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Summary of Qualifications

Hold a BM in Music Education and MM in Performance. Certified to teach Instrumental Music K-12 in Tennessee. Experience teaching elementary, middle, high school, and college undergraduates. Created numerous band resource guides and technology tutorials. Diverse performer with extensive experience.

Education

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI Graduation: April 2007
Master of Music in Music Performance, Emphasis: Saxophone Performance, GPA: 3.88

Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, TN Graduation: December 2004
Bachelor of Music in Music Education, Emphasis: Instrumental Certification, GPA: 3.69

State of Tennessee Certified Teacher: K-12 Music License #408398513

State of Nevada Certified Teacher: 7-12 Instrumental Music #77024

Praxis Test Scores: Music Concepts and Processes: 165

Music Content Knowledge: 171

Principles of Learning and Teaching: 166

Teaching Experience

Fall 2007-Present *Music Educator*
Instrumental Music Educator for West Prep in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Jan 2008-Present *Drumline Instructor*
Taught drumline at Morris Sunset Alternative High School in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Summer 2007 *Music Technology Instructor/Coordinator*
Teach music technology courses to high school students and coordinate music technology events at the Western Michigan University Seminar Music Camp.

Fall 2005-Spring 2007 *Instructor/Graduate Assistant*
Taught Digital Media in the Arts and Saxophone Methods classes to undergraduate students. In addition to teaching, additional assistantship duties include performing in various ensembles. Technological responsibilities in addition to Digital Media in the Arts included maintaining and managing monitors for the music computer labs. Both classes taught included writing tutorials, assignments, and tests for specific purposes of the course.

- Summer 2006 *Graduate Assistant*
Assisted professors in teaching Sibelius/Digital Formats and Film in Music courses. Duties prior to classes included installing and maintaining a new music computer lab.
- Feb-June 2005 *Middle School Teacher*
Taught grades 5-8 at Pennington Gap Middle School, Pennington Gap Virginia.
- Fall 2004 *Student Teacher*
Taught general music and band at Jackson County Schools, Tennessee and high school band at Cookeville High School, Cookeville Tennessee.
- Fall 2002-Present *Private Lessons Instructor*
Taught saxophone lessons to students in various school systems throughout middle Tennessee (Fall 2002-Fall 2004). Teach saxophone lessons to students in Kalamazoo and surrounding areas (Fall 2005-Present).

Professional Performance Experience

- Fall 2009-Present *Kellie Wright and Her All-Star Swing Band*
Saxophonist for group headlined by Kellie Wright that performs throughout the Las Vegas Valley, Nevada.
- Fall 2007-Present *Nobody Famous and the Infamous Horns Show Band*
Baritone saxophonist and clarinetist for Nobody Famous, a professional Las Vegas show band, which performs the greatest dance hits of the past Fifty years.
- Fall 2007-Present *Red Rock Saxophone Quartet*
Soprano and alto saxophonist for a saxophone quartet in Las Vegas which performs a variety of styles for performances at various venues.
- Summer 2007 *Artist with Youth Symphony of El Salvador*
Guest artist with the Youth Symphony Orchestra of El Salvador. Performed in conjunction with their American Jazz Music series. Gave several public performances and masterclasses.
- Fall 2005-Spring 2007 *Saxophonist: Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra*
Regular saxophonist for orchestra based in St. Joseph, Michigan. Performances include: *American in Paris* and *On the Town*.
- Fall 2005-Summer 2007 *Woodwind Player: Kalamazoo Civic Theatre*
Regular woodwind player for the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre. Performances include: *CATS*, *42nd Street*, and *My Favorite Year*.

- 2004-2007 *Entertainer for Colonial Hill Retirement Center*
Provide musical entertainment to retirement center located in Johnson City, Tennessee. Music style and genre vary with occasion.
- 2002-2003 *Eight Arms to Hold You*
Saxophone quartet based in the middle Tennessee area. Performances included numerous private and public functions.
- Summer 2002 *The Has Beens*
Played saxophone for a big band located in Kingsport, Tennessee.
- 2000-2004 *The Big Band Sound*
Regular saxophone substitute for the *Big Band Sound* based in Cookeville, Tennessee. Performances included private, public, and non-profit functions.

Academic Performance Experience

- Fall 2006-Spring 2007 *WMU Jazz Octet*
Invited to perform at the 2007 International Association of Jazz Educators in New York City. The Octet is comprised of the elite jazz students at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- Fall 2005-Present *WMU Symphonic Band*
Principal Alto Saxophonist with the Western Michigan University Symphonic Band. Performances include numerous guest conductors and China tour.
- Fall 2005-Present *WMU Jazz Orchestra*
Saxophonist with elite jazz big band at Western Michigan University. Performances include public, private, and music educator functions.
- Fall 2005-Spring 2006 *WMU Graduate Saxophone Quartet*
Saxophone quartet comprised of graduate saxophone students. Performances include public and private functions. Selected to be a part of the School of Music compilation compact discs.
- Fall 2000-Spring 2004 *Tennessee Tech Symphonic Band*
Principal Alto Saxophonist with the Tennessee Technological University Symphonic Band, Cookeville, Tennessee. Performances include numerous guest conductors and a College Band Director National Association event.

Fall 2000-Spring 2004

Tennessee Tech Jazz Band

Lead alto saxophonist with the top jazz band at Tennessee Technological University. Performances include many public and private functions in addition to numerous guest artists.

Professional Achievements

June 2010

CCSD 2010 Educational Services Division Graduation

Morris Sunset Drumline performed at the 2010 Clark County Educational Services Division Graduation Ceremony. One of two performance groups in the county asked to perform.

March 2010

CCSD Advanced Band Festival

Middle School Band received an 'Excellent' rating at the 2010 Advanced Middle School Band Festival.

January 2010

Las Vegas Martin Luther King, Jr., Parade

The West Prep Band was awarded First Place in the middle school band category and was featured on local media outlets.

June 2009

CCSD 2009 Educational Services Division Graduation

Morris Sunset Drumline performed at the 2009 Clark County Educational Services Division Graduation Ceremony. One of two performance groups in the county asked to perform.

May 2009

Senator John Ensign Visit

Middle School Band was only performance group during a visit from Senator John Ensign.

April 2009

City of North Las Vegas Awards Banquet

Middle School Band asked to perform at the City of North Las Vegas annual awards banquet held inside Texas Station, Las Vegas, NV.

March 2009

CCSD Advanced Band Festival

Middle School Band received an 'Excellent' rating at the 2009 Advanced Middle School Band Festival. First participation for school in event since 2001.

March 2009

College of Southern Nevada Science Expo

Middle School Band was a featured performance group at the 2009 CSN Science Expo.

Scholarly Achievements

Fall 2005-Spring 2007

Graduate Assistantship

Received a full graduate assistantship in saxophone and music technology to Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Duties include computer lab maintenance, course instruction, and performing in ensembles.

- Spring 2004 *Derryberry Concerto Competition Winner*
 First saxophone winner of the annual Tennessee Technology University Concerto competition. Allowed for the opportunity to perform with the Bryan Symphony Orchestra. Piece performed: *Ballade for Saxophone and Orchestra* by Henri Tomasi.
- Fall 2000-Spring 2004 *Music Scholarship*
 Received four year music scholarship to attend Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tennessee.
- Fall 2000-Fall 2004 *Dean's List*
 Eligible for Dean's List each semester at Tennessee Technological University. Requirements for achievement included a 3.5 GPA each semester enrolled.

Presentations

Spring 2009	<i>CCSD Honor Band</i>
	Saxophone clinician for the CCSD Honor Band Clinic.
2003-2004	<i>Blue Lake Band Festival</i>
	Saxophone clinician for the Middle Tennessee small band clinic.

Committee Service

- 2007-Present *Martin Luther King, Jr., Oratorical Competition*
 On committee to provide music entertainment during the annual event held throughout Las Vegas, NV.
- 2007-Present *World Arts Carnival*
 In charge of coordinating music and sound equipment for the annual event held in West Las Vegas, NV.
- 2007 *Western Michigan University Jazz Festival*
 Festival Chairman of the event. Responsible for operations during the annual high school jazz festival.
- 2000-2004 *Tennessee Technological University Jazz Festival*
 Member of committee that helped run the annual high jazz event.
- 2000-2004 *Tenn Tech Festival of Winds and Percussion*
 Member of committee that helped run the annual high school concert band invitational.

Licensure

- July 2007-Present *Nevada Teacher Licensure*
 Qualified to teach instrumental music grades K-12 according to standards set forth by the State of Nevada.
- Jan. 2005-Present *Tennessee Teacher Licensure*
 Qualified to teach instrumental music grades K-12 according to standards set forth by the State of Tennessee.

Areas of Knowledge

- Mac OS 9.x and Mac OS X
- GarageBand
- Finale
- Frontpage
- MS Excel
- iMovie
- Band in a Box
- Smart Music
- Audacity
- Drill Quest
- iWeb
- SONAR
- Windows 98, 2000, XP, and 7
- Sibelius
- Dreamweaver
- MS Word
- MS Powerpoint
- iTunes
- Transcribe
- iDVD
- iPhoto
- Photoshop
- OpenOffice
- CAM Studio