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## EDUCATION

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2014 – 2016

**M.A. Music Education**

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, PA

2004 – 2009

**B.S. Music Education**

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, PA

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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October 2015 -

**River Valley School District**

Blairsville, PA

*River Valley High School Band Director / Music Teacher / Choir Director*

- **Teaching responsibilities:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, 7/8 Grade Band, 9-12 Grade Band, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade General Music, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade General Music, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrumental Lessons, Beginning Band, Advanced Band, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus, 7/8 Grade Chorus, 9-12 Grade Chorus, Marching Band, Musicals and Plays.

Aug 2012 – Oct 2015

**Juniata Valley School District**

Alexandria, PA

*Juniata Valley Elementary Music Teacher / Juniata Valley High School Band Director*

- **Teaching responsibilities:** Jr./Sr. High Concert Band, Marching Band (7-12), Indoor Percussion (IIA), high school jazz band, 3rd and 4th grade general music, 5th and 6th grade instrumental lessons (pullout), elementary band, as well as elementary jazz.
- Utilize multiple assessments in compliance with district and state requirements to inform instruction.
- Work closely with the school board and administration to ensure a positive and supportive music education for all students.

May 2012 – July 2021

**Struthers' Library Theater**

Warren, PA

*Facilities Manager*

- Assumed responsibility for all services and activities involved in facility operations and upkeep including housekeeping, audio/visual, staging and associated equipment for, but not limited to concerts, and theater performances.
- Oversee the set-up of events; coordinate facility arrangements with tour production managers.

Aug 2011 – May 2012

**Warren County School District**

Warren, PA

*Music Teacher / Band Director*

- Music Teacher at Sheffield Area Middle/Sr. High School and South Street Early Learning Center.
- Worked collaboratively with faculty and administration to rebuild a suffering music program. Responsibilities included working with the 7-8 Concert Band, 6th Grade music class while beginning a pep band to reinstate the marching band. Worked collectively with staff to produce a spring play.

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2005 – 2020	<p><b>Indiana University of Pennsylvania</b> <i>Drumline Tech / Battery Arranger</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Responsibilities:</b> Battery percussion tech for the IUP Marching Band. Instructed Mini-camps, band camp and seasonal rehearsals. Write battery arrangements for drumline as well as developed technique packet and warm ups.</li> <li>➤ Coordinate music writing for the IUP drumline. Run sectional rehearsals and auditions as well as coordinate with the marching band director to suit specific needs of the band.</li> </ul>	Indiana, PA
Sept 2010 – May 2010	<p><b>Kelly Services</b> <i>Substitute Teacher</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Music and K-12 substitute.</li> </ul>	Warren, PA
Nov 2010 – May 2013	<p><b>St. Mary’s High School</b> <i>Indoor Percussion Consultant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Taught battery percussion technique on marching percussion instruments.</li> </ul>	St. Mary’s, PA
2010-2011	<p><b>Eisenhower High School</b> <i>Percussion Consultant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Write and arrange battery and pit percussion books.</li> <li>➤ Collaborated with band director Mark Napolitan to ensure that students were prepared for the Tournament of Bands Competition season through band camp and summer rehearsals.</li> </ul>	Eisenhower, PA
2010	<p><b>Cochranton High School</b> <i>Percussion Consultant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Taught battery percussion technique on marching percussion instruments.</li> <li>➤ Worked with the marching band’s visual program throughout band camp.</li> </ul>	Cochranton, PA
2010	<p><b>Titusville High School</b> <i>Percussion Consultant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Taught battery percussion technique on marching percussion instruments.</li> <li>➤ Worked with the marching band’s visual program throughout band camp.</li> </ul>	Titusville, PA
2010 – 2011	<p><b>Warren County Summer Music School</b> <i>Percussion Instructor</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Orchestra Percussion Coach, Director of (2) Percussion I, (2) Drum Circle courses.</li> </ul>	Warren, PA
2009	<p><b>Saegertown High School Marching Band</b> <i>Visual Coordinator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Run rehearsals with percussion teaching basic to advanced technical skills.</li> <li>➤ Visual rehearsals, basics block, drill and movement.</li> </ul>	Saegertown, PA
2005-2009	<p><b>Gateway Indoor Percussion Ensemble</b> <i>Percussion Instructor</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Served as Bass Tech, pit tech, and midi sequencing during the Indoor seasons.</li> <li>➤ Worked as part of the visual staff.</li> <li>➤ Performed locally as well as at WGI Dayton, Ohio, IUP Day of Percussion, Troy, Michigan.</li> </ul>	Monroeville, PA

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## COMPOSITIONS/ARRANGEMENTS

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### Marching Band

2021	Shorties
2021	<i>The Music of Queen</i> , River Valley High School
2021	River Valley Alma Mater
2019	<i>The Incredibles</i> , Blairsville High School
2018	<i>Jekyll &amp; Hyde</i> , Blairsville High School
2017	<i>The Music of Billy Joel</i> , Blairsville High School
2016	<i>Wicked</i> , Blairsville High School
2015	<i>Hymnsong of Philip Bliss</i>
2015	<i>Salvation is Created</i>
2014	<i>Foundry</i> , Juniata Valley Marching Band

### Indoor Percussion

2015	<i>Hypnosis</i> , Juniata Valley Indoor Percussion
2014	<i>Most Astounding Fact</i> , The Planets, Juniata Valley Indoor
2013	<i>Fear</i> , Juniata Valley High School Indoor Percussion
2011	<i>First Circle</i> , St. Mary's High School Indoor Percussion

### Marching Percussion Arrangements

2021	<i>Escape</i> , Homer Center Indoor Percussion
2019	<i>Sha-Ka'dun</i> , Drumline Cadence
2019	<i>The Witching Hour</i> , Cochranton High School
2019	<i>Tribal Destiny</i> , Eisenhower High School
2017	IUP Drumline Fundamental Packet
2017	<i>Motown</i> , Indiana University of Pennsylvania
2017	<i>Cadence</i> , Indiana University of Pennsylvania
2017	<i>The Box</i> , Cochranton High School
2016	<i>Follow Me, Follow You</i> , IUP Alumni Marching Band
2015	<i>Turning Point</i> , Cochranton High School
2014	<i>Winter</i> , Cochranton High School
2014	Mount Vernon High School, WV
2011	<i>Minuano</i> , Indiana University of Pennsylvania
2007	<i>West Side Story</i> , Indiana University of Pennsylvania
2006	<i>Symphonic Metamorphosis</i> , Indiana University of Pennsylvania

### Concert Band/Wind Ensemble

2015	<i>A New Dawn is Rising</i>
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### Voice

2021	River Valley High School Alma Mater
2015	<i>Hope for Healing</i> , for soprano voice, handbells and accompaniment

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## SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

- Sibelius 7
- Finale
- Pyware
- Logic Pro X
- Final Cut Pro
- OBS
- Google Level 1 Certified
- Google Suite (Docs, Sheets, Slides)
- Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

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## SCHOLARSHIPS/HONORS

2009, 2016	Cum Laude Graduate
2007	Charles Davis Scholarship recipient
2005 - 2009	Dean's List Student
2004	John Philip Sousa Award

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## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

2015 -	Summit Church Worship Team (drum set, keys), Indiana, PA
2016	IUP Alumni Marching Band Reunion (snare drum), Indiana, PA
2016 - 2019	Altoona Symphony Orchestra (percussionist), Altoona, PA
2013	Raystown Wind Orchestra (percussionist), Huntingdon, PA
2011	Pittsburgh Steeline, drumline of the Pittsburgh Steelers (snare drummer), Pittsburgh, PA
2010	Vacation Bible School, Director, Praise Fellowship Church, Russell, PA
2010	Warren Civic Orchestra (percussionist), Warren, PA
2010 - 2012	Praise Fellowship Worship Team (drum set), Russell, PA
2010	Warren Players, <i>The Fantasticks</i> (pit orchestra/drum set), Warren, PA
2010 - 2012	Warren County Summer Music School (percussionist)
2009	Concert Bands of Northwest Pennsylvania, Meadville, PA
2009	PMEA SongFest (percussion accompanist)
2008 - 2009	Grace United Methodist Church Masters Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, Handbell choir, 12:12
2007	Heinz Hall "IUP Plays Pittsburgh" (marimba soloist)
2007	Delta Omicron Solo Competition, IUP
2007	Percussive Arts Society National Conference; New Literature Session
2007	IUP Day of Percussion
2007	Calvary Baptist Church (percussion accompanist/choir)
2007	Junior Percussion Recital, IUP
2006	African American Cultural Center Graduation Ceremony, IUP
2006	Pit Orchestra <i>Pirates of Penzance</i> (Percussionist), Laurel Valley High School, PA
2005	IUP Day of Percussion
2004 - 2009	IUP Marching Band, Concert Band, Symphony Band, Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble
2004	Lake Erie Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps, Division III

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## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/AFFILIATIONS

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2015 - Indiana County Music Educators Association active member  
2019 - Indiana County Music Educators Association Vice President  
2011 - Pennsylvania Music Educators Association active member  
2011 - National Association for Music Education active member  
2011 - 2015 Innovative Percussion Artist, Innovative Percussion Endorser  
2011 - 2015 Dynasty Education Artist, Dynasty Endorser  
2011 - National Judges Association Tournament of Bands Judge, percussion adjudicator  
2015 - National Judges Association Tournament Indoor Association, indoor percussion adjudicator  
2004 - 2009 Percussive Arts Society member

## **VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

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2013 - Indiana Area Senior High School Theater Volunteer, sound technician, set construction  
2011 - Pocono Plateau Children's Music and Performance Camp, music director / program director  
2018 Worship Drumming Masterclass, Summit Church  
2018 IUP Alumni Young Entrepreneurs Forum, guest speaker  
2012 Warren Players - *I Love You, Your Perfect, Now Change*, rehearsal pianist, vocal coach  
2011 - 2013 Warren Players, Struthers' Library Theater, sound technician  
2012 Eisenhower High School Percussion Ensemble, director  
2012 Community Drum Circle at The Crossing, Warren, PA  
2011 - 2012 Warren Civic Orchestra – percussionist, Warren, PA  
2011 Warren Players 'Jack-in-the-box' *Velveteen Rabbit* – Music Director  
2011 Warren Players' - *Into the Woods* - Pit Conductor  
2009 - 2011 Warren Area High School Drama Club, sound technician

## **RESEARCH / PUBLICATIONS**

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2014 Philosophy of Music Education  
2014 Rusted Root, Pittsburgh based jam band  
2014 Stephen Collins Foster, the Father of American Music