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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Western Illinois University - Assistant Director

Fall 2018, August 2021 – Present

Wind Ensemble, Chamber Players, Concert Band - Macomb, IL

- Direct pieces throughout each semester with Western's premiere performance ensemble, Chamber Players, and Concert Band, including works such as Holst's *Mars*, Stravinsky's *Symphonies of Wind Instruments*, and Van der Roost's *Pusztá*, encouraging independent expression and student leadership
- Create supplemental materials to support ensemble fundamentals

Monmouth College - Adjunct Instructor

Spring 2022

Monmouth College Wind Ensemble - Monmouth, IL

- Directed Monmouth's premiere concert ensemble, recruited students and collaborated with the concert band for a joint performance
- Elevated ensemble from grade three to grade five repertoire throughout the semester, and performed wind band standards such as Persichetti's *Divertimento*, Vaughan Williams' *Folk Song Suite*, and Saint-Saens' *Pas Redouble*
- Developed a student advisory board for future semesters to promote student engagement and leadership

Western Illinois University - Founder, Director

Jan 2017 – May 2020

Silver Keys and Throat Tones Clarinet Choirs - Macomb, IL

- Founded and directed clarinet choir program to provide supplemental experiences to majors, non-majors, and non-primary future music educators
- Selected over 70 unique works to perform, including commissioned works, original clarinet choir standards, transcriptions of works from the wind band and orchestral canon, and pop tunes
- Commissioned new music by composition majors to encourage growth of the performance medium
- Independently planned and administered an overnight trip to Chicago to receive instruction from John Yeh of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and members of the Chicago Clarinet Ensemble, inspiring some students to achieve larger artistic goals
- Mentored music education students I invited to co-direct the Throat Tones, providing guidance on a variety of topics including conducting, music selection, recruitment, advocacy, and concert planning
- Created supplemental studies and warm up materials to assist in efficient rehearsals
- Designed uniform, posters, programs, and social media presence to advocate for ensemble

Western Illinois University - Director**Nov 2022 – Present***Opera Orchestral Pit - Macomb, IL*

- Collaborate with opera composer to provide feedback on instrumental parts
- Collaborate with wind faculty performing in the pit to prepare the ensemble for multiple performances

Geneseo School District - Various*Geneseo CUSD #228 - Geneseo, IL***Chamber Winds - Co-Founder, Co-Director****Oct 2014 – May 2016**

- Co-founded and co-directed ensemble to provide supplemental performance opportunities for the high school program's top players. Ensemble still performs today, providing students with conducting and leadership opportunities as well
- Conducted wind band standards and transcriptions including Grainger's *Children's March* and *Irish Tune*, Hanson's *Chorale and Alleluia*, and Handel's *Royal Fireworks Music*
- Created performance opportunities throughout the surrounding community in a variety of venues

Concert Band - Assistant Instructor**Aug 2016 – May 2020**

- Directed full band and small group rehearsals, establishing quality technique and musicianship
- Assisted in writing warm-ups and other studies tailored to the ensemble's needs
- Taught individual assessments, addressing instrument-specific concerns in a private lesson setting

Beginning Band - Assistant Instructor**June 2012 – May 2020**

- Directed full band and small group rehearsals, focusing on creating a love of music and quality fundamentals
- Taught individual assessments, addressing fingerings, intonation, and reading music
- Assisted in executing well-organized trips through pre-planning, behavioral management, and equipment repair

Madrigal Recorder - Director**October 2020 – December 2020**

- Created studies to assist students new to the recorder in learning its fingerings efficiently
- Encouraged student leadership within the chamber setting by teaching students to lead themselves while playing without a conductor

Middle School - Woodwind Instructor**(Intermittent) June 2012 – July 2018**

- Led sectionals and full ensemble rehearsals throughout Geneseo's summer program

Substitute Teacher**Jan 2021 – May 2021**

- Monitored student behavior in SPED settings and utilized various interventions
- Adhered to classroom procedures to teach a variety of subject areas and ages, including many kindergarten classes

Maple City German Band - Director**May 2017 – Present***Community Band - Geneseo, IL*

- Assemble community members to perform Bavarian works for ice cream socials and other seasonal events such as Oktoberfest
- Encourage audience participation at concerts

United Township High School - Student Teacher**July 2020 – Dec 2020***United Township High School, Glenview Middle School - East Moline, IL*

- Substitute Director of Bands for UTHS while their director was away for the quarter, teaching all live concert band rehearsals, providing asynchronous assignments, and assembling virtual band performances. Assisted with marching band rehearsals
- Assistant director at Glenview, asynchronously instructing bands of various levels by creating video lessons and SmartMusic assessments. Synchronously taught private lessons

Lincoln Elementary School - Block Teacher**Spring 2020***Lincoln Elementary School - Macomb, IL*

- Introduced core melodies to students, taught structured improvisation on Orff instruments, and used Dalcroze Eurhythmics to develop listening skills
- Assisted in crafting and transitioning to a low-stress online learning environment

WIU Summer Music Institute - Clarinet Instructor (5-12)**June 2017***WIU Summer Music Institute - Macomb, IL*

- Led master classes on topics students found both applicable and interesting
- Judged chair placement auditions and adapted band music to match individual students' needs
- Taught sectionals and individual lessons, and played with the students in rehearsals to establish fundamental technique

Wesley United Methodist Church - Sunday School Instructor**Jan 2019 – Dec 2019***Wesley United Methodist Church - Macomb, IL*

- Utilized songs, games, and activities to teach bible lessons to elementary classes
- Differentiated discussions to engage high school students with topics of interest while maintaining age-appropriate conversations for middle school students in their combined classes

First United Methodist Church (FUMC) Orchestra - Director**December 2019***First United Methodist Church - Geneseo, IL*

- Directed the orchestra alone, with the congregation, and combined with the choir for Christmas services, for which over 800 people were in attendance

CLINICS, ADJUDICATIONS, LESSONS

Clarinet Clinic, *Quincy Youth Symphony Orchestra***Jan 2023**Solo Competition Judge, Discussion Panelist, *WIU Woodwind Day***Jan 2023**Midwest Clinic, *Musical Companions: Stravinsky and Stephenson***December 2022***Created [handout](#), PowerPoint, and other materials; ran PowerPoint*Conducting Lessons, *Black Hawk College Director of Bands***Aug 2022 – Dec 2022**Clarinet Superlesson, *Geneseo Middle School***June 2019, 2021, 2022**Clarinet Clinic, *Geneseo High School***February 2022**

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Clarinet Clinic, <i>Mount Olive Middle and High School</i>	March 2021
Full Band and Woodwind Clinics, <i>Geneseo Middle School</i>	February 2020
Recital Solo/Ensemble Clarinet Judge, <i>Geneseo Middle and High School</i>	February 2020
Clarinet Clinic, <i>United Township High School</i>	December 2019
Summer Camp Woodwind Clinics, <i>Geneseo Middle School</i>	June 2019
Bsn/FI/Sax Seating Auditions Judge, <i>Geneseo High School</i>	May 2019
Oboe and Clarinet Masterclasses, <i>WIU NAfME Junior Band</i>	April 2019
Saxophone and Clarinet Clinics, <i>Geneseo Middle School</i>	February 2019
Clarinet Private Lessons, <i>Quad Cities and Macomb</i>	2012 – 2019
Saxophone and Clarinet Masterclasses, <i>WIU NAfME Junior Band</i>	April 2018
Oboe Summer Camp Classes, <i>Geneseo Middle School</i>	June – July 2017
Saxophone Masterclass - <i>Bushnell-Prairie City Junior High School</i>	April 2017
Clarinet Summer Camp Classes, <i>Geneseo Middle School</i>	June – August 2015 – 2019

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Wind Ensemble, <i>WIU - principal</i>	2016 – 2020, 2021 – Present
Orchestra, <i>WIU - principal</i>	2016 – 2020, 2021 – Present
Chamber Players, <i>WIU - principal</i>	2016 – 2020, 2021 – Present
Quincy Symphony Orchestra, <i>Quincy, IL - substitute clarinetist</i>	2021 – Present
Galesburg Symphony Orchestra, <i>Galesburg, IL - substitute clarinetist</i>	2017 – Present
Maple City German Band, <i>Geneseo, IL - band leader, clarinetist</i>	2017 – Present
Maple City Band, <i>Geneseo, IL - percussion, principal clarinet</i>	2016 – Present
Chamber Ensembles, <i>WIU - clarinet (woodwind quintets, trios)</i>	2017 – Present
Municipal Band, <i>Macomb, IL - clarinet</i>	2016 – Present
Festival 56 Pit, <i>Princeton, IL - reed book</i>	July 2022
Woodwind Festival Masterclass - <i>Dr. Steve Cohen</i>	November 2021
Virtual Band - <i>clarinet 1, Eb, director</i>	Spring 2021
Mu Phi Epsilon Choir - <i>WIU, soprano</i>	Spring 2017 – Spring 2020
The River of Time CD, <i>WIU - principal clarinet</i>	November 2019
Concerto Competition Winner, <i>WIU - Copland Clarinet Concerto</i>	March 2019
Faculty Chamber Ensemble, <i>WIU - clarinet</i>	2019
Mu Phi Epsilon Recorder Ensemble, <i>WIU - soprano</i>	2019
Opera Pit, <i>WIU - principal clarinet, reed book</i>	2017 – 2019
Musical Pit, <i>WIU - reed book</i>	2017, 2019
Marching Leathernecks, <i>WIU - clarinet, cymbal section leader</i>	2016 – 2019
FUMC Orchestra, <i>Geneseo, IL - alto sax, clarinet, director</i>	2012 – 2019
Quad City Music Guild Pit, <i>Moline, IL - reed book</i>	2018
Concert Choir, <i>WIU - alto</i>	Spring 2018
Community Choir, <i>Geneseo, IL - soprano</i>	Summer 2017
FUMC Bell choir, <i>Geneseo, IL - D4-A4</i>	2015 – 2016
Jazz Band, <i>Geneseo, IL - alto sax</i>	2015 – 2016
Honors All-State Band, <i>Peoria, IL - clarinet</i>	2015 – 2016
ILMEA District 2 Band, <i>Peoria, IL - principal clarinet</i>	2012 – 2016

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

WIU Graduate Assistant	2021 – Present
WIU Wind Ensemble, Orchestra Section Leader	Jan 2017 – 2020, 2021 – Present
WIU Wind Ensemble Advisory Board President	2019 – 2020, 2022 – Present
Maple City Band Librarian	2016 – Present
Throat Tones Clarinet Choir Founder, Director	2018 – 2019
Marching Leathernecks Cymbal Line Section Leader	Aug 2018 – Dec 2019
NAfME Chapter President	2018 – 2019
Mu Phi Epsilon Chaplain, Steward	2017 – 2019
MTNA Treasurer	2017 – 2018
Maple City Band Guest Conductor	2016 – 2019

HONORS & AWARDS

WIU COFAC College Scholar	December 2020
WIU Music Department Scholar	December 2020
WIU Honors Convocation Speaker	December 2020
WIU Summa Cum Laude	December 2020
WIU University Honors	December 2020
WIU Honors College Scholar	December 2020
WIU Concerto Competition Winner	March 2019

AFFILIATIONS

Phi Kappa Phi
Golden Key
College Music Society

ILMEA
Mu Phi Epsilon
NAfME

Galesburg Symphony
Quincy Symphony

EDUCATION

Master of Music <i>Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Instrumental Conducting and Clarinet PerformanceGPA: 4.0/4.0	August 2021 – May 2023
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Bachelor of Music <i>Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Instrumental EducationGPA: 4.0/4.0	December 2020
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CERTIFICATIONS & SKILLS

Professional Educator License, K-12 Music	December 2020
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Google Workspace • Microsoft 365 • [Finale](#) • SmartMusic • MusicFirst • [Photoshop](#) • [Davinci Resolve](#) • Premiere Pro • [Cakewalk DAW](#) • Zoom • [Pyware](#) • Screencastify

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