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Education

Doctor of Musical Arts: Performance with Jazz Emphasis, 2015, The University of Texas at Austin

Master of Music: Jazz Studies, 2003, The University of Texas at Austin

Bachelor of Music: Applied Saxophone, 1996, The University of Texas at Austin

Training

Principal Teachers

Saxophones	Harvey Pittel
Bass clarinet	Harvey Pittel
Clarinet	Richard MacDowell
Flute/ Piccolo	Beth Whitten
Trumpet	Rick White
Jazz Theory/ Improvisation	Richard Lawn/ John Mills

Professional Teaching Experience

St. Edward's University, Austin, TX (2006-present)
Coordinator of Instrumental Music

Director of the St. Edward's University Jazz Ensembles

Director of the St. Edward's University Mariachi Alas de Oro

Applied Woodwinds Instructor

Music Theory Lecturer

Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX (2004-2009)
Adjunct Professor of Saxophone and Clarinet

Lecturer for Music in Contemporary Life

Round Rock ISD, Round Rock, TX (1994-2006)
Private Saxophone, Flute, and Clarinet Instructor at Grisham Middle School, Chisholm Trail Middle School, Cedar Valley Middle School, Stony Point High School and Round Rock High School.

Director of the Chisholm Trail Middle School Jazz Ensemble.

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX (2001-2003)
Teaching Assistant for Harvey Pittel- taught applied saxophone lessons to undergraduate saxophonists.

Teaching Assistant for the Jazz Studies Department- coached jazz combos on theory, performance, and improvisation styles.

Pflugerville ISD, Pflugerville, TX (1995-2001)
Private Saxophone and Bass Clarinet Instructor at Westview Middle School, Pflugerville Middle School, Pflugerville High School, and Connally High School.

Publications

Steady- *Jazz From the Carriage House* (2012)
The St. Edward's University Jazz Ensemble's second CD, available at <http://think.stedwards.edu/musicalperformances/discography>.

Mariachi Alas de Oro- *El Primer* (2010)
The St. Edward's University Mariachi Ensemble's first CD, available at <http://think.stedwards.edu/musicalperformances/discography>.

Steady- *Snapshot- In the Beginning* (2006)
The St. Edward's University Jazz Ensemble's first CD, available at <http://think.stedwards.edu/musicalperformances/discography>.

McGraw Hill Higher Education (2006)
Developed a website for my Music in Contemporary Life lecture class at Prairie View A&M University. It can be viewed at www.jocal.pageout.net.

Awards and Honors

State Bar of Texas-LRE, Austin, TX (2006, 2007, 2009)

Was commissioned by the Law-Related Education department of the Texas State Bar Association to lecture on American music history at the 2006, 2007 and 2009 State Bar Conventions. I recommended texts that have now been adopted by the State of Texas as a part of the middle and high school American history curriculum.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Prairie View, TX (2006)

Was inducted into the Omicron Zeta chapter of the national music fraternity Phi Mu Alpha as an honorary member by the students at Prairie View A&M University.

Region 18 Jazz Band, Austin, TX (2002)

Clinician and conductor for the All Region Jazz Band.

Professional Affiliations

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

Jazz Education Network

Performance Experience

Classical

Austin Symphony Orchestra

Austin Lyric Opera

University of Texas Wind Ensemble

University of Texas Symphony

University of Texas Saxophone Choir

Austin Saxophone Quartet

Nova Saxophone Quartet

Harvey Pittel

Donald Sinta

Jazz

Bob Brookmeyer

Mike Stern

Joshua Redman

Eddie Daniels

Maria Schneider

The Tony Campisi Big Band

Creative Opportunity Orchestra

Ed Shaughnessy

University of Texas Jazz Orchestra

St. Edward's University Jazz Ensemble

John Mills Times Ten

Manhattan Transfer

The Stardust Orchestra

Dimensions in Blue (Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX)
Monster Big Band
Frank Sinatra, Jr.
Natalie Cole
Carmen Bradford

Commercial

The Temptations
Frankie Valli
Olivia Newton John
10,000 Maniacs
The Guy Lombardo Orchestra
Kenny Rogers
Asleep at the Wheel
Michael Feinstein
Tommy Tune
Marvin Hamlisch
Gino Vannelli
Linda Eder
Archie Bell and the Drells
Julie Budd
Aretha Franklin
Dale Watson
Rick Treviño
Charlie Sexton
Johnny Gimble
Bernadette Peters
W.C. Clark
Extreme Heat
Debby Boone

Musical Theater

Austin Musical Theater
Broadway Texas
University of Texas Department of Theater and Dance
Zilker Hillside Theater
Zachary Scott Theater

Mariachi

Mariachi Alas de Oro
Mariachi Cielo de Austin