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EDUCATION

Sam Houston State University

Huntsville, Texas

Fall 2016 – Current (Expected graduation is Spring 2018)

Current GPA: 4.0

Master of Music in Instrumental Conducting

Ball State University

Muncie, Indiana

Fall 2006 – Spring 2010

GPA: 3.418

Bachelor of Science in K-12 Instrumental and General Music Education

Primary Instrument: Saxophone

Secondary Instruments: Clarinet and Trombone

WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Conducting Associate – Fall 2016 - Current

Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX

Dr. Matthew McInturf – Director of Bands, Supervisor

- Guest conductor with the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band
- Conductor of the Concert Band
- Assistant instructor of the Bearkat Marching Band
- Director of the Angry Orange Basketball Band
- Lead and organize undergraduate conducting labs

Private Lesson Instructor and Marching Band Technician – Fall 2016 - Current

Willis Independent School District, Willis, TX

- Saxophone and clarinet private lesson and master class instructor at Willis High School, Lynn Lucas Middle School, and Brabham Middle School
- Marching and instrumental technician, Willis High School marching band

Director of Bands – Fall 2010 - Spring 2016

Basic Academy of International Studies – An IB World School, Clark County School District, Henderson, NV

David Bechtel, Principal & Supervisor

- Teaching responsibilities: Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble I, Jazz Ensemble II, Marching Band, percussion ensemble, color guard, beginning piano, music appreciation, and beginning guitar
- Extracurricular responsibilities: pep bands at basketball games; pit orchestra; student leadership program (auditions, drum major workshops, and leadership training); chamber music coordinator; winter drumline and color guard administration
- Administrative responsibilities: develop and manage band budget and inventory; serve on school-wide budget committee; implement ongoing recruitment strategies; as well as coordinate band staff, including: assistant director, band secretary, color guard staff, percussion staff, marching techs, and private lesson instructors

Student Teacher – Spring 2010

Lawrence Central High School, Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township, Indianapolis, IN

Randy Greenwell & Matthew James, Cooperating Teachers

- Teaching responsibilities I assisted with included: Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band I & II, Music Theory I, AP Music Theory, and IB Music

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LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- **Volunteer**, Conn-Selmer Institute (2012-2015, 2017)
- **Student Teaching Mentor and Supervisor**, University of Nevada-Las Vegas (2015)
- **Vice-President**, Southern Nevada Band Association (2014-2016)
- **Personnel Manager**, The Desert Winds, Las Vegas Contemporary Wind Ensemble (2013-2014)
- **Exhibits and Advertising Chair**, Nevada Music Educators Association (2011-2013)
- **President**, National Association for Music Education (NAfME), Ball State Collegiate Chapter (2009-2010)
- **Band Representative**, NAfME, Ball State Collegiate Chapter (2008-2009)
- **Vice-President**, National Band Association, Ball State Collegiate Chapter (2008-2009)

HONORS AND RECOGNITION

- Awarded full graduate assistant scholarship, Sam Houston State University – 2016-2018
- *School Band and Orchestra Magazine*, “50 Directors Who Make a Difference” – 2015
- Inducted in the Conn-Selmer Institute Hall of Fame – 2015
- Consistent Superior Ratings at all Concert, Jazz, and Marching Band Festivals
- Received the second highest score in the state of Nevada for marching band, Basic Academy – 2014
- Teacher of the Month, Basic Academy – April 2011
- Youngpeter Performing Arts Scholarship Recipient – 2006-2010
- E.H. Kilburn Academic Scholarship Recipient – 2006-2010
- Dean’s List (multiple semesters), Ball State University, 3.4 GPA

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- University of Illinois Conducting Symposium, Prof. Steven Davis & Dr. Stephen Peterson – Clinicians (2017)
- Louisiana State University Conducting Symposium, Prof. Jerry Junkin & Dr. Damon Talley – Clinicians (2017)
- Northwestern University Conducting Symposium, Dr. Mallory Thompson & Prof. Craig Kirchhoff – Clinicians (2015)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- College Band Directors National Association, Conn-Selmer Institute, Indiana Music Educators Association, The Midwest Clinic, Nevada Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, Texas Music Educators Association.

REFERENCES

- **Dr. Matthew McInturf** • Director of Bands, Sam Houston State University
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