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EDUCATION

Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Bloomington, IN

Doctor of Music in Organ Performance and Literature, December 2003

Minor Fields: Church Music and Music History

Doctoral Document: *Applying Mental Rehearsal and Imagery to Learning, Performing and Teaching Organ Music*

Organ study with Dr. Larry Smith

Master of Music, Organ Performance, August 1998

Cognate: Early Music

Organ study with Dr. Larry Smith and Dr. Marilyn Keiser

Harpsichord lessons with Elisabeth Wright

Furman University, Greenville, SC

Bachelor of Music, Organ Performance, June 1996

Honors: *Magna cum laude*

Organ and harpsichord study with Dr. Charles Tompkins

Piano study with Dr. Derek Parsons and Dr. David Gibson

TEACHING AND CHURCH MUSIC EXPERIENCE

Church Street United Methodist Church

January 2010–Present

Music Associate/Organist

- Play organ and accompany choirs for two weekly Sunday morning services.
- Provide organ music for all weddings and funerals
- Work with soloists and instrumentalists as needed.
- Lead sectional rehearsals for adults and youth.
- Direct a children's choir.
- Oversee choral library organization and volunteer assistants.
- Implement RSCM curriculum for children and youth.
- Assist with development of Master Arts Concert Series

University of Tennessee

January 2011-Present

Lecturer

- Instructor of Organ
- Teach Organ Literature, Service Playing and Church Music Courses

Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN

September 2002–December 2009

Affiliate Professor of Church Music and Seminary Organist

- Teach courses in hymnology and the history of music in the church. Serve as an advisor for an independent study in sacred choral literature.
- Teach lessons to organ and piano students of varying levels.
- Play the organ for two services weekly: Episcopal Eucharist and Service of Word and Table.
- Collaborate with Chapel staff in planning services.
- Accompany the Cantors choir.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, IN

September 1998–December 2009

Assistant Organist/Choir Director

- Play the organ and accompany the choirs for two weekly Sunday morning services, monthly choral evensongs, and concerts.
- Assist with rehearsing and conducting a Royal School of Church Music choir of adults and youth (75 singers).
- Serve on *St. Paul's Music* committee for concerts and musical outreach. Arrange international and local artists for recitals.
- Administrative duties that include proofreading documents and bulletins, corresponding with choir families, developing letters, writing and revising *St. Paul's Choir Handbook*, maintaining and overseeing choral library.
- Assist with developing and administrating *St. Paul's Choir School*.
- Write grant requests for Choral Scholar program.
- Organize recitals and outreach performances for Choir School students.
- Accompany the choir during tours within the United States, England and Scotland.
- Provide organ accompaniment for choir recordings.
- Initiate and create curriculum for KidSong, a musical opportunity for children aged 3-8.
- Lead and develop curriculum for Primary Singers, a training choir for children aged 6-8.

Private Organ and Piano Instructor

1995-Present

- Maintain a studio of 2-5 private organ and piano students.

Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Indianapolis, IN

Fall Semester 2004

Visiting Lecturer in Organ

- Taught private organ students as a sabbatical replacement for Dr. Larry Smith.
August 1997–May 1998

Associate Instructor in Piano

- Led group piano classes
- Taught private piano lessons and helped students pass proficiency exams.

Taylor University, Upland IN

September 2001–December 2003

University Organist and Adjunct Faculty

- Taught private organ and piano students with a wide variety of levels.
- Provided organ music for weekly chapel service.

Furman University, Greenville, SC

1993–1996

- Taught piano lessons in the pre-college program.

PERFORMANCES

- Course Organist for RSCM Summer Course, Raleigh, NC, July 2014
- Church Street United Methodist Church, Knoxville, TN, March 2014
- Church Street United Methodist Church, Knoxville, TN, March 2013
 - Music for Organ and Trumpet with Cathy Leach and Doc Severinson
- Vineville United Methodist Church, Macon, GA, October 2012
- Loyola University, Chicago, IL, July 2012
- First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, NC, April 2012
- Davidson United Methodist Church, Davidson, NC, October 2011
- Course Organist for Royal School of Church Music Course in Charlotte, NC, July 2011
- Performer at National Conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians, Greenville, SC, June 2011
- Featured performer and presenter at Region IV Convention of the American Guild of Organists, Greensboro, NC, June 2011
- Furman University Church Music Conference, Greenville, SC, January 2011
- Church Street United Methodist Church, Knoxville, TN April 2010
- First Presbyterian Church, Columbus, IN, October 2009
- West Market Street UMC, Greensboro, NC, July 2009
- St. Meinrad Archabbey, Ferdinand, IN, April 2009
- Federated Church, West Lafayette, IN, March 2009
- First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC, January 2009
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, IN, October 2008
- Performed in a concert commemorating the American Guild of Organists' International Year of the Organ, The Episcopal Church of All Saints, Indianapolis, IN, October 2008
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, IN, May 2008
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, IN, December 2007
- Organ Historical Society National Convention, Indianapolis, IN, July 2007
- College Heights Seventh Day Adventist Church of Canadian University College in Alberta, Canada, February 2007
- University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, October 2006
- Coventry Cathedral, Coventry, United Kingdom, July 2006
- Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Chestertown, MD, January 2006
- Alumni Recital, Furman University, Greenville, SC, March 2005
- Good Samaritan Church (Episcopal) in Corvallis, OR, January 2005
- Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN, October 2004
- Organ Dedication Concert, St. Peter Catholic Church, Montgomery, IN, December 2003
- Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, LA, October 2003
- Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN, September 2003

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- Scholarship Recipient, Summer Institute for French Organ Studies, 2003
- Recipient of Mozingo Endowment Grant from Indianapolis Chapter of American Guild of Organists, 2003
- Featured Performer on National Public Radio's "Pipedreams," 2009, 2007, 2002, and 1995

- Finalist, Fort Wayne National Organ Competition, April 2001
- One of two young artists featured in a recital at the American Guild of Organists National Convention in Seattle, WA, June 2000
- Recipient, Peter B. Knock Scholarship for Church Music, May 2000
- Winner, John Rodland Scholarship Competition for Organ and Church Music, April 2000
- Recipient, Choristers Guild Scholarship, June 2000
- Recipient, Music Fellowship for doctoral study at Indiana University, 1999-2002
- Recipient, Theodore Presser Scholarship at Furman University, 1995

PRESENTATIONS

- *The Royal School of Church Music in America.* March 2007, March 2005, and April 2003, Indiana University, Church Music Practicum class
- *Freeing the Body and Mind: Techniques for Improving music learning and performing through physical and mental awareness.* Knoxville Chapter of American Guild of Organists, September 2010; University of Tennessee Organ and Piano Studios, February, 2010; Association of Anglican Musicians National Conference, June 2006; Dayton, OH American Guild of Organists (AGO) Chapter, Nov. 2005; Indianapolis AGO Chapter, Oct. 2005; Indiana University, Bloomington AGO Chapter, Jan. 2005; Furman University, March 2005; Ball State University, April 2005; Valparaiso University, Organ Colloquium, Sept. 2003

RECORDINGS

- *Sing to the Lord New Songs.* The Choir of St. Paul's Episcopal Church on tour in Great Britain. Frank W. Boles, Director. Edie Johnson, Organ. Pro Organo, 2005.
- *Day for Rejoicing.* The Choir of St. Paul's Episcopal Church on tour in Great Britain. Frank W. Boles, Director. Edie Johnson, Organ. Pro Organo, 2005.
- *To this Temple: Our Journey's Song.* The Choir of St. Paul's Episcopal Church on tour in Great Britain. Frank W. Boles, Director. Edie Johnson, Organ. Pro Organo, 2004.
- *Make We Joy:* Organ and Choral Works of Robert J. Powell, 2002.
- *Gratia Plena.* The Trebles of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Indianapolis Pro Musica. Frank W. Boles, Director. Edie Johnson, Organ. Pro Organo, 2000.

PUBLICATIONS

“RSCM America: An Ecumenical Organization with a Mission.” *RSCM America Newsletter*, Spring 2012.

“Mental Imagery and Rehearsal for Organists.” *The Diapason*, August 2005.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of Anglican Musicians, January 2005–Present
Secretary and presentation coordinator for National Conference Planning Committee for annual conference held in Indianapolis during June 2006
- American Guild of Organists, 1996-present. Knoxville Chapter Dean, 2013-2014, Sub-Dean, 2012-2013, Indianapolis, Chapter Sub-Dean, 2006-2007 Bloomington, IN. Dean, 1997–1998
- Royal School of Church Music, Chairperson of Interdenominational Committee, 2014-present, Member of Board of Directors, 2011-2012,

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Presenter in Pipeworks program which introduces the organ to elementary school students, 2002–2006
- Teacher for Student Pipe Organ Encounter Days, 2002–2006
- Mentor for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Indiana, 1998–2010.