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**EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Education**

**Music Education**

**Minor: Wind Conducting**

University of Georgia; Athens, GA

**Master of Arts**

**Music Education**

Coastal Carolina University; Conway, South Carolina

**Bachelor of Arts**

**Music**

Coastal Carolina University; Conway, South Carolina

**COLLEGIATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Director of Bands/Assistant Professor of Music**  **2017 - Present**

**California State University, San Bernardino**

**San Bernardino, California**

* Conduct the Symphonic Band
* Conduct the Chamber Winds
* Teach courses pertaining to the Music and Music Education major
* Recruit and retain students
* Write proposals, grants, and other reports as necessary for the program.
* Hold primary administrative responsibilities in the following areas: Inventory control, Performance logistics, and Budgeting.
* Advise students
* Serve on University Committees

**Director of Instrumental Music/Associate Professor** **2013 - 2017**

**University of Dubuque**

**Dubuque, Iowa**

* Conduct the Wind Ensemble
* Coach the Chamber Winds
* Conduct the Jazz Ensemble
* Oversee the Instrumental Music Program
* Teach courses pertaining to the major
* Recruit and retain students
* Write proposals, grants, and other reports as necessary for the program.
* Hold primary administrative responsibilities in the following areas: Inventory control, Performance logistics, and Budgeting.
* Advise students
* Serve on University Committees

**Assistant Director of Bands/Instructor 2009 - 2013**

**Savannah State University**

**Savannah, Georgia**

* Co-Directed the “Coastal Empire Sound Explosion Marching Band”; write drill and arrangements
* Conducted the Concert Band
* Directed the Basketball Pep Band
* Served as band liaison for athletic band events with the athletic department
* Assisted in the development and coordination of a Summer Band Camp for High School students
* Wrote proposals, grants, and other reports as necessary for the program.
* Held significant administrative responsibilities in the following areas: Inventory control, Performance logistics, and budgeting.
* Recruit and retain students
* Served as faculty advisor to Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma
* Successfully planned and executed an Annual Band Recruitment Day and Honor Band Invitational

**Graduate Teaching Assistant 2008-2009**

**Coastal Carolina University**

**Conway, South Carolina**

* Assisted with Rehearsals, Field Technique, and Drill Instruction for the “Spirit of the Chanticleer” Marching Band
* Served as student conductor for Symphonic Band
* Served as band liaison for athletic events
* Coordinated logistics for trips, athletic events, and rehearsals
* Coordinated personnel data, instrument inventory, maintenance, and uniform storage for the University Band program
* Served as a performer for the Coastal Winds, and other performance ensembles as needed.
* Managed the schedules of undergraduate work study students for the University Band program.
* Planned, coordinated, and executed “Spirit Saturday”, a high school band recruitment day for CCU.
* Assisted with the development of the CCU Honor Band Invitational and Summer Music Academy.
* Organized documentation concerning High School Recruitment for the band program.

**OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Founding Conductor and Artistic Director 2014 - Present**

**Julien Winds**

**Dubuque, Iowa**

* Program musical selections for concert performances
* Coordinate equipment and rehearsal facilities
* Coordinate the incorporation of the ensemble for non-profit organization status

**Clinics and Festival Organization**

Organizer SBCMEA SOLOFEST – Cal State San Bernardino March 2018

Organizer Cal State Honor Band Festival – Cal State San Bernardino March 2018

Organizer Adrian Honor Band Festival – University of Dubuque February 2016

Organizer Adrian Honor Band Festival – University of Dubuque February 2015

Co-Organizer Summer Music Camp - Savannah State University (120 students) June 2013

Organizer Art of Conducting Symposium - Savannah State University April 2013

Organizer Honor Band Invitational - Savannah State University (95 students) February 2013

Organizer Annual Band Day – Savannah State University (500 students) November 2012

Co-Organizer Summer Music Camp - Savannah State University (110 students) June 2012

Organizer Honor Band Invitational - Savannah State University (70 students) February 2012

Organizer Annual Band Day – Savannah State University (240 students) November 2011

Co-Organizer Summer Music Camp – Savannah State University (70 students) June 2011

Organizer Honor Band Invitational - Savannah State University (45 students) February 2011

Organizer Annual Band Day – Savannah State University (120 students) November 2010

Co-Organizer “Fiestaval” Music Group Festival - Socastee High School (1000 students) March 2009

Co-Organizer District V Region Honor Band - Socastee High School (500 students) February 2009

Co-Organizer Honor Band Invitational – Coastal Carolina University (100 students) January 2009

**Clinician/Guest Conducting/Adjudication**

Clinician San Gorgonio High School; San Bernardino, CA April 2018

Clinician Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma Southwest Convention; Brownwood, TX April 2018

Clinician Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma Northcentral Convention; Normal, IL April 2018

Clinician Yucaipa High School; Yucaipa, CA March 2018

Clinician Redlands East Valley High School; Mentone, CA March 2018

Conductor Colton Unified School District Honor Band; Colton, CA March 2018

Adjudicator SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment (invited) March 2018

Clinician Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma Northeast Convention; Blacksburg, VA March 2018

Adjudicator Citrus Valley High School Pre-Festival; Mentone, CA February 2018

Conductor Baker University High School Honor Band; Baldwin City, KS February 2018

Conductor High Desert Region Honor Band; Hesperia, CA February 2018

Clinician Redlands East Valley High School; Redlands, CA October 2017

Clinician Benton High School; Benton, WI April 2017

Clinician Kappa Kappa Psi Southwest District Convention; Stillwater, OK March 2017

Conductor Loras College; Dubuque, IA March 2017

Clinician Academy of Richmond County High School; Augusta, GA March 2017

Clinician Kappa Kappa Psi District Leadership Conference; Nashville, TN February 2017

Clinician Berkmar High School; Lilburn, GA February 2017

Conductor Iowa Regional Honor Band (WaMaC); Peosta, IA November 2016

Conductor Tri-State Wind Symphony; Dubuque, IA July 2016

Adjudicator University of Wisconsin; Platteville; Platteville, WI May 2016

Clinician Stockton High School; Stockton, IL April 2016

Conductor Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma Southeast District Reading Band April 2016

Conductor Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma Western District Reading Band April 2016

Conductor Loras College; Dubuque, IA March 2016

Clinician Morehouse College; Atlanta, GA  March 2016

Clinician Berkmar High School; Lilburn, GA  February 2016

Clinician Roosevelt Middle School; Dubuque, IA  January 2016

Conductor Clarke University; Dubuque, IA November 2015

Conductor Tri-State Wind Symphony; Dubuque, IA July 2015

Conductor Dubuque County Schools Honor Band; Dubuque, IA April 2015

Clinician Stephen Hempstead High School; Dubuque, IA April 2015

Clinician Dubuque Senior High School; Dubuque, IA April 2015

Conductor Six River West Senior Honor Band; Highland, WI March 2015

Conductor Dallas Brass *feat. UD Wind Ensemble*; Dubuque, IA February 2015

Conductor Beaufort All-County Honor Band; Beaufort, SC  February 2015

Adjudicator Chamblee High School; Chamblee, GA January 2015

Clinician Morehouse College; Atlanta, GA  January 2015

Conductor Coastal Carolina University; Conway, SC (*invited*)  December 2014

Conductor Clarke University; Dubuque, IA November 2014

Clinician Western Dubuque High School; Peosta, IA April 2014

Clinician Roosevelt Middle School; Dubuque, IA April 2014

Conductor Loras College; Dubuque, IA March 2014

Clinician Stephen Hempstead High School; Dubuque, IA January 2014

Conductor Clarke University; Dubuque, IA November 2013

Adjudicator Dillon High School; Dillon, SC  October 2013

Clinician Beaufort High School; Beaufort, SC March 2013

Conductor Dillon County Honor Band; Dillon, SC March 2013

Conductor University of Georgia; Athens, GA February 2013

Adjudicator Tri-Cities High School; East Point, GA February 2013

Clinician Westside High School; Augusta, GA February 2013

Clinician Academy of Richmond County; Augusta, GA February 2013

Clinician Clarke Central High School; Athens, GA November 2012

Clinician Myers Middle School; Savannah, GA November 2012

Adjudicator Marlboro County High School; Bennettsville, SC October 2012

Clinician Beaufort High School; Beaufort, SC July 2012

Clinician Westside High School; Augusta, GA July 2012

Clinician Groves High School; Savannah, GA March 2012

Adjudicator Whale Branch High School; Beaufort, SC March 2012

Adjudicator Myers Middle School; Savannah, GA February 2012

Clinician Ridgeland High School; Ridgeland, SC October 2011

Conductor Clark Atlanta University; Atlanta, GA April 2011

Clinician Centennial High School; Elliott City, MD March 2010

Clinician Fairview High School; Fairview, PA March 2010

**Writings/Publications/Presentations**

Bratcher, N. (Lecturer) (2019, January 9-12). Get Some R&R: Rehearsal and Repertoire for the Beginning Band Conductor. *New Mexico Music Educators Association Conference*. Lecture conducted from Santa Fe. (Confirmed)

Bratcher, N. (Lecturer) (2018, January 24-27). Get Some R&R: Rehearsal and Repertoire for the Beginning Band Conductor. *Illinois Music Educators Association Conference*. Lecture conducted from Peoria.

Bratcher, N. (Contributor) (2017, September). Review of *Music Education as Critical Theory and Practice* by Lucy Green. *Music Educators Journal*. Fall Issue.

Bratcher, N. (Lecturer) (2017, April 1-2). Musical Experience after College. *Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma Midwestern District Convention.* Lecture conducted from Ames.

Bratcher, N. (Lecturer) (2016, November 21). Get Some R&R: Rehearsal and Repertoire for the Beginning Band Conductor. *Louisiana Music Educators Association Conference*. Lecture conducted from Baton Rouge.

Bratcher, N. (Lecturer) (2016, November 18-19). Get Some R&R: Rehearsal and Repertoire for the Beginning Band Conductor. *Iowa Music Educators Association Conference*. Lecture conducted from Ames.

Bratcher, N. (Lecturer) (2016, June 2-4). It’s All Greek to Me: Fraternal Music Organizations and Their Impact on Student Leadership in College Bands (*Juried Selection)*. *College Band Directors National Association Athletic Band Symposium*. Lecture conducted from Minneapolis.

Bratcher, N. (Lecturer) (2016, April 8-9). Small College Chapter Issues and Ways to Overcome Them. *Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma Western District Convention.* Lecture conducted from Seattle.

Bratcher, N. (Lecturer) (2016, April 2-3). Musical Experience after College. *Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma Southeastern District Convention.* Lecture conducted from Auburn.

Bratcher, N. (Lecturer) (2016, March 11). Get Some R&R: Rehearsal and Repertoire for the Beginning Band Conductor. *Massachusetts Music Educators Association Conference*. Lecture conducted from Boston.

Bratcher, N. (Research Author) (2015, December). “New Musical Express” by Mary Lou Williams. *Teaching Music through Performance in Jazz Volume 2*.

Bratcher, N. (Lecturer) (2015, July 28). Musical Experience after College. *Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma National Convention.* Lecture conducted from Lexington.

Bratcher, N. (Lecturer) (2014, November 22). Get Some R&R: Rehearsal and Repertoire for the Beginning Band Conductor. *Iowa Music Educators Association Conference*. Lecture conducted from Ames.

Bratcher, N. (Lecturer) (2013, April 8). Technological Resources for the Band Conductor. *Art of Conducting Workshop*. Lecture conducted from Savannah.

Bratcher, N. "Music at the School by the Sea: Savannah State University." *Georgia Music News*. 73.2 (2012): 77-78. Print.

**Travel Organization**

Organizer Julien Winds Carnegie Hall Performance Tour; New York *(scheduled)* June 2018

Organizer UD Chamber Winds/Jazz Ensemble Tour; SC/GA; University of Dubuque May 2017

Organizer Wind Ensemble Performance Tour; Georgia; Savannah State April 2014

Organizer Pep Band Basketball Tournament; Norfolk, VA; Savannah State March 2014

Co-Organizer Wind Ensemble Performance Tour; SC/GA; Savannah State April 2013

Organizer Pep Band Basketball Tournament; Winston-Salem, NC; Savannah State March 2013

**Commissioned Works/Recordings/Performances**

Schoenberg, Adam. “California Wind Band Commission” (Consortium) March 2018

Sylar, James. “Silent Shadows.” Cal State San Bernardino Symphonic Band (Consortium) November 2017

Rose, Onsby. “Heroes”. Cal State San Bernardino Symphonic Band (Consortium) October 2017

Gordon, Geoffrey. “Rocks”. Julien Winds (Consortium) April 2017

O’Dell, Adam. “On the Nature of Revolutions”. University of Dubuque (World Premiere) April 2017

Dunker, Amy. “Julien’s Dream”. Julien Winds (World Premiere) November 2016

Boysen, Andrew. “Whispering of Fields Unsown”. University of Dubuque (Consortium) October 2016

Garner, Lucas. “Mjonir”. University of Dubuque (Midwestern Premiere) April 2016

Syler, James. “Hymn for Emmanuel”. University of Dubuque (Midwestern Premiere) February 2016

Dunker, Amy. “Elegy for Chamber Winds”. Julien Chamber Winds (World Premiere) November 2015

Bratcher, Nicholas (arranger) “UD Fight Song”. *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon Show*  September 2013

Colgrass, Michael. “Phantom Moon”. Savannah State University (Consortium) May 2013

Huggins, Vernon. “For Whom the Bells Toll”. Savannah State University (World Premiere) May 2012

**Musical Theatre Experience**

Conductor “James and the Giant Peach” - University of Dubuque; Dubuque, IA April 2017

Musician “She Loves Me” – Grand Opera Theatre; Dubuque, IA February 2017

Musician “Carousel” – Grand Opera Theatre; Dubuque, IA June 2016

Conductor “Memphis” – University of Dubuque; Dubuque, IA  November 2015

Conductor “Pippin” – University of Dubuque; Dubuque, IA  May 2015

Musician “The Producers” – Grand Opera Theatre; Dubuque, IA July 2014

Musician “Oliver” – Grand Opera Theatre; Dubuque, IA June 2014

Conductor “Pirates of Penzance” – University of Dubuque; Dubuque, IA May 2014

Musician “Company” – Coastal Carolina University; Conway, SC March 2008

Musician “Sweet Charity” – Coastal Carolina University; Conway, SC November 2007

**Grant Activities**

**Summer Research Fellowship Grant - $3,000.00** March 2018

* Supported faculty research and creative projects. Grant is awarded through the CSUSB Office of Research and supports Dr. Bratcher traveling to London to research the works of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor in order to create a wind transcription for performance.

**Faculty Assigned Time Grant - $4,600.00** November 2017

* Supported faculty and student research and creative projects. Grant is awarded through the CSUSB Office of Student Research and supported two CSUSB students performing with the Julien Winds at Carnegie Hall in June 2018.

**Teaching Resource Center Faculty Mini-Grant - $975.00** October 2017

* Supported faculty professional development. Grant provided through California State University San Bernardino.

**University of Dubuque Course Development Grant - $1000.00** August 2014

* Development for a Chamber Winds course for instrumental music students at the University of Dubuque.
* Grant allowed for purchasing of literature needed for chamber performance and masterclasses from outside artists throughout the academic year.

**Conn-Selmer School Project - $199,400.74** August2013

* Developed a relationship between Conn-Selmer and University of Dubuque to acquire wind instruments and a full concert percussion line for 40% less than the manufacturer retail price through “in-kind” grants.
* Students and faculty are endorsed as Conn-Selmer scholars, artists, and clinicians for different educational functions.

**Enterprise Rent-A-Car Grant - $2,500.00** June 2013

* Supporting the Summer High School/Middle School Summer Band Camp at Savannah State University.

**John and Mary Franklin Foundation - $8,000.00** June 2013

* Supporting the Summer High School/Middle School Summer Band Camp at Savannah State University.

**Hodge Foundation - $5,000.00** June 2011

* Supporting the Summer High School/Middle School Summer Band Camp at Savannah State University.

**John and Mary Franklin Foundation - $5,000.00** June 2011

* Spearheaded the 1st Summer High School/Middle School Summer Band Camp at Savannah State University.

**Conn-Selmer School Project - $209,944.26** August2010

* Developed a relationship between Conn-Selmer and Savannah State University to acquire 120 wind instruments and a full concert percussion line for 40% less than the manufacturer retail price through “in-kind” grants.
* Students and faculty are endorsed as Conn-Selmer scholars, artists, and clinicians for different educational functions.

**Scholarly Activities and Interests**

* Music Education
* The Application of Movement in Conducting
* The Effects of Music Education on At-risk youth in urban areas
* Fraternal Music Organizations and Their Impact in Band Student Leadership

**Courses Taught**

* Wind Ensemble
* Basic Conducting
* Advanced Wind Conducting
* Wind Band Literature
* Applied Clarinet
* Instrumental Music Methods I&II
* Introduction to Music Education
* Marching Band
* Chamber Winds
* Jazz Ensemble
* Music History and Literature I&II
* History of African-American Music
* Evolution of Popular Music
* History of Jazz

**Professional Affiliations**

* College Band Directors National Association
* Conductors Guild
* National Association for Music Educators (NAfME)
* Minority Band Directors National Association
* World Association for Symphonic Band Ensembles
* Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity, Inc.
	+ National Vice President for Programs (2017 – Present)
	+ Music Director – National Alumni Association Board of Directors (2015-2017)
* Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority, Inc. *(Honorary)*
* Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Music Fraternity, Incorporated
* San Bernardino County Music Educators Association
* California Music Educators Association

**Professional Development**

* College Band Directors National Association
* Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic
* University of Texas at Austin – Conductors Symposium
* University of Michigan Conductors Clinic
* Iowa Music Educators Association Conference
* Illinois Music Educators Association Conference
* Georgia Music Educators Association Conference
* Massachusetts Music Educators Association Conference