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EDUCATION

Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX | May 2009

Dissertation: A Performer's Study of the Piano Sonata by Aaron Copland and Le Tombeau de Couperin by Maurice Ravel

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Robert Smith

Master of Music in Piano Performance in Church Music

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX | December 2005

Advisor: Dr. Robert Smith

Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance

Chugye University for the Arts, Seoul, South Korea | February 2002

Piano Merit Scholarship recipient

Advisor: Kyung Hee An

Credential of Readiness (CRe)

Harvard Business School Online | November 2023

Introductory MBA-level training in Business Analytics, Economics for Managers, and Financial Accounting

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Piano

Odessa College, Odessa, TX | August 2024 - Present

- Teach applied piano, class piano, music theory, and music appreciation
- Coordinate student piano recitals, juries, and recruitment initiatives
- Contributor to NASM accreditation preparation, assessment, and curricular alignment

Adjunct Associate Professor/ Director of Keyboard Studies

University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa, TX | January 22 - July 2024

- Assumed extensive collaborative and accompanying responsibilities across choir, band, orchestra, and faculty recitals
- Institutional reliance on contributions resulted in expanded responsibilities and full-time benefits
- Supported student recruitment, ensemble instruction, and interdisciplinary performance initiatives

Guest Faculty

Cantata Youth Musicians, Jakarta, Indonesia | April 2021

Conducted online piano instruction during the Covid time and provided a feedback and evaluation for K-12 piano students.

Guest Artist Faculty

Cantata Youth Musicians, Jakarta, Indonesia | November 2020

Conducted piano masterclasses and a pedagogic seminar for advanced K-12 piano students. Also presented a solo piano recital

Guest Artist Faculty

The Musician Music Academy, Johor Bahru, Malaysia | January 2020

Presented a solo piano recital hosted by The Musician Music Academy and conducted piano masterclasses and performed for advanced K-12 piano students.

Guest Artist Faculty

City of Batu Pahat, Malaysia | January 2020

Invited by Batu Pahat City and the mayor's office. Presented a solo piano recital and conducted piano masterclasses for advanced K-12 piano students.

Guest Artist Faculty

Nagaland Music Teachers Association, India | September 2018

Led a workshop for piano teachers focused on pedagogical techniques. Also performed a solo piano recital

Guest Artist Faculty

Cantata Music School, Jakarta, Indonesia | September 2017

Served as an adjudicator for the Cantata Music Festival which had over 500 participants from across Indonesia. Conducted a piano masterclass for advanced piano students and presented solo piano recitals

Guest Artist Faculty

Bandung Piano Teachers Association, Indonesia | September 2017

Conducted a seminar on piano technique for piano educators, awarding completion certificates to participants. Additionally, performed a solo piano recital

Guest Artist Faculty

Southeast Asia Bible Seminary, Malang, Indonesia | September 2017

Conducted piano masterclasses for college piano majors and performed a solo piano recital

Guest Artist Faculty

National Music Conservatory, Mexico City, Mexico | January 2017

Conducted piano masterclasses for college piano majors and advanced K-12 piano students

Guest Artist Faculty

Raffles Music College, Singapore | November 2013

Presented a solo piano recital showcasing a diverse and dynamic repertoire

Adjunct Professor of Piano

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX | August 2009 - May 2012

Taught MUAP piano courses at various skill levels for both music and non-music majors, emphasizing technique development, repertoire exploration, and performance preparation. Assisted with piano proficiency exams for music majors.

Teaching Assistant

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX | January 2006 - May 2009

Taught MUAP piano courses at various skill levels for both music and non-music majors, emphasizing technique development, repertoire exploration, and performance preparation. Assisted with piano proficiency exams for music majors.

Faculty

Southwestern Music Academy, Fort Worth, TX | August 2004 - May 2011

Served as a founding instructor and later as director, teaching piano to K-12 students and oversaw a diverse range of programs, including violin, choir, and more. Assisted with a comprehensive community music education initiative with affordable tuition

Faculty

Fort Worth Music Academy, Hurst, TX | August 2006 - May 2012

Taught diverse K-12 piano students

Private Studio

1997- Present

ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

Texas Tech University | January 2025

PianoFest, online Steinway Spirio masterclass sponsored by Dallas Steinway

Texas Tech University | January 2024

PianoFest, online Steinway Spirio masterclass sponsored by Dallas Steinway

University of Texas Permian Basin, TX | 2022 - 2024

Collaborated with band, orchestra, choir, summer camp, students and faculty recitals

University of Texas at Arlington, TX | 2011 - 2017

Collaborated with A cappella choir, cello, voice, viola, theater and piano departments for concert, faculty and students recitals and other performances

Texas Christian University, TX | 2015 - 2016

Collaborated with trumpet department for private lessons, recitals, and other performances

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX | August 2003 - May 2011

Collaborated with the King's Choir, Southwestern Singers, Master Chorale, Oratorio Chorus, and numerous students, faculty, and guest artists on recitals and concerts, including a sold-out performance at Lincoln Center in New York

University of North Texas, TX | Nov 2008

Performed a duet at Hyun Ju Song's doctoral piano recital

Dallas Baptist University, TX | 2008

Performed and recorded an original composition by Syrlane Albuquerque

Performed an original piano concerto by Dr. Uriah Rinzel

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Chair, Music Advisory Board | Odessa College | 2025–Present

- Lead advisory discussions on curriculum alignment, program development, and student outcomes
- Collaborate with faculty and administration on strategic planning and community engagement

Vice President | Odessa Music Teachers Association | 2025–Present

- Coordinate major regional initiatives including the Jack Hendricks Piano Competition, Piano Festival, Theory Camp, and State Convention ensemble participation
- Collaborate with educators, adjudicators, and partner institutions to support student development, faculty engagement, and statewide professional standards

Regional Music Director I Bella Music Foundation, Inc | 2025–Present

- Provide regional artistic and programmatic leadership for a national nonprofit promoting musicians who are blind or visually impaired
- Coordinate performances, educational outreach, and collaborations with artists, institutions, and nonprofit partners in support of inclusive access to music

Founding Dean / Area Coordinator I American Guild of Organists

Permian Basin–Concho Valley Chapter | 2022–Present

- Established governance, IRS registration, financial infrastructure, and regional programming
- Produced biannual concert series and represented the region at the council level

Director I Southwestern Music Academy, TX | 2009–2011

- Led administrative reforms emphasizing timely, student-centered communication
- Increased enrollment from approximately 35 to over 120 students within one year, despite budget constraints

Founding Director I Permian Piano | 2017–Present

- Founded and lead a nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding access to piano music through free community concerts and educational outreach
- Partnered with churches, nursing homes, and local schools and music teachers to promote and support music education within the community

Founder & Director I Odessa College Piano Summer Camp | 2025 - Present

- Secured the Odessa College Piano Outreach Fund Grant providing 100% tuition-free instruction
- Served approximately 80 K–12 students across four one-week camps
- Designed curriculum and final performance events emphasizing access for beginners

Founder & Director, UTPB Summer Piano Camp

University of Texas Permian Basin | 2022, 2023

- Initiated and directed a two-year summer piano camp serving K–12 students in the Permian Basin
- Designed an affordable, intensive piano curriculum to increase access to quality music education

- Developed instructional programming, faculty coordination, and a culminating public performance
 - Served students across a wide range of experience levels, from beginners to advanced pre-college pianists
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Committee Involvement

Chair, Odessa College Music Advisory Board | September 2025 - present

Member, Odessa College Graduation Committee | 2025 - present

Contributor, NASM Accreditation Preparation | 2024-2026 cycle

COMPETITIONS

Finalist, Young Artists Piano Competition
Monroe, Texas | March 2005

Special Talent Award
Anyang Girls High School, South Korea | February 1997

Second Prize, Young Talent Competition
South Korea | June 1996

First Prize, Youth Art Festival
South Korea | December 1989

Second Prize, International Youth Music Competition
South Korea | July 1985

HONORS & AWARDS

Outstanding Accompanist Recognition
Texas Music Educators Association | November 2023

Regional Choir Concert, Wagner-Noël Performing Arts Center, Midland, TX

Marquis Who's Who in America | April 2022

Teaching Recognition Award

National Music Conservatory of Mexico, Mexico City | January 2017

Outstanding Collaboration Recognition

Lincoln Center Performance in NY, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Master Chorale
| May 2011

Academic Achievement Award

For Doctoral Degree, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX | 2009

Melba Justice International Student Award

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX | April 2009

James McKinney Outstanding Performer Award

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX | April 2008

Academic Achievement Award

For Master's Degree, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX | 2005

Wayne "Polly" McNeely Piano Award

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX | April 2004

ADJUDICATION EXPERIENCE

M. A. Knox Piano Competition, Midland, Texas | February 2022 and February 2025

Jack Hendrix Piano Competition, Odessa, Texas | February 2022

Hong Kong International Youth Art Festival (Online), Hong Kong | February 2021

Singapore International Piano Competition (Online), Singapore | Nov 2020 - Jan 2021

Cantata Music Festival and Competition, Indonesia | September 2017

Youth Piano Competition, South Korea | 2001

RECENT PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Reherasal Pianist, Bella Music Foundation International Choir

Music Festival for the Blind UNESCO Headquarters | September 2025

Pianist, Mission Concert for UNESCO Music Festival for the Blind

Eglise Protestante Unie du Saint Esprit, Paris, France | September 2025

Pianist, Songs With Friends

With Guest Artist, Mary Elizabeth Brown, violinist
First Presbyterian Midland, TX | February 2025

Faculty Recital

Odessa College, TX | September 2024
Duet with Guest Artist, Gayle Bizzell, piano

Permian Basin's 16 Hands Piano Concert

Wagner-Noël Performing Arts Center, Midland, TX | November 2023

TMTA Faculty Presenter

Texas Music Teachers Association Convention, Dallas, TX | July 2023

Flute and Piano Performance with Dr. Lyndsey Eiben

Wagner-Noël Performing Arts Center, Midland, TX | November 2023

UTPB Faculty Recital

Wagner-Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland, TX | October 2022 & March 2023

Piano Concerto with Dr. Jean Gomez, Conductor, and UTPB Orchestra

Wagner-Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland, TX | November 2022

Pianist for Trombone Festival

Wagner-Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland, TX | October 2022

Faculty Presenter

Texas Music Teachers Association Convention, Dallas, TX | June 2022

Guest Faculty Recital

University of Hawaii Manoa, Honolulu, HI | March 2022

Guest Artist Recital

Midland Musicians Club, Midland, TX | October 2021

Piano Ensemble for Four Hands

Wagner-Noël Performing Arts Center, Midland, TX | December 2021

Guest Artist Recital

Midland Musicians Club, Midland, TX | October 2021

Solo Recital

Hollywood Piano, Burbank, CA | December 2019 & February 2020

Pianist for Voice Recital with Hye Young Kim, Soprano

Carnegie Hall, New York | May 2019

Guest Artist

Cosmos Hall, Seoul, South Korea | December 2017

Guest Faculty

National Music Conservatory of Mexico, Mexico City | January 2017

Solo Recital

Steinway Hall, Fort Worth, TX | August 2017

Solo Recital

Carnegie Hall, New York | January 2016

RECENT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**Pianist, TMEA Region Choir Choirs**

Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland, TX | 2022-2026

Pianist, TMEA All-State Treble Choir

San Antonio, TX | February 2025

Pipes and Prayer

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church | Odessa, TX | November 2025

Pianist, Region 6 Choir

Texas Music Teachers Association Clinic and Concerts | 2022-2025

Organ and Piano Concert

First Methodist Odessa, TX | March 2025

Winter Piano and Organ Concert

First Presbyterian Midland, TX | January 2025

Pedals, Pipes and Cookies

First Methodist Midland, TX | March 2024

Pianist, UIL and Concert

Permian High School Choir | 2023-2024

Staff accompanist, UIL and Solo and Ensemble (2021)

Andrews High School Choir | 2021-2023

Pianist , UIL, Solo and Ensemble, and Concert

Legacy High and Junior School Choirs and Orchestra | 2018-2024

Pianist, UIL, Solo and Ensemble, and Concert

Midland High and Freshman School Choirs and Orchestra | 2018-2024

Pianist, Concert and Recording

The Hillander School Choir | 2021-2024

Pianist for Concert

Compass Charter High School Choir | 2022-2023

Pianist for Concert

Bowie Middle School Choir | 2023

Noon Organ Concert

American Guild of Organists, First Methodist Midland | December 2022

Supper and Song Concert

First Methodist Church, Midland, TX | June 2022

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Pi Kappa Lambda Honor Society (*University of Texas Permian Basin Chapter*)

American Guild of Organists (*Founding Chapter Dean*)

Music Teachers National Association

Texas Music Educators Association

Midland Music Teachers Association

Odessa Music Teachers Association

