle Scouts

PUBLISHED AND COMMISSIONED WORKS

2001, *Dakota* for concert band; C-Alan Publications
2005, *Dance Ritual* for concert band; commissioned by Pinckneyville Middle School for UGA Midfest performance.
2007, *Blue Devil Dance* for concert band; OpenFifths Music – appears on SCBOA Concert Festival approved list.
2015, *Sojourner* for woodwind quartet; OpenFifths Music

SERVICE & ADJUDICATION

Wind Band Adjudicator: Trills and Thrills Festivals; Marietta, GA (2006-08)
Wind Band Clinician: Douglas County Honor Bands (GA) 7th/8th Grade (2011, 2013); 6th Grade (2008)
Western Association for Schools and Colleges Accreditation Visiting Team Member: (2012, 2013)
Student Teacher Mentor and Supervisor: CSULA (2011, 2016); Mount St. Mary's (2015)

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

2016 NAFME Research & Teacher Education National Conference; Atlanta – Poster: *Creativity & Community of Practice*
2015 CMEA Southwestern Division; Azusa, CA - Presentation: *Conductor Etiquette*
2013 ASCD National Conference; Chicago – Forum Speaker: *Multiple Measures for Teacher Evaluation*
2013 ASCD Leadership Institute for Legislative Advocacy; Washington, DC
2012 ASCD Fall Conference on Teaching and Learning; Atlanta
2012 International Society of Music Educators; Thessaloniki, Greece – Presentation: *Charter School Music Philosophy*
2008 Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic, attendee

AFFILIATIONS (Current and Past)

International Society of Music Education	National Education Union (UK)
National Assoc. for Music Education (US)	Musician's Union (UK)
Assoc. for Supervision & Curriculum Development (US)	American Assoc. of Educators (US)
Southern California School Band & Orchestra Assoc. (US)	Phi Kappa Phi (US)
National Band Association (US)	Phi Mu Alpha; Central Michigan University (US)
College Music Society (US)	Kappa Kappa Psi; University of Georgia (US)
TiME: Technology Institute for Music Educators (US)	