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Education

University of Houston

Doctor of Musical Arts in Viola Performance, 2019

- Minor in Contemporary Music
- Graduate Certificate in Women Studies
- Viola Studies with Wayne Brooks
- Moores School of Music Scholarship from the Hirsch Scholarship Endowment, 2014-2017
- Principal Violist in Moores School of Music Symphony Orchestra, 2014-2017

Georgia State University

Master of Music in Viola Performance, 2014

- Research Assistant for the Music Education Department, under the guidance of Dr. Martin Noorgaard
- Viola Studies with Tania Maxwell Clements
- Principal Viola in Georgia State Symphony Orchestra 2012-2013
- Concertmaster in Georgia State Symphony Orchestra 2013

Florida State University

Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance magna cum laude, 2007

- Violin studies with Beth Newdome
- Principal Second Violin in FSU University Symphony 2007
- Winner Young Artist Concerto Competition 2006

Selected Viola and Violin Studies

Manhattan School of Music

- Started a MM in Violin Performance Fall 2008 (no degree earned)
- Studied with Laurie Carney

College Teaching Experience

Sam Houston State University

Adjunct Lecturer in Music, January 2017-present

- Faculty responsibilities include instruction in Viola, Chamber Music, playing in the faculty string quartet, and teaching the music segment of the Creative Arts Seminar or Introduction to Music.

Lonestar College—Tomball

Adjunct Instructor, August 2016—December 2016

- Responsibilities included instruction in Viola, Violin, and Orchestra

Studio, Classroom, and Camp Teaching Experience

nbk studios

Owner and Teacher

- Operates a teaching studio for violinists and violists ages 13-adult.
- Responsibilities include: teaching violin, viola, chamber music, group class, scheduling all lessons, recitals, and billing clients.
- Started using the name nbk studios in 2020, started teaching privately in January 2009.

Texas All State Strings Camp

Viola Faculty and Camp Administrator, 2017-present

- Viola Faculty responsibilities include facilitating and judging auditions, teaching sessions on the Texas All State Viola repertoire, and performing in faculty recitals (2017 and 2019).
- Administrative duties include creating the curriculum for all viola students, sharing the curriculum with other viola faculty, and assisting the camp director with any administrative communication.

AFA Summer Music Festival, 2018-present

Chamber Music Coach, Sectional Coach, and Theory Teacher

- June 8-19, 2020: Canceled due to COVID-19, contracted to teach theory and lead sectionals and coach chamber music.
- June-July 2019: coached chamber music for advanced high school students, led sectionals for middle school students, and coached an elementary school level group.
- July 2018: coach chamber music for an advanced high school quartet

AFA Chamber Music Academy, 2018-present

Artist Teacher

- coaches chamber music ensembles of all levels

K-12 Teaching Experience:

Assistant Orchestra Teacher: Houston, TX August 2015-January 2017

Strake Jesuit Preparatory School

- Violin and Viola Sectional Coach
- Conducted the orchestra when needed
- Assisted head director

Orchestra Director, Kennesaw, GA, August 2010- May 2011

Director of Orchestras at Mount Paran Christian School

- Taught orchestra for grades 6-12
- Created a small chamber orchestra for advanced students
- Organized concerts throughout the school year

Selected Clinics

Texas Orchestra Directors Association

All-State Audition Clinic

- Online event September 9, 2020
- Worked with viola students from Texas on the All-State excerpts and etudes

Klein Forest High School

UIL Preparation Violin and Viola Faculty, 2019-2021

- Since 2019 has led clinics for violin and viola students in preparation for UIL contest.

Cy-Fair High School

Orchestra Camp October 2014

- Coached viola sectionals

Additional Teaching Competencies

Sam Houston State University

- Creative Arts Seminar (Spring 2018-present)
- Intro to Music (Fall 2017)

Conferences

American Viola Society Festival, June 2020

- Invited to present a lecture recital: “Embodied Metaphors and Their Contribution to a Narrative Reading of Jennifer Higdon's Viola Sonata”
- Canceled due to COVID-19

Arts in the Black Press Conference at Yale University, March 11, 2017

- Co-presented “Black Women’s Respectability in Music Criticism of the Black Press, 1930’s and 1940’s” with Dr. Katherine Turner, University of Houston Musicology Professor

Recordings

AXIOMS: MOMENTS OF TRUTH

- Axiom Quartet
- Catalog #: NV6151
- Navona Records
- PARMA RECORDINGS, April 2018

Selected Solo and Chamber Music Experience

Solos with Orchestra:

Benjamin Britten op. 43 “Lachrymae”

- SHSU Chamber Orchestra at the Gaertner Performing Arts Center in Huntsville, TX

- March 29, 2018

W.A. Mozart Sinfonia Concertante KV 364 for Violin and Viola

- Houston Heights Orchestra in Houston, TX, Conducted by Kris Chapman
- Performed with Roberto Alonso Trillo, violin
- October 18, 2015

Bartok Violin Concerto No. 1

- Florida State University Philharmonia Orchestra, Tallahassee, FL, Conducted by Sean Linfors
- April 6, 2007

Chamber Orchestra and Chamber Music:

Kolonneh Quartet, Huntsville, TX 2017-present

- Violist
- Faculty string quartet at Sam Houston State University

Axiom Quartet, Houston, TX 2015-2018

- Served as violist for three seasons
- Performed as Quartet in Residence at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, TX
- Released debut album: AXIOMS: Moments of Truth, 2018
- China Tour with PARMA Recordings and Joy Titan Entertainment, China July 18-August 6, 2018

Aperio, Music of the Americas, Houston, TX, 2017-2020

- Live at Miller Outdoor Theater, Appalachian Spring by Aaron Copland and other selected works, October 24, 2020
- AVALON - Sextet to Julia de Burgos for soprano, flute, violin, viola, cello, and piano, September 15, 2019, MATCH
- Live at Miller Outdoor Theater, Aguas da Amazonia by Philip Glass, arranged for chamber orchestra, June 15, 2019
- Aguas da Amazonia by Philip Glass, arranged for chamber orchestra, September 9, 2017, Zilkha Hall

Texas New Music Ensemble, Houston, TX 2019-2020

- March 20, 2020 Canceled due to COVID-19
- String Quartet no 2 "Moth" by Yevgeniy Sharlat, March 7, 2019 at MATCH

Solos and Selected Recitals:

Trio Recital, Salem Lutheran Church, Houston, TX, March 13, 2020

- Collaboration with Sergio Pallottelli, flute, and Kyung-A Yoo, piano

- Performed works by Martinu, Mozart, and Schumann

Faculty Recital, Huntsville, TX, Feb. 18, 2020

- Collaborated with Saule Garcia, piano
- Performed the Clarke Viola Sonata, “Elegie” by Glazunov, and the Franck Violin Sonata transcribed for viola

“American Haiku,” Huntsville, TX, April 1, 2019

- Collaborated with Dr. Daniel Saenz, cello
- Commissioned new works for Viola and Cello
- Premiered works by Belinda Takahashi, Christopher Wicks, Brian Herrington, and Shawn Renzoh Head
- Each new work is based on haiku written for Knight and Saenz

Soloist with Psophonia Dance Company at The Barn, Houston, TX, November 22, 2015

- Collaborated with choreographer Sophia Torres in creating a nontraditional performance where the violist was part of the choreography
- Debuted the Houston premier of “Danza” by Misook Kim
- Additional performance occurred in April 2016 with AURA at the University of Houston

Selected Orchestra Experience

Victoria Symphony Orchestra, Victoria, TX, 2014-present

- Section Viola

Classical Music Institute, San Antonio, TX, 2018

- Guest Section Viola

AACA Orchestra, Aspen, CO, 2013

- Section Viola, fellow

AACA Orchestra Opera Scenes, Aspen, CO, 2013

- Principal Viola

Georgia Symphony Orchestra, Atlanta, GA, 2013

- Substitute concertmaster

Rome Symphony Orchestra, Rome, GA, 2009-2012

- Section Violin

Aspen Festival Orchestra, Aspen, CO, 2007

- Section Violin

Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra, Tallahassee, FL, 2005-2008

- Substitute Section Violin

Principal Viola Solos

Alberto Ginastera Variaciones Concertante Op. 23

- Moores School of Music Chamber Orchestra October 2014
- Conducted by Dr. Michelle Blair

Music Festivals

Franklin Pond Chamber Music Festival, Atlanta, GA, 2003

- Violin

Lyrice Fest, Chatham, NJ, June 2006

- Violin

Aspen Music Festival and School, Aspen, CO, 2007 & 2008

- Violin

Aspen Music Festival and School, Aspen, CO, 2013

- Viola

Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival, Fernandina Beach, FL, 2014 & 2015

- Viola

Fellowships and Awards

Fellowship Artist: Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival 2014 & 2015

- Viola
- Beth Newdome Young Artist Fellowship

Fellowship Recipient: Aspen Music Festival and School, 2013

- Viola
- AACA Orchestral Fellowship

Scholarship Recipient: Aspen Music Festival and School, 2007

- Violin

Winner Young Artists Concerto Competition at Florida State University, 2006

- Violin

Professional Service and Society Memberships

American String Teachers Association

- member

American Viola Society

- member

Houston Viola Society

- Board of Directors
- 2019-2020
- HVS President, 2017-2018