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Current Position

Associate Professor
Department of Music, University of Texas at El Paso

Current Duties

Director of Choral Activities
Coordinator, Conducting and Ensemble Area
Co-Coordinator, UTEP Online Master of Music in Conducting
Conductor, Concert Chorale, Chamber Singers
Conductor/Faculty Mentor, UTEP Children's Choir and Student Coaches
Faculty Advisor, Border Voices of the American Choral Directors Association
(Registered Student Organization)
Instructor, graduate courses in conducting, choral literature, special topics in choral pedagogy, rehearsal techniques, and score study, face-to-face and online; also, supervision of capstone conducting projects for the Online Master of Music in Conducting
Recruitment, undergraduate and graduate
University and Community Outreach

Past Teaching Duties

Coordinator, Voice Area, 2013-2022
Undergraduate choral conducting I and II
Voice studio instruction, undergraduate and graduate
Director, University Chorus
Director, Women's Glee Club
Director, Music Theatre Company/Opera UTEP
Advising, Voice Area
Administration, Music Theatre program
Director, University Jazz Singers
Commercial Vocal Styles I, a survey of contemporary vocal performance practice
Music Theatre Repertory, a performance-based survey of music theatre repertoire
Vocal Coaching, guided analysis and preparation of music theatre/opera roles for music theatre majors, including development and preparation of one-person cabaret-style productions
Supervision of undergraduate recitals in music education and performance
Supervision of graduate theses in music education and performance

Previous Teaching Positions

Lecturer in Music, University of Texas at El Paso (1998-2004)

Duties

Instruction in Applied Voice and Aural Skills
Director, University Jazz Singers

Director, El Paso Children's Choir at UTEP

Director of Choral Activities, Champaign Central High School, Champaign, IL (1996-98)

Duties

Administrator, 9-choir program
Director, 7 choirs, including Concert Choir, Treble Choir, Show Choir, 2 Madrigal ensembles, Jazz Choir, Gospel Choir
Director and Producer, fall and spring musicals including *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *Crazy for You*, *The Wiz*

Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Music, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, (1995-96)

Duties

Director, University Chorus

Voice Instructor, Preparatory Department, Millikin University, Decatur, IL (1994-95)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Music, Wichita State University (1992-94)

Duties

Director, Chamber Singers
Sabbatical Replacement for Area Chair, Dr. Harrison Boughton, 1993-94: Director, University Chorus and Chamber Singers

Youth Music Instructor, Decatur Recreation Department, Decatur, IL (1989-1997)

Duties

Director, Young Park Singers, 1996-97
Director, Greater Decatur Youth Chorale, 1994-96
Director, Summer Showcase, Decatur Recreation Department, Decatur, IL, 1992
Vocal Director, On-Site Coordinator for summer musical program for underprivileged youth
Director, B.O.S.S. (Best of Summer Stock), 1989-91
Vocal Director, Choreographer, Technical Designer and Builder for original summer youth musicals

Private Voice Instructor (1989 - present)

Additional Professional Experience

Chorusmaster, El Paso Symphony Orchestra, El Paso, TX (2013-present)
Works including *Carmina Burana*, Verdi's *Requiem*, *El Paso Requiem* (world premiere)
Chorusmaster and Co-producer, *Opera Bhutan: Acis and Galatea*, UTEP/Thimphu, Bhutan, 2010-2013.
Chorusmaster, El Paso Opera, El Paso, TX (2009-2013; 2023-present)
Works including *La Vie de Bohème*, *Madama Butterfly*, *Desert Song*, *West Side Story*, *Le Nozze di Figaro*, *Die Fledermaus Ballroom*, *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*, and numerous gala performances.
Director, Young Artist Program, El Paso Opera, El Paso, TX (2009-2013)
Vocal and Handbell Choir Director, Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Zion, IL (1994-96)
Soloist/ Assistant Choir Director, St. John's Episcopal Church, Wichita, KS (1992-94)

Certification

Standard Illinois Teaching Certificate Music Education (K-12)

Musical Training

Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting and Literature, minor in Voice (2003)
The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL

Master of Music in Voice Performance (1994)
The Wichita State University, KS

Bachelor of Science in Music Education (1991)
The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL

Major Choral/Conducting Instructors

Dr. Joe Grant	The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL
Dr. Chester Alwes	The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL
Dr. Robert Glasmann	The Wichita State University, KS
Dr. Fred Stoltzfus	The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL

Major Voice Teachers

Sylvia Stone	The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL
Dr. Vernon Yenne	The Wichita State University, KS

Honors and Awards

Pi Kappa Lambda, music honorary
Pi Kappa Phi, national honor society
Bronze Tablet, University of Illinois
Golden Key National Honor Society
Maestro Award for Distinguished Service El Paso Opera
UTEP College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Teaching Award, 2024
UTEP Faculty Development Leave, Spring 2024
UTEP InSPIRE Teaching, Innovation, & Leadership Excellence (TILE) Award Recipient, Fall 2024

Conducting

UTEP Choirs, El Paso, TX

- Concert Chorale and Chamber Singers, 5-6 performances per year, September 2013-present
 - Chorale/Choral Union appearance at Carnegie Hall, March 2024 (UTEP's first)
 - Concert Chorale invited choir performance, TMEA, 2021
- Chamber Singers and UTEP Trombones, Choirs in Leeds Faculty Led Study Abroad Residency at Leeds Cathedral, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2022, 2024
- University Chorus, 4 performances per year, September 2013-2020
- Women's Glee Club, 5-6 performances per year, August 2005- May 2013

UTEP Children's Choir, El Paso, TX

- Music in the Missions with Opera Hispanica: *Misa des Infantes* by Ignacius Jerusalem, June 2024

El Paso Symphony Orchestra, El Paso, TX

- Associate conductor, subscription series holiday concerts, 2021, 2022, 2023

El Paso Opera, El Paso, TX

- Associate Conductor, *La Vie de Bohème*, October/November 2009

UTEP Music Theatre Company/Opera UTEP, El Paso, TX

- *There Ain't Nothin' Like a Dame*: One-Act Operas and Excerpts from Musical Theater, April 2013
- *Susannah* by Carlisle Floyd, with UTEP Orchestra, March 2009
- *Contemporary Voices: Scenes from Modern Music Theatre and Opera*, November 2008
- *Elegant Excerpts: An Evening of Excerpts from the Golden Age of Broadway, Operetta, and Opera*, November 2007
- *Gallantry* by Douglas Moore and *The Telephone* by Gian Carlo Menotti, February 2007
- *Suor Angelica/Gianni Schicchi* by Giacomo Puccini, April 2006

- *Broadway in Concert: A Little Night Music* by Stephen Sondheim, with UTEP Orchestra, November 2004

UTEP Orchestra

- Commencement, December 2004

Stage/Musical Direction

UTEP Music Theatre Company/Opera UTEP, El Paso, TX

- *Contemporary Voices: Scenes from Modern Music Theatre and Opera*, November 2008
- *Romeo and Bernadette*, April 2008
- *Elegant Excerpts: An Evening of Excerpts from the Golden Age of Broadway, Operetta, and Opera*, November 2007
- *Gallantry* by Douglas Moore and *The Telephone* by Gian Carlo Menotti, February 2007
- *Songs for a New World*, October 2006
- *Once On This Island*, November 2005
- *Berlin to Broadway with Kurt Weill*, March 2005

UTEP Music Theatre BFA Senior Performance Projects

- *Song and Dance: Music From Andrew Lloyd Webber's Musical*, Malori Cade, February 2009
- *Cycles of Life: A One-Woman Cabaret*, Laura Sambrano, May 2007

UTEP Department of Theatre, Dance, and Film, El Paso, TX (musical direction only)

- *The Romance of Dance: The Course of True Love*, February 2008
- *The Fantasticks*, Spring 2002
- *Fosse: An Original Revue*, Fall 1999
- *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, Fall 1998

Champaign Central High School, Champaign, IL

- *The Wiz*, Spring 1998
- *Crazy for You*, Spring 1997
- *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, Fall 1996

Clinics/Adjudications

Choral Adjudicator, World Stride/Heritage Festivals, Inc., May 2008 to present

Choral Adjudicator, American Classics Festivals, February 2021 and February 2025

Regular adjudicator for El Paso Public Schools, Socorro Public Schools, and TMEA Region XXII, El Paso, TX, October 1998 – present. Adjudications have included local Region and Area auditions, sight-reading festivals, jazz festivals, and Solo and Ensemble competitions.

Guest conductor, TMEA Region XXII Mixed Choir, November 2012, November 2014, November 2021

Guest conductor, Ysleta ISD High School Honor Choir, December 2008

Guest conductor, TMEA Region XXII Treble Choir, October 2000, November 2003, November 2008

Adjudicator, IMEA District and All-State auditions, Urbana High School, Urbana, IL and Illinois State University, Bloomington, IL, October - November 1997

Vocal coach/clinician, University of Illinois Vocal Chamber Music Symposium, Monticello, IL, 1996 and 1997

Guest clinician, Central Illinois Children's Choir, Champaign, IL, September 1997

Professional Memberships and Activities

Member, Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Choral Directors Association, National Collegiate Choral Organization
Editor, *Emerging Fields in Music* book series, College Music Society and Routledge Press, 2018-present
National Board, Central Region, NCCO (National Collegiate Choral Organization), 2021-present
Committee Member, DEI Purpose and Vision Committee, TCDA (Texas Choral Directors Association, 2020-2021
UTEP Faculty Senate Executive Council, Fall 2024
Auditions Chair, NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing), Rio Grande Chapter, Auditions Chair, 2013-14
Chair, UTEP Music Theatre Committee, 2004 -2008
Advisor, BFA in Music Theatre, 2004-2008
UTEP Faculty Senate, 2004-2007; QEP Sub-committee on Advising, 2005

Performing Experience

Opera

- UTEP Music Theatre Workshop/Opera UTEP
 - Chorus, *Opera Bhutan: Acis and Galatea*, October 2013 in Thimphu, Bhutan and August 2014 in El Paso, TX
 - Guest Artist, Opera Scenes Program, Spring 1999
 - Mama in *Agua, Azucarillos, et Aguardiente*, Summer 1999
- El Paso Opera and Chamber Choir, El Paso, TX
 - Witch/Mother, *Hansel and Gretel*, January 2018
 - Adele, *Die Fledermaus Ballroom*, October 2012
 - Children's Chorus Director, *Cavalleria Rusticana/I Pagliacci*, March 2000
 - Annina, *La Traviata*, October 1999
 - Chamber Choir member and soloist, September 1998 – December 2000
- Wichita State University Opera Theater, Wichita, KS
 - Hansel, *Hansel und Gretel*, January 1994
 - Dinah, *Trouble in Tahiti*, November 1993
 - Pitti-Sing, *The Mikado*, April 1993
 - Chorus, *Help! Help! The Globolinks!*, January 1993
 - Chorus, *Madama Butterfly*, October 1992

Music Theatre

- UTEP Music Theatre Company/Opera UTEP, El Paso, TX
 - Witch, *Into the Woods*, November 2011
 - Camille Penza, *Romeo and Bernadette*, April 2008
 - Mama Euralie, *Once On This Island*, November 2005
- UTEP Department of Theatre and Dance, El Paso, TX
 - Titania, *The Romance of Dance: The Course of True Love*, February 2008
- UTEP Dinner Theatre, El Paso, TX
 - Victoria Grant, *Victor/Victoria*, October – November 2000, February 2001
 - Eva Peron, *Evita*, April – May 2000
 - Ensemble, *Leader of the Pack*, October – November 1998
- Music Theater of Wichita, Wichita, KS
 - Chorus member, *Sweet Charity* and *Phantom!*, Summer 1993

Jazz

- Harmonyx, Wichita, KS
 - Alto in professional *a cappella* jazz sextet, 1992-1994
- Commercial Music Faculty Combo
 - Texas Bandmasters Association Conference at UTEP, June 2006
 - Concert, UTEP, November 2004

Additional Performing Experience

Decatur Park Singers, Decatur, IL May – August 1989, 1990, 1991, and 1992.

- Singer/dancer, touring show choir-type ensemble

Additional Solo Performances and Recitals

UTEP Faculty Recital Series, El Paso, TX

- Faculty Recital, Joaquin Rodrigo International Festival, February 2009
- Recital with John Siqueiros, guitar, October 2008
- Recital with Voice Faculty, *Still Falls the Rain*, original works by student composer Stephen Jackson, April 2008
- Soloist, Jack Stamp Symphony #1 with UTEP Wind Symphony, March 2008
- Recitals with John Siqueiros, guitar, October/November 2007
- Recital with Dr. Dominic Dousa, composer/pianist, November 2006
- Recital with Voice Faculty, *Aspects of Love*, February 2006
- Recital with Dr. Steve Wilson, bass trombone, January 2006
- *An Evening of Cabaret* with UTEP Voice Faculty, May 2005
- Recital with Dr. Christopher Meerdink, tenor, February 2005
- Soloist, Haydn *Paukenmesse*, October 2006

El Paso Symphony Orchestra, El Paso, TX

- Guest soloist, Holiday Concert Series, El Paso and Juarez, Mexico, December 2004

Baroque Artists of Champaign/Urbana, Urbana, IL

- Occasional guest soloist and ensemble member, 1995 – 1998

References

Available upon request