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Assistant Professor of Music/Composer and Arranger

Education

- The Ohio State University, DMA Composition – June, 2010
- Westminster Choir College of Rider University, MM Composition, *with distinction* – May, 2007
- Westminster Choir College of Rider University, BM Theory/Composition, *magna cum laude* – May, 2005
- The Lady Margaret Roper School at the College of St. Thomas More – May, 2001

Private Study

- Dr. Thomas Wells, The Ohio State University – Composition, 2008-2010
- Donald Harris, The Ohio State University – Composition, 2009
- Dr. Gregory Proctor, The Ohio State University – Music Theory, 2008-2010
- Dr. Ronald Hemmel, Westminster Choir College – Composition, 2006-2007
- Dr. Joel Phillips, Westminster Choir College – Composition, 2002-2006
- Dr. Jay Kawarsky, Westminster Choir College – Composition, 2003-2007
- John Parker – Composition, 2000-2002
- Dr. Michael Cox – Music Theory and Composition, 1998-2000

Work Experience

- Assistant Professor of Music – St. Norbert College, 2010-present
- Composer-in-Residence – Westminster Conducting Institute, 2010
- Editor – The Ohio State Online Music Journal, 2008-2010
- Teaching Associate – Music Theory, Aural Skills, and Composition, The Ohio State University, 2007-2010
- Manager – Electronic Music Center, Rider University, 2006-2007
- Information Technology Assistant – Rider University, 2005-2007
- Chorus Manager – Spoleto Festival USA, 2006 - 2007
- Music Theory and Keyboard Harmony Peer Tutor – Westminster Choir College, 2002-2006
- Music Director – Kindred Spirit: Princeton University, 2003
- Composer-in-Residence – Meadowbrook United Methodist Church, 2000-2001

Choral Experience

- Spoleto Festival USA Opera Chorus, 2004-2007
- Westminster Kantorei, Singer/Soloist, 2004-2007
- Westminster Choir, Section Leader, 2003-2007
- Westminster Symphonic Choir, 2003-2005
- Westminster Schola Cantorum, Section Leader, 2002-2003
- Fort Worth Opera Chorus, 2000

Awards

- Alumni Merit Award – Westminster Choir College, 2010
- Ars Nova “Composer of the Year,” 2009
- Chanticleer Composer Competition Winner, 2006-2007
- Hoke Church Music Composition Award – Westminster Choir College, 2003, 2006
- Dr. Carl F. Mueller Award – Westminster Choir College, 2005, 2006
- York Composition Award – Westminster Choir College, 2005, 2006
- Lynn Memorial Composition Award – Westminster Choir College, 2004, 2005, 2006
- Andrew J. Rider Scholar – Westminster Choir College, 2003
- George Bragg Founder’s Award – Texas Boys Choir, 1997 and 1998

Activities/Associations

- Society of Composers, incorporated, 2008-present
- Society for Music Theory, 2006-present
- American Society of Composers Authors and Publishers *ASCAP*, 1999-present
- American Choral Directors Association, 1999-present

Special Skills/Interests

Squash, Racquetball, Running, Golf, and Reading

Publisher

GIA Music – James Jordan, executive editor