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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION:

- Aug. 2009 – present **University of Southern California**
Doctor of Musical Arts in Composition
- Concentrations in Theory, Saxophone, Conducting
- Aug. 2006 – Dec. 08 **Indiana University Bloomington**
Master of Music in Composition
- Graduate Minor in Computer & Electronic Music
- Thesis:** *Anemoi* (2008), for Orchestra, 10'
- Aug. 2002 – May 06 **West Chester University of Pennsylvania**
Bachelor of Music (*Magna Cum Laude, Dean's List*)
- Saxophone Performance, Music Theory and Composition
- Composition Teachers:* Claude Baker, Don Freund, Michael Gandolfi, Jeffrey Hass, Robert Maggio, Larry Nelson, Mark Rimple, Frank Ticheli
- Music Theory Teachers:* Alexander Rozin, Marianne Kielian-Gilbert
- Composition Master Classes:* Cindy Cox, Richard Hundley, Anthony Plog, David Ward-Steinman, Scott Wheeler
- Woodwind Teachers:* Anthony Kurdilla, Gregory Riley, James Rötter
- Saxophone Master Classes:* Frederick Hemke, Steven Mauk, Joseph Murphy, Otis Murphy, Marshall Taylor

POSITIONS:

- Aug. 2011 – present **Teaching Assistant** in Music Theory/Composition
University of Southern California Thornton School of Music, Los Angeles, CA
- Summer 2011 **Interim Saxophone Coach**
Idyllwild Summer Music Camp, Idyllwild Arts Academy, Idyllwild, CA
- Aug. 2010 – present **Saxophone Coach**
Diamond Bar High School, Diamond Bar, CA
- Sep. 2009 – May '10 **Mentor**
USC Thornton School of Music Outreach Program, Los Angeles, CA
Teach 4th and 5th grade recorder classes
- Jan. – Aug. 2009 **Composition Department Coordinator**
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
- Aug. 2007 – Dec. '08 **Graduate Assistant Director**
Indiana University New Music Ensemble, Bloomington, IN
- Mar. – June 2008 **Guest Production Manager/Personnel Manager**
Alarm Will Sound
"Bang on a Can" Marathon, World Financial Center, New York, NY

Jan. – May 2006 **Saxophone Instructor**
 Downingtown East High School, Downingtown, PA

Aug. 2005 – May '06 **Tutor**
 Music Theory and Composition Department, West Chester University

Feb. 2004 – May '06 **Saxophone Instructor**
 Community Music School, West Chester University

HONORS/AWARDS:

2009-2011

- Carolyn Alchin Endowed Music Scholarship, University of Southern California

2010

- *Warped* for alto sax and electronics selected for performance at Electronic Music Midwest, Lewis University, Oct. 14-16, 2010
- *Turning Points* selected as a finalist in the ASCAP Morton Gould Young Composer Awards
- *Nebulae*, electroacoustic, selected for the 2010 International Computer Music Conference 60x60 Concerts, New York, June 2010

2009

- *Different Sorts*, duo for violin and guitar, awarded honorable mention in the 2009 Margaret Blackburn Biennial Composition Competition by the Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota
- *Tranquil InDensity* for electronics, selected for 2010 SEAMUS National Conference

2008

- *Warped* for alto saxophone and electronics, selected for 2009 SEAMUS National Conference and the International Women's Electroacoustic Listening Room Project at Cal State Fullerton
- *Warped* for alto saxophone and electronics, selected for 2008-09 Midwest Composers Symposium, University of Michigan, Feb. 2009;
- *In Vision I Roamed* for SATB choir and 9 instruments, selected as a finalist for the ASCAP Morton Gould Young Composer Awards and for *Composing the New Works for Voice*, workshop with Sven-David Sandström

2006-07

Tangents for solo piano, selected for performance at the Midwest Graduate Music Consortium, University of Chicago

2005-06

Charles S. and Margherita Gangemi Memorial Scholarship,
 Music Theory and Composition Award, West Chester University

2004-05

- Swope Foundation Scholarship, West Chester University
- Student Award for Scholarly Research and Creative Activities,
 Essay on *Musical Expectation and Perception*, West Chester University
- Roz Patton Composition Scholarships, Honorable Mention, West Chester University

2004, 2006

West Chester University Foundation Scholarship

2002-06

Merlin and Thelma Jenkins Scholarship,
 Minersville Area High School, Minersville, PA

2002-06

Alice E. Kear Memorial Music Scholarship
 Minersville Area High School, Minersville, PA

PUBLICATIONS

Warped (2007-08) for alto saxophone and electronics. Dorn Publications

ACTIVITIES:

2009- present freelance saxophonist
2009- present **Performer** on new music recitals at University of Southern California
2008-09 **Composer** for Oscar Wilde's *An Ideal Husband*, Indiana University
2006- 2009 **Performer** on new music recitals at Indiana University
2006- 2009 **Saxophonist and Clarinetist** in Indiana University Bands
2007 **Soprano** in Indiana University Contemporary Vocal Ensemble
2007 **Laptop Performer** in *Ainadamar* by Osvaldo Golijov, Indiana Univ.
2007-08 **Volunteer**, worked with students at St. Charles Elementary, Bloomington, IN, in preparation for the annual Indiana University Kids Compose Competition.
2002-06 **Saxophonist and Clarinetist** in West Chester University Bands and Symphony Orchestra, principle saxophone of Chamber Winds and Wind Ensemble
2002-06 **Performer** on new music recitals at West Chester University
2002-05 **Saxophonist** in West Chester University Statesmen Jazz Ensemble

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American Composers Forum
- American Music Center
- ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers)
- NASA (North American Saxophone Alliance)
- SEAMUS (Society for Electro-Acoustic Music in the United States)

PRESENTATIONS

2011 **Guest Presentations**
Composer, and Saxophone Lectures, as well as a recital of new saxophone works
West Chester University, West Chester, PA
March 2011

2011 **Guest Composer Presentation**
Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA
March 2011

2010 **Visiting Composer Presentation**
Western Illinois University New Music Festival
Performance of *Warped* by John Vana; presented *Different Sorts, Turning Points*; discussed my transition into composition and current projects

2005 **Musical Perception and Expectation**
Essay presented at Scholarly and Creative Activities Awards Reception, West Chester University