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Education

Master of Music, Jazz Studies - University of North Texas (UNT), Denton, TX May 2022
· Major: Jazz Trombone Performance | Teaching Fellow | Cumulative GPA: 4.0

Bachelor of Arts - Luther College, Decorah, IA - *Summa Cum Laude* May 2020
· Major: Music | Minor: K-12 Education | Cumulative GPA: 4.0
· Active Public School Teaching Licenses | Iowa & Minnesota

Primary Instructors

Trombone

- Nick Finzer - Assistant Professor of Jazz Trombone, University of North Texas
- Dr. Michael Smith - Associate Professor, Low Brass, Luther College
- Dr. Derek Bromme - Instructor of Trombone/Low Brass, U of MN Duluth

Wind Conducting

- Dr. Andrew Trachsel - Chair of the Division of Conducting and Ensembles, University of North Texas
- Dr. Jack Stamp - International Composer in Association, Grimethorpe Colliery Brass Band
- Dr. Joan deAlbuquerque - former Director of Bands, Luther College

Piano

- Yeeun Kim - Teaching Fellow for Jazz Piano, University of North Texas
- Dr. Nicholas Shaneyfelt - Assistant Professor, Collaborative Piano & Vocal Coaching, Luther College
- Dr. Tracy Lipke-Perry - Assistant Professor, Functional Keyboard, Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam

Additional Trombone Studies

- Joseph Alessi, John Rojak, Alan Ferber, Marshall Gilkes, Tim Albright

Teaching Experience

Band Director and Director of Jazz, Valley High School (West Des Moines, IA) Aug. 2022-present
· Designed, conducted, and chose repertoire for concert, jazz, and marching bands
· Oversaw curriculum, planned performances, and hired guest clinicians for the entire jazz program
· Co-directed marching and pep bands, working in partnership with two band colleagues in a professional learning community
· Attended and performed at festivals, competitions, and concerts around the state of Iowa

Teaching Artist of Jazz Trombone, Drake University (Des Moines, IA) Jan. 2023-present
· Taught jazz trombone lessons to majors and non-majors
· Led masterclasses for university-sponsored honor bands and events

UNT Five, Six, & Seven O'Clock Lab Bands (Denton, TX) Jan. 2021-May 2023
· Designed, conducted, and chose repertoire for rehearsals with a full jazz ensemble
· Rehearsed for and performed four performances during the semester
· Independently prepared a recording session, video edits, and YouTube video premiere
· Organized and facilitated exchange rehearsal/masterclass with Rosemount High School (MN)

Distance Learning Implementation Apr.-May 2020
· Assisted teachers at The Blake School (Hopkins, MN), Churchill Elementary School (Cloquet, MN), and Ordean-East Middle School (Duluth, MN)
· Planned lessons, explored electronic resources, and attended professional development seminars for remote and future application to elementary and middle school music classes

Rosemount High School (Rosemount, MN) Feb.-Mar. 2020
· Band student teaching placement: taught individual lessons, directed rehearsals, and attended conventions and festivals
· Designed and implemented long-term lessons with concert and jazz ensembles

Teaching Experience (continued)

The Blake Lower School (Hopkins, MN)	Jan. 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Elementary methods practicum experience: observed K-5 music classes and performances· Planned, implemented, and reflected on a series of original lessons	
Luther College Community Music School (Decorah, IA)	Aug.-Dec. 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Taught African drumming to students in grades 3-6 each week· Planned, implemented, and revised lesson plans with co-teacher	
Decorah Middle and High Schools (Decorah, IA)	Jan. 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· First-year band practicum experience: observed band lessons, rehearsals, and meetings· Assisted with teaching lessons and sectionals	
<h3><u>Employment, Volunteer, and Leadership Experience</u></h3>	
Faculty Member - Luther College Dorian Summer Music Camps (Decorah, IA)	Jun. 2022-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Directed rehearsals and programmed two concerts for middle and high school jazz ensembles· Designed and implement beginning and intermediate jazz improvisation courses· Taught applied jazz improvisation lessons to instrumentalists and vocalists	
Intern - Outside In Music (New York, NY)	Aug. 2021-Jan. 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Assisted the Outside In Music record label with distribution and promotion of their artists' music· Developed skills related to social media, research, marketing, and production	
Teaching Fellow - UNT Jazz Studies Department (Denton, TX)	Aug. 2020-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Directed the Five, Six, and Seven O'Clock Lab Bands· Assisted implementation and instruction of in-person and Zoom classes· Graded playing and written assignments for improvisation and jazz appreciation courses· Organized, administered, and completed tasks before and during the UNT Jazz Trombone Day	
Participant - UNT Conductor's Collegium (Denton, TX)	Jun. 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Rehearsed and conducted UNT Wind Symphony in workshop and performance settings· Engaged in lectures, masterclasses, and private conducting lessons with Eugene Migliaro Corporon, Dr. Andrew Trachsel, and Dr. Daniel Cook	
Piano Accompanist - Luther College (Decorah, IA), Rosemount HS (Rosemount, MN)	Aug. 2016-Mar. 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Rehearsed with and accompanied students for jury, seminar, and contest performances· Led worship services through Campus Ministries	
Camp Counselor - Luther College Dorian Summer Music Camp (Decorah, IA)	Jun. 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Supported campers, professors, and administrators during rehearsals, classes, and games· Accompanied, taught, and performed for students in classes and recitals	
Music Theory Tutor - Luther College Music Department (Decorah, IA)	Aug. 2018-May 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Clarified and explained key relationships, harmonic structures, ear training and voice-leading concepts to first and second year theory students	
Adult Leader - ELCA National Gathering (Houston, TX)	Jun. 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Drafted worship services for the NE MN Synod's journey to the ELCA National Gathering· Led worship band by coordinating instrumentalists and directing rehearsals	
Camp Counselor - Voyageurs Lutheran Ministries (Cook, MN)	Jun.-Aug. 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Facilitated team building activities, Bible studies, cookouts, and camping trips· Led and mentored cabins of youth ranging from ages 6 to 18	

Research Experience

“Liturgical Jazz in the Lutheran Church”

Jan.-Apr. 2021

- Master’s capstone paper completed in conjunction with jazz research course at UNT
- Analyzed recordings and sheet music to identify musical customs in Lutheran worship services
- Interviewed Ike Sturm and Jonathan Ailabouni, two prominent liturgical jazz figures
- Researched past application, present implementation, and future opportunities of jazz in worship

“The Role of Leadership in Ensemble Motivation and Engagement”

Jun.-Dec. 2019

- Summer research fellowship/senior undergraduate capstone paper at Luther College
- Researched and wrote paper detailing optimal leadership practices, techniques, and philosophies
- Attended 20 hours of sports practices and music ensemble rehearsals
- Observed and interviewed 10 leaders to identify behaviors that promote intrinsic motivation
- Presented at Iowa Music Educators Association 2019 convention and Luther’s Faculty Agora

Selected Awards/Honors

- Finalist, J.J. Johnson Jazz Trombone Competition (International Trombone Association: ITA) 2022
- Finalist, National Solo Jazz Competition (American Trombone Workshop) 2022
- Downbeat Student Music Award, Outstanding Arrangement for Small Ensemble: “Silent Way” 2021
- Alternate Finalist, J.J. Johnson and Carl Fontana Jazz Trombone Competitions (ITA) 2021
- Luther College Dean’s List 2016-2020
- Theodore Presser Music Scholar 2019-2020
- Pi Kappa Lambda Honor Society - inducted into Epsilon Omega Chapter 2019
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society - inducted into UNT Chapter 2022

Selected Performance Experiences

- Jazz Aspen Snowmass Academy Big Band, led by Christian McBride 2022
- Glenn Miller Orchestra 2021, 2022
- Nick Finzer Jazz Orchestra 2022
- Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra 2021
- “Gospel Meets Jazz” Ensemble, led by Brad Leali 2021
- UNT One O’Clock Lab Band 2020-2022
- UNT Latin Jazz Lab Band 2021
- UNT U-Tubes Jazz Trombone Ensemble (Winners, Kai Winding Ensemble Competition) 2020-present
- Luther College Concert Band, Jazz Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra - Principal Player 2016-2019
- Luther College Faculty Brass Quintet & Faculty Jazz Combo 2019
- Luther College Concerto Competition (Winner) 2018-2019
- Atlantic Brass Quintet Summer Seminar 2019
- Recital Performances 2018, 2019, 2022

Additional Masterclasses, Experiences and Proficiencies

- Adjudicator at Jack Oatts Jazz Festival (Earlham, IA) 2024
- Featured at Young Conductor Symposium at Iowa Bandmasters Association (Des Moines, IA) 2023
- Masterclass at Drake University's Honor Jazz Band Day (Des Moines, IA) 2023
- Masterclass and performance at Indianola/Carlisle/Norwalk Jazz Festival (Indianola, IA) 2023
- Masterclass at Carlisle High School (Carlisle, IA) 2023
- Masterclass at Ankeny High School (Ankeny, IA) 2022
- UNT Student Representative on Search Committee for Professor of Music Entrepreneurship 2021-2022
- Masterclass at Hialeah Gardens High School Jazz Festival (Miami, FL) 2022
- Masterclass and performance at Winona State University (Winona, MN) 2022
- Masterclass with Wakeland High School Jazz Ensemble (Frisco, TX) 2022
- Masterclass with Duluth East High School Jazz Ensemble (Duluth, MN) 2021, 2022
- Masterclass with Rosemount High School Jazz Ensemble (Rosemount, MN) 2021
- Logic Pro X and Final Cut X Proficiency 2021
- Luther College Music Department Student Representative 2018
- Luther College Cross Country/Track and Field 2016-2018
- Luther College Norsemen Choir 2017
- German Language Conversational Proficiency 2016

References

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- Director of the One O'Clock Lab Band, Coordinator of Lab Bands
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Nick Finzer

- Assistant Professor of Jazz Trombone - UNT College of Music (Denton, TX)
- Applied Trombone Lesson Instructor
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Dr. Andrew Trachsel

- Associate Professor of Wind Studies - UNT College of Music (Denton, TX)
- Chair of the Division of Conducting and Ensembles, Applied Conducting Lesson Instructor
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Dr. Jill Wilson

- Associate Professor of Music - Luther College (Decorah, IA)
- Music Education Program Director
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