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EDUCATION:

University of Missouri-Columbia, Master of Music in Conducting, May 1992
University of Missouri-St. Louis, Bachelor of Music in Education, May 1978

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN EDUCATION:

Lindenwood University, Director Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band, Instrumental Music Education, Conducting I & II, Brass Methods, Asst. Marching Band.
University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis Missouri, 8/06-5/20.
Director of Bands, Instrumental Music Education, Department Chair 2015-2018, Director Jazz Lab Band.
Fort Zumwalt South High and Middle School, St. Peters, Missouri 8/95-5/06
Director of Instrumental Music, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Marching Bands, Sports Bands, Music Theory, and Music Appreciation, Jazz Improvisation.
Fort Zumwalt North High And Middle School, O'Fallon, Missouri 8/86-5/95
Director of Instrumental Music, Symphonic Band Jazz Band, Marching Band, Sports Bands, Music Theory/History.
Fort Zumwalt Music Curriculum Coordinator, 9/88-5/90
University of Missouri-Columbia Department of Bands Staff, 1991-92,
Director University Band Assistant Director Symphony Band.
Hazelwood School District, East High School and Kirby Junior High 8/83-5/85,
Director of Instrumental Music, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Marching Band, Intermediate and Advanced Junior High Bands.
Warren County R-II School District, Wright City, Missouri, 9/80-5/83
Instrumental Music instructor grades five through twelve.

PROJECTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

Co-Director Route 66 Jazz Orchestra 2023-present
St. Louis Wind Symphony performance Missouri Music Educators Assoc. 2022
St. Louis Wind Symphony performance Missouri Music Educators Assoc. 2018
St. Louis Wind Symphony Youth Ensemble 2015-present
Associate Conductor St. Louis Wind Symphony, 2016-2023
Band Coordinator America's Birthday annual parade, 2014-Present
Band Coordinator Ameren Christmas in St. Louis Parade 2014-Present
Assistant Director Veiled Prophet Honors Band, St.Louis, MO 1990-92.
North Central Evaluation Team, Nebraska 1992
Founder and Director of O'Fallon, Missouri Community Band.
Missouri Chairperson National Band Association 2006-2014
Jazz Education Network National Volunteer Coordinator, 2010 & 2011
Secretary, Missouri Unit of International Association of Jazz Educators
Missouri IAJE Combo Workshop Chairman
Greater St. Louis Marching Band Festival, 2006-12
UMSL Greater St. Louis Jazz Festival, Festival Coordinator,
2006-2018(2022)(2023)(2024)

UMSL/SLWS Conducting Workshop, 2011 and 2015
MMEA Mentoring Workshop/Conference, October 2015-2018,2022.
St. Charles Community College Jazz Camp, Faculty & Consultant 2021 - Present

CONSULTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Urban Music Leadership Conference, Fort Worth
Fort Zumwalt School District
Missouri Music Educators Association
Missouri Bandmaster Association
Missouri National Association for Music Education-Collegiate Advocacy Conference
Missouri NAFME-C, Southeast Missouri State
Missouri NAFME-C, Central Methodist University
Tri County Music Educators Association
Eight clinics presented for HS & MS Bands 2016
Francis Howell School Core Music Standards
NAFME Southwest Division, Mentoring Presentation
Wentzville School District Professional Development
Nine Clinics Present for HS & MS Bands 2017
Mehlville School District Professional Development
Seven Clinics presented for HS & MS Band 2018
Five Clinics presented for HS & MS Band 2021-22
Trombone and Low Brass Master Classes, sectionals, and private teaching St. Charles
County schools, 2023

TOPICS PRESENTED:

World Music for the Concert Band
Brass Master Class: Warmup routines and pedagogy for high school brass players.
Teacher Evaluation, Missouri Model Music Educator
Repertoire is the Curriculum
Inform, Involve and Influence, Music Advocacy
MMEA a resource for the Music Education Major
Ensemble Balance, Blend, Tone Production
Repertoire, developing a four-year Curriculum.
Building Musicianship in the High School Ensemble
Comprehensive Jazz Curriculum
Professional Development Wentzville Music Department, 2015 & 2016
*World Music for the Concert Band, Comprehensive Unit Design, Conducting
Refresh, Core Music Standards.*
Professional Development Francis Howell/Parkway School District, *New Core Music
Standards.*
Professional Development Mehlville, Comprehensive Jazz Curriculum
Professional Development Mehlville, Advocacy for K-12 Music
Professional Development St. Charles School District *Developing Your Band Sound.*
East Central College Conducting, *Interpretation, Finding the Music
iGen and the Music Classroom*, thoughts on student engagement. MMEA Mentoring and
Professional Development.
Truman State University NAFME-C Chapter, *Teaching is Leadership*

PUBLICATIONS:

Is Music Teacher Training Keeping Pace?, MSM April 2010
Little things make big things happen!, MSM August 2010
How can I help?, April 2011
Students do what Students see!, MSM August 2011
Music Major, Artist and Scholar, MSM February 2011
Biennial Conference Report, MSM April 2012
National Assembly & Southwest Division Update, MSM August 2012
Making Connections, MSM December 2012
In-Service Inspires!, MSM April 2012
Preparing the Future, Creatively!, MSM April 2013
Helping policy makers listen! MSM August 2013
Improvise, adapt!, MSM December 2013
Looking Forward, MSM May 2014
Investing in the future, MSM September 2014
Model Missouri Music Educator, MMEA web 2013
Mentoring, Investing in the Future, MSM December 2014
To be the best Advocate, be the best Teacher!, MSM April 2015
Preserving the Elementary Music Experience, MSM May 2015
Enhancing curriculum with World Music, MSM August 2015
Creativity and Innovation, MSM December 2015

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Missouri Association for Jazz Education, Secretary, Combo Camp coordinator
National Band Association, Missouri State Chair
National Association for Music Education
St. Louis Metro Eight Music Educators Association, H.S. Band VP, H.S. Jazz VP,
President.
Missouri Music Educators Association, College/University VP, President-Elect,
President, Past-President.
Missouri Bandmaster Association
College Band Director National Association
Jazz Educators National Conference
Phi Mu Alpha, Zeta Chapter
Phi Beta Mu

ADJUDICATION EXPERIENCE:

Oklahoma State Jazz Competition
Oklahoma State Concert Band Competition
MSHSAA Large Group and Solo and Ensemble
ISHSAA Large Group and Solo and Ensemble
ABC League, St. Louis solo and Ensemble
Marching Festival Missouri and Illinois
Jazz Festival Missouri, Illinois and Oklahoma
Concert Band Festivals Missouri and Illinois
University of Saskatchewan Concert Band Festival

GUEST CONDUCTING APPEARANCES:

Southeast District Honors Band 2010
Eastern Missouri Conference Band 2010
St. Louis Metro Eight High School Honors Band 2009/2014/2021
Northeast District High School Honors Band 2009
Mineral Area Honors Band 2009
Eastern Missouri Honors Band 2009
Southeast Missouri MMEA District Honors Jazz Band 2009
Southwest Missouri Conference Band 2009
Des Lee Honors Concert and Jazz Band, 2007-2016
Missouri Valley Conference Honors Band, 2008
St. Clair, IL Honors Band, 2008
St. Louis Archdiocese Honors Band 2007
Southwest MMEA Middle School Honors Band 2007
Bi-State Honors Band 2006
Central Missouri State Summer Music Camp, 2004
St. Louis Suburban Middle School Honors Jazz Band 1999.
St. Louis Suburban Middle School Honor Concert Band 2010
Metro District Eight Middle School Honor Jazz Band, 2002
St. Louis Low Brass Collective
St. Louis Wind Symphony

PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING EXPERIENCE:

St. Charles Community College Jazz Camp Big Band
St. Charles Community College Wind Ensemble
Francis Howell Music In Our Schools Month Jazz Band
Manchester Community Band
Widner Tribute Band Mineral Area Jazz Festival
St. Louis Wind Symphony, Trombone
St. Louis Low Brass Collective
Member of Mid Rivers Brass Quintet, Trombone.
Jim Widner Big Band, Trombone
St. Louis Jazz Orchestra
Meramec Community College Jazz Band, St. Louis, MO.
Member Gateway City Big Band, Trombone/Bass Trombone.

HONORS AWARDS RECEIVED:

National Band Association Citation of Excellence 2010
Fort Zumwalt Teacher of the Year, 2003
Veterans of Foreign Wars National Citizenship Teacher Award 2004
Who's Who in America 2004
UMSL Alumni Award in Music, 2004
Outstanding Music Educator 2000, St. Louis Metropolitan District Eight.
Merit Award Music Education 1998& 2000, St. Louis Metropolitan District Eight.
MMEA St. Louis Metro Eight Hall of Fame 2015
MOAJE Outstanding Jazz Educator 2012
Missouri Music Educators Association Hall of Fame 2018
Missouri Music Educators Association John Patterson Leadership Award 2022