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Education:

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California

Doctor of Musical Arts, with honors, 2012

- Organ emphasis with minors in sacred music, choral music, and instrumental conducting
- Organ studies with Cherry Rhodes
- Sacred music studies with Nick Strimple and Ladd Thomas
- Choral conducting studies with Jo-Michael Scheibe and Magen Solomon
- Instrumental conducting studies with Lucinda Carver and Larry Livingston
- Member of USC Chamber Singers
- Pi Kappa Lambda, Eta Chapter
- Organ Department Award recipient

Master of Music, with honors, 2006

- Outstanding Graduate Award (organ) recipient

Rice University, Houston, Texas

Bachelor of Music, 2003

- Organ studies with Clyde Holloway
- Member of Shepherd Singers and Rice Chorale

Employment:

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral (Episcopal), Kansas City, February 2017-present

Director of Music

- Principal organist and conductor for cathedral liturgies and diocesan liturgies at the cathedral
- Direct the Trinity Choir comprised of professional and volunteer singers
- Plan liturgies with the clergy
- Select hymns, liturgical music, and repertoire for cathedral liturgies
- Recruit and audition volunteer choir members, staff singers, and substitute staff singers
- Manage the music budget and a part-time music staff
- Hire guest musicians for cathedral liturgies and concerts as needed
- Manage *Summer Music at the Cathedrals* concert series
- Direct the Trinity Handbell Ensemble
- Directed the Tallis Singers Youth Choir (pre-pandemic)
- Conduct annual *Messiah Singalong* featuring the Kansas City Baroque Consortium

University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, August 2021-present

Adjunct Faculty

- Teach undergraduate and graduate applied organ in the School of Visual and Performing Arts
 - MUS 1507: Secondary Keyboard Lessons (non-major organ lessons)
 - MUS 1520: Organ I (undergraduate major organ lessons)
 - MUS 5520: Organ III (graduate major organ lessons)
 - MUS 5050: Research Problems (master's thesis supervision)

Grace Cathedral (Episcopal), San Francisco, August 2014-January 2017

Assistant Director of Music

- Primary organist for cathedral liturgies and diocesan liturgies at the cathedral

- Conductor of the Cathedral Camerata comprised of volunteer singers
- Assistant conductor and accompanist of the professional Choir of Men and Boys
- Planned liturgies with the Canon Precentor, Canon Director of Music, Succentor, and Verger
- Assisted the Canon Director of Music in running the Department of Music
- Assisted the Canon Director of Music and Voice Instructor with chorister training
- Managed monthly organ recital series
- Organist for the Choir of Men and Boys residency at *Salisbury Cathedral*
- Music Director for Cathedral Christmas Concerts series with the Choir of Men and Boys and orchestra (2015)
- Acting Music Director for Advent and Christmas seasons (2015)

Saint James' in the City Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, November 2006-July 2014

Associate Organist

- Organist for parish liturgies and concerts
- Accompanist and assistant conductor of the Choir of St. James'
- Assisted the Director of Music with production of *Great Music at St. James'* concert series
- Organist for the Choir of St. James' in services at *Westminster Abbey, St. George's Chapel-Windsor,* and the Anglican cathedrals of *Canterbury, Oxford,* and *Wells*

Bel Air Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, September 2004-October 2006

Organist

- Organist and pianist for traditional worship services, concerts, and special events, including *Easter at the Hollywood Bowl*
- Guest musician with the band for contemporary worship services

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Houston, November 2000-July 2004

Organist and Taizé Music Director

- Organist and pianist for parish liturgies, special services, and monthly German language services
- Planned liturgies with the Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor, and the Director of Music
- Directed the youth choir
- Directed a choir and instrumental ensemble for weekly Taizé service

Performances and Presentations:

Collaborative Performances:

Kansas City Symphony: Helzberg Hall, Kansas City

- *Messiah* (Aram Demirjian, conductor), continuo organist, 2023
- *Petrushka* (Christian Reif, conductor), celesta, 2022
- *Messiah* (Patrick Dupré Quigley, conductor), continuo organist, 2021
- *Messiah* (Julian Wachner, conductor), continuo organist, 2019
- *Messiah* (Aram Demirjian, conductor), organist, 2018
- *Brahms Requiem* (Robert Spano, conductor), organist, 2017

Musica Vocale: Immanuel Lutheran Church and Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City

- *Music Transcends Time* (Arnold Epley, conductor), organist, 2018

Pepperdine University Chamber Choir: Grace Cathedral, Topeka

- *Choir Tour Concert* (Ryan Board, conductor), 2018

Grace Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys with orchestra: *Grace Cathedral*, San Francisco

- *A Cathedral Christmas* (Benjamin Bachmann, conductor), organist, 2016, 2014
- *Duruflé Requiem* (Benjamin Bachmann, conductor), organist, 2016

Britten 100/LA: Benjamin Britten: *Saint James' in the City Episcopal Church*, Los Angeles

- *A 100th Birthday Concert* (James Conlon, conductor), organist and rehearsal pianist, 2013

Los Angeles Master Chorale: *Walt Disney Concert Hall*, Los Angeles

- *Poulenc and Vaughan Williams* (Grant Gershon, conductor), organist, 2013
- *Organ Extravaganza* (Grant Gershon, Lesley Leighton, conductors), organist, 2012
- *Lux Aeterna* (Grant Gershon, conductor), organist, 2011
- *London Bridges* (Grant Gershon, conductor), organist, 2011

Los Robles Master Chorale: *Ascension Lutheran Church*, Thousand Oaks

- *Messengers of Spring* (Lesley Leighton, conductor), organist, 2013
- *Holiday Presence* (Lesley Leighton, conductor), organist, 2012

Pacific Symphony: *Reneé and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall*, Costa Mesa

- *Alpine Symphony* (Carl St. Clair, conductor), organist, 2011

Radcliffe Choral Society Concerts: *Saint John's Cathedral*, Los Angeles, *Pasadena Presbyterian Church*

- *Choir Tour Concert* (Andrew Clark, conductor), organist, 2011

Bel Air Presbyterian Church Orchestra: *Bel Air Presbyterian Church*, Los Angeles

- *Mozart Requiem* (Mark Aaron Humphrey, conductor), organist, 2006
- *Bach Harpsichord Concerto no. 3, BWV 1054* (Mark Aaron Humphrey, conductor), harpsichordist, 2006
- *Poulenc Concerto for Organ, Timpani, and Strings* (Mark Aaron Humphrey, conductor), organist, 2005
- *Christmas Concerts* (Mark Aaron Humphrey, conductor), organist, 2005, 2004

Bach Society (Houston):

- 2003-2004 season (Robert Lynn, Music Director), organist for Bach Orchestra and rehearsal pianist

Orchestral Conducting:

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral and the Kansas City Baroque Consortium, Kansas City

- *Messiah Singalong*, 2023, 2019, 2018

Grace Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys with Orchestra, San Francisco

- *Christmas Eve*, 2015
- *A Cathedral Christmas*: a series of five concerts, 2015

Organ Dedication or Rededication Programs:

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Kansas City, 2022

Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Blue Springs, Missouri, 2018

Grand Avenue Temple United Methodist Church, Kansas City 2018

First Church of Christ, Scientist, San Marino, California, 2012

Organ Solo Recitals:

First United Methodist Church, Lawrence, Kansas, 2022
Grace Cathedral, Topeka, 2021 (online only presentation)
Grace Cathedral, Topeka, 2019
Westport Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, 2018
Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, Kansas, 2017
Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley, 2016
Mission Dolores, San Francisco, 2016
Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church, Bainbridge Island, Washington, 2016
Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, 2016
Legion of Honor, San Francisco, 2016
Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, 2015
Saint Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, 2015
Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, 2014
First United Methodist Church, Santa Barbara, 2013
Saint Edmund's Episcopal Church, San Marino, California, 2012
Saint James in the City Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, 2011
Trinity Lutheran Church, Manhattan Beach, California, 2011
Redondo Beach Bach Festival, Riviera United Methodist Church, 2011
Pasadena Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, California, 2010
Westwood United Methodist Church, Los Angeles, 2010
Saint James in the City Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, 2010
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, Los Angeles, 2009
Alumni Solo Organ Recital, Rice University, Houston, 2009
Saint James in the City Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, 2008
First Congregational Church, Los Angeles, 2008
Pasadena Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, California, 2007
Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle, Hollywood, 2006
Pasadena Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, California, 2006

Organ Solo Performances at Events with Multiple Performers:

Bachathon, Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, 2024, 2022, 2019, 2017
French Organ Festival, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Kansas City, 2022, 2017
*Chapter Program, Greater Kansas City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists,
Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Kansas City, 2017*
*Chapter Program, San Francisco Chapter of the American Guild of Organists,
Saints Peter and Paul Church, San Francisco, 2016*
Organ Marathon, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, 2012
Alumni Organ Recital celebrating the teaching career of Clyde Holloway, Rice University, Houston, 2010

Chamber Music:

Co-Artistic Director, Summer Music at the Cathedrals, 2017-present
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

*An Afternoon of 20th Century Art Song: pianist (soprano and piano), Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral,
Kansas City, 2024*

Music for Soprano, Harpsichord, and Organ: harpsichordist and organist, Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, 2023

Songs of British History: pianist (soprano, lute, piano), Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, 2022
Liebeslieder Walzer, op. 52: director and pianist (vocal quartet and piano-duo)

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, 2019

Ohimé: Secular Works of Claudio Monteverdi: director and harpsichordist (five vocalists, theorbo, harpsichord) Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, 2018

Songs from 17th Century England and Italy: director, organist, harpsichordist (three vocalists, cello, harpsichord, and organ) Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, 2017

Bach for Soprano and Baroque Flute: organist (solo soprano, Baroque flute, cello, organ)
Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, 2017

Performance Broadcasts: Classical KUSC, Houston Public Media, Kansas Public Radio

Choir Tours/Residencies:

Grace Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys (Benjamin Bachmann, conductor), organist, 2016

- Evensongs at *Canterbury Cathedral* and *Salisbury Cathedral*; concert at *Christ Church Priory*

Choir of St. James (James Buonemani, conductor), organist, 2010

- Evensongs at *Westminster Abbey*, *St. George's Chapel-Windsor*, *Canterbury Cathedral*, *Christ Church Cathedral-Oxford*, *Wells Cathedral*

Collaborations:

Community Conversation: Sing Most Anything: *Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, 2023*

- Collaboration between the Lyric Opera of Kansas City and Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral
- Co-organizer and conductor

Concert with the Bales Chorale and the Trinity Choir: *University of Kansas, Lawrence, 2023*

- Collaboration between the University of Kansas Organ and Church Music Department and Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral
- Co-director and co-organizer

Olivier Latry Benefit Recital for the Musicians of Notre Dame, 2019

- Collaboration between the University of Kansas, Friends of Chamber Music, and Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral
- Co-organizer and host

Lux Aeterna: *Grace Cathedral, Topeka, 2018*

- Collaboration between the Choir of Grace Cathedral, Topeka and the Trinity Choir of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral
- Co-organizer and choir preparation

Evensong Celebrating St. Cecilia: *Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, 2017*

- Collaboration between the Schola Cantorum of William Jewell College and the Trinity Choir of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral
- Co-director and organist

Educational Programs or Events:

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, 2021

- *Lenten Miniature Musical Masterpieces,*
 - Multi-week adult formation class
 - Designer and presenter

Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, Lindsborg, Kansas, 2018

- *Spanned by Your Infinity* (Hymn Festival)
 - Organist
- “An Approach to Accompanying Hymns and Congregational Song”
 - Designer and presenter

Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, 2015, 2014

- *Diocesan Choral Festival*
 - Co-organizer and presenter

Los Angeles Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

- *Presidents’ Day Organ Festival, 2014*
 - Co-chair and presenter
- Education Chair, 2010-2014
 - Designed and organized masterclasses featuring George Baker, Frederic Blanc, Jean Guillou, Bruce Neswick, Stephen Tharp, John Weaver, Todd Wilson

Organ Recital Series Administrator and Designer:

Evensong Organ Recital Series: monthly series, Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, 2019-2020

Gift to the City Organ Recital Series: monthly series, Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, 2014-2017

Los Angeles Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, 2013-2014 season

- Sub-Dean and Chair of Program Committee

Professional Organizations:

American Choral Directors Association

American Guild of Organists

Greater Kansas City Chapter

- *Program Committee, 2022-present*

Los Angeles Chapter

- *Sub-Dean, 2013-2014*
 - Chair of the Program Committee
 - Designed and managed an annual concert series featuring noted local and visiting artists
 - Collaborated with area churches to present concerts and educational events
- *Education Chair, 2010-2014*
 - Designed educational events featuring prominent visiting artists and teachers
 - Adjudicator for scholarship and performance competitions

Association of Anglican Musicians

National World War One Museum and Memorial

- *Faith Community Advisory Committee, 2021-present*

Ruth and Clarence Mader Memorial Scholarship Fund

- *Board Member*, 2010-present