

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Music Education August 2012

Secondary Concentration in Instrumental Conducting

Graduate Certificate in College Teaching

The Florida State University

Dissertation: *The Effect of Marching Band Participation on the Development of Effective Teaching Skills*

M. M. in Music Education August 2008

Virginia Commonwealth University

Secondary Concentration in Instrumental Conducting

Master's Thesis: *The Selection of Quality High School Band Literature: A Cross Reference Resource Guide to the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association Selective Music List and Five Selected Music Guides*

B. S. in Music Education December 1999

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Delta State University, Department of Music 2014- present

Director of Bands

Direct the Delta State University Wind Ensemble and Marching Band. Provide administrative oversight to all band activities, including overall operating budget and scholarships. Serve as coordinator of music education. Teach instrumental music education methods and instrumental conducting, supervise instrumental music interns. Actively recruit music majors and non-majors. Manage, in cooperation with the instrumental music faculty, major on-campus band recruitment events including Band Day and Delta Honor Band.

Iowa State University, Department of Music 2012 – 2014*Assistant Director of Bands*

Directed the Iowa State University Concert Band, Campus Band, and Women's Basketball Pep Band, assisted with the Cyclone Marching Band, and observed and evaluated student teachers. Also taught classes in music education and instrumental methods.

Florida State University, College of Music 2009 – 2012*Graduate Teaching Assistant*

Assisted with daily operations of the university band program, including daily large-group and sectional rehearsals of marching and concert bands. Taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate music education classes. Observed and evaluated music education interns (student teachers).

Wind Coordinator, Florida State University Summer Music Camps

Lead administrator for all band-related camp activities. Was responsible for all daily operations of the FSU High School Band Camp, Middle School Band Camp, and Honors Chamber Winds Camp.

Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, Virginia 2002 – 2009*Director of Bands, Thomas A. Edison High School*

Taught Advanced Band, Intermediate Band I, Intermediate Band II, Percussion Ensemble, Music Theory, AP Music Theory, Beginning Guitar, and Marching Band. Served as instrumental music department chair, 2004-2009

Manassas Park City Public Schools, Manassas Park, Virginia 2000 – 2002*Director of Bands, Manassas Park Middle & High Schools*

Taught beginning, middle, and high school level concert bands, two percussion ensembles, and marching band. Co-designed the school system's music curriculum. Music department chair, 2002

MUSIC EDUCATION COURSES TAUGHT

MUS311	Instrumental Conducting	2015
CUR490	Instrumental Music Methods	2014
MUSIC354	Brass Methods	2012, 2013
MUED2412	Wind and Percussion Methods	2010
MUED4342	Instrumental Programs in the Schools: Band	2011
MUED3493	Instrumental Conducting, Levels I & II	2011, 2012
MUED4044	Teaching Music in American Society (graduate & undergraduate)	2011
MUED 5396	Music in Special Education (graduate & undergraduate)	2011
MUED 2040	Introduction to Teaching Music (graduate & undergraduate)	2010, 2011

BAND CONDUCTING**Delta State University Wind Ensemble** 2014- present

Premiere instrumental concert ensemble of the DSU music program. The group has an average membership of 55 music majors, who are selected by audition.

Delta State University Marching Band 2014- present

I am responsible for all operational aspects of the ensemble including administrative tasks, rehearsal planning and implementation, and show design. Work in cooperation with the athletics department to organize game day activities and post season play-off travel. Coordinate the activities/responsibilities of the Assistant Director of Bands and student staff members as they relate to the ensemble.

Iowa State University Cyclone Marching Band 2012, 2013

I assisted with all operational aspects of the ensemble including administrative, rehearsal, and show design responsibilities. Planned post season (bowl) travel in coordination with the athletics department. Average membership of the group was 350 students.

Iowa State University Concert Band 2012, 2013

Non-auditioned large concert ensemble composed of students from across the university community. Average membership was approximately 110 students per semester.

Iowa State University Campus Band 2012, 2013

Non-auditioned large concert ensemble composed of students from across the university community. This often included music education majors performing on secondary instruments. Average membership was approximately 100 students per semester.

Iowa State University Women's Basketball Pep Band 2012, 2013

I was responsible for all operational aspects of the ensemble. I also coordinated closely with athletics department for home game operations and the planning of post-season (Big 12/NCAA Tournament) travel.

Florida State University Marching Chiefs 2011

Graduate Assistant. Assisted band faculty with all operational aspects of the ensemble.

Florida State University Campus Band 2011

Graduate Conducting Assistant. The FSU Campus Band was a large concert ensemble composed of students from across the university community.

Florida State University Summer Band 2011

Graduate Conducting Assistant. The FSU Summer Band was a non-auditioned large concert ensemble for music majors.

FSU High School Summer Music Camp "Renegade" Band Summer 2011

Graduate Conducting Assistant

Florida State University Symphonic Band 2010, 2012
Graduate Conducting Assistant

Florida State University Concert Band 2009, 2010
Graduate Conducting Assistant

Riverside Wind Symphony, Manassas, Virginia 1999-2001
Community concert band. Visiting conductor for the 2001 concert season.

South Hills Community Band, Upper St. Clair, Pennsylvania 1999
Community concert band. Alto Saxophone soloist/guest conductor.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Artist/Clinician for Jupiter Band Instruments, Inc. 2015-present

Research Associate, GIA Publications 2014- present
Contribute scholarly research and analysis of wind band works for inclusion in upcoming editions of the *Teaching Music through Performance in Band* series, a resource for instrumental music educators.

Virginia Band and Orchestra Director's Association (VBODA) 2006-2007
District 10 Solo & Ensemble Coordinator
Recruited judges and coordinate travel if needed. Coordinated building use and created room assignments for participants and judges. Organized inter-school large instrument transfers. Served as event administrator. Created and filed all event-related financial reports.

Atlantic Indoor Association (AIA) 2003-2006
North Area Show Coordinator
I served as the primary point of contact and source of information for the AIA executive board, competing units, judges, and show hosts. I oversaw the expansion of AIA throughout Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland. Planned, organized, and acted as head on-site administrator for all AIA shows in Virginia and Maryland (approximately 15 per season). At the time of my departure, AIA was the second largest indoor circuit in the county.

Appearances as an Adjudicator or Clinician, Various

Waynesboro Marching Band Classic, Waynesboro, MS 2014

Western Illinois Marching Band Festival, Macomb, IL 2014

Copiah Marching Band Festival, Jackson, MS 2014

North Central Iowa Bandmasters Association Clinic and Festival, Mason City, IA 2014

Kenyon-Wanamingo High School Band, Kenyon, MN 2014

Metamora Concert Band Festival, Metamora, IL 2014

Washington High School, Washington, MO 2013

Johnston Middle School Band, Johnston, IA	2013
Belmond-Klemme High School Band, Belmond, IA	2013
Charles City High School Band, Charles City, IA	2013
Crestwood High School Band, Crestco, IA	2013
Clear Lake High School Band, Clear Lake, IA	2013
Forrest City Marching Band Invitational, Forest City, IA	2012, 2013
Lake Mills High School Band, Lake Mills, IA	2012, 2013
Northwood-Kensett High School Band, Northwood, IA	2012, 2013
Forest City High School Band, Forest City, IA	2012, 2013
Roland-Story High School, Story City, IA., Clinician	2012
North Florida Christian High School Band, Tallahassee, FL	2009 - 2012
Mount Vernon High School Marching Band, Alexandria, VA	2008
Musselman High School Concert Bands, Musselman, WV	2006
Musselman High School Marching Band, Musselman, WV	2004
North American Music Festivals, Adjudicator, Marching Band	2003
Morgantown High School Choir Pit Orchestra, Morgantown, WV	2001

Appearances as Guest Conductor

East Central Mississippi Band Director's Association Honor Band	2015
North Central Iowa Bandmasters Association, Mason City, IA	2014
Iowa Day of Percussion, Des Moines, IA.	2013
Iowa State University Symphonic Band	2013

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Chair - Hiring Committee for Assistant Professor of High Brass/Music Education	2015
Member - Hiring Committee for Director of Choral Activities	2015
Chair - Delta State Instrumental Music Scholarship Committee	2014 - present
Co-Chair - Delta State Attendance and Grievance Committee <i>Hear appeals from graduate and undergraduate students who, claiming extenuating circumstances, have failed a course for either academic or attendance reasons.</i>	2014 - present
Member - Delta State Health and Wellness Committee <i>Promote healthy and active lifestyles among the university community by working cooperatively with divisions, departments, and the surrounding community.</i>	2014 - present
Member - Delta State Research Committee <i>Promote faculty, graduate, and undergraduate research and scholarship.</i>	2014 - present

Member - Delta State Special Programs Committee 2014 - present
Sponsor outstanding concerts, speakers, and other programs for students, faculty, staff, and the Delta community. Also work to promote and encourage students and the broader community to participate in, and be engaged in, cultural and artistic events and opportunities.

Moderator - Delta State University International Conference on the Blues 2014

Director - Delta State University W.C. Handy All Star Blues Band 2014
Organized and directed a group of volunteer band students in a special performance of blues music at the Delta State University International Conference on the Blues

Faculty Advisor - Iowa State University Indoor Colorguard
Oversaw group activities and events. Provided mentoring, direction and support to approximately 50 students. Communicated Iowa State policies and procedures. Assisted in the planning and evaluation of programs and events. Recognized members for outstanding academic achievement and/or programming efforts. Oversaw financial operations.

Faculty Advisor - Iowa State University "T.U.B.A.S" Band Student Organization
Assisted student board members develop a constitution and university recognition. Oversaw group activities and events. Provided mentoring, direction and support to approximately 50 marching band students. Communicated Iowa State policies and procedures. Assisted in the planning and evaluation of programs and events.

PERFORMANCE, SAXOPHONE

Thursday Night Music Club – Tallahassee Community Jazz Band 2009 - 2012
Lead Alto

Fairfax Wind Symphony, Fairfax, Virginia 2003, 2005-2008
Alto saxophone

Riverside Wind Symphony, Manassas, Virginia 2000-2002
Principal, alto saxophone

South Hills Community Band, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 1999-2000
Principal, alto saxophone

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Richards, E.W. (2013). Social and musical objectives or experiences music teachers anticipate their students will achieve as a result of attending a summer music camp. *Contributions to Music Education*, 38(2).

Richards, E.W. (2014). Effects of education budget reductions upon public school music programs in the state of Florida. *Research Perspectives in Music Education*. (16)1.

Book Chapters

Richards, E.W. (2015). The Brandenburg gate march by Johnnie Vinson. In Miles, R. (Ed.) *Teaching music through performance in middle school band* (Vol. 3). Chicago, IL. GIA.

Richards, E.W. (2015). Clouds that sail in heaven by Todd Stalter. In Miles, R. (Ed.) *Teaching music through performance in middle school band* (Vol. 3). Chicago, IL. GIA.

PRESENTATIONS

Richards, E.W. (2015, November). *Should we play that? Selecting the most appropriate music for your performing ensemble*. Clinic presented at the 2015 Louisiana Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. (scheduled)

Richards, E.W. (2015, October). *The representation of the blues in the wind band repertoire*. Lecture presented at the 2015 International Conference on the Blues, Delta State University, Cleveland, Mississippi. (scheduled)

Richards, E.W. (2015, April). *The effects of marching band participation on the development of effective music teaching skills*. Paper presented at the Tennessee Music Educators Conference, Memphis, Tennessee.

Richards, E.W. (2015, April). *The effects of marching band participation on the development of effective music teaching skills*. Poster presented at the Tennessee Music Educators Conference, Memphis, Tennessee.

Richards, E.W., & Thompson, L. (2015, March). *Band Rehearsal tips For the Instrumental Music Educator*. Panel Discussion at the Delta Music Education Symposium, Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, Mississippi

Richards, E.W. (2012, April). *Careers in music education: How did I get here?* Lecture presented at the spring meeting of Espirit de Corps for Music Education Majors, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

Richards, E.W. (2012, February/March). *How to build a successful marching band program: Resources and tips*. Lecture series presented to the Marching Band Techniques Class, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

Richards, E.W. (2011, April). *Social and musical objectives or experiences music teachers anticipate their students will achieve as a result of attending a summer music camp*. Poster presented at the Thompson Symposium for Music Research, State College, Pennsylvania.