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### VITA

#### **Education**

Boston University  
Doctor of Musical Arts in Brass Performance  
Dissertation: "Into My Blood"; Louis Armstrong the Singer  
University of Central Arkansas  
Master of Music in Trumpet Performance  
Minor in Music Education  
Outstanding Graduate Music Student  
University of Arkansas at Fayetteville  
Bachelor of Science in Education (K-12 Instrumental Music)  
Theodore Presser Scholar Award Winner

#### **Teaching Positions**

Hope College, Holland MI, 2014  
Professor of Music (part-time)  
Dickinson State University, Dickinson, ND 2013-14  
Visiting Professor of Music  
Southwestern College, Winfield, KS: 2010-11  
Visiting Professor of Music  
Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI: 2008-10  
Professor of Music (adjunct)  
Hope College, Holland, MI: 2005-07  
Visiting Professor of Music  
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA: 2001-05  
Teaching Assistant in Core Curriculum & Music Department  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, OK: 1991-95  
Assistant Band Director, Trumpet & Jazz Instructor  
Eureka Springs Public Schools, Eureka Springs, AR: 1986-90  
Director of Music--Grades 1-12: Band, Choir, Elementary Music

### **College Courses Taught**

Dickinson State University

Applied Brass, Band, Orchestra, Jazz Combo/Voice/Improv  
Conducting, Instrumental & Choral Arranging, Instrumental Methods

Southwestern College

Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo, Applied Trumpet

Grand Valley State University

Jazz Theory, Jazz History, Exploring American Music, Applied Trumpet,  
Trumpet Literature and Pedagogy

Hope College

Wind Symphony, Anchor Pep Band, Aural Skills, Applied Trumpet,  
Orchestral Instruments for Vocal Music Education Majors, Brass Methods  
Faculty Jazz Combo, Music History for non-majors

Harvard University

Teaching Assistant: Foundations of Tonal Music\*, First Nights\*  
The Swing Era\*, Sayin' Something  
\*Recipient of "Certificate of Distinction in Teaching"

Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Applied Trumpet, Jazz Ensemble, Symphonic Band,  
Marching Band, Pep Band, Faculty Brass

University of Memphis, Graduate Teaching Assistant

Concert Band & Pep Band, Marching Band,  
Faculty Brass Quintet

University of Central Arkansas, Graduate Teaching Assistant

Applied Trumpet, Jazz Combo, Brass Methods,  
Marching Band, Faculty Early Jazz Ensemble

### **Public School Courses Taught**

Eureka Springs (AR) Public Schools

Band, Choir, Elementary Music, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade General Music

### **Music Education Activity**

Montana District 11 Music Festival Judge, Glendive 2014

Big Muddy Band Festival Judge, Bismarck ND 2014

Solo/Ensemble Judge, Kansas Activities Assoc. Pittsburg State U 2011

Supervisor of Student Teachers, Southwestern College, 2010

GVSU Faculty Brass Quintet, school concerts/masterclasses, 2009

Faculty Sponsor of MENC, Hope College 2006-07

Supervisor of Student Teachers, Hope College 2006-07

Faculty Sponsor of MENC, Southwestern Oklahoma State University 1991-95

Supervisor of First Year Teachers, Southwestern Oklahoma State 1991-95

Adjudicator/Clinician, Weatherford, OK Marching Contest 1993

Conductor/Clinician at Cherokee Strip Honor Band, Enid, OK 1993

Adjudicator for Frontier City Band Festival in Oklahoma City 1993  
Presented SWOSU Trumpet Ensemble, Oklahoma Music Educators Assoc. 1993  
Lecturer, Oklahoma Music Educators Conference 1992  
Judge, Final Trumpet Round for Oklahoma All-State Auditions 1991-95  
Organized All-Carroll County Schools Band for Sousa Commemorative  
Concert, Eureka Springs, AR 1988

### **Publications**

“An Accidental Discovery: Stravinsky’s *Fanfare for a New Theatre*”  
International Trumpet Guild Newsletter 2015 (pending)  
International Association of Jazz Education “Proceedings” 2007  
Journal of Popular Music Studies, Review of Two Books on Swing 2003  
Littleton Independent (MA), Features Correspondent 2004-05

### **Papers**

“An Accidental Discovery: Stravinsky’s *Fanfare for a New Theatre*”  
AMS Midwest Spring Meeting 2015  
“Armstrong’s ‘Star Dust’ from 1931: A Study in Contrasts” The Louis Armstrong  
Symposium, College of Staten Island, CUNY; 2009  
“Louis Armstrong, ‘Heebie Jeebies,’ and the Beginning of Scat,” IAJE 2007  
“Trumpet Valves: Who Needs Them?” U of Michigan, Stearns Collection 2007  
“Louis Armstrong the Singer,” AMS Midwest Spring Meeting 2006

### **Recordings**

*Trumpet Madness*, The Aardvark Jazz Orchestra, Leo Records 2005  
“Inklings” More Treasures from American Film Archives  
1894-1931 DVD 2004

### **Affiliations**

American Federation of Musicians  
American Guild of Organists  
American Musicological Society  
College Band Directors National Association  
College Music Society  
Historic Brass Society  
International Percy Grainger Society (Life Member)  
International Trumpet Guild

### **Conducting**

Dickinson State University Concert Band, 2013-14  
Dickinson City Band and Orchestra, ND 2014  
Morton County Band Festival, New Salem ND 2014  
Montana District XI Honor Band, Glendive MT 2013

Great Plains Honor Band, Dickinson State University, 2013  
Dickinson State University Concert Band 2013  
Southwestern College Concert Band, Jazz Band, Jazz Combo 2010-11  
*Chicago*, Southwestern College Theater Department, 2011  
Southwestern College Concert Band, Jazz Band & Combo, 2010-11  
Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Jazz Minors Band, summer 2009  
Hope College Wind Symphony, Anchor Band 2006-07  
*Pirates of Penzance*, Polymnia Choral Society in Melrose MA 1999  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church Adult and Children's Choirs, Weston MA 1998

Southwestern Oklahoma State University Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble,  
Marching Band, Pep Band 1991-95  
Eureka Springs AR Schools, Bands, Choirs 1986-90  
*Hello Dolly!* Northwest Arkansas Arts Council, 1983

### **Classical Teachers**

Jean-François Madeuf, Baroque Trumpet, Schola Cantorum, Switzerland 2013  
Ed Tarr, Baroque/Modern Trumpet, Rheinfelden, Germany 2013  
Bruce Dickey, Cornetto, Schola Cantorum, Switzerland 2013  
John Thiessen, Baroque trumpet, American Bach Soloists 2012  
Fred Holmgren, Baroque trumpet 2009-present  
Thomas Rolfs, Boston University 1998-2001  
Ray Mase, Aspen Music Festival 1994  
Pat Hasty, University of Central Arkansas 1984-86  
Robert Bright, University of Arkansas 1980-83

### **Jazz Teachers**

Bobby Ferrazza, Oberlin College 2011  
Jerry Bergonzi, New England Conservatory 2005  
Tiger Okoshi, Berklee School of Music 2001  
Greg Hopkins, Berklee School of Music 2001

## **TRUMPET PERFORMANCES**

### **Orchestral**

Bismarck-Mandan Symphony 2013  
Grand Rapids Symphony 2006-2013  
West Shore Symphony 2006  
Boston Classical Orchestra 2004  
Boston Landmarks Orchestra 2004  
Irish Tenors, Providence, RI 2002  
Rhode Island Philharmonic 2002  
Orquestra Sinfónica UAL, Monterrey, Mexico 2001, 2002

Granite State Symphony, NH 2001  
Granite State Opera, NH 2002  
Boston University Symphony Orchestra 1998-2000  
Boston Lyric Opera, Aida 1999, Tosca w/Keith Lockhart 2004  
New Philharmonia Orchestra, Boston 1998  
Athens Symphony Orchestra, GA 1997  
Oklahoma City Symphony Orchestra 1994  
Aspen Music Festival Orchestras 1994  
Memphis Civic Orchestra 1990-91  
U of Central Arkansas Symphony 1985-86  
North Arkansas Symphony in Fayetteville, AR 1980-83

### **Jazz/Commercial**

West Michigan Jazz Society, Ah-Nab-Awen Park Grand Rapids, August 2015  
*To Kill a Mockingbird* Jazz Recital, Hope College 2014  
Aardvark Jazz Orchestra Xmas Show/*Nutcracker Suite*, Boston 2013  
West Michigan Jazz Society Concert Series, Grand Rapids 2013  
Crush Lounge @ The BOB (headliner), Grand Rapids 2013  
What Not Inn (headliner), Fennville 2012  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Trumpet Festival at NSU, Tahlequah OK 2011  
Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp Faculty Jazz Sextet, summer 2009  
Truth in Jazz Orchestra, Muskegon MI 2009  
Detroit Jazz Festival/Michigan IAJE Reading Band 2006  
Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra 2006  
Double Vision, Boston 1999-2005  
Mary Wilson of “The Supremes” in Providence, RI 2001  
White Heat Orchestra, Hush, Saffire, On-Line,  
Mark Herbert Band, Ken Hadley Big Band,  
Aardvark Jazz Orchestra; Boston 1998-05  
Holland America Line Show Band in Alaska, South Pacific,  
Western Caribbean 1995-96  
Aspen Music Festival Jazz Ensemble w/ Marlena Shaw, Thelonius Monk Jr. 1994  
Opryland: Rockin’ USA, And the Winner Is... ; Nashville 1992 and 1993  
Wayne State College Jazz Festival (featured soloist), Wayne NE 1993  
Jamieson Brandt Jazz Combo, Backswing Big Band; Memphis 1990-91  
Johnny Mathis, Buddy Greco, and Carol Lawrence, Memphis 1990  
University of Central Arkansas Jazz Ensemble, Dixieland Band 1984-86  
Guy Lombardo Band w/ Al Pierson on Tours, Midwest USA 1982 & 1988  
Walt Disney World All-American College Band, Orlando 1981

### **Choral**

Holland Chorale and Symphony, Holland, MI 2008  
Chorus of Westerly, Westerly, RI 2004

Chorus Pro Musica, Boston 2004  
Quincy Choral Society, MA 1998-02  
Manchester Choral Society, NH 1998-02  
Seraphim Singers, Boston 2000  
Wellesley Choral Society, MA 1999  
Polymnia Choral Society Melrose, MA 1998  
Canterbury Choral Society in Oklahoma City 1994

### **Early Music**

Bach Collegium, Fort Wayne IN 2011  
Baroque Legacy Concert, Grand Valley State U October 2013  
Academy of Early Music Concerts w/ GV Baroque, Ann Arbor 2011, 2013  
American Bach Soloists Academy, San Francisco 2012  
Bach Collegium, Fort Wayne, IN 2011  
Grand Valley Baroque, Concerts 2009-present  
Baroque Performance Institute, Oberlin, OH 2008 & 2010  
Handel and Haydn Society (sub list), Boston, MA 2000-04  
Brown University Early Music Ensemble, Providence, RI 2004

### **Chamber**

Civil War 150 Vocal/Instrumental Recital, Dickinson State 2014  
Grand Valley State University Faculty Brass Quintet, 2009  
Handel and Haydn Society Brass Quintet, Boston 2003-04  
Brass Company Quintet, NEA Rural Residency, Paintsville, KY 1997  
Athens Symphony and Brass Quintet, GA 1996-97  
Faculty Brass Quintet at Southwestern Oklahoma State University 1991-95  
Aspen Music Festival Student Quintet with Chris Gekker, coach 1994  
Faculty Quintet at the University of Memphis 1990-91  
Bluff City Brass Quintet, Memphis 1990-91  
Faculty Brass Quintet, University of Central Arkansas 1984-86

### **Summer Festivals**

American Bach Soloists Academy, San Francisco 2012  
Jamey Aebersold Jazz Seminar, 1990 & 2010  
Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, (instructor) 2009  
Baroque Performance Institute, Oberlin College 2009, 2011  
Aspen Music Festival, 1994  
Music Festival of Arkansas, Fayetteville 1982, 1987, 1990  
Keystone Brass Institute, Dillon, CO 1990

### **Recitals**

Harvard-Epworth Church Concert Series, Cambridge MA 2015  
First Congregational, AGO Bach Around the Block, Kalamazoo 2013

Park Congregational, Grand Rapids, MI 2007, 2008, 2010  
 Grand Valley Baroque, St. Mark's Concert Series, Grand Rapids 2011  
 Grand Valley Baroque, Academy of Early Music, Ann Arbor MI 2010  
 First United Methodist, Grand Rapids, MI 2010, Jazz Vespers  
 All Saints Episcopal, Saugatuck, MI 2007  
 Hope College Faculty Jazz Recitals 2006-07  
 Mechanic's Hall, Brown Bag Series, Worcester MA 2003  
 DMA Quintet at First Unitarian, Worcester, MA 2002  
 First Congregational, Nantucket, MA 2001  
 DMA Solo at Boston University, 2001  
 DMA Solo at Payson Park Church Concert Series, Belmont MA 2000  
 St. Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City  
     Advent III, 1992; Lenten Series 1993, 1994, 1995  
 Southwestern Oklahoma State University 1992, 1994; Joint Brass Recitals  
     1992, 1993, 1994  
 University of Memphis, World Premiere: *Monofanfara*, & US Premiere:  
     *Confrontations: Sonata for Trumpet & Piano* by Paul Pellay 1991  
 St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo, MI 1989  
 University of Arkansas at Fayetteville 1981, 1982, 1983

### **Bands**

Dickinson City Band, North Dakota 2014  
 Aspen Music Festival Wind Ensemble 1994  
 Territorial Brass Band of Oklahoma 1991-95  
 University of Memphis Wind Ensemble 1991  
 Arkansas Winds 1987-90  
 University of Central Arkansas Wind Ensemble 1984-86  
 University of Arkansas Wind Ensemble 1980-83  
 University of Oklahoma Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, 1979-80  
 Oklahoma All-State Band w/ Fred Fennell 1978 and Arnold Gabriel 1979

### **Miscellany**

Harvard-Epworth Church, Christmas Eve, Cambridge MA 2010-13  
 Guest Musician, LaSalle Street Church, Chicago 2013  
 Solo singer for National Anthem at Fenway Park, July 2001  
 Natural Trumpet Substitute player for Handel & Haydn Society, Boston  
 Performed the National Anthem at Fenway Park with the Boston Symphony Brass  
     & Percussion sections for Game 3 of the American League Championship  
     Series against the Yankees; Seiji Ozawa and John Williams, conducting  
     Fall 1999  
 Brass quintet arranger of over 50 works; 10 arrangements for Hope Anchor Band  
 Arranged 10 Brass quintet arrangements commissioned by Epic Brass  
 Voice teacher at Community Arts School, Franklin, MA 1998

Tenor Section Leader at Trinity Church, Boston 1999 summer  
Tenor Section Leader at St. Peter's Church, Weston, MA 1998-99  
Organist/Choirmaster at Pleasant Valley Methodist, Monroe, GA 1997  
Tenor Section Leader at First United Methodist, Athens, GA 1996  
Tenor Section Leader at Calvary Episcopal, Memphis, TN 1990-91  
Organist at First Methodist & First Presbyterian, Eureka Springs, AR 1987-89  
Tenor Section Leader at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Little Rock, AR 1985-86  
Choir Director at Immanuel Baptist Church, Fayetteville, AR, 1980-82  
Soloist, Arkansas Wind Band, Arkansas Band Association Convention,  
Fort Smith, AR 1989 & Eureka Springs, AR 1988  
Soloist, University of Central Arkansas Wind Ensemble Tour 1985  
Concerto Competition Winner, North Arkansas Symphony, 1982  
Winner of Arkansas MTNA Solo Competition 1981

### **Master Classes**

St. Louis Brass Quintet, U of Mary, Bismarck ND 2013  
Roger Voisin (trumpet), Atlantic Brass Quintet, Boston University 1999  
Stephen Burns (trumpet) at the Longy School of Music in Cambridge, MA 1998  
Ray Mase, Chris Gekker, Lou Ranger (trumpet) American Brass Quintet,  
Aspen Music Festival 1994  
St. Louis Brass Quintet, Weatherford, OK 1992  
Bobby Shew at Jamey Aebersold Clinic, Louisville 1991  
Alan Dean, Mike Sachs, David Hickman, Dallas Brass,  
Keystone Brass Institute, Dillon, CO 1991  
Joseph Robinson (oboe), Empire Brass Quintet, Memphis, TN 1991  
Margaret Hillis (conducting) at the Music Festival of Arkansas,  
Fayetteville, AR 1987  
Vincent Cichowicz (trumpet), Tulsa University 1978, Northwestern University  
1981, University of Arkansas 1982  
Roger Bobo (tuba), University of Arkansas 1982