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EDUCATION

DMA in Vocal Performance and Pedagogy (Completed 12 hours of Masters Level Speech Pathology Courses)	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS	2009
MM in Vocal Performance	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	2003
BM in Vocal Performance	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO	2001

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Director of Vocal Pedagogy	UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO	2018 - Present
Associate Professor of Voice	COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY	2017 - 2018
Assistant Professor of Voice	COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY	2012 - 2017
Assistant Professor of Voice	OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY	2009 - 2012
Visiting Professor of Voice	OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY	2007 - 2009
Teaching Fellow	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS	2005 - 2007

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Instructor, La Lirica Musica, Rimini, Italy	2017 - Present
Resident Artist and Board Member, Art Song Colorado	2016 - Present
Managed Operatic Artist, Musica Grande Artists	2018 - 2021
Instructor, Up North Vocal Institute	2018 - 2020
Managing Co-Director, Composer Fellows' Initiative with CU NOW	2019
Artistic Director, Singers Cultural Exchange Program National Auditions, USA	2011 - 2012

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

West Central NATS Board Member	2017 - 2021
President, Colo-Wyoming National Associate of Teachers of Singing	2017 - 2021
Governor, Colorado District NATS	2017 - 2021
Treasurer/Secretary, Colo-Wyoming National Association of Teachers of Singing	2014 - 2017

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

PUBLISHED WORKS OF INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

Hyperadduction: A Pedagogical Approach for the 21 st Century Voice Instructor The Journal of Singing: Vol. 79, No. 1, p. 13 - 20 (Peer Reviewed)	2022
The Lost Songs of the AIDS Quilt Songbook Volume 1	2020

New Music Shelf Publications

The Origin of the Verdi Baritone	2012
The Journal of Singing, Vol. 68, p. 521 – 525 (Peer Reviewed)	
The AIDS Quilt Songbook Project and Its Uncollected Works	2011
The Journal of Singing: Vol. 67, p. 397- 402. (Peer Reviewed)	

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Using Bel Canto Pedagogical Principles to Inform Repertoire Choices for Beginning Singers	TBA
The 24 Spanish Canciones e Zarzuelas Aria	
The Lost Songs of the AIDS Quilt Songbook Volume 2	

RECENT PERFORMANCESNational/International Significance

Artist Recital and Lecture, Central City Opera, We were always here (an LGBTQ+ Concert), Denver, CO	2022
Artist Recital, La Lirica Musica, Madison – Baraboo, WI, Al Ringling Theater	2021
Opera Role: La Traviata (Germont), Al Ringling Theater, Baraboo, WI	2021
Touring Artist: Central City Opera Pre-Season Concert Series, Colorado Region (4 performances)	2021
Opera Role: Green Sneakers (Ricky), Sohap Ensemble, Broomfield Auditorium (2 performances)	2021
Touring Artist: Central City Opera Pre-Season Concert Series, Colorado Region (3 performances)	2020
AIDS Quilt Songbook Performance, World AIDS Day, San Francisco, CA	2019
Opera Role: The Merry Widow (Baron Zeta), St. Petersburg Opera, St. Petersburg, FL	2019
Artist Recital, La Lirica Musica, Rimini Province, Italy	2019
Baritone Soloist: The Five Mystical Songs (Arr. Wind Symphony and Chorus), Oklahoma State University	2018
Opera Role: Sharpless, Puccini's Madame Butterfly, Fort Collins Opera	2018
Artist Recital, La Lirica Musica, Rimini Providence, Italy	2017
Artist Recital: University of Texas at San Antonio	2017
Opera Role: Iago, Verdi's Otello, Fort Collins Opera	2016
Opera Role: Alvaro, Florencia en el Amazonas, Opera Steamboat	2016
Guest Artist: Art Song Debut, "Wonder" by Mellos, Eastman School of Music	2015
Artist Recital: Artist Series at St. Albin's, Dallas, TX	2015
Baritone Soloist: Copland's Old American Songs arr. for wind ensemble: Concert Tour	2014
<i>Bratislava (Slovakia), Zichy Palace</i>	
<i>Sopron (Hungary), Ligneum Hall</i>	
<i>Salzburg (Austria), Maribell Gardens</i>	
<i>Shladming (Austria): Mid-Europe Festival Concert. Lange Nacht Festival Event, Congress Performance Hall</i>	
<i>Ennsal (Austria), Parish of Haus</i>	
Baritone Soloist: East Texas Organ Festival (Nationally Broadcasted, Pipe Dreams NPR), Dallas-Tyler, TX	2014
Artist Recital: University of Missouri, Columbia, MO	2014

Artist Recital: Columbus State University, Columbus, GA	2014
Baritone Soloist: Beethoven's 9 th Symphony, Cheyenne Symphony	2015
Opera Role: Pangloss, <i>Candide</i> by Bernstein, Opera Steamboat	2015
Artist Recital: Spacious Vision World AIDS Day Concerts, Los Angeles Region	2013
Baritone Soloist: Haydn's Creation, Adam, Shreveport Chorale	2013
Featured Soloist: CSU Chamber Choir Tour (Houston, San Antonio, Dallas)	2013
Opera Role: Valentine, Faust by Gounod, Fort Collins Opera	2013
Artist Recitals: Spacious Vision World AIDS Day Memorial Concerts (2 locations), Los Angeles	2012
Guest Artist: Various Solos, Council Oak Men's Choral, Tulsa	2012
Artist Recital: Various Art Song and Aria selections, Singers Cultural Exchange, Cape Cod, MA	2012
Baritone Soloist: Messiah by Handel, Boston Avenue Cathedral Concert Series, Tulsa, OK	2011
Guest Artist: Various Solos, Council Oak Men's Choral, Tulsa, OK	2011
Artist Recital: West Coast Debut: A Question of Light by Jake Heggie, Songfest, Malibu, CA	2011
Arist Recital: Raitt Recital Hall at Pepperdine University, Songfest, Malibu, CA	2011
Baritone Soloist: Messiah by Handel, Tyler Civic Choral	2011
Guest Artist: Various Solos, Eyes on Me Benefit Concert, Stillwater, OK	2010
Baritone Soloist: Pulcinella by Stravinsky, Boston Avenue Concert Series, Tulsa, OK	2010
Baritone Soloist: Lord Nelson Mass by Haydn, Boston Avenue Concert Series, Tulsa, OK	2010
Artist Recital: Recitalist with composer Ricky Ian Gordon, Texas Lutheran University	2010
Artist Recital: St. Albin's Artist Series, Arlington, TX	2010
Opera Role: Gianni Schicchi (Title Role) by Puccini, California State Summer Arts	2009
Guest Artist: Various Solos, California State Summer Arts	2009
Artist Recital: Recitalist with composer Jake Heggie, Texas Lutheran University	2009

Additional Regional Performances

Featured Recitalist: "Marginaized Voices," Art Song Colorado (online media release: Youtube, Spotify, CD Baby).	2020
Featured Recitalist: "Immigrant Voices," Art Song Colorado (Three performances)	2019
Opera Role: Amonastro, Act II of Aida, Denver Young Artists Orchestra	2018
Baritone Soloist: Sunset Lounge, Jazz Standards with Mark Slonicer, Fort Collins, CO	2018
Baritone Soloist: The Seven Last Words of Christ, Dubois, Grand Junct., CO	2018
Featured Recitalist: "The Songs of Travel," Denver Art Song Project (Three performances)	2018
Featured Recitalist: Denver Art Song Project, Halloween Recital (Three performances)	2017
Featured Recitalist: "Let us garlands bring," Denver Art Song Project (Three performances)	2017
Featured Artist: Loveland Opera Fundraiser (Two performances)	2016
Baritone Soloist: CMEA Honor Symphony Orchestra, "Catfish Row" by Gershwin	2016
Baritone Soloist: Catfish Row, FCHS and RMHS, CSU Symphony Orchestra Tour	2016
Baritone Soloist: Faure Requiem, Trinity Lutheran Concert Series	2014
Baritone Soloist: Carmina Burana, Boulder Choral	2013

Baritone Soloist: Beethoven's Mass in C, Larimer Choral	2013
Baritone Soloist: Beethoven's 9 th Symphony, Fort Collins Symphony	2013
Artist Recital: Denver Lyric Opera Guild Recital	2013
Guest Artist: Performance of Opera Duets and Arias: Fort Collins Opera Guild	2013
Baritone Soloist: Lincoln Center: Copeland Old American Songs and Irish Blessing, Fort Collins Symphony	2012
Baritone Soloist: Ecce Sacerdos Magnus by Elgar (Nationally Televised) Cathedral Basilica	2012
Baritone Soloist: Faure Requiem (Aurora Victims Memorial), Colorado Bach Ensemble	2012

Service Related Performances

Faculty Recital, Faculty Tuesday, University of Colorado at Boulder	2022
Marginalized Voices Recital, Faculty Tuesday CU Boulder	2020
Featured Soloist, Fort Collins Opera Guild Fundraiser	2020
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Faculty Recital, University of Colorado at Boulder	2019
Faculty Recital, University of Colorado at Boulder	2018
Holiday Festival: Featured Soloist (Four performances), Boulder, CO	2018
Featured Recitalist: Arias at Avos, Fort Collins Opera Guild Fundraiser	2018
Farewell Faculty Recital: Colorado State University	2018
Museum Concert Series: Recital of Zulu African Music (2 performances) Gregory Allicar Museum of Art	2017
Museum Concert Series: Recital of English Texts, (2 performances) Gregory Allicar Museum of Art	2017
Museum Concert Series: Schubert Lieder (2 performances)	2017
Faculty Recital: Italianische Liederbuch (22 songs) by Wolf with Dr. Tiffany Blake, Colorado State University	2016
Featured Artist: Loveland Opera Fundraiser	2015
Featured Artist: Central City Opera Donor Recital Banquet Performance	2015
Featured Artist: Arias at Avos: Arias and Duets, Fort Collins Opera Guild	2015
Holiday Gala Performances, Colorado State University	2015
Featured Soloist: Jennifer Black Artist Recital, Colorado State University	2015
Baritone Soloist: Sea Symphony, University Symphony Orch, Choir, Wes Kenney, Colorado State University	2015
Featured Artist: Arias at Avos: Arias and Duets, Fort Collins Opera Guild	2014
Holiday Gala Performances, Colorado State University	2014
Opera Scene: Rigoletto Quartet, Boulder Opera Gala	2014
Featured Soloist: Michelle Stanley Flute Recital, Colorado State University	2014
Faculty Recital with Joel Bacon and Tiffany Blake, Colorado State University	2014
Featured Artist: Lincoln Portrait: Symphonic Band Concert, Colorado State University	2014
Faculty Opera Duet Recital with Tiffany Blake and Annie McDonald, CSU	2014
Featured Artist: Michelle Stanley Flute Recital, CSU	2013
Featured Soloist: Freshmen Convocation, Alma Mater and National Anthem, CSU	2013
Featured Soloist: Spring Meeting Awards Program, "Bess you is my woman now" CSU	2013

Featured Artist: Opera Scene, I Pagliacci, Faculty Recital Tiffany Blake, CSU	2013
Faculty Recital with Chris Reed of Eastman School of Music, CSU	2012
Opera Gala Performance: Toreador/Lucia Sextet/Make our Garden Grow, CSU	2012
Virtuoso Series Concert: John Greer Concert, Cycle: Sing me at Midnight, CSU	2012
Faculty Recital (Farwell Recital), OSU	2012
Baritone Soloist: Rückert-Lieder by Mahler (Chamber Wind Arrangements Debut), OSU	2012
Baritone Soloist: Carmina Burana by Orff: OSU Masterworks Concert	2012
Faculty Recital, OSU	2011
Featured Artist: Various American Masterpieces (Copeland, Bernstein), OSU	2011
Baritone Soloist: Requiem by Brahms: OSU Masterworks Concert	2011
Featured Artist: Baritone Aria, “The best of all possible worlds” from Candide, OSU	2010
Opera Role: Simone, Gianni Schicchi by Puccini, OSU	2010
Baritone Soloist: Vesperae Solemn by Mozart: OSU Masterworks Concert, OSU	2010
Featured Artist: Various solos with Faculty Cellist, Meredith Blecha, OSU	2010
Baritone Soloist: The Five Mystical Songs (Multiple Performances OK and Texas), OSU	2009
Baritone Soloist: Dona Nobis Pacem by Vaughn Williams: OSU Masterworks	2009

TEACHING

Guest Teaching: Masterclasses and Workshops

Masterclasses and Lecture: Tara School of the Performing Arts, Boulder, CO (2 Lectures and 1 masterclass)	2022
Masterclass: Opera Steamboat, Steamboat, CO	2021
Masterclass: La Lirica Musica, Madison-Baraboo, WI (3 public masterclasses)	2021
Zoom Masterclass: Susan Hanlon Voice Studio, Dallas TX	2020
Masterclass: Magnolia Music Academy	2019
Masterclass: Colorado Mesa University	2018
Masterclass: Opera Fort Collins Apprentice Artists	2018
Masterclass: University of Texas at San Antonio	2017
Vocal Techniques Workshop, Magnolia Music Studio in Fort Collins, CO	2016
Masterclass: University of Missouri, Columbia	2014
Masterclass: Kansas State University	2014
Masterclass: Columbus State University	2014
Masterclass: Auburn University	2014
Master Teacher of Colo-Wyoming NATS: Workshop and Masterclass Tour, Denver	2013
Master Teacher of Colo-Wyoming NATS: Workshop and Masterclass Tour, Fort Collins, CO	2013
Master Teacher of Colo-Wyoming NATS: Workshop and Masterclass Tour, Grand Junct., CO	2013
Magnolia Music Academy Master Teacher and Workshop, “Teaching Guys who Sing”	2013
Magnolia Music Academy Master Teacher, “Men Only: Guys who sing”	2013
Masterclass: Oklahoma Christian University	2012

Guest Lectures and Panels

Lecture/workshop: Exploring Timbre in Jazz Singing: Strategies for the Vocal Jazz, CMEA	2022
Zoom Lecture: Voice Health and Longevity Practices for Singers, Suny Potsdam, NY	2021
Zoom Lecture: Voice Health and Longevity Practices for Voice Teachers, West-Central NATS	2020
Zoom Lecture: Music and HIV/AIDS — A Look at Then and Now, American Music Research Center	2020
Zoom Lecture: Voice Health and Longevity Strategies for Singers, Oklahoma State University	2020
Lecture/workshop: Voice Health and Longevity Strategies for Educators, CMEA	2020
Lecture/workshop: Bringing your A-Game to a Voice Audition, CMEA	2020
Lecture: Training the Adolescent Male Voice, American Choral Director's Assoc.	2018
Lecture Recital: The AIDS Quilt Songbook and Its Uncollected Works, Oklahoma State University	2018
Lecture: Training the Adolescent Male Voice, Texas Music Educators Association	2018
Lecture Recital: Art Song as Political Artifact: Marginalized Communities, CMS National Convention	2014
Lectures: The AIDS Quilt Songbook and Its Uncollected Works, the Diversity Symposium	2013
Lecture and Masterclass Tour: Teaching Men Who Sing (3 lectures), NATS West-Central Region	2013
Lecture: The AIDS Quilt Songbook (2 nd Lecture), LEAP Program	2013
Lecture: The AIDS Quilt Songbook, LEAP Program	2013
Lecture Recital: An Intro. to the AIDS Quilt Songbook, Tex-Oma NATS	2010
Lecture Recital: An Introduction to the AIDS Quilt Songbook, University of North Texas	2009

Service Related Teaching

Lecture: NAFME and CMEA Student Chapter Lecture: Exploring Timbre in Jazz Singing	2022
Lecture: Voice Health and Longevity Strategies for Educators, Nafme Student Chapter Boulder	2020
Masterclass: Choral Day CU	2019
Guest Lecturer: Vocal Health, MM Education, CU Boulder	2019
Lecture: Vocal Health and Longevity, ACDA Student Chapter	2019
Panel Speaker: Landing Your Dream Job, The Entrepren. Center for Music	2018
Lectures: CSU High School Leadership Day, Male Vocal Technique	2016
Lectures: CSU High School Leadership Day, Male Vocal Technique	2015
Lectures: CSU High School Choral Day, Vocal Technique	2014
Lecture: Male Vocal Technique for the Choral Director, CSU Choral Leadership Day	2013
Lecture: Vocal Technique in the Ensemble, CSU Summer Choral Con. Inst.	2012
Lecture: Confronting Performance Anxiety, OSU Music Major Symposium	2010

Courses Taught at CU

Vocal Pedagogy, Graduate Vocal Pedagogy, Practicum (a lab course for teaching teachers) and Studio Voice Lessons)

Other Courses Taught

Class Voice, Diction for Singers (French, German, Italian, English), Freshmen Voice Studio, Opera History, Undergraduate Vocal Pedagogy, Graduate Vocal Pedagogy, Studio Voice Lessons, Acoustic Studies of the Voice

Recent Student Accomplishments 2019-2023

Eli English, Elkstrand Finalist (CU), MET Opera Honorable Mention, Singer of the Year (West Central NATS 2022)

Christian Gibbs, MET Opera, "Porgy and Bess," on met roster (MET regional finalist 2016), Cast in "Intimate Apparel" – Ricky Ian Gordon (off-broadway), West Side Story, Finland Cast and Recording, London Symphony Performance, Broadway debut 2023, understudy MET 2023

Kyrie Laybourn, Singer of the Year, West Central Regional NATS 2020, Tri-Cities Opera Resident Artist 2022 (8 month residency), Offered: Tri-Cities Opera Apprentice 2023

Dominic Aragon, Tanglewood Festival baritone-Fellowship 2022

Colin Ring, Ohio Light Opera Apprentice Artist 2023

Nathan Snyder, Tulsa Young Artist Program (2023), Sante Fe Opera (2023), Offered: Shreveport Opera Apprentice

Christine Li, Ekstrand Finalist (CU), Full-Scholarship Recipient USC DMA

Eric Botto, Chautauqua Young Artist 2020 and 2021, offered: Central City Opera 2023

Schyler Vargas, MET Finalist, Wolf Trap Young Artist 2022

Steven Groth, NATSAA Winner (West Central Region) 2019, 2nd Place DLOG competition 2021

Sabina Balsamo, Honors Competition Winner (CU Boulder) 2019, MET Regional Semifinalist 2020

La Lirica Musica Opera Program: Luke Thatcher and Steve Groth 2019

Skyler Schlenker, Aspen Music Festival 2019

HONORS AND AWARDS

Scheduled: Master Teacher Masterclass, West Central NATS	2024
Art Song Colorado (Formerly: Denver Art Song Project): Auditioned Resident Artist	2016
Elected Master-Teacher for the Colorado-Wyoming NATS Fall Workshop Tour	2013
Professionals Program Songfest (New York Auditions)	2011
3 rd Place National Association of Teachers of Singing Artist Awards (Texoma Region)	2010
1 ST Place National Association of Teachers of Singing Artist Awards (Oklahoma District)	2010
Most Outstanding Graduate Student in the School of Music University of North Texas	2007
2 nd Place Singer of the Year Competition (NATS Sponsored)	2006
Irwin Bushman Award National Association of Teachers of Singing Artist Awards	2006
1 st Place National Association of Teachers of Singing Artist Awards	2006
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David L. Schrader Full-Tuition Music Scholarship University of North Texas	2005
Finalist, Merola Opera Program Francisco Opera	2003
The Dudley Ralph Appleman Award for Career Potential	2003

SERVICEService To The Academy

Academic Policy Committee, CU	2018 - Present
Musicians' Wellness Program Advisory Group, CU	2020
Academic Policy Subcommittee: Travel Stipend Allocation, CU	2019
Colorado State University-wide Scholarship Committee Spring	2015 - 2018
Advisory Committee, CSU	2016 - 2017
Recruitment and Retention Committee, CSU	2013 - 2016
Mission Statement Committee: Session facilitator, CSU	2016
Allied Arts Selection Committee Spring, CSU	2016
Voice Assistant Professor National Search, CSU	2015 - 2016
Recruitment and Retention Sub-committee (Audition Days) Fall, CSU	2014
Music Technologies Committee (Head) Fall, CSU	2013
Assistant Professor of Choral Activities Search Committee Spring, OSU	2012
Academic Policy Committee Fall, OSU	2011
Technology Fee Committee Fall, OSU	2010 - Spring
Advisory Committee Spring, OSU	2009
Piano Search Committee Fall, OSU	2009
Publicity Committee Fall, OSU	2009

Adjudication

Adjudicator: National Association of Teachers of Singing	2022
Adjudicator: National Opera Association, Competition Judge	2021
Adjudicator: National Association of Teachers of Singing	2021
Adjudicator: Singer of the Year Competition, Colorado State University	2020
Adjudicator: National Association of Teachers of Singing	2019
Adjudicator: National Association of Teachers of Singing	2018
Adjudicator: Music Teacher National Association	2018
National Association of Teachers of Singing, Adjudicator	2016
National Association of Teachers of Singing, Adjudicator	2015
National Association of Teachers of Singing, Adjudicator	2014
National Associate of Teachers of Singing, Adjudicator (District Competition)	2013
Classical Singer Magazine Competition, Adjudicator and Coordinator	2013
Denver Lyric Opera Guild Competition, Adjudicator	2012
National Association of Teachers of Singing, Adjudicator (District Competition)	2012
Missouri Music Teachers Association, Adjudicator (High School and College Divisions)	2012
National Association of Teachers of Singing, Adjudicator (Regional Competition)	2012

Adjudicator for the Singers Cultural Exchange Program	2011
National Association of Teachers of Singing, Adjudicator (Regional Competition)	2011
National Association of Teachers of Singing, Adjudicator (District Competition)	2011
UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest, Adjudicator	2010
National Association of Teachers of Singing, Adjudicator (District Competition)	2010
National Association of Teachers of Singing, Adjudicator (Regional Competition)	2010
National Association of Teachers of Singing, Adjudicator (District Competition)	2009
National Association of Teachers of Singing, Adjudicator (Regional Competition)	2009
UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest, Adjudicator	2008

High School Clinics and Workshops

Masterclass: Denver School of the Arts (Scheduled)	2023
Masterclass: Fort Collins High School	2019
Masterclass: Denver School of the Arts (two days)	2019
Vocal Technique Masterclass: Fairview High School	2018
Masterclass: Denver School of the Arts Masterclass (two days)	2016
Vocal Techniques Workshop, Fort Collins High School	2016
Vocal Technique Workshop, Centennial High School, Dallas, Texas	2015
Colleyville Heritage High School, Vocal Technique Workshop, Dallas, TX	2015
AISD, High School Vocal Workshop, Arlington, TX	2015
Fort Collins High School, Vocal Technique Workshop	2015
Masterclass: Denver School of the Arts (two days)	2013

PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO TEACHING

Russian Diction Course Completion: Imperative to teaching Slavic Languages	2008
Performance Anxiety Study: Studied tactics to reduce physiological outcomes of performance anxiety	2006
University of North Texas, Department of Psychology	
Feldenkrais Center of Health Workshop: Helpful in freeing the body of excess tensions	2004
Oberlin Conservatory	2001
Institute of Vocal Performance and Pedagogy (Certificate of Completion): worked with nationally recognized teacher: Richard Miller	

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Member	National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS)
	* Elected COWY Chapter President March 2017
	*Elected COWY Chapter Treasurer Dec 2013, Re-elected March 2016
Member	College Music Society

