

# KIRSTEN ANNE HOOGSTRAATEN RIVERA, D.M.A.

TEACHER, CONDUCTOR, TUBIST

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## **EDUCATION**

*Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX*

**Doctor of Musical Arts in Wind Conducting**, May 2025

Major Professor: Dr. Sarah McKoin

Doctoral Project: *Plan & Elevation*: A transcription for chamber winds and percussion

*University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL*

**Master of Arts in Music - Conducting**, May 2019

Major Professor: Dr. Scott Lubaroff

*University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO*

**Master of Arts emphasis in Instrumental Conducting**

Transferred to UCF after the 2016-2017 school year

*The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS*

**Bachelor of Music Education; Minor in Tuba Performance**, May 2013

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## **UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE**

*University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO*

**Interim Assistant Director of Bands, Assistant Teaching Professor**

**Music Education and Conducting Faculty**

**Assistant Director of the Golden Buffalo Marching Band**

**Director of the Buff Basketball Band**

Assistant Director, Golden Buffalo Marching Band (EMUS 1287/3287)

Director, Golden Buffalo Marching Band (EMUS 1287 / 3287)

- Assist with all facets of the CU Athletic Band program
- Assist with member recruitment events, including: Evergreen High School visit and Twirler for a Day
- Design drill and music arrangements for halftime performance
  - Arrangements played: *Espresso*, Sabrina Carpenter; *Where No One Goes* from *How to Train Your Dragon 2*, John Powell and Jonsi
  - Drill performed: Cinema Magic Show
- Collaborate with CU Marketing and the Athletics Department on band game day logistics

and student experiences

- Coordinate with the Silver Buffs Alumni Association and CU Alumni Association for Homecoming and special events
- Mentor Graduate Teaching Assistants in drill design, music arranging, and instruction
- Coordinate with College of Music operations teams, including: Student Services, Communications, and Advancement
- Assist with the day-to-day administration and teaching of the Golden Buffalo Marching Band

#### Director, Concert Band (EMUS 1317/3317)

- Serve as the Artistic Director and primary conductor
- Coordinate all musical and administrative duties, including course syllabi, programming, grading, and performances
- Collaborate with College of Music operations teams, including: CU Presents/Marketing, College of Music operations, Macky Auditorium operations, and College of Music Communications
- Assist and mentor graduate conductors assigned to the ensemble

#### Music Education Courses & Responsibilities

- Assistant instructor, Marching Band Techniques (MUSC 3363)
- Participate in prospective Music Education student audition interviews
- Participate in current major sophomore reviews
- Supervise instrumental music education student teachers (Spring 2026)

#### Buff Basketball Band / Pep Band Program (Court Players EMUS 1277)

- Assist in overseeing the Buff Basketball Band and Pep Band Program
- Mentor Graduate Teaching Assistants in pep band directing, arranging, and logistics
- Collaborate with corporate sponsors to create performance opportunities and scholarship funding
- Coordinate performances with Athletics and Marketing
- Travel with athletics to Big XII and NCAA tournaments for the men's and women's basketball teams

*Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX;*

#### **Graduate Teaching Assistant (2022- 2025)**

#### Large Ensembles

- Graduate Conductor and Teaching Assistant for the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band
- Rehearsed and conducted on nine concerts
- Ensemble administration, attendance, music filing/distribution, coordination of programs and media releases
- Ran, rehearsed, and conducted the University Band

#### Undergraduate Conducting I/II

- Taught in-class conducting lessons to undergraduate students, including video reviews and rehearsal planning/coaching
- Assisted with logistical and administrative aspects of conducting courses, including grading and in-class scheduling
- Taught lessons/lectures as assigned

#### Goin' Band from Raiderland - Marching Band, Court Jesters Basketball Pep Band

- Design drill and music arrangements for pregame and halftime performances
- Develop positive relationships with university administration, faculty, spirit squad coordinators, and alumni
- Direct and rehearse the Court Jesters at home basketball games
- Traveled with and directed the Court Jesters at the 2024 and 2025 Big XII Men's Basketball Tournaments in Kansas City, MO
- Traveled with and directed the Court Jesters at the 2025 NCAA Tournament first and second rounds in Wichita, KS

#### Administrative Responsibilities

- Teaching Assistant for Undergraduate Conducting I/II, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band
- Plan and assist with the administration of the annual Conducting Workshop
- Run Green Room and help in the production of Ignite!, a multi-ensemble showcase concert and fundraising event

#### Other Relevant Activities

- Arranged for, rehearsed, and conducted the Texas Tech Tuba Euphonium Ensemble
- Rehearsed and conducted the Texas Tech Trombone Collective

#### *University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL*

#### **Graduate Teaching Assistant (2017- 2019)**

#### Large Ensembles

- Graduate Conductor and Teaching Assistant for the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and University Band
- Rehearsed and conducted on six concerts
- Ensemble administration, attendance, music filing/distribution,

#### Marching Knights - Marching Band, Jammin' Knights Basketball Pep Band

- Designed drill and taught music for halftime performances
- Develop positive relationships with university administration, faculty, and alumni
- Direct and rehearse the Jammin' Knights at home basketball games

#### Administrative Responsibilities

- Plan and assist with the administration of the annual Conducting Symposium
- Assist with the administration of the Knights Rising Honor Band

#### Other Relevant Activities

- Arranged for, rehearsed, and conducted the UCF Tuba Euphonium Ensemble
- Rehearsed and conducted the UCF Trombone Ensemble

*University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO*

#### **Graduate Teaching Assistant (2016 - 2017)**

#### Large Ensembles

- Graduate Conductor and Teaching Assistant for the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band
- Rehearsed and conducted on three concerts
- Ensemble administration, attendance, music filing/distribution,

#### Marching Mules - Marching Band, UCM Basketball Pep Band

- Taught music and assisted with drill for halftime performances
- Develop positive relationships with university administration, faculty, spirit squad coordinators, and alumni
- Audition, direct, and rehearse the UCM Basketball Pep Band at home basketball games
- Traveled with and directed the UCM Basketball Pep Band to the 2017 NAIA Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments in Kansas City, MO
- Traveled with and directed the UCM Basketball Pep Band to the 2017 Division II Women's Basketball Tournament in Searcy, AR

#### Teaching Responsibilities

- Taught one section of Experiencing Music, a general education course; Fall 2016
- Taught one section of Brass II (Low Brass Techniques), a required instrumental music education course; Spring 2017

#### Administrative Responsibilities

- Plan and assist with the administration of the annual Conducting Symposium

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## **PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Windy Ridge K-8; Director of Bands (2020 - 2022)*

Orange County Public Schools; Orlando, FL

- Taught middle school (6-8 grade) advanced, intermediate, beginning, and jazz bands
- Taught 4th and 5th-grade beginning band
- Taught 2nd-grade general music

*North Brookfield Jr. Sr. High School; Director of Bands and 7-12 Music (2019 - 2020)*

North Brookfield Public Schools; North Brookfield, MA

- Taught high school band, 8th-grade band, 7th-grade general music, and high school music appreciation

- Taught 5th and 6th-grade beginning band

*St. Marys Jr. Sr. High School; Director of Bands, Drama Dept. Head (2013 - 2016)*

Kaw Valley USD 321; St. Marys, KS

- Directed the St. Marys High School Concert Band
- Directed the St. Marys Middle School Band
- Taught 5th and 6th-grade beginning band
- Directed the USD 321 Drama Program from 2013-2016
- Taught college credit M103: Music History and Appreciation through Highland Community College 2015-2016 school year

## **ADDITIONAL WORK-RELATED EXPERIENCE**

*Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock , TX*

**Adjunct Professor** (Spring 2023; Spring 2025)

- Low Brass Methods (trombone, euphonium, tuba)

Tuba/Euphonium Private Lesson Instruction and Brass Technician

- The Academy Drum and Bugle Corps, Tempe, AZ; Summer, 2023
- Timber Creek High School, Avalon Park, FL; 2021-2022 (FMBC Champions 2021)
- Boone High School, Orlando, FL; 2017-2019

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Guest Conducting

- University of Colorado, Symphonic Band, forthcoming Spring 2026
  - *All the Earth and Air*; Tyler Grant
- University of Colorado, Symphonic Band Chamber Ensembles, Fall 2025
  - *All the Skies Above*; Nicole Piunno
- Texas Tech University, Undergraduate Trombone Recital, Jackson Franco, bass trombone, Spring 2025
  - *Sword of Orion*; Adrian B. Sims
- Texas Tech University Trombone Collective with Trombones de Costa Rica, Spring 2025
  - *Rochut Numero Quince*; Gary Slechta
- Texas Tech University Tuba Euphonium Ensemble at Ignite!, Fall 2025
  - *All the Skies Above II*; Nicole Piunno

- Texas Tech University, DMA Flute Performance Recital, Kassie Lindamood Smith, flute, Fall 2025
  - *Octour pour instrument a vents*; Igor Stravinsky
- Texas Tech University, DMA Trombone Performance Recital, Julio Ricardo Rivera, trombone, Spring 2025
  - *Machiavelli's Conscience*; Michael Markowski
- University of Central Florida, Undergraduate Trumpet Recital, Matthew Pieper, trumpet, Spring 2019
  - *Song of Hope*; Pete Meecham

#### Recitals

- DMA Conducting Recital, Feb 25, 2024
  - *Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman* No. 3; Joan Tower
  - *and the swallow*; Caroline Shaw, arr. Fischer
  - *IV*; Johanna Magdalena Beyer
  - *Octour pour instrument a vents*; Igor Stravinsky
  - *Machiavelli's Conscience*; Michael Markowski
- Combined DMA Conducting Recital, Fall 2023 - Fall 2024
  - *Serenade*; Derek Bourgeois, Texas Tech Concert Band, 11/20/23
  - *Ecstatic Fanfare*; Steven Bryant, Texas Tech Symphonic Wind Ensemble, 9/24/2024
  - *Through Healers' Eyes*; Catherine Likhuta, 11/17/2024

#### Representative Works

- Large Ensemble
  - *A deep reverberation fills with stars*; John Mackey, Texas Tech Symphonic Band, 11/25/2024
  - *Glass Ceiling*; Leanna Primiani, Texas Tech Symphonic Band, 4/24/2024
  - *Children's March*; Percy Grainger, Texas Tech Symphonic Wind Ensemble, 3/23/2023
  - *Do Not Go Gentle*; Elliot Del Borgo, University of Central Florida Symphonic Band, Spring 2019
  - *Traveler*; David Maslanka, University of Central Florida Wind Ensemble, 10/7/2018
  - *Psalm for Band*; Vincent Persichetti, University of Central Florida Wind Ensemble, Fall 2017

- Chamber Winds
  - *Five Elements*; Yunfei Li, Texas Tech Symphonic Wind Ensemble, 11/17/2022
  - *Spiel fur Blasorchester*; Ernst Toch, University of Central Florida Wind Ensemble, Spring 2019
  - *Divertimento for Brass and Percussion*; Karel Husa, University of Central Florida Symphonic Band, Spring 2019
  - *Octandre*; Edgard Varèse, University of Central Florida Wind Ensemble, Fall 2018
  - *Spanish Silhouettes*; Carter Pann, University of Central Florida Wind Ensemble, Fall 2018

#### Adjudication Experience

- Tomahawk Marching Championship, Fulton, MS; October 2025
  - Music
- Rock Bridge Marching Festival, Columbia, MO; October 2024
  - General Music
  - Individual Music
- Lake Buena Vista High School, Orange County, FL; February 2022
  - Pre-Music Performance Assessment, Adjudicator
- Northeast Kansas Area High Schools; February 2016
  - Pre-Music Performance Assessment, Adjudicator

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## **TEACHING**

### **Courses Taught**

2025-2026; University of Colorado Boulder

Marching Band - EMUS 1297, 3297, 5297

Court Players (Basketball pep band) - EMUS 1277

Concert Band - EMUS 1317, 3317

Marching Band Techniques - MUSC 3363

2023-2025; Lubbock Christian University

Low Brass Methods

2016-2017

Experiencing Music  
Brass II (Low Brass Methods)

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## **SCHOLARLY AND CREATIVE WORK**

### **Scholarly Research**

*Plan & Elevation: A Transcription for Chamber Winds and Percussion*

### **Clinics, Presentations, and Performances**

National Conference on Percussion Pedagogy, May 18-20, 2025 - University of Texas Arlington

- *Song of 'Almah: I. Rose of Sharon*
  - Kirsten Hoogstraten, Euphonium
  - Anthony Flores, Marimba

International Tuba Euphonium Midwest Regional Conference, May 19, 2024 - Bowling Green State University

- *Expanding the Repertoire: A performer's guide to underrepresented works for solo tuba*

Texas Tech Arts & Humanities Graduate Student Research Conference, November 2023

- *Putting the "Ooo" in Oompah: Teaching Musicality to Low Brass Musicians*

Texas Tech School of Music *Ignite* Poster Presentation, November 13, 2023

- *Putting the "Ooo" in Oompah: Teaching Musicality to Low Brass Musicians*

International Tuba Euphonium Conference, June 3, 2023 - Arizona State University

- *Putting the "Ooo" in Oompah: Teaching Musicality to Low Brass Musicians*

### **Published Transcriptions and Arrangements**

*Plan & Elevation: The Grounds of Dumbarton Oaks*; 2015/2025

Originally written for string quartet by Caroline Shaw

Transcribed for chamber winds and keyboard percussion

Premiered by the Texas Tech Symphonic Wind Ensemble, April 2025; Conductor,

Kirsten Hoogstraten Rivera

Published by Murphy Music Press

<https://murphymusicpress.com/products/w-1,440>

*Where No One Goes* - Jónsi, John Powell - forthcoming 2025

Performed by The University of Colorado Boulder, Golden Buffalo Marching Band, 2025

Publication in progress



## **Unpublished Transcriptions and Arrangements**

*Espresso* - Sabrina Carpenter - performed fall 2025

Performed by The University of Colorado Boulder, Golden Buffalo Marching Band

## **Drill Design**

*Cinema Magic!*

Performed by The University of Colorado Boulder, Golden Buffalo Marching Band, 2025

Edited to include the Evergreen High School Marching Band joint performance

*Celebrate America*

Performed by The Texas Tech University, Goin' Band from Raiderland, 2024

*Veteran's Day Show*

Performed by the University of Central Florida, Marching Knights, 2018

*How to Train Your Dragon*

Performed by the St. Marys Marching Bears, 2016

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## **SERVICE**

### **University Service**

Colorado Bandmasters Association Exhibition Performance, 2025

Outreach/recruitment performance for the Bands department and CU College of Music

Golden Buffalo Marching Band - October 13, 2025

Golden Buffalo Marching Band Drumline - October 16, 2025

Music Education Representative at CMEA, forthcoming 2026

CU Athletics Marketing and Game Day Logistics Meetings, 2025-present

### **Departmental Service**

Music Education Department Meetings, 2025-present

Bands Department Meetings, 2025-present

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## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Nominee, Texas Tech Graduate Conducting Award, 2024-2025

Recipient, Graduate Student Travel Grant 2024

Grant approved \$850 in travel funding for professional development/presentation  
Texas Tech University, Graduate School, School of Music, Talkington College of Visual  
and Performing Arts

Teacher of the Year, North Brookfield Public Schools, 2019-2020

Nominee, Kansas Horizon Award, 2014

Recipient, Mid-West Student Exchange Scholarship, 2005-2010

Received in-state tuition waiver  
University of Kansas

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## **RELATED CONDUCTING EXPERIENCE**

- CBDNA Southwestern Regional Conducting Workshop, March 2024; Kansas City, MO
  - Clinician: Dr. John Lynch
  - One of four selected through application
- Texas Tech Conducting Symposium, 2025
  - Clinicians: Dr. Sarah McKoin, Dr. Emily Threinen
- Texas Tech Conducting Symposium, 2024
  - Clinicians: Dr. Sarah McKoin, Prof. Allan McMurray
- Kansas City Conducting Symposium at UMKC Conservatory, 2023
  - Clinicians: Prof. Steven Davis, Dr. Joseph Parisi, Dr. Jaime Nix, Prof. Mallory Thompson
- Texas Tech Conducting Symposium, 2023
  - Clinicians: Dr. Sarah McKoin, Dr. Cynthia Johnson Turner
- Texas Tech Conducting Symposium, 2022
  - Clinicians: Dr. Sarah McKoin, Prof. Steven Davis
- Columbus State Conducting Symposium, 2021
  - Clinicians: Dr. Jaime Nix, Dr. Kevin Sedatole, Prof. Michael Haithcock
- University of Texas Art of Band Workshop, 2021

- Clinicians: Prof. Jerry Junkin, Dr. Kevin Sedatole
  - UCLA Virtual Wind Conducting Workshop, 2020
    - Clinicians: Dr. Travis Cross, Prof. Michael Haithcock
  - University of Minnesota Virtual Conducting Symposium, 2020
    - Clinicians: Dr. Emily Treinen, Prof. Michael Haithcock, Prof. Craig Kirchoff
  - CBDNA South Regional Conducting Workshop, March 2019; Tampa, FL
    - Clinician: Prof. Ray Cramer; Director Emeritus, University of Indiana
    - One of three selected through application
  - University of Central Florida Conducting Symposium, 2021
    - Clinicians: Dr. Scott Lubaroff, Dr. Shanti Simon
  - University of Central Florida Conducting Symposium, 2021
    - Clinicians: Dr. Scott Lubaroff, Dr. Sarah McKoin
  - University of Colorado Conducting Symposium, 2018 (Chamber Track)
    - Clinicians: Prof. Allan McMurray
  - The University of Minnesota Chamber Intensive, 2018
    - Clinician: Prof. Michael Haithcock
  - University of Colorado Conducting Symposium, 2017
    - Clinicians: Prof. Steven Davis
  - University of Central Missouri, 2017
    - Clinicians: Dr. Scott Lubaroff, Dr. Rob Carnochan
  - University of Central Missouri, 2016
    - Clinicians: Dr. Scott Lubaroff, Dr. Kevin Sedatole
  - University of Central Missouri, 2015
    - Clinicians: Dr. Scott Lubaroff, Prof. Craig Kirchoff
  - University of Central Missouri, 2014
    - Clinicians: Dr. Scott Lubaroff, Prof. Steven Davis
  - Kansas City Conducting Symposium at UMKC Conservatory, 2008
    - Clinicians: Prof. Steven Davis, Dr. Joseph Parisi, Prof. Eugene Corporon, Frank Ticheli
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## **TUBA PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE**

- Texas Tech University Tuba Euphonium Ensemble, 2022- 2025
    - Performance at International Tuba Euphonium Conference 2023; Tempe, AZ
    - Performance at Midwest Regional Tuba Euphonium Conference 2024; Bowling Green, OH
  - University of Central Florida Wind Ensemble, 2017-2019
  - University of Central Florida Tuba Euphonium Ensemble, 2017-2019
  - University of Kansas/University of Missouri-Kansas City TASTEE Ensemble, 2011
    - Performance at International Tuba Euphonium Conference 2011; Phoenix, AZ
  - University of Kansas Wind Ensemble, 2009
  - University of Kansas Symphonic Band, 2005-2010
  - University of Kansas Tuba Euphonium Consort
    - Performance at Great Plains Regional Tuba Euphonium Conference 2008; Manhattan, KS
  - University of Kansas Men's Basketball Band, 2005-2009
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## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Colorado Music Educators Association – Member, 2025-present  
Texas Music Educators Association – Member, 2022-present  
Florida Music Educators Association (FMEA) – 2017-2022  
College Band Directors National Association – Member, 2016-present  
Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honors Fraternity – Inducted Member 2016  
International Tuba Euphonium Association (ITEA) 2005-present  
National Association for Music Education (NAFME) 2005-present  
Kappa Kappa Psi – National Band Fraternity – Member 2005-2010

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Conducting, Rehearsal, and Marching Videos

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## Conducting Video

*and the deep reverberation fills with stars* - Texas Tech Symphonic Band

<https://youtu.be/QBqWv-QczzI>

Fall 2025 Rehearsal Footage - University of Colorado Concert Band

<https://youtu.be/TeONYsF1dV8>

## Marching Videos

Cinema Magic! - University of Colorado Boulder Golden Buffalo Marching Band

<https://youtu.be/IEzqxk1YoXA>

Cinema Magic! - Pyware Drill Video

<https://youtu.be/IOZEPyzo39w>

Cinema Magic! - Rehearsal Video

<https://youtu.be/fFKBe7rcshI>

Celebrate America! - Texas Tech University Goin Band from Raiderland

<https://youtu.be/ITAtgWBDL44>

Celebrate America! - Pyware Drill Video

<https://youtu.be/59s-VrXWWf4>

## Arrangements

*Where No One Goes* - Written for the 2025 Golden Buffalo Marching Band “Cinema Magic!” Show.

<https://youtu.be/6Xv4NqW1Rr8>

*Espresso (Grammy's Version)* - Written for the 2025 Golden Buffalo Marching Band “Pop Princesses” Show.

<https://youtu.be/Zy3heOgXgqA>