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Education and Personal History

University of Iowa

DMA in Trombone Performance and Pedagogy, 2019

Secondary Emphasis in Jazz Improvisation

Trombone teachers: Dr. David Gier and Dr. Jonathan Allen

University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign

Masters of Music in Jazz Trombone Performance, 2014

Trombone and jazz teachers: Jim Pugh and Chip McNiell

Marshall University

Bachelors in Music Education and Jazz Studies, 2012

Trombone and jazz teachers: Harry Watters and Sean Parsons

Additional instruction:

Amanda Stewart, Trombone ---St Louis Symphony Orchestra

John Fedchock, Jazz Trombone---New York Freelance Artist

Harry Watters, Jazz Trombone---D.C. Army Blues

Teaching Experience

- Director of Bands and Assistant Professor of Low Brass, West Virginia State University, Fall 2020 - Present
Duties include conducting the concert band, marching band, jazz band, low brass studio, theory and aural skills, music education courses, and supervising instrumental student teachers.
- Non-Tenure Lecturer of Low Brass and Aural Skills, Northern Kentucky University, Fall 2019 - May 2020
Duties include teaching the low brass studio, aural skills, music theory
- Adjunct Professor of Low Brass and Jazz, University of Dubuque, Fall 2018 - May 2019
Duties include teaching the low brass studio, jazz improvisation lessons, composition lessons, directing the jazz ensemble and rock ensemble
- University of Iowa Summer Music Instructor, Summer 2018
Trombone masterclasses and coaching
- University of Iowa Adjunct Trombone Instructor, Spring 2018
Trombone applied lessons
- Middle School Band and Choir Teacher, St Joseph's Catholic, Spring 2018
Duties include teaching private lessons to all band students, directing the middle and beginner band, jazz band, middle and elementary choir, and K-5 general music classes
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Iowa, Fall 2017 - Spring 2019
Duties include teaching two online sections of jazz history
- Adjunct Professor of Low Brass, Bradley University, Fall 2016 - Spring 2018
Duties include teaching applied lessons in trombone, euphonium, tuba, and teaching sections of music appreciation
- Trombone Faculty, The Complete Trombonist Workshop, Summer 2016 - 2017
Duties include teaching masterclasses, coaching, performing on faculty recitals. Worked with Grammy and Downbeat award winning trombone artist Jim Pugh
- Trombone Instructor, Illinois Summer Youth Music Camp, Summer 2015-2017
Duties include teaching masterclasses and coaching brass ensembles
- Adjunct Jazz Instructor, Millikin University, Fall 2014-Spring 2016

Duties include teaching upper and lower level jazz improvisation, jazz styles, and directing several jazz ensembles

- Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, Fall 2013 - Spring 2014
Duties include directing non-major jazz trombone lessons, directing the second jazz trombone ensemble, and serving as the jazz librarian
- Student Teacher, Cabell Midland High School, Spring 2012
Duties include directing the wind ensemble, jazz ensemble, and several general music classes
- Student Teacher, Spring Hill Elementary, Spring 2012
Duties include directing the school play, directing the school and honor choir, and teaching K-5 general music classes
- Low Brass and Jazz Instructor, Cabell Midland High School, Fall 2010-2012
Duties include teaching low brass applied lessons, jazz applied, and sectionals for the wind and jazz ensembles

Honors

- Faculty Showcase Performance at the International Trombone Festival, Summer 2021
- (FESTIVAL CANCELED DUE TO COVID) Faculty Showcase Performance/Lecture at the International Trombone Festival, Summer 2020.
- Member of the Cramer Trombone Choir, International Trombone Association, Summer 2018
- National Trombone Solo Finalist, American Trombone Workshop, Spring 2018
- International Winner, Kai Winding Jazz Trombone Ensemble Competition, Summer 2017
- National Jazz Trombone Ensemble Winner, American Trombone Workshop, Spring 2017
- Winner of Best Jazz Arrangement, DownBeat Magazine, Spring 2016
- National Jazz Trombone Solo Finalist, American Trombone Workshop, Spring 2016
- National Jazz Trombone Ensemble Winner, American Trombone Workshop, Spring 2015

- Lylum Jackson Winner, Marshall University, Spring 2011
- Concerto Winner, Marshall University, Spring 2011
- Featured soloist, Delta Omicron National Recital, Summer 2011
- National Finalist, National Symphony Youth Orchestra, Summer 2009

Performance, Clinic, and Festival Experience

- (Upcoming) Guest Artist Residency at Saginaw State University, April 7th 2022
- (Upcoming) Masterclass and Lecture at the West Virginia Bandmasters Association Conference, November 8th 2021
- (Upcoming) Adjudicator for the Black Walnut Festival, October 16th 2021
- International Trombone Festival, Faculty Showcase Recital Performance, Summer 2021
- Georgia State University, Guest speaker and masterclass, November 3rd, 2020
- (Canceled due to COVID-19) International Trombone Festival, Lecture Presentation, Summer 2020
- (Canceled due to COVID-19) International Trombone Festival, Faculty Showcase Recital Performance, Summer 2020
- West Virginia Symphony Orchestra, Substitute Trombonist, 2019 - Present
- Ohio University, Guest artist recital and masterclass, November 4th 2019
- NKYSO, Brass section teacher, Fall 2019.
- Kentucky District and All-State masterclass with Northern Kentucky University's Faculty Brass on November 13th, 2019
- Cincinnati Contemporary Jazz Orchestra, Lead Trombone, Fall 2019
- Faculty Brass Recital at Northern Kentucky University on October 6th, 2019
- International Tuba and Euphonium Conference, Recital Performance, Summer 2019
- West Virginia Symphony Orchestra, Summer 2019
- Iowa Band Association, Guest Artist and Soloist with All State Honor Jazz Ensemble, Spring 2019
- North Liberty High School Jazz Festival, Jazz Adjudicator and Clinician, Spring 2019
- KCCK Radio Performance Series, Guest Artist, Spring 2019, Performing with the City High School Jazz I Ensemble, adjudication of their ensemble, presenting jazz masterclass, giving private lessons

- Midwest Trombone and Euphonium Conference, Faculty recital and masterclass, Fall 2018
- Cramer Trombone Choir, International Trombone Festival, Summer 2018
- Bradley University, Faculty Recital, Spring 2018
- North Liberty High School Jazz Festival, Jazz Adjudicator and Clinician, Spring 2018
- SIEBA Jazz Festival, Jazz Adjudicator and Clinician, Spring 2018
- Western Carolina University, Guest Recital, Invited Performer, Spring 2018
- Fredericksburg Brass Institute, Artist in Residence Ensemble with Transit Brass, Summer 2017
- Midwest Trombone and Euphonium Conference, Faculty Recital and Masterclass, Fall 2017
- Quad Symphony Orchestra, Substitute Trombonist, Fall 2017
- Transit Brass, Bass Trombone and Euphonium, Fall 2016 - 2020
- Prairie Wind Ensemble, Trombonist, Fall 2016 - Spring 2017
- Peoria Symphony Orchestra, Substitute Trombonist, Fall 2016 - Spring 2017
- Midwest Trombone and Euphonium Conference, Faculty Recital and Masterclass, Fall 2016
- Illinois Wesleyan Jazz Festival, Jazz Adjudicator and Clinician, Fall 2016
- Heartland Jazz Orchestra, Lead Trombonist, Fall 2016 - Spring 2017
- Transit Brass, Trombone and Euphonium, Fall 2015 - Present
- Sinfonia Da Camera, Substitute Trombonist, Fall 2014 - Spring 2017
- University of Illinois Jazz Trombone Ensemble I, Fall 2012 - Spring 2017
-International award winning school ensemble
- The Brazillionaires, Trombonist, Fall 2012 - 2016
- The International Glenn Miller Orchestra, Lead Trombonist, Fall 2016-Spring 2017
- The Little Theatre on the Square, Trombonist, Summer 2013-2015
- The Tommy Money Orchestra, Lead Trombonist, Fall 2010 - 2012
- COMPARSA, Trombonist, Fall 2008 - 2012
- Butch Miles All Star Band, Trombone, Spring 2012
- Mid Atlantic Collegiate All Star Big Band, Trombone, Spring 2011

Student Success

- WVMEA All State Band - Ayden Endicott, Fall 2020
- IAMEA All State Band - Kolbe Schnoebelen, Fall 2019
- IAMEA All State Band - Ty Waters, Fall 2019
- Eastern Iowa Brass Band Concerto Winner - Kolbe Schnoebelen, Spring 2019
- IAMEA All State Jazz Band - Jake Greenlee, Spring 2019
- IAMEA All State Jazz Band - Ty Waters, Spring 2019
- IAMEA All State Jazz Band (1st Chair) - Kolbe Schnoebelen, Spring 2019
- IAMEA All State Band (1st chair) - Kolbe Schnoebelen, Fall 2018
- IAMEA District Jazz Band - Kolbe Schnoebelen, Fall 2018
- IAMEA District Jazz Band - Ty Waters, Fall 2018
- IAMEA District Band - Kolbe Schnoebelen, Fall 2018
- International Jazz Trombone Finalist - International Trombone Festival - Ethan Evans, Summer 2018
- National Jazz Trombone Ensemble Winner - University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign - Ethan Evans, Spring 2018
- Music Scholarship- University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign - Nathan Tansey, Spring 2018
- Music Scholarship- Wheaton College - Jonah Brabant, Spring 2018
- Music Scholarship - Bradley University - Max Nelson, Spring 2018
- Music Scholarship- Kirkwood Community College - Nathan Nigus, Spring 2018
- Outstanding Soloist Award - Essentially Ellington Competition - Ian Loechel, Spring 2018
- ILMEA All State Band - Ian Loechel, Spring 2018
- ILMEA All State Band - Nathan Nigus, Spring 2018
- ILMEA All State Band - Jonah Brabant, Spring 2018
- IAMEA All State Jazz Band - Ty Waters, Spring 2018
- IAMEA All State Jazz Band - Kolbe Schnoebelen, Spring 2018
- IAMEA All State Jazz Band - Nathan Tansey, Spring 2018
- ILMEA District Jazz Band - Ian Loechel, Spring 2018
- IAMEA District Jazz Band - Kolbe Schnoebelen, Fall 2017
- IAMEA District Band - Nathan Tansey, Fall 2017
- ILMEA District Band - Ian Loechel, Fall 2017
- ILMEA District Band - Max Nelson, Fall 2017

- ILMEA District Band - Jonah Brabant, Fall 2017
- ILMEA District Band - Nathan Nigus, Fall 2017
- Graduate Music Scholarship - University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign - Ethan Evans, Spring 2017
- Music Scholarship - Eastern Illinois University - Austin Slotnick, Spring 2017
- ILMEA All State Band - Austin Slotnick, Spring 2017
- ILMEA All State Band - Jonah Brabant, Spring 2017
- ILMEA District Jazz Band - Ian Loechel, Spring 2017
- ILMEA District Jazz Band - Henry Morgan, Spring 2017
- ILMEA District Band - Nathan Nigus, Fall 2016
- ILMEA District Band - Jonah Brabant, Fall 2016
- ILMEA District Band - Ian Loechel, Fall 2016
- ILMEA District Band - Austin Slotnick, Fall 2016
- Music Scholarship - Manhattan School of Music - Matthew Frazzetto, Spring 2016
- ILMEA All State Jazz Band - Matthew Frazzetto, Spring 2016
- ILMEA District Jazz Band - Matthew Frazzetto, Spring 2016
- ILMEA District Jazz Band - Ian Loechel, Spring 2016
- ILMEA District Band - Ian Loechel, Fall 2015
- ILMEA District Jazz Band - Ian Loechel, Spring 2014
- ILMEA District Band - Ian Loechel, Fall 2014
- ILMEA District Band - Josh Norton, Fall 2014
- ILMEA All State Band - Josh Norton, Spring 2013
- ILMEA District Band - Josh Norton, Fall 2012
- Music Scholarship - University of Louisville - Ethan Evans, Spring 2012
- West Virginia Solo and Ensemble Winners Recital - Ethan Evans, Spring 2012
- WVMEA All State Band - Brian Crawford, Spring 2012
- WVMEA All State Band - Ethan Evans, Spring 2012
- WVMEA All State Band - Ethan Evans, Spring 2011
- WVMEA All State Band - Ethan Evans, Spring 2010

Service

- Conductor of the Robinson Grand Community Theatre Orchestra, Fall 2019 - Present
- Conductor of the Kanawha Valley Community Band, Summer 2021
- West Virginia State University Community Brass Choir, Fall 2020 - Present
- Northern Kentucky University Community Trombone Choir, Spring 2020
- Clarksburg Community Theatre Pit Orchestra Conductor, Fall 2019
- Album Reviewer - International Trombone Association, Fall 2019
- Director and Conductor - The East Iowa Community Trombone Choir, Fall 2018
- Student Worker - International Trombone Festival, Summer 2018
- Jazz Area Coordinator - International Trombone Festival, Summer 2018
- Church Pianist - Horizons United Methodist Church, Fall 2012 - Spring 2014
- Music Department Ambassador - Marshall University, Fall 2010-2012

Professional Affiliations

- Bach Trombone Artist, 2021 - Present
- Greenhoe Trombone Artist, 2018 - 2021
- International Trombone Association, 2010 - Present
- College Music Society, 2015 - Present
- Jazz Education Network, 2011- 2015
- National Association of Music Education, 2009-2012

References

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