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EDUCATION

- 2012 UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN – SCHOOL OF MUSIC
DMA, Choral Conducting
Studied conducting with Dr. Peter Eklund; voice with Dr. William Shomos
- 2004 NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY
MM, Choral Conducting
Studied conducting with Dr. Edith Copley and Dr. Gary Weidenaar;
voice with Dr. Ricardo Periera
- 1997 LUTHER COLLEGE
BA in Music Education, K-12 Vocal
Major Performing Area – Voice and Piano
Studied conducting with Dr. Weston Noble and Dr. Timothy Peter; voice/coaching with
Dr. Melissa Malde, Dr. Carol Kruescher, Jon Spong, and Dr. Jessica Paul

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2010-2012 Hixon-Lied Graduate Fellow, 2010-2011, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
- 2010 Recipient of Xavier High School’s Xcellence in Teaching Award
- 2006 Recipient of Xavier High School’s Xcellence in Teaching Award
- 2007 Recipient of Cedar Rapids Rotary Service above Self Award
- 2005 Recipient of KGAN-TV’s “Head of the Class” Award
- 2004 Listed in the “Who’s Who Among American Teachers”
- 2002 Recipient of KCRG-TV9 “A+ for Education” Award
- 2001 Recipient of Cedar County Educator Excellence Award

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2012-PRESENT Associate Professor of Music
LUTHER COLLEGE, IOWA
Director of Choral Activities
Artistic Director for Christmas at Luther
Conductor of Nordic Choir
Professor of conducting, high school choral methods
Camp Director, Dorian Summer Music Camp
Co-facilitated study abroad course to Namibia and South Africa
Observation of student teachers
- 2011-2012 Voice Faculty
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, NEBRASKA
Instructor of applied voice to undergraduate majors and non-majors
- 2010-2012 Graduate Assistant
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA – LINCOLN

Conductor, Big Red Singers
Conductor, City Campus Choir
Assistant Conductor, University Singers
Camp Director, Nebraska Show Choir Camp
Contest Director, Midwest Cup

2004-2010
Director of Choral Activities
XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL, CEDAR RAPIDS, IA
Conductor, Xavier Chorale, Voce Chamber Ensemble, Singing Saints, Xhilaration
Taught Intro to Musical Theatre, AP Music Theory, Intro to Conducting
Musical Director, annual school musical
Camp Director, Xavier Show Choir Camp
Contest Director, Xavier Xtravaganza
Event Coordinator, Metro Catholic Choral Festival
Prepared students for numerous contests, festivals, collegiate auditions
Organized and planned various tours (New York, Washington D.C., San Antonio, Minneapolis)
Supervised student teachers
Organized and cataloged choral library
Fundraised purchase of choral chairs, choral risers, Steinway piano, choir robes

2002-2004
Graduate Assistant
NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY
Conductor, University Singers
Assistant Conductor, Shrine of the Ages Choir
Assistant Conductor, NAU Vocal Jazz Ensemble

1997-2002
Director of Choral Activities
TIPTON HIGH SCHOOL, TIPTON, IA
Conductor, Concert Choir, Select Women's Chorus, Mixed Choir
Taught Music Appreciation
Musical Director, annual school musical
Prepared students for numerous contests, festivals, collegiate auditions
Organized and planned various tours (Denver, Minneapolis)
Organized and cataloged choral library
Fundraised the purchase of audio/visual equipment, music lab, choir robes, various percussion

Creative Activity in Choral Music/Conducting-Invited Performances

2017 Present at the Iowa ACDA Summer Symposium "Behind the Judges Table" and guest conductor for the Bass Clef Conductor's Chorus
2017 Present at the Missouri ACDA Summer Conference "Making Our Minutes Count" and "Boys to Men: Navigating the Transitions of Our Male Singers"
2017 Collegiate Chorale selected to perform at national ACDA Convention (Minneapolis, MN)
2016 Present at Minnesota Music Educators Conference "Teaching to the Diverse Learners in Our Choral Ensembles"
2016 Collegiate Chorale selected to perform at the NCACDA Convention (Sioux Falls, SD)
2015 Norsemen invited choir for the FUMC Concert Series, Peoria, IL
2014 Present at the Wisconsin School Music Association Conference "Making Our Minutes Count"

- 2014 Present at the Minnesota Choral Directors Association Fall Conference “Boys to Men: Navigating the Transitions of Our Male Singers”
- 2014 Collegiate Chorale featured on the regional broadcast of Symphonic Sunrise (KVNO)
- 2013 Present at Nebraska Choral Directors Association Summer Convention “Making Your Minutes Count” and “Recruiting Men into Your Program and Making Them Sound Good”
- 2012 Present at Nebraska Choral Directors Association Summer Convention “Maintaining Choral Integrity in the world of Show Choir”
- 2011 Conduct World Premiere of “Polly Vaughn” by Joshua Huls
- 2010 Xavier Chorale Invited Guest Choir at the Luther College Dorian Vocal Festival
- 2008 Voce Invited Guest Choir at the Luther College Dorian Choral Festival
- 2004 Conduct World Premiere of “Wynken, Blynken, and Nod” by Joshua Shank
- 2001 Conduct World Premier of “David’s Lamentation” by Joshua Shank

Service Contributions:

Professional Service:

- 2017 Chair Selection Committee for the 2018 Performing Choirs for NCACDA Convention
- 2014 - 2017 Officer (Secretary, Vice-President, President) for the PKL Chapter (Luther College)
- 2015-present R & S Chair Four-Year College and Universities, Iowa Choral Directors Association
- 2007-2010 Iowa Choral Directors Association/Iowa High School Music Association Liaison
- 2001-2002 EC-Iowa Choral Director’s Association District Representative

Service Publications:

- 2015-present R & S Chair articles for ICDA publication, *Sounding Board*
- 2013-present Faculty Blogger Luther College
- 2001-2002 District Representative articles for ICDA publication, *Sounding Board*

Service to the College:

- 2017 Search Committee, Visiting Assistant Professor of Music (Luther College)
- 2016 Participated in “Dancing with the Stars: Luther Edition”
- 2016 Search Committee, Dorian Festivals and Camps Coordinator (Luther College)
- 2015-2016 Chair, Call Committee for Campus Pastor (Luther College)
- 2015 Search Committee, Music Admissions Coordinator (Luther College)
- 2015 Visioning Committee Center for Ethics and Public Affairs (Luther College)
- 2014-present First-Year Experience Advisory Council (Luther College)
- 2014-present Camp Director, Dorian Summer Music Camp (Luther College)
- 2012-2013 Search committee member, Tenure-track Assistant Professor of Music (Luther College)
- 2012-present Curriculum Committee, Luther College Music Department
- 2012-present Music Education Committee, Luther College Music Department
- 2012-present Campus choral performances for chapel, Sunday worship, research symposiums, Regent Scholar Days, First Year Student Socials, Homecoming Alumni Recognition Dinners, Luther Women’s Club, Collaborative Pianist for Dorian Choral Invitational, Weston Noble Alumni Choir
- 2011 Coordinator for the UNL Midwest Cup Show Choir Competition
Administrative duties (mailings, registration, program, concessions)
Volunteer Coordinator
Performance Venue Liaison

	Judges' Liaison
2011	Coordinator for the UNL Summer Show Choir Camp Administrative duties (mailings, registration, music ordering, housing/meals) Hiring of camp counseling staff Clinician Liaison Facility Liaison
2010, 2011	Accompanist for the UNL Men's Honor Choir Festival

Conducting/Clinician:

April 2019	Guest Conductor, South Dakota All-State
February 2018	Guest Conductor, Texas All-State
January 2018	Guest Clinician, Edina High School (MN)
January 2018	Guest Conductor, Kansas City Metro Fest (MO)
January 2018	Guest Clinician, Iowa City West High School (IA)
December 2017	Guest Clinician, Janesville Craig High School (WI)
December 2017	Guest Clinician, Waukee High School (IA)
December 2017	Guest Clinician, Holman High School (WI)
October 2017	Guest Clinician, Nebraska Intercollegiate Choral Festival
September 2017	Guest Clinician, EC-ICDA Pre-All State Camp (IA)
August 2017	Guest Clinician, Mason City All-State Camp (IA)
May 2017	Guest Clinician, Dunkerton High School (IA)
May 2017	Guest Clinician, Waukon High School (IA)
March 2017	Guest Residency, Belmont University, Nashville, TN
March 2017	Guest Clinician, Mason City High School
March 2017	Guest Clinician, First Plymouth Church, Lincoln, NE
March 2017	Guest Conductor, Northern Illinois Big XII Festival (IL)
March 2017	Guest Conductor, Sub-Section Six Festival (MN)
February 2017	Guest Clinician, Omaha Westside High School (NE)
February 2017	Guest Conductor, South Central Conference Honor Choir (IL)
February 2017	Guest Clinician, Fort Atkinson High School (WI)
January 2017	Guest Clinician, Rosemount High School (MN)
January 2017	Guest Conductor, NE Iowa Conference Choral Festival
January 2017	Guest Conductor, University of Nebraska-Omaha Choral Festival
January 2017	Guest Clinician, Millard North High School (NE)
December 2016	Guest Clinician, Hastings High School (MN)
December 2016	Guest Clinician, Holman High School (WI)
December 2016	Guest Clinician, Iowa City West High School (IA)
December 2016	Guest Lecturer, New Hampton High School (IA)
November 2016	Guest Conductor, Illinois District IX Festival, Lake Park, IL
November 2016	Guest Conductor, Urbandale/Waukee Choral Festival
November 2016	Guest Clinician, Cedar Rapids Prairie High School (IA)
October 2016	Guest Conductor, District All-State Festival, Cedar Rapids, IA
September 2016	Guest Conductor, Southern Invitational Choral Conference, Southern Miss
August 2016	Guest Conductor, Minnesota All-State Men's Choir
August 2016	Guest Clinician, Mason City All-State Camp
April 2016	Guest Clinician, Roland-Story High School (IA)
Summer 2016	Guest Conductor, Dorian Summer Music Senior High Camp Festival Choir
Summer 2016	Guest Conductor, Luther Summer Music Academy
March 2016	Guest Conductor, Little Rivers Music Conference Honor Choir (WI)
January 2016	Guest Clinician, Millard North High School (NE)
January 2016	Guest Clinician, Lincoln East High School (NE)

January 2016	Guest Clinician, Fort Atkinson High School (WI)
January 2016	Guest Clinician, Wahlert High School (IA)
January 2016	Guest Clinician, Xavier High School (IA)
January 2016	Guest Clinician, Valley High School (IA)
January 2016	Guest Conductor, Southwest Wisconsin Honor Choir
January 2016	Guest Conductor, NW ICDA High School Choral Festival
September 2015	Guest Clinician, Next Direction Conference
September 2015	Guest Conductor, River Valley Conference Vocal Festival (IA)
August 2015	Guest Clinician, Mason City All-State Camp
Summer 2015	Guest Conductor, Lutheran Summer Music Academy
Summer 2015	Guest Conductor, Dorian Summer Music Senior High Camp Festival Choir
January 2015	Guest Conductor, Wisconsin All-State Men's Choir
January 2015	Guest Clinician, Cedar Rapids Xavier High School (IA)
January 2015	Guest Clinician, Iowa City West High School (IA)
November 2014	Guest Conductor, Minnesota ACDA 7/8 Boys' State Honor Choir
October 2014	Guest Conductor, Wisconsin School Music Association State Honors Choir
October 2014	Guest Clinician, Linn-Mar High School (IA)
October 2014	Guest Clinician, Decorah High School (IA)
October 2014	Guest Conductor, Clinton Community Schools Choral Festival
October 2014	Guest Conductor, Clinton Community Peace Concert
Summer 2014	Guest Conductor, Lutheran Summer Music Academy
Summer 2014	Guest Conductor, Dorian Summer Music Senior High Camp Festival Choir
June 2014	Guest Conductor, Pacific Summer Music Festival (Guam)
November 2013	Guest Conductor, Iowa Choral Directors Association NC Choral Festival
November 2013	Guest Conductor, WAMAC Honor Choir Festival
November 2013	Guest Conductor, Little Hawkeye Conference Vocal Festival
October 2013	Guest Conductor, Raccoon River Conference Choral Festival
October 2013	Guest Conductor, Sioux City Diocesan Choral Festival
July 2013	Guest Conductor, Conductor's Chorus at NCDA Summer Convention
Summer 2013	Conductor, Dorian Junior/Senior High Camp Choir, Luther College
April 2013	Guest Conductor, Decorah Chorale
April 2013	Guest Conductor, Upper Iowa Junior High Honor Choir
January 2013	Guest Conductor, North Iowa Cedar Conference Choral Festival
January 2013	Guest Conductor, Southwest Iowa Honor Choir
January 2013	Guest Conductor, Dorian Vocal Festival, Luther College
October 2012	Guest Conductor, Kenai Chorale Festival, Homer, AK

Adjudication:

March 2018	Sing All About It, Iowa
February 2018	Western Dubuque Main Event, Iowa
March 2017	Lewis Central Clash of the Titans, Iowa
February 2017	Lincoln Southwest Showdown, Nebraska
January 2017	Grand River National Concert Choir and Show Choir Invitational, Wisconsin
January 2017	Onalaska Classic, Wisconsin
October 2016	All-State Adjudicator, Iowa
March 2016	Sing All About It, Iowa
February 2016	Fort Showcase, Wisconsin
January 2016	Roosevelt Executive Showcase, South Dakota
January 2016	Onalaska Classic, Wisconsin
October 2015	All-State Adjudicator, Iowa
March 2015	Grand River National Concert Choir and Show Choir Invitational, Wisconsin

March 2015	Lewis Central Clash of the Titans, Iowa
February 2015	Marion Masquerade, Iowa
January 2015	Ramageddon, Nebraska
January 2015	Onalaska Classic, Wisconsin
October 2014	All-State Adjudicator, Iowa
May 2014	State Large Group Contest, Iowa
March 2014	Lewis Central Clash of the Titans, Iowa
March 2014	Marion Masquerade, Iowa
February 2014	Elkorn South Crystal Cup, Nebraska
February 2014	Davenport North Big Dance, Iowa
May 2013	State Large Group Contest, Iowa
April 2013	State Solo/Ensemble Contest, Iowa
March 2013	Grand River National Concert Choir and Show Choir Invitational, Wisconsin
February 2013	Touch of Class, Iowa
February 2013	Music in Motion, Iowa
January 2013	River City Showcase, Iowa
October 2012	All-State Adjudicator, Iowa
May 2012	State Large Group Contest, Iowa
April 2012	Large Group Contest, Nebraska
April 2012	State Solo Contest, Nebraska
April 2012	State Solo/Ensemble Contest, Iowa
October 2011	All-State Adjudicator, Nebraska
October 2011	All-State Adjudicator, Iowa
April 2011	Finale National Show Choir Championships, New York, NY
March 2011	Westwood Jubilation Invitational, Westwood, IA
March 2011	Xavier Xtravaganza, Cedar Rapids, IA
February 2011	Grand Island Invitational, Grand Island, NE
February 2011	Nebraska Choral Directors Association State Show Choir Contest
February 2011	Southern Showcase, Opelika, AL
February 2011	Southwest Showdown, Lincoln, NE
January 2011	Johnston Invitational, Johnston, IA
May 2010	Iowa High School Music Association State Large Group Adjudicator
January 2010	Iowa High School Music Association State Show Choir Contest Adjudicator
May 2009	Iowa High School Music Association State Large Group Adjudicator

Church Musician:

2010-2012	Section Leader, First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, NE
2006-2010	Director of Music, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, IA
2002-2004	Director of Music, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Flagstaff, AZ
1999-2002	Director of Music, First United Methodist Church, Tipton, IA
1997	Director of Music, First Baptist Church, LaCrosse, WI
1995-1996	Director of Music, Washington Prairie Lutheran Church, Decorah, IA

Soloist:

March 2018	Water Street Series: Fellas
February 2017	Water Street Series: Fellas
September 2016	Humane Society Gala
February 2016	Water Street Series: Fellas
February 2016	Faculty Artist Series, Luther College
December 2015	Messiah, Decorah Community Chorus

March 2015	Art Song Jamboree, Luther College
February 2015	Water Street Series: Fellas in the Cellar
November 2014	New Minowa Players Cabaret
March 2014	Art Song Jamboree, Luther College
April 2011	Bach Mass in B minor, University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Spring 2011	Bach Cantatas, 36, 72, Bach's Lunch Series, University of Nebraska - Lincoln
February 2011	Special Performance: Governor's Leadership Prayer Breakfast, Lincoln, NE
October 2010	Jongen Mass, University of Nebraska - Lincoln University Singers
Fall 2010	Bach Cantatas, 47, 106, 124, 140, Bach's Lunch Series
December 2002	Handel's Messiah, Flagstaff Master Chorale, Flagstaff Symphony
July 1997	Concert of patriotic music, Sioux City Symphony

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association Lutheran Church Musicians
 National Collegiate Choral Organization
 American Choral Directors Association
 National Association for Music Education
 Pi Kappa Lambda (National Music Honor Society)
 Phi Kappa Phi Member
 International Thespian Society