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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND	
Texas Tech University, PhD in Fine Arts, Music "Reflections: For interactive electronics, dancer, and variable instruments"	2014
Texas Tech University, Master of Music in Composition	2010
Eastern New Mexico University, Bachelor of Science in Music  Minor in Music Technology, magna cum laude	2007

<u>PROF</u>	FESSIONAL EXPERIENCE/ EMPLOYMENT HISTORY	
	Freelance Composer/Notator, Justin F. Houser Music, Lubbock, TX List Genres, may include note to see separate sections	2005- Present
	Freelance Professional Musician, Justin F. Houser Music, Lubbock, TX Electronic Music, Keyboard, Trumpet, Guitar, Viola, Percussion	2002- Present
	Adjunct Instructor, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX College of Arts and Sciences, School of Theatre & Dance	2022- Present
	Academic Advisor, Texas Tech College of Arts & Sciences General Studies Program, Undeclared, and Pre-Law at Texas Tech University	2020- Present
	Loan Processor, PlainsCapital Credit Union, Lubbock, TX	2016- 2020
	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX	2007- 2014
	Manager/Barista, Starbucks, Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock, TX	2014- 2016

# **TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

Adjunct Instructor, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

# CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

Talkington College of Visual and Performing Arts, School of TI THA 5335: Experiments in Intermedia: Max 8	neatre & Dance
Sound Design and Crew Mentor	2023
College of Arts & Sciences	
CASC 3100: Leadership Development & Team Building	2023

College of Arts & Sciences	
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#### Graduate Teaching Assistant/ Instructor of Record, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

#### Talkington College of Visual and Performing Arts, School of Music

MUSI 3341 Introduction to Music Technology MUTH 1204 Elementary Music Theory II MUTH 1203 Elementary Music Theory I

Tutor, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM

Music Theory and Private Lessons

No year needed

#### **GUEST LECTURING**

#### Texas Tech University, School of Theatre & Dance, Lubbock, TX

"Improvised Music and Somatic Dance Techniques"

2022

Interactive music performance and dance, exploring improvisational techniques and response

"The Currency of Tragedy"

2011

History of Theatre (Doctoral Core Course), Texas Tech University

Presented as a discussion an analysis of the idea of a contemporary tragedy, focused around the debate between Joseph Krutch and Arthur Miller.

#### Texas Tech University, School of Music, Lubbock, TX

"Functional Integration of Acoustic and Electronic Elements in a Musical Work" Discussion of various techniques of electro-acoustic composition. 2015

"The Transfer from Experimental to Canonic"

2011

Discussion of the development of serial systems from what was once considered highly experimental to what is now considered standard for the academic canon of theoretical works, as well as the discussion of the development of the non-serial/post-modern musical systems that were initially accepted in the canon but developed to a point of separation from academic world.

#### Eastern New Mexico University, Music Department, Portales, NM

"Electronics and New Music Technology"

2013

A brief history of electronic music followed by demonstration of new technologies implementing video detection, live sound manipulation, and use of Microsoft Kinect for whole-body interactive electronics

#### SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTION AND PROFESSION

#### SERVICE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Co-Opt Artist Collective, Lubbock, TX

2022- Present

Member, Board of Directors

Texas Tech University, College of Arts and Sciences

2020- Present

BGS Area Committee Member

West Texas Folk Arts Association, Lubbock, TX

2015-2018

Founding Member Secretary

# Fine Arts Doctoral Program Student Organization, Texas Tech University Founding Member Secretary Society of Composers, Inc. Founding Member Student SCI Chapter, Texas Tech University President Secretary 2011- 2013

SER\	/ICE ACTIVITIES, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX	
	Society of Electro-Acoustic Music in the United States	2013- Present
	College Music Society	2013- Present
	Co-Opt Artist Collective, Lubbock, TX	2022- Present
	West Texas Folk Arts Association, Lubbock, TX	2015- 2018
	Texas Tech Center for Vernacular Music, Member, Lubbock, TX	2015
	Fine Arts Doctoral Program Student Organization, Texas Tech University	2011- 2013
	Society of Composers, Inc.	2010- 2013

2010- Present

# SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

# **LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

West Texas Cycling Association, Lubbock, TX

Tour Director

Secretary

Vice President

President

Ride of Silence Community Ride, Planning Committee

#### **RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY**

# **AWARDS FOR RESEARCH AND CREATVE ACTIVITY**

#### Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

Nominated for President's Excellence in Academic Advising Award	2023
College of Arts & Sciences Staff Awards, Excellence in Academic Advising	2023
Nominated for President's Excellence in Academic Advising Award	2022
Arts and Humanities Conference, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place in Composition	2013

#### **COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Mary-Jeanne van Appledorn Festival of New Music, Electronics Technician/Assistant 2014

Jen McLachlen Doctoral Flute Recitals, Electronics Technician

2013

Including works for amplified flute with live electronics and amplified flute

Mary-Jeanne van Appledorn Festival of New Music, Assistant 2008- 2012

#### **PUBLISHED WRITTEN WORK**

**Texas Tech University**, PhD in Fine Arts, Music, Dissertation, TTU Press 2014

"Reflections: For interactive electronics, dancer, and variable instruments"

Digital Rabbit Blog, "Reflections and Criticism on the Music of 'Now'" (peer-reviewed) 2021

The Interconnectedness of Language and Improvisation

Traversing the 'Mirrorsphere' by Aksatzul

Into the "Deviance"

Back in the Before Times

Beautifully Haunting Songs

After boiling, blending, and steeping, you have to let it ferment.

Birds, Sky, Mountains, and Amazing Music!

#### **PUBLISHED ENGRAVINGS**

**Professional Computer Engraving** 

2015-2016

Lora Deal and Brenda Wristen, Adaptive Strategies for Small-Handed Pianists,

Oxford University Press, 2017

Production of musical examples for a piano technique book emphasizing approaches for small handed pianists

**Professional Computer Engraving** 

Matthew Santa, Hearing Form: Musical Analysis with and Without the Score,

Routledge, 2010

Production of musical examples for Dr. Santa's form and analysis textbook 2012- 2015

**Professional Computer Engraving** 

Collaboration with Dr. Thomas Cimarusti of Texas Tech University

Production	of modern	aditions	of salacted	l works o	f Bonifacio As	ioli
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2013-2014

**Professional Computer Engraving** 

Collaborating with Dr. Lora Deahl of Texas Tech University

Generation of editions of piano pieces for pianists with small hands. Duties include professional computer engraving of hand-written examples and full scores 2010-2013

**Professional Computer Engraving** 

Excerpt materials for Dr. Mabio Duarte's dissertation and lecture recital 2012

**Professional Computer Engraving** 

Collaboration with Dr. Thomas Cimarusti of Texas Tech University Modern editions of selected works of L. M. Van Vleck and A. A. Van Vleck 2010- 2011

#### **COMPOSITIONS**

#### \*performances listed in other sections to indicate differential creative modality

Ghost Dance for Dancer and live electronics

Performed as part of DanceTech at the Texas Tech School of Theatre & Dance 2023

Love Song for percussion and multichannel live electronics

Performed CO-OPt; Research + Projects 2022

Starsounds for viola and live electronics

Performed CO-OPt: Research + Projects 2022

Improvisation[Collocation(210620)] collaboration with Noah Alonzo for trumpet & live electronics and live tape looping with electronics

Performed and recorded June 2021, released through Full Spectrum Records 2022

Re-Interpreting for solo piano (April 2020)

Lost and Found indeterminate graphic score

Interpreted, Texas Tech University

Interpreted, Llano Estacado Monad Band

7X7 indeterminate graphic score

Interpreted, Llano Estacado Monad Band 2012, 2021

Interpreted, Texas Tech University

Absurdist Poems indeterminate graphic score

"January 16 2020" interpreted, Llano Estacado Monad Band

"January 15 2020" interpreted, Llano Estacado Monad Band

"21 February 2020" interpreted, Llano Estacado Monad Band

Engage The Light fixed media collection (incomplete)

2014-2020

Five works completed between July 2014 and 2020

The collection makes us of audio recordings made on photo walks with "Engage The Light;" photography group for Veterans and other At-Risk Communities

Giants Walking for spoken voice and electronics

Based on a poem by Dr. Tiffany Holmes

Performed CO-OPt: Research + Projects

Climbing for spoken voice and electronics

2015-2019

2015-2019

2013-2021

2020

# Based on a poem by Dr. Tiffany Holmes Performed CO-OPt: Research + Projects

I.T.L.O.T.H. for flute, live electronics, and dancer Commissioned by Dr. Tiffany Holmes Performed Texas Tech Museum Performed Marshall University, SCI Region III Conference Performed Lewis University, Electronic Music Mid-West Conference Performed National Sawdust Theatre, New York Electroacoustic Music Festival	2015- 2017
Reflections for live electronics, dancer, and variable instrument Dissertation Work	2014
Meditation of Motion for dancer and live interactive electronics  Keynote performance, 2014 Shared Knowledge Conference, University of New Motion 1.	2014 ⁄lexico
Other Side for fixed stereo media Performance, National Student Electronic Music Event (N_SEME), Georgia South Premiered, Texas Tech University	2013 nern University
Musings for small ensemble Premiered, Texas Tech University	2013
Musings for soprano and small ensemble	2013
Meditation for snare drum with live electronics	2013
To be Determined for solo violin and live electronics	2013
Studium Struktury for piano duet Reading, Texas Tech University, Mary Jeanne van Appledorn Festival of New Mu	2012- 2013 Isic
Five Movements for trumpet and trombone Commission by faculty at South Plains College Premiered, South Plains College	2012- 2013
Streams for 5 synthesizers  Collaboration work with Mark Nicholas  Premiered, Texas Tech	2012
Tre Brevi Istanti for flute, piano, cello, and three wordless voices Premiered, Texas Tech University	2012
Musings for soprano and piano	2011
Minuet for bassoon and piano	2011
Memories in the Wind for fixed media Performed, Texas Tech University, with Flatlands Dance Theater Premiered, Texas Tech University	2011
Lost is My Quiet for soprano and small ensemble	2011
Developing Conversation for fixed media	2011- 2009

Performed, Texas Tech University Premiered, Texas Tech University

Harp Suite for solo harp Premiered, Texas Tech University	2010
From Midnight to Morning for flute, Bb trumpet, piano, and cello Premiered, Texas Tech University Movement 2 Premiered, Texas Tech University	2009- 2010
Progressive Relations for fixed media Premiered, Texas Tech University	2009
Sonatina for solo harp Premiered, Texas Tech University	2009
Tridecaphobia for 7-member percussion ensemble	2009
Remorse for string quartet Premiered, Texas Tech University	2009
Life in Harmony for solo piano Premiered, Eastern New Mexico University	2008
Dedication for Bb trumpet and electronics Premiered, Eastern New Mexico University	2007
tonal simplicity for brass quintet Premiered, Eastern New Mexico University	2007
Wicked Wonderland for bass voice and piano Premiered, Dr. Roberto Mancusi, Eastern New Mexico University	2007
Omens and Oracles for SATB choir Premiered, Eastern New Mexico University	2007
Dream in the Witch House Suite for solo piano Premiered, Dr. Mark Dal Porto, Eastern New Mexico University	2006- 2007
Walking on Campus for brass trio Premiered, Faculty Brass Members, Eastern New Mexico University	2006

# RECORDINGS, ALBUMS

FULL SPECTRUM RECORDS	
Album In Progress, More Information Forthcoming	2023
<u>Untitled No. 2 (West Texas Fantasy)</u> Track 1: "Early Morning"	2021
Track 2: "Dreams of Rain" Track 3: "A Whisper"	

Track 4: "Of a Storm"

Track 5: "Just Drips in an Empty Sink"

#### **Thoughts and Memories While Traveling Through West Texas**

2020

Track 1: "With the subtlety of dust floating on windless day after a car has driven over dirt road"

Track 2: "Buried in the inescapable cacophony of summertime cicadas"

Track 3: "The meditative motions of oil pumps contrasted against wind turbines"

Track 4: "The road stretching straight to the infinitely distant horizon"

Track 5: "Beneath a blue dome of sky spreading beyond the ability of the eye to see"

#### <u>Untitled No. 1</u> 2020

Track 1: "Unnamed"

Track 2: "Unexpected"

Track 3: "Unplanned"

Track 4: "Unforced"

Track 5: "Unlimited"

#### **RECORDINGS, COLLABORATIONS AND ENSEMBLES**

#### **FULL SPECTRUM RECORDS**

#### Recorded/Released

2020-21/2022

#### Collective Graphic Works by Llano Estacado Monad Band

Track 1: "red phone receiver"

Track 2: "if the location"

Track 3: "99¢"

Track 4: "ſ::n"

#### Improvisation[Collocation(210620)] by Justin Houser & Noah Alonzo

2021/2022

"Improvisation[Collocation(210620)]"

#### **ANDREW WEATHERS, INDEPENDENT LABEL**

#### The Land Ethic, Second Summer 2021

2021

Track 2: "Oil Pumps (after Helen Thorington)"

#### **LLANO ESTACADO MONAD BAND, INDEPENDENT LABEL**

**NOTE:** (All Albums hyperlinked for additional information on contributions and compositions)

June 5 2022

June 4 2022

May 22 2022

April 24 2022

February 27 2022

February 4 2022

January 21 2022

January 9 2022

August 22 2021

May 3 2020

April 26 2020

April 19 2020

April 12 2020

April 5 2020

March 30 2020

March 22 2020

March 15 2020

February 23 2020

February 7 2020

January 19 2020

January 5 2020

November 16 2019

November 15 2019

November 10 2019

November 1 2019

July 28 2019

#### INTERDISCIPLINARY PERFORMANCE AND COMPOSITION FOR THEATRE, DANCE, NEW MEDIA

Plays CAMP by Wind Tide, Contemporary Art Museum of Plainview 2023

Composition for Dance, a Collaboration with YNOT, Charles Adams Studio 2022

Yard Game for Grand Horizon by Llano Estacado Monad Band 2019

Victoria McReynolds' installation Grand Horizon, part of Terrain Biennial

2015-2017 I.T.L.O.T.H. for flute, live electronics, and dancer Commissioned by Dr. Tiffany Holmes (see other sections for details)

Performed Texas Tech Museum
Performed Marshall University, SCI Region III Conference
Performed Lewis University, Electronic Music Mid-West Conference
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"Kinetic Coordinates: Demonstration and Explanation of Whole Body Interactive Electronics"

Texas Tech University School of Theatre & Dance Student Dance Show

## CONCERTS, SOLO/ ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE AND MEMBERSHIP

"Musings: A Philosophy and Analysis"

Texas Tech University Arts and Humanities Conference

2013

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS**

Shared Knowledge Conference, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

2014

Keynote Lecture Performance (invited)

"Meditation of Movement: Whole Body Interactive Electronics using the Microsoft Kinect" Interdisciplinary performance with Music and Dance

#### **Texas Tech University School of Theatre & Dance**, Lubbock, TX

2014

Lecture (invited)

"Kinetic Coordinates: Demonstration and Explanation of Whole Body Interactive Electronics" Interdisciplinary performance with Music and Dance

#### Texas Tech University Arts & Humanities Conference, Lubbock, TX

2013

Lecture (invited)

Recital (juried, peer-reviewed)

"Musings: A Philosophy and Analysis"