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# EDUCATION

## Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

## **Doctorate of Philosophy, Music Education (Choral Conducting), April 2007**

## Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

**Master of Music*,* Choral Conducting, June 1998**

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN

**Bachelor of Arts, Music and Education Certification, *Magna Cum Laude*, May 1996**

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of South Dakota Department of Music, Director of Choral Activities Vermillion, SD. Aug. 2007- Current

**Conducting**

* Chamber Singers
  1. Auditioned mixed ensemble
* Concert Choir
  1. Auditioned mixed ensemble
* Men’s and Women’s Chorus
  1. Non-Auditioned mixed ensemble

**Teaching**

* General Conducting
* Advanced Choral Conducting
* Public School Choral Literature and Techniques
* Private Voice
* Independent Studies in Advanced Conducting
* Masters Student Committees

**Administration**

* Interim Department Chair

**Service**

* Choral Directors Institute
  1. Institute Director
  2. Instructor
* Upper Midwest Summer Music Camp
  1. Camp Director
  2. H.S. Choir Conductor
  3. Voice Instructor
  4. Teacher
* Clinician Annual All-State Chorus Workshop,
  1. Conductor
  2. Administrator
* Organized annual Chamber Singers tour and other Department travel
  1. Manitoba, North Dakota, South Dakota 2011
  2. Chicago 2010
  3. New York City 2009
  4. South Dakota 2009
  5. Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, Wisconsin 2008
* Served on Music Scholarship Committee 2007-
  1. Chair 2011-
* Served as Site Manager for Jazz Fest 2008-
* Chair of the Voice Search Committee 2010-2011
* Served on College of Fine Arts Promotion and Tenure Committee 2010
* Served on Interim Voice Search Committee 2010
* Served on Low Brass/Marching Band Search Committee 2009
* Served on Interim Band Search Committee 2008
* Served on College of Fine Arts Marketing Committee 2008-
* Presented on behalf of the music department at recruiting events
* Adjudicated USD Concerto / Aria Competition
* Adjudicated Dakota Days Talent Show

Florida State University College of Music, Tallahassee, FL. Aug. 2004 - Apr. 2007

**Conducting**

* Chamber Choir, Assistant Conductor
  1. Auditioned mixed ensemble, graduate students
* Choral Union, Co-Conductor
  1. Non-auditioned mixed ensemble, graduate and undergraduate students
* Women’s Glee Club, Assistant Conductor
  1. Non-auditioned treble ensemble, primarily undergraduates
* Summer Camp Mixed Madrigal Ensemble, Conductor
* Summer Camp Treble Ensemble, Conductor

**Teaching**

* Undergraduate Conducting Class, Teaching Assistant
* Graduate Conducting Class, Teaching Assistant
* Internship / Student Teacher Supervision
* Raa Middle School - Florida State University Partnership, Supervisor
  1. Managed pre-internship choral students from FSU in field experience
* Summer High School Honor Camp, Sight-Reading Course
* Summer High School Honor Camp, Music Theory Courses
* Summer Middle School Honor Camp, Music Theory Courses

**Service**

* President, Florida State University Choral Association
  1. Petitioned Student Government for funding of choral program
  2. Maintained the budget for 9 choral organizations
  3. Ordered and processed all new music and supplies
  4. Represented the association at Student Government hearings
* Head Choral Librarian
  1. Computerized cataloging of new music
  2. Organized and instigated music check out system
  3. Organized transitional move to new shelving system
  4. Processed and maintained interlibrary loan system

***Northwestern University School of Music, Evanston, IL. Aug. 1997 – June 1998***

**Conducting**

* University Chorus, Assistant Conductor
  1. Large non-auditioned mixed ensemble, students and community members
* Recital Choir, Conductor
  1. Select mixed ensemble, graduate and undergraduate students
* University Chorale, Choir Manager

***Lake Zurich High School, Lake Zurich, IL. Aug. 1998 – June 2004.***

*Increased enrollment in the choral program from 88 members to over 230*

**Conducting**

* Concert Choir

Auditioned mixed ensemble

* Women’s Chorale

Auditioned women’s ensemble

* Treble Choir

Non-Auditioned women’s ensemble

* Cadet Choir

Non-Auditioned mixed ensemble

* Men’s Choir

Non-Auditioned men’s ensemble

* Bare Voices

Auditioned mixed vocal jazz ensemble

* Theatrical Productions, Musical Director and Conductor
* Orchestra, Interim Director

**Teaching**

* Musical Theater Course
* Independent Study Music Theory Course
* Private Voice Lessons
* Introduced two new choir classes to the curriculum
* Introduced musical theater course to curriculum
* Re-wrote choral department curriculum

**Service**

* Supervised student teacher in practical experience
* Instituted and organized annual District 95 Choral Festival
* Hosted Illinois High School Association Solo and Ensemble Contest
* Chairperson for music faculty hiring committee
* Served on high school scheduling committee
* Served on principal hiring committee
* Organized and executed department tours

## Ireland, New York City, California, Florida, Minnesota

* Designed and maintained department website
* Produced and edited yearly Concert Choir recording
* Devised and administered fundraising projects and maintained student accounts
* Technical Director for Drama Department

***Menomonie High / Middle School, Menomonie, WI. Aug 1996- June 1997.***

**Conducting**

* Varsity Choir, Conductor

Non-Auditioned mixed ensemble

* Women’s Choir, Co-Conductor

Non-Auditioned women’s ensemble

* Men’s Choir, Co-Conductor

Non-Auditioned men’s ensemble

* 5th Street Singers, Conductor

Auditioned mixed vocal jazz ensemble

**Teaching**

* 7th Grade General Music Course
* 8th Grade General Music Course
* Private Voice Lessons
* Private Violin Lessons
* Established and devised curriculum for a new choral organization

# Service

* Operated department fundraising activities
* Executed music department tour to Atlanta
* Served on district wide music textbook selection committee

# RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

**Publications**

* Holdhusen, D (2011). *Commitment to Musical Excellence: The 75 Year History of*

*the Gustavus Choir.* Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

* Holdhusen, D (2010). “A History of the Choral Music Activities at Gustavus

Adolphus College from 1862-1933.” *Journal of Historical Research in Music*

*Education*, 31(2).

* Holdhusen, D. (2009). “Using Choral Literature to Educate the Church Choir:

How Teaching Your Choir More than Pitches and Rhythms Can Help You Win

the Weekly Anthem Race.” *American Organist*, 43 (10).

* Holdhusen, D. (2009). “Review of *Foundations of Choral Conducting*, by Kevin

Fenton.” *Choral Journal*, 50 (1).

* Holdhusen, D. (2006). “Programming Tradition: The Signature Selection.” *Choral*

*Journal*, 47 (3).

**Conducting**

* Guest Conductor, Whetstone Valley Choir Festival, Sisseton, SD. Mar. 2011
* Guest Conductor, VMEA District 16 Honor Choir, Loudoun, VA. Feb. 2011
* Rehearsal Prep, Mozart Requiem with SC Symphony, Sioux City, IA. Nov. 2010
* Guest Conductor, Clark Conference Choral Festival, Osmund, NE. Nov. 2010
* Rehearsal Prep, The Planets with SC Symphony, Sioux City, IA. April 2010
* Guest Conductor, Region 1 Middle School Festival, Vermillion, SD. Mar. 2010
* Guest Conductor, KELOE Festival Choir, Ellendale, ND. Nov. 2009
* Guest Conductor, All-State Extravaganza, Freeman, SD. Oct. 2009
* Rehearsal Prep, Carmina Burana with SC Symphony, Sioux City, IA. April 2009
* Guest Conductor, Luverne Choral Clinic Festival, Luverne, MN. March 2009
* Guest Conductor, Winter Choral Festival, Pierre, SD. Feb. 2009
* Guest Conductor, Western Valley Conf. Honor Choir, Charter Oak, IA. Nov. 2008
* Guest Conductor, Reflections of Peace, Sioux Falls, SD. Sept. 2008
* Guest Conductor, Big East Conference Festival Choir, Parker, SD. Oct. 2007
* Guest Conductor, All-State Extravaganza, Bridgewater, SD. Oct. 2007

**Presentations**

* Conductor, South Dakota Music Educators Association Conference, October, 2010

Session Title: USD Chamber Singers Concert

* Conductor, South Dakota American Choral Directors Association Winter Conference, January, 2010

Session Title: USD Chamber Singers Concert

* Presenter, South Dakota American Choral Directors Association Summer Conference, July 2008

Session Title: Hands Up: Avoiding Gestural Miscommunication

* Presenter, South Dakota Music Educators Convention, February 2008

Session Title: Positive Impatience: An Efficient and Engaging Approach to the

Choral Rehearsal

* Presenter, Vista College Choral Consortium September 2007

Session Title: Choral Literature: A Foundation of Learning

* Presenter, The Gustavus Choir: Celebrating 75 Years, May 2007

Session Title: 75 Years of Music: The History of the Gustavus Choir

* Presenter, American Choral Directors Association FSU Chapter, Feb. 2007

Session Title: Video Technology and the Choral Musician

* Presenter, Illinois Music Educators Association State Convention, Jan. 2002

Session Title: Building the Choral Music Program

**Clinics**

* Clinician, Jolley Elementary School, May, 2011
* Clinician, West Marshall High School, April 2011
* Clinician, Nebraska School Activity Association

District 3 Music Contest, April 2011

* Clinician, South Dakota High School Activities Association

Region 1 Large Group Contest, April 2011

* Clinician, Freeman Academy, March 2011.
* Clinician, Vermillion High School, March 2011.
* Clinician, South Dakota High School Activities Association

Region 1 Solo and Ensemble, February 2011.

* Clinician, Tri-Valley High School, February 2011.
* Clinician, Chamberlain Jr./ Sr. High School, December 2010.
* Clinician, O’Gorman High School, November 2010.
* Clinician, Lincoln High School, November 2010.
* Clinician, Roosevelt High School, November 2010.
* Clinician, Woodbury Central High School, October 2010.
* Clinician, West Sioux High School, May 2010.
* Clinician, South Dakota High School Activities Association

Region 3 Large Group Contest, May 2010.

* Clinician, Woodbury Central High School, April 2010.
* Clinician, South Dakota High School Activities Association

Region 1 Large Group Contest, April 2010.

* Clinician, West Central High School, April 2010.
* Clinician, Tri-Valley High School, April 2010.
* Clinician, Lennox High School, March 2010.
* Clinician, Brooking High School, March 2010.
* Clinician, South Dakota High School Activities Association

Region 2 Solo and Ensemble, March 2010.

* Clinician, South Dakota High School Activities Association

Region 1 Solo and Ensemble, February 2010.

* Clinician, Riggs High School, January 2010
* Clinician, Beresford High School, December 2009
* Clinician, Yankton High School, November 2009
* Clinician, Aberdeen Central High School, November 2009
* Clinician, Sioux Falls O’Gorman High School, November 2009
* Clinician, Sioux Falls Lincoln High School, November 2009
* Clinician, Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School, November 2009
* Clinician, Harrisburg High School, October 2009
* Clinician, Vermillion High School, October 2009
* Clinician, Woodbury Central Jr. & Sr. Choir, October 2009
* Clinician, Sioux Falls Washington High School, October 2009
* Clinician, Tea Area High School All-State, September 2009
* Clinician, O’Brien High School Choir, May 2009
* Clinician, Woodbury Central High School Choir, April 2009
* Clinician, South Dakota High School Activities Association

Region 2 Large Group, April 2009.

* Clinician, South Dakota High School Activities Association

Region 1 Large Group, April 2009.

* Clinician, South Dakota High School Activities Association

Region 2 Solo and Ensemble, March 2009.

* Clinician, Bridgewater Emery High School Choir, February 2009
* Clinician, South Dakota High School Activities Association

Region 1 Solo and Ensemble, February 2009.

* Clinician, Canton High School Choir, Jan. 2009
* Clinician, Freeman High School Choir, Jan. 2009
* Clinician, Beresford High School Choir, Dec. 2008
* Clinician, Tea Area High School Choirs, Dec. 2008
* Clinician, Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School Choirs, Nov. 2008
* Clinician, Sioux Falls O’Gorman High School Choirs, Nov. 2008
* Clinician, Sioux Falls Washington High School Choirs, Oct. 2008
* Clinician, Woodbury Central Jr. & Sr. Choir, Sept. 2008
* Clinician, South Dakota High School Activities Association

Region 3 Large Ensemble Contest, May 2008

* Clinician, South Dakota High School Activities Association

Region 2 Large Ensemble Contest, April 2008

* Clinician, Grand Forks High School Choir, April 2008
* Clinician, Big East Conference

Middle School Large Group Contest, April 2008

* Clinician, Roosevelt High School Choirs, April 2008
* Clinician, O’Gorman High School Choirs, April 2008
* Clinician, South Dakota High School Activities Association

Region 1 Music Solo and Ensemble Contest, Feb. 2008

* Clinician, Canton High School Choir, Jan. 2008
* Clinician, Hurley High School Choir, Jan. 2008
* Clinician, Freeman High School Choir, Jan. 2008
* Clinician, Elk Point-Jefferson High School Concert Choir, Dec. 2007
* Clinician, Vermillion High School Concert Choir, Dec. 2007
* Clinician, Viborg High School Concert Choir, Nov. 2007
* Clinician, Tea Area High School Concert Choir, Nov. 2007
* Clinician, Sioux Falls Lincoln High School Concert Choir, Nov. 2007
* Clinician, Sioux Falls Washington High School Concert Choir, Nov. 2007
* Clinician, Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School Concert Choir, Nov. 2007
* Clinician, Sioux Falls O’Gorman High School Concert Choir, Nov. 2007
* Clinician, Yankton High School Choral Program, Sept. 2007
* Clinician, Gayville-Volin High School Choir, Sept. 2007
* Clinician, Florida Vocal Association District 3 High School Solo and Ensemble

Contest, Vocal Solo and Small Ensemble, Feb. 2007

* Clinician, Florida Vocal Association District 3 Middle School Solo and Ensemble

Contest, Vocal Solo and Small Ensemble, Feb. 2007

* Clinician, Florida Vocal Association District 3 High School Solo and Ensemble

Contest, Special Category, Nov. 2006

* Clinician, Illinois Grade School Music Association District 1 Middle School Choral

Festival, Mar. 2004

### RELATED EXPERIENCE

Conductor, USD Chamber Singers Alumni Choir, Vermillion, SD, Feb. 2009

#### Director, Adult Handbells, Faith Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, FL. Aug. 2006 – current.

#### Director, Youth Handbells, Faith Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, FL. Jan. 2005 – May 2006.

Conductor, Remembrance Choir, St. Francis de Sales Church, Lake Zurich, IL. Jan. 2006.

Teacher, Private Voice Lessons, Tallahassee, FL. Sept. 2004 – June 2005.

Invited Instructor, Godby High School, Tallahassee, FL. Sept. 2004 – May 2005.

Conductor, Remembrance Choir, St. Francis de Sales Church, Lake Zurich, IL. Aug. 2003.

#### Participant, Rene Clausen Choral School, Moorhead, MN. Aug. 2003.

Chancel Choir Assistant Director, Kenilworth Union Church, Kenilworth, IL. Oct.1997-May

1998.

Teacher, Private Voice and Conducting Lessons, Menomonie, WI. Aug 1996- July 1997***.***

Student Conductor, Chamber Singers, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN. Sept. 1997-

May 1998.

Chancel Choir Director, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN Oct. 1995-May 1996.

Youth Choir Director, First Presbyterian Church, Sioux Falls, SD. June-Aug. 1995.

##### HONORS

**Conducting**

* University of South Dakota Chamber Singers selected for performance at the South Dakota American Music Educators Association Convention
* University of South Dakota Chamber Singers selected for performance at the South Dakota American Choral Directors Winter Convention
* Lake Zurich High School Concert Choir selected for performance at the Illinois Music Educators Association State Convention
* Lake Zurich High School Choirs chosen to participate in the Delta Records Holiday Recording Project
* Lake Zurich High School Musical, “Quilters,” selected for performance at the Illinois High School Theater Association State Convention
* Lake Zurich High School Concert Choir performed as the guest choir with Rockford Symphony and Chicago Brass Quintet
* Lake Zurich High School Bare Voices selected for performance at the Chicago area Armed Forces Day Banquet
* Lake Zurich High School Choirs earned Superior Ratings at numerous state and national festivals
* Lake Zurich High School Concert Choir Festival Grand Champions

2000 Music in the Parks, Minneapolis, MN

2001 Musicfest Orlando, Orlando, FL

2003 Music Showcase, Minneapolis, MN

**Professional**

* Chicago-area Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching Nominee
* Lake Zurich Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year Nominee (3 Times)
* District 95 Teacher Who Makes a Difference Award Nominee (2 Times)
* Lake Zurich High School Principal’s Achievement Award Winner
* Listed in *Who’s Who in America*
* Listed in *Who’s Who in American Education*
* District 95 Website of the Month March 2002

**Academic**

* Member of Pi Kappa Lambda (Music Honors Society)
* Awarded Presser Foundation Music Scholarship
* Listed on Academic Dean’s List

# PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA)

Chairperson, Illinois District VII Choral Division, 2002-2004

Music Educators National Conference (MENC)

American Choral Directors Association (ACDA)

President Elect, South Dakota, 2009-

Tenor Section Leader, South Dakota Honors Choir, July 2008

Bass Section Leader, South Dakota Honors Choir, Aug. 2007

Treasurer, Florida State University Student Chapter 2005-2006