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## Education

<b>DMA Music Composition</b> <i>Cognates in Theory and History</i> Texas Christian University	2026
<b>MM Music Composition</b> Manhattan School of Music	2022
<b>BM Music Composition, <i>Cum Laude</i></b> Texas Christian University	2020

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## Teaching Experience/Coordination Highlights

### **Texas Christian University** **Instructor of Record, 2023-2026**

Elementary Ear Training I  
Elementary Ear Training II  
Fundamentals of Music Literacy  
Elementary Theory I (Theory I)  
Elementary Theory II (Theory II)  
Advanced Theory I (Theory III)  
Advanced Theory II (Theory IV)  
Form and Analysis

### **Tarrant County College** **SE, NE, and NW Campuses** **Adjunct Faculty, 2024-2026**

Composition Lessons  
Music Appreciation  
Class Piano I  
Class Piano II  
Piano Lessons

### **Southwestern Adventist University** **Adjunct Faculty, 2025-2026**

Orchestration and Arranging  
Composition Group Class  
Survey of Western Music  
Music Theory I  
Music Theory II  
Ear Training and Sight Singing I  
Ear Training and Sight Singing II

### **Dallas Baptist University** **Adjunct Faculty, 2024**

Intro to Aural Skills (Prerequisite to AS I)

### **Graduate Assistant (TCU)**

Musical Structure and Style  
Music Theory I, II, III, IV  
Ear Training I, II, III, IV

## Coordination and Pedagogy Highlights

- Developed and implemented curricula for theory and aural skills sequences
  - Designed assessments, assignments, exams, and projects
  - Implemented diverse repertoire in an organic manner
  - Experience on the instructor and student side of Canvas, Blackboard, and D2L
  - Mentored composition students and organized performances of their work
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## Selected Compositions/Major Works

- DMA Dissertation: *Where No Man Pursueth*, Opera in Three Acts, 2-hours** **2026**
- Original libretto
  - Full performance planned Spring, 2027
  - Defense scheduled for April, 2026
- MM Thesis: *Descent*, Full Orchestra** **2022**
- Performed by MSM Philharmonic
  - Manhattan School of Music, Neidorff-Karpati Hall
  - Conducted by Glenn Alexander II

## Selected Performances

- [5 Pieces for Piano and Orchestra](#) **2023**
    - Members of the TCU Symphony Orchestra
    - Texas Christian University, Ed Landreth Auditorium
    - Conducted by Mitchell Manlapig
  - [Organ Symphony, I: Air and III: Rigadon](#) **2023**
    - Texas Christian University, Ed Landreth Auditorium
    - Performed by Lorenz Maycher
  - [Song Without Words for Viola and Piano](#) **2022**
    - Texas Christian University, Van Cliburn Auditorium
    - Performed by Jacob Burk and Jace Mankins
  - [Voyage for Wind Quintet](#) **2021**
    - Windscape Ensemble (comprised of the Wind Faculty at MSM)
    - Photography by Zane Brannon
  - [Expedition for Horn and Piano](#) **2021**
    - Michael Owens and Taiko Pelick
    - University of Texas at Arlington, Irons Recital Hall
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## **Publications/Essays/Conferences**

### **Research**

#### **[An Approach to the Incorporation of Hip-hop in the Undergraduate Music Theory Curriculum](#)**

*Presented on November 7, 2024 at the College Music Society 67th Annual National Conference - Washington DC*

#### **[Stylistic Tendencies in the Anthems of Leo Sowerby](#)**

*Published in the February 2025 issue of The Diapason*

### **Compositions**

#### **[Song Without Words \(2022\) - for Viola and Piano](#)**

*Won 1st Place in Student Presentations Performed March 19th, 2026 at the College Music Society 41st South-Central Conference - El Paso, TX*

*Recording exhibited September 23rd, 2025 by the Sounds New chapter of the National Association of Composers USA (NACUSA) at the 2025 National Festival - Fort Worth, TX*

#### **[Pendulum \(2024\) - for Piano](#)**

*Performed November 2nd, 2025 at the College Music Society 68th Annual National Conference - Spokane, WA*

#### **[Today, My Son Jolan Was Born/Time Marches Onward \(2024\) - for Piano](#)**

*Performed on September 20, 2025 at Central Commons of Dallas for the NACUSA 2025 National Festival - Dallas, TX*

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## **Selected Commissions**

**Sonata for Saxophone: Commissioned by Tarrant County College, SE** 2025  
*Premiere TBD*

**Serenade: Commissioned for the Kilgore High School Orchestra's 50th Anniversary** 2024  
*Premiered April 19th, 2024 at Dodson Auditorium*

**Dawn: Commissioned by LA-based saxophonist, Wyatt Grose** 2024  
*Premiered January 30th, 2024 at the University of Southern California*

**Voluntary:** Commission for First Presbyterian Kilgore's reinstallation of Pipe Organ 2021  
Premiered February 4th, 2023 by Weston Jennings (Live recording unavailable)

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## **Music Composition/Performance Teachers**

### **Composition Teachers**

Dr. Blaise Ferrandino, Dr. J. Mark Stambaugh, Dr. Neil Anderson-Himmelspach, Dr. Till Meyn,  
Dr. Martin Blessinger, Mr. Trey Gunter III, Dr. Michael Rothkopf

### **Piano Teachers**

Mr. Harold Martina, Mrs. Sylvia Bolding, Mr. Gregory Allen, Mr. Joseph Carter, Dr. Paul Gillies

### **Organ Teacher**

Mr. Lorenz Maycher

### **Cello Teachers**

Mr. Tristan Roberts, Dr. Evgeni Raychev

### **Conducting Teachers**

Ms. Maureen Hynes, Dr. Germán Gutiérrez, Mr. Miguel Harth-Bedoya

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## **Other Work Experience**

<b>Piano, Cello, and Guitar Instructor</b> Funkytown Music Academy, Fort Worth, TX	2022-2026
<b>Composer's Assistant for Dr. Edward Green</b> Orchestrator and Engraver	2021-2026
<b>Bass Choir Scholar and Music Librarian</b> Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church, Fort Worth, TX	2022-2024
<b>Private Piano Studio</b> Creskill, NJ	2020 - 2022
<b>Interim Organist/Music Director</b> First Christian Church, Kilgore, TX	2020
<b>Piano and Cello Instructor</b> Arlington School of Music, Arlington, TX	2019 - 2020

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## **Performance Experience**

- **New Beginnings Baptist Christmas Show, Longview Campus** 2023, 2025
  - **Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church Choir** 2022-2023
  - **TCU Frog Corps** 2017-2022
  - **Clear Creek Music Festival** 2019
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## **Memberships**

<b>The Roy Perry American Classic Organ Foundation</b> Director of Communications	2019-2026
<b>College Music Society</b>	2023-2026
<b>National Association of Composers USA</b>	2025-2026
<b>Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia</b>	2018-2026
<b>TCU Society of Composers, Inc.</b>	2016-2026

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## **Festivals/Intensives**

<b>National Association of Composers USA National Festival</b> Presented compositions, Dallas and Fort Worth, TX	2025
<b>Fundamentals of Orchestral Conducting Workshop,</b> Led by Miguel Harth-Bedoya, Fort Worth, TX	2019
<b>Clear Creek Music Festival</b> Piano and Composition, Halfway, OR	2019

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## **Awards/Honors**

<b>Outstanding Graduate Research and Creative Activity Award (TCU)</b>	2026
<b>CMS South-Central Annual Student Award, 1st Place</b>	2026
<b>Texas Christian University Graduate Assistantship</b>	2022-2026
<b>Manhattan School of Music Scholarship</b>	2020-2022
<b>Texas Christian University Chancellor's Scholar</b>	2016-2020