

Education

- 2021 – 2024
(ABD 2024) Doctor of Musical Arts in Trumpet Performance
Cognate Area: Jazz Studies
University of Memphis
Memphis, Tennessee
- 2019 – 2021 Master of Music in Trumpet Performance
Arkansas State University
Jonesboro, Arkansas
- 2014 – 2019 Bachelor of Music Education
Stephen F. Austin State University
Nacogdoches, Texas

Collegiate Teaching Experience

- 2024 **Arkansas State University**
Adjunct Instructor of Trumpet
- Duties include teaching applied lessons, aiding in organizing Trumpet Studio class, teaching undergraduate pedagogy courses, adjudicating jury performances and ensemble auditions, performing in the faculty brass quintet, recruiting, administrative duties, and service as needed.
- 2021 – 2024 **University of Memphis**
Graduate Teaching Assistant
- Duties included teaching lessons to undergraduate students, organizing Trumpet Studio Class, adjudicating jury performances, performing in the Graduate Brass Quintet, residencies and recruiting at local high schools, and administrative duties as needed.*
- 2019 – 2021 **Arkansas State University**
Graduate Teaching Assistant
- Duties included teaching supplementary lessons to undergraduate students, adjudicating ensemble placement auditions and juries, organizing Trumpet Excerpt Class, providing bi-weekly warm up instruction, administration for online Music Appreciation course, establishing International Trumpet Guild-Astate Chapter, coaching trumpet ensembles.*

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Professional Positions

	Applied Trumpet Instruction	
2023 – (Current)	Hernando High School	Hernando, MS
2021 – (Current)	White Station High School,	Memphis, TN
2022 – 2023	Central High School	Memphis, TN
2022 – 2023	Lake Cormorant High School	Lake Cormorant, MS
2022 – 2024	Summer at the Scheidt Summer Music Camp	Memphis, TN
2021 – 2022	Memphis University Private Schools,	Memphis, TN
2021 – 2022	Bartlett Independent School District,	Memphis, TN
2019	Public School Educator	
	Pine Tree ISD- <i>Student Teaching Intern</i>	Longview, TX
	<i>Taught beginner trumpet and horn classes to 6th grade students, conducted Jr. High brass ensemble, Conducted High School jazz ensemble, taught private lessons, adjudicated chair placement auditions.</i>	
	Administrative Positions	
2023 – (Current)	Corinth Symphony Orchestra- <i>Assistant Personnel Manager</i>	Corinth, MS
2023 – (Current)	International Trumpet Guild- <i>Emerging Professionals Committee</i>	
	Orchestral Positions	
2019 – (Current)	Delta Symphony Orchestra- Principal Trumpet	Jonesboro, AR
2021 – (Current)	Corinth Symphony Orchestra- Principal Trumpet	Corinth, MS

Student Successes

2023	James Briscoe <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mississippi All State Band
2023	Hayden Seghini <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mississippi All State Band
2023	Thomas Smith <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mississippi All State Band
2022	Alyson Nunn <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mississippi All State Band- 1st ChairNational Trumpet Competition- Solo Division Quarter-Finalist (2023)Admitted to University of Mississippi on full scholarship
2022	Owen Kearney <ul style="list-style-type: none">Admitted to PRIZM Summer Music Festival (2022-2024)ITG Youth Division Competition Semi-Finalist (2024)
2019	Gage Ellis <ul style="list-style-type: none">Admitted to Arizona State University

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Publications

2024 Versatility in Action: An Interview with William Leathers
International Trumpet Guild Journal, March 2024

Notable Performances and Presentations

Recitals

2023 *Home-age: A Dedication to my Roots*
Longview, Texas

2023 *Modern Standards: A New Music Recital*
University of Memphis

2022 *DMA Recital No. 1*
University of Memphis

2021 *Masters Degree Recital*
Arkansas State University

2018 *Senior Recital*
Stephen F. Austin State University

2017 *Junior Recital*
Stephen F. Austin State University

Notable Performances

2024 **International Trumpet Guild- Prelude Ensemble**
Connor Johnson, Spitballin'- World Premier

2024 **International Trumpet Guild- New Works Recital**
John Mietus, Seraphim (robot with a human face)

2024 **White Station High School Wind Ensemble**
Stanley Friedman, Classical Trumpet Concerto- Featured Soloist

2024 **Memphis Symphony Orchestra**
Leos Janacek, Sinfonietta

2024 **Arkansas Symphony Orchestra**
"Shes Got Soul"- Second Trumpet

2023 **Arkansas Symphony Orchestra**
Arkansas Bandmasters Conference

2023 **Arkansas Symphony Orchestra**
4th of July Pops- Assistant Principal

2023 **Memphis Symphony Orchestra**
Giuseppe Verdi, Requiem

2023 **University of Memphis Wind Ensemble**
Erik Morales, Concerto for Two Trumpets -Featured Soloist

2022 **Memphis Symphony Orchestra**
Gustav Mahler, Symphony no. 1

2022 **Delta Symphony Orchestra**
Leroy Anderson, Bugler's Holiday- Featured Soloist

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2022 **Cancer Blows (Memphis, TN)**

Invited Musician

2022 **Snowmelt | Sunbeam- Connor Johnson**

Consortium Premier Performance

Masterclasses

2024 **University of Central Arkansas**

Getting the Call: An Introductory Guide to a New Freelancing Environment

2024 **Southeastern Missouri State University**

Getting the Call: An Introductory Guide to a New Freelancing Environment

2023 **Summer at the Scheidt**

Daily high brass masterclasses for the week-long festival

2023 **University of Texas at Tyler**

Getting the Call: An Introductory Guide to a New Freelancing Environment

2023 **Arkansas State University**

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2022 **University of Memphis**

All-West Workshop

Other Performing Experience

2023 – Present Arkansas Symphony Orchestra (Little Rock, AR) Substitute Trumpet

2021 – Present Memphis Symphony Orchestra (Memphis, TN) Substitute Trumpet

2021 – Present Playhouse on the Square (Memphis, TN) Substitute Trumpet

2021 – Present Bluff City Brass Quintet (Memphis, TN)

2021 – Present Memphis Jazz Orchestra (Memphis, TN) Substitute Lead Trumpet

2022 Theatre Memphis *Guys and Dolls* (Memphis, TN) Principal Trumpet

2019 – 2021 Jazz Writers Big Band (Jonesboro, AR) Lead Trumpet

2013 – 2019 East Texas Symphonic Band (Longview, TX) Second Trumpet

Honors and Accolades

2024 **Mid-Atlantic Jazz Festival**

- Performed as Lead Trumpet with the headlining ensemble Southern Comfort Jazz Orchestra

2024 **College Band Directors National Association Southern Division Conference**

- Performed as Principal Trumpet headlining with the University of Memphis Wind Ensemble

2023 **National Brass Quintet Competition**

- Performed in the final round of the National Brass Quintet Competition with Bluff City Brass

2023 **International Trumpet Guild Conference Competition**

- Performed in the Semi-Final round of the International Trumpet Guild Chamber Music Competition with Bluff City Brass

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- 2023 **Chosen Vale Invitational Summer Trumpet Institute**
 - Attended Summer 2023
- 2023 **University of Kentucky Summer Trumpet Institute**
 - Attended Summer 2023
- 2022 **University of Memphis Concerto Competition**
 - First Place Winner, Invited to perform with University of Memphis Wind Ensemble
- 2022 **College Band Directors National Association Southern Division Conference**
 - Performed as member of the University of Memphis Chamber Wind Ensemble (Columbia, SC)
- 2020 **Chosen Vale Summer Trumpet Seminar**
 - Event Cancelled
- 2020 **International Trumpet Guild, Affiliate Chapter Recital**
 - A-State Trumpet Guild invited to perform at the International Trumpet Guild Conference in Columbus, OH
 - Event Canceled
- 2020 **Chautauqua Summer Orchestral Festival**
 - Trumpet Substitute List
 - Event Canceled
- 2020 **College Band Directors National Association Southwestern Division Conference**
 - Performed as member of the Arkansas State University Wind Ensemble (Norman, OK)
- 2018 **National Trumpet Competition**
 - Performed in the Semi-Final Round of the National Trumpet Competition Ensemble Division with Stephen F. Austin State University Trumpet Ensemble

Service and Affiliations

West Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association

- Adjudicate All-West Auditions

Bluff City Brass

- Educational Concert at University of Memphis Middle School
- Residency at White Station High School
- Recruiting Concert at Collierville High School
- Outreach Visit at Hope House Memphis
- Outreach Visit at Germantown High School
- Outreach Visit at Houston High School

Mississippi Bandmasters Association

- Adjunct Band Director- Desoto County
- Adjudicated Mississippi Solo & Ensemble Competition
- Adjudicated 2023-2024 Mississippi All-State Trumpet Auditions

International Trumpet Guild

- Pre-Professional Committee - Co-Chair (2023-Present)

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Event Organizer: Pre-Professional Social

- Student Activities Committee - Chair (2022- 2023)
- Event Supervisor: High School Coaching Sessions (2022)
- Event Host: National Conference Virtual Student Meet and Greet (2021)
- Founder and Former President of A-State Affiliate Chapter

Delta Symphony Orchestra

- Perform as Principal Trumpet
- Record instrumental education videos
- Chair Trumpet Audition Committees
- Adjudicate other brass auditions

Memphis Youth Symphony Orchestra

- Adjudicate trumpet auditions
- Coach Trumpet Sectionals
- Coach Brass Chamber Groups
- Rehearse and perform as necessary in students absence.

A-State Trumpet Talk

- Cohost (2020-2021)
- Helped organize a masterclass series of over 40 guest artists.
- Administrative work including scheduling, advertisement, and funding.

Texas Music Educators Association

- Member 2014-2020

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity

- Alumni Relations Officer (2017-2019)
- Assistant Fraternal Education Officer (2016-2017)
- Treasurer (2015-2016)

Scholarships, Grants and Awards

2024	Performance Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received a Grant totaling \$2000 to perform in the International Trumpet Guild New Works Recital in Anaheim, CA
2023	Performance Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received a Grant totaling \$4544.53 to perform in the International Trumpet Guild Chamber Music Competition in Minneapolis, MN with Bluff City Brass.
2023	Performance Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received a Grant totaling \$1882.36 to perform in the inaugural National Brass Quintet Competition in San Marcos, TX with Bluff City Brass.
2022	International Trumpet Guild Scholarship Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winner of the Pickett Mouthpieces and Blackburn Trumpets Scholarship to attend the 2022 International Trumpet Guild Conference in San Antonio, TX totaling \$580.
2022	Research Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awarded \$1100 between the Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music and Graduate Student Activities Committee to attend the 2022 International Trumpet Guild Conference in San Antonio, TX.
2021	International Trumpet Guild Affiliate Chapter Activity Grant

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- Received a grant in the amount of \$550 to help finance guest artists appearances during the A-State Trumpet Talk Series.

Trumpet Instructors

2021-2024	David Spencer- University of Memphis
2020-2021	Nairam Simoes- Arkansas State University
2019-2020	Christopher Wilson- Pittsburgh Opera
2017-2019	Jacob Walburn- Stephen F. Austin State University
2016-2017	Stephen Campbell- Lexington Philharmonic
2014-2015	Gary Wurtz- Stephen F. Austin State University