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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Church Music (Worship) 2021
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX

Master of Music (Music Ministry) 1997
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX

Bachelor of Music in Music Education 1989
Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, TX

COLLEGIATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR (Undergraduate) Fall 2024 to present
Assistant Professor of Music and Worship Studies
Courses Taught
Worship Leadership and Administration
Survey of Christian Worship
OBU Connections
Ouachita Worship
NextGen Worship
Technology and Media for Worship
Directing the Rhythm Section (Guest Lecturer)

Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR (Undergraduate) 2020 to 2024
Adjunct Instructor in Worship Studies
Courses Taught
Survey of Worship Music
Directing the Rhythm Section (Guest Lecturer)
Technology and Media for Worship

Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA (Graduate) Spring 2024
Adjunct Instructor (Online)
Courses Taught
Technology and Media for Worship (Instructor and Subject Matter Expert)
Ableton Live for Contemporary Worship (Instructor and Subject Matter Expert)

Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, TX (Undergraduate & Graduate) 2021 to present
Adjunct Instructor (Online)
Course Taught
Christian Worship

Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, TX (Undergraduate) Fall 2010
Guest Lecturer in Music Ministry Technology

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX (Graduate) Fall 1993/Spring 1994
Assistant Conductor/Graduate Assistant: Oratorio Chorus (C. David Keith)
Assistant Conductor/Graduate Assistant: Southwestern Singers (A. Joseph King)

RELATED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Choral Music Teacher August 1994 to August 1995
Jackson Middle School, Grand Prairie ISD, Grand Prairie, TX

Choral Music Teacher February 1990 to August 1991
Travis Middle School, Temple ISD, Temple, TX

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Associate Pastor of Music & Worship October 2014 to present
First Baptist Church, Sherwood, AR

- Led a diverse music ministry including vocal, instrumental, and drama ministries.
- Coordinated media ministry of the church.
 - Oversaw a complete renovation of multi-media technology.
 - Taught existing team members and trained new team members.
- Led Worship Ministry on two Mission Trips to Brazil: 2017 and 2019
- Led communications ministry: web design and operation, email newsletters, and video.
- Oversight of all church financial administration January 2022–August 2024.

Minister of Music & Media September 2011 to September 2014
First Baptist Church, Van Buren, AR

- Coordinated a diverse music ministry for children through adults.
 - Worship Choir, Praise Team, Children's Choir, Orchestra, and Praise Band
 - Drama Ministry for students and adults
- Led the media ministry of the church which included a broadcast ministry.
- Introduced the Broadway style musical theater with a large production ministry.

Minister of Music & Worship January 2007 to August 2011
Lakeside Baptist Church, Granbury, TX

- Oversaw a multifaceted music ministry that employed three different worship styles.
- Created a church orchestra, and student stomp ministry.
- Coordinated music ministry groups for preschool, children, students, and adults.
- Created an active musical drama ministry utilizing approximately 200 cast and crew and performed to approximately 2,000 people for each production.

Associate Pastor of Music August 2003 to December 2006
Coulter Road Baptist Church, Amarillo, TX

- Oversaw a church-wide reimagining of corporate worship and assimilation processes.
 - Created and staffed a new contemporary service in addition to the existing blended service.
 - Created and led an ongoing Creative Worship Task Force.
- Taught several different music and worship related courses through the weekly discipleship ministry of the church.
- Encouraged church community involvement through annual Christmas Village: inviting all local public school musical groups to perform over four nights.

Associate Pastor of Worship & Children August 1999 to August 2003
First Baptist Church, Madisonville, TX

- Created, staffed, and trained team members for a new contemporary service in addition to the existing blended service.

- Gave new missional focus to long standing production ministry.
- Served in Education, Administration, and Children’s Ministry roles as needed.

Associate Pastor of Worship & Education December 1997 to August 1999
 First Baptist Church, Fort Stockton, TX

- Restructured Sunday Bible Study organization.
 - Led monthly and quarterly training for teachers and other leaders
- Introduced Rotation-based Vacation Bible School.
 - Trained leadership, and directed the program
- Started choral programs for students and children
- Introduced a large-scale musical production as an outreach tool.

Minister of Music & Education August 1995 to December 1997
 First Baptist Church, Electra, TX

- Began a children’s choir program and a student choir.
- Led student choir to serve on two mission trips (Oklahoma and Minnesota).

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Evangelical Theological Society November 2021
 Invited Presenter for Biblical Worship Section: “From Multigenerational to Intergenerational:
 Employing Intentional Mutuality to Reconnect the Generations”

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Colloquium Fall 2018
 “Hitting the Stage: The Concept, Methodology, and Practice of the Large-Scale Musical
 Production in the Local Church”

LECTURE, CLINIC EXPERIENCE

PraiseWorks 2017 to present
 Arkansas Baptist State Convention

- PraiseWorks is a yearly student worship arts camp. PraiseWorks hosts approximately 900 students each summer and offers training in many areas of the worship arts (e.g., guitar, bass, drums, praise team, worship leading, worship technology, filmmaking, song writing, dance, drama).
- Serves as camp logistician since 2024, providing logistical support and leadership for two talent shows, track showcase performances, and finale performances for both PraiseWorks and JoyWorks (concurrent elementary age camp).
- Served on the PraiseWorks leadership team since 2016. This team is charged with all aspects of the camp from theme creation and promotion to leadership recruitment.
- Taught a worship technology track each year beginning in 2017. Taught students to understand the philosophy behind, and the technology for using presentation software.

Technical Consultant 2018 to present
 Arkansas Baptist State Convention

- Led various seminars across the state on utilizing technology for worship.
- Seminars and Training Events included: ProPresenter, Ableton LIVE, planningcenteronline.com, and others.

Mosaic Music Training
Arkansas Baptist State Convention

2013 to 2019

- Taught courses in worship ministry software (planningcenteronline.com), worship presentation software, and using iPads in ministry in 2013, 2015, 2017, and 2019.

Synergy for Ministry
Facilitator for Technology in Worship

October 2011 to 2019

- Served as the Primary Facilitator for the Technology in Worship sessions. This role involved creating various webinars, conference courses, and individual technical training in worship and music technology.

RECENT RESEARCH TOPICS

From Multigenerational to Intergenerational: Transitioning the Corporate Worship of the Church by Intentionally Involving Multiple Generations (Dissertation) 2021

Area of current research: Intergenerational Worship

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Choral Directors Association

Arkansas Choral Directors Association (ARACDA)

Arkansas Master'Singers

- Leadership Team, 2013 to present
- President, 2016–2017
- Communications Director, 2017 to present

Arkansas Music Educators Association

The Baptist Church Music Conference

Evangelical Theological Society

The Hymn Society in the United States & Canada

Metro III Music Conference

- Communications Director, 2015 to present

National Association for Music Education

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

Pi Kappa Lambda

Society for Christian Scholarship in Music

Texas Music Educators Association

HONORS AND AWARDS

Received the Ervin Keathley Award for outstanding contributions to church music in the state of Arkansas.

September 2018

CERTIFICATIONS

Ordination to the Gospel Ministry, First Baptist Church of Electra, TX

May 1997

Lifetime Texas Teaching Certificate (K-12 Music)

December 1989