



Curriculum Vita Fall Semester 2014

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EDUCATION

M.M. , Vocal Performance/Pedagogy, The University of North Texas, Denton, Texas Alpha Chi Honor Society Scholarships	2013
UNT Vocal Pedagogy Workshop Master Class participant	2009, 2010
UNT Jazz Camp/Workshop with Paris Rutherford and Rosana Eckert	2006
Graduate Coursework, Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas Texas	2005-2007
B.M. with Education Certificate , Stephen F Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas Vocal/Choral emphasis Music Scholarship Member of a professional music organization, Mu Phi Epsilon	1996
Oberlin in Italy Program and Performance, Rossini Conservatory, Pesaro, Italy	1996

Studied with:

Dr. Stephen Austin (2008-2013) • Dr. David Jones (1993-1996) • Andrew Skoog (1992-1993)
Kathleen Terbeek (1992)

Coached by:

Dr. Elvia Puccinelli (2012-2013) • Inci Bashar (2011)
Julian Reed (2010-2011) • Susanne Mentzer (2010) • Jan McDaniel (1993-1996)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Texas A&M Commerce, Commerce, Texas, 2013-present

Adjunct Professor of Voice

- Teaches studio voice to undergraduate music majors and music minors
- Manages weekly studio classes which allow students to perform and give/receive constructive criticism
- Instructed a voice methods class to non-voice majors
- Directed the University Singers Choir, 2013 - 2014
- Assists with community outreach, including All-State Camp Summer Workshops, sectionals and judging Solo & Ensembles
- Prepares students to compete in NATS Competitions (both Texhoma Region and DFW local)

Vocal Studio of Monica Leone, Plano, Texas, 2006-present

Director and Private Instructor

- Taught studio voice to primarily high school college, and adult students.
- Prepared students successfully for a variety of auditions including those for college music programs at the university and conservatory level.
- Utilized individual instruction and group performance classes to train vocalists in vocal technique, diction, musicality, and stage presence.
- Organized studio classes, master classes with guest clinicians, and studio recitals.
- Served as clinician and adjudicator throughout the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex.
- Taught voice lessons on public school campuses for recruiting purposes (Region 3 & Region 25).

Plano Independent School District, Plano, Texas, 2007-2008

Assistant Choir Director

- Taught and directed choirs at Frankford Middle School (sixth through eighth grades) and at Jasper High School (ninth and tenth grades).
- Prepared and directed choirs at UIL contest.
- Directed a select women's pop/jazz ensemble.
- Coached a high school men's Barbershop quartet in preparation for a contest.
- Adjudicator for numerous All-region auditions.

Plano Art Center/PASAR Summer Camp, Plano, Texas, 2007

Music Instructor

- Created and implemented a songwriting curriculum for elementary aged students.
- Prepared and directed each group performing original compositions at camp concert.
- Instructed students in making percussion instruments from recycled materials.
- Supported the "recycle" theme of the camp through the implementation of these activities.

Tomball Independent School District, Houston, Texas 1999-2001

Elementary Music Teacher

- Taught general music including Kodaly methods to students in grades K-4th grade.
- Created and directed an Honor Choir.
- Served on calendar committee.
- Taught studio voice to high school students.

Klein Independent School District, Houston, Texas, 1997-1999

Assistant Choir Director

- Taught and directed choirs at Wunderlich Intermediate (grades 6th – 8th).
- Prepared students individually for Solo & Ensemble Contest.
- Created a Renaissance Madrigal event.
- Assisted with a children's opera.
- Served on a district-wide student behavior committee: Boystown.

RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Continuing Education

Somatic Voiceworks Seminar, Denton, Texas, Texas Woman's University Jeanette LoVetri: methods for contemporary commercial vocal styles	2014
NATS/NOA Winter Conference, New York City, "Opera and Musical Theater in the 21 st century: Tradition and Innovation Converge" Master classes with Andrew Lippa, Ted Sperling, and Victoria Clark and seminars with Stephanie Blythe	2014

Adjudicating and Clinics/Workshops

Solo & Ensemble	TPSMEA Regionals	2008-2014
	TPSMEA state	2006
	Black Forest Academy, Germany	2002
All-Region, High School	Public schools Region 25	2007-2009, 2014
	TPSMEA, North Region	2007-2009
	TPSMEA, Northwest region	2011
All-Region, Middle School	Public schools Region 25	2006-2010
Solo & Ensemble Master Class	John Paul II Private School	2010

Performance

Dallas Chamber Chorus	Charter Member, Alto	Dallas, TX
Deo Gratias by Michael Cox	Alto soloist, May 2014	Keller, TX
Opera On Tap , North Texas chapter	Various area performances	UNT
Opera		
<i>Roméo et Juliette</i> by Gounod	Chorus	UNT
<i>Les contes d'Hoffmann</i> by Offenbach	The mother of Antonia	SFASU
<i>Suor Angelica</i> by Puccini	The Abbess	SFASU summer opera
<i>Signor Deluso</i> by Pasatieri	Rosine, the maid	SFASU summer opera
<i>The Bartered Bride</i> by Smetana, scenes	Hata, the mother	SFASU
<i>Cavalleria Rusticana</i> by Mascagni	Chorus	SFASU
<i>Susanna</i> by Floyd	Chorus	SFASU

Oratorio

Handel's <i>Messiah</i>	Alto soloist	Tomball Community Chorus
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Choral Ensemble

"Love is in the Ayre" Concert series – Alto	2013	Stonebriar Center Stage Ensemble
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Baroque Music

Bach's <i>Cantata</i> , BWV 191 - Alto Ensemble	2011	Stonebriar Center Stage
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Commercial Music

Vocalist and Substitute Worship Leader	2005-2010	Richardson, TX
Private Concert at <i>Punto d'Incontro</i>	2004	Bologna, Italy

Jazz

Guest Soloist, The Carter-Jackson Trio	2008-2009	Dallas area
Victorian Caroling Quartet	2003	Bologna, Italy

Academic Honors and Professional Organization

Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society		2013
Tau Nu Chapter		
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society		2013
Alpha Chi Honor Society		2012
Golden Key Honor Society		2013
National Association of Teachers of Singing		2012 – present
Texas Music Educators Association		1997-2001, 2006- 2013
Texas Choral Directors Association		2010
Mu Phi Epsilon		