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EDUCATION

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

D.M. in Organ Performance

2010

Organ Instructor: Dr. Larry Smith

Dissertation: "A Messenger of God among Us: A Theological Analysis of Messiaen's *La Nativité du Seigneur*"

Emory University, Atlanta, GA

M.M. in Organ Performance

2006

Organ Instructor: Dr. Timothy Albrecht

Thesis: "A Theological Narrative of Olivier Messiaen's 'Dieu parmi nous'"

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN

B.M. in Organ Performance; B.A. in English

2004

Organ Instructor: Dr. Lorraine Brugh

Piano Instructor: Dr. Joseph Bognar

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, OK

Professor of Music, Wanda L. Bass Chair of Organ, Chapel Choir Director, Keyboard Area Head

2010-present

Graduate Coordinator

2016-present

Courses: Graduate Keyboard Skills, Sacred and Profane: The Intersection of Art and Religion, History of Worship, Music Fundamentals, Hymnology, Organ Literature, Graduate Music History Review, Applied graduate and undergraduate organ lessons

St. Paul School of Theology, Oklahoma City, OK

Adjunct Instructor

2016-2024

Courses: Global Worship Music, Music in Worship

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN

Adjunct Instructor of Organ

2014-2015

Courses: Applied undergraduate organ lessons, studio classes, organ colloquium

Midwest School of Music, Indianapolis, IN

Instructor of Piano and Organ

2008 - 2009

Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Interim University Organist, Instructor of Music

2008

Courses: Organ Literature, applied graduate organ lessons

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Associate Instructor in Church Music and Organ

2006 - 2008

Courses (Instructor of Record): Church Music I, Church Music III, Keyboard Skills, Applied graduate and undergraduate piano and organ lessons

Associate Instructor in Class Piano

2006 - 2008

Courses (Instructor of Record): Class Piano I, Class Piano II

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Guild of Organists (Oklahoma City Chapter)
Organ Historical Society
Guild of Carillonneurs in North America
Sigma Alpha Iota (International Music Fraternity)
Alpha Lambda Delta (National Academic Honor Society)
Pi Kappa Lambda (National Music Honor Society)
Sigma Tau Delta (International English Honor Society)

PUBLICATIONS

Unnerved: The Performer's Guide to Managing Anxiety 2026
[Bloomsbury Academic Press (January, 2026)]

"Opaline Reflections: A Theological Reading of Messiaen's 'La Vierge et l'Enfant'" 2016
[Published in *The American Organist* (December)]

"God Among Us: A Theological Reading of Messiaen's 'Dieu parmi nous'" 2013
[Published in *The American Organist* (December)]

"The Ten Commandments of Introducing New Worship Music" 2013
[Online Publication for Augsburg Fortress Press (February)]

"*Cantad al Señor*: Introducing Latin American Hymnody" 2013
[Online Publication for Augsburg Fortress Press (March)]

"Sound the Bamboo: Introducing Asian Hymnody" 2013
[Online Publication for Augsburg Fortress Press (April)]

"Marching in the Light of God: Introducing African Hymnody" 2013
[Online Publication for Augsburg Fortress Press (May)]

"A Messenger of God among Us: A Theological Analysis of Olivier Messiaen's *La Nativité du Seigneur*" 2010
[Dissertation, Indiana University-Bloomington]

PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

"Hidden Images in Music" 2025
[Lecture, "Divine Echoes: Art, Music, and the Mystery of Faith" Series at Westminster Pres., OKC]

"Innovative Programming: Fresh Repertoire for Concert and Worship" 2025
[Workshop Presentation, American Guild of Organists, Southwest Regional Convention, Dallas, TX]

"*Alternatim Praxis*: The Liturgical Art of Taking Turns" 2022
[Workshop Presentation, Liturgical Institute, Valparaiso, IN]

"Musical Symbolism in Bach's *Orgelbüchlein*" 2020
[Lecture, St. Paul's Cathedral, OKC, OK]

"God Among Us: A Theological Narrative of Messiaen's *La Nativité*" 2014
[Paper Presentation, National Convention of the American Guild of Organists, Boston, MA]

"Musical Allies: Liturgical Arts and the Community" 2014
[Workshop Presentation, Liturgical Arts Institute, Valparaiso University, IN]

PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

“Practice, Performance Anxiety, and the Psychology of Performing” [Lecture, Valparaiso University Organ Colloquium, Valparaiso University, IN]	2014
“ENLIVEN WORSHIP: An Interactive Workshop on Energizing Worship and Music” [Presentation and Workshop, United Methodist Stillwater Conference, Stillwater, OK]	2014
“ENLIVEN WORSHIP: An Interactive Workshop on Energizing Worship and Music” [Presentation and Workshop, United Methodist Tulsa Conference, Tulsa, OK]	2014
“The King of Instruments: Showcasing the Colors of the Organ” [Lecture Recital, Seton Hill University, Greensburg, PA]	2012
“Preparing for the Unexpected: Songs of Peace, Joy, and Sorrow” [Lecture, Weatherford, OK]	2011
“The Kings of the King of Instruments: Exploring the Lives and Times of the Great Organ Composers” [Lecture and Masterclass, Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, WI]	2011
“The Masterworks of the Masters: What Makes Great Organ Literature Great?” [Presentation, Oklahoma City Chapter, American Guild of Organists]	2011

PERFORMANCES (SELECTED)

Artist in Residence, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City, OK	2011-present
Oklahoma City University Christmas Vespers & Choral Concerts	2010-present
Oklahoma City University Faculty Recital (Complete <i>Klavierübung III</i>), OKC	2025
St. Marcus Concert Series Solo Recital, Milwaukee, WI	2025
Organ Historical Society National Convention Solo Recital, Madison, WI	2025
Our Lady’s of Perpetual Help Guest Artist Recital, Oklahoma City, OK	2026, 2024
Featured Recitalist - Southwest Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists, Tulsa, OK	2023
Oklahoma City University Faculty Recital	2023
Liturgical Institute Opening Worship Organist, Valparaiso, IN	2022
Pinnacle Presbyterian Church Guest Recital Series (“Hymns and Spiritual Songs”), Scottsdale, AZ	2022
Tulsa American Guild of Organists Recital, Tulsa, OKC	2021
St. Paul’s Cathedral Guest Recital, OKC, OK	2020
New Compositions for Organ Recital, OCU	2020
Lecture Recital on “Messiaen as Theologian,” St. Paul’s School of Theology, OKC	2019
Reformation Hymn Festival, Westminster Presbyterian Church, OKC	2018
Good Friday Concert, Central Presbyterian Church, OKC	2018
K. Lee Scott <i>Requiem</i> , Westminster Presbyterian Church, OKC	2018
Organ Concerto Concert (Paulus <i>Grand Organ Concerto</i>), Oklahoma City University, OK	2018
Bishop Angie W. Smith Chapel 50 th Anniversary Rededication, OCU	2018
American Guild of Organists Exchange Recital, Tulsa, OK	2017
Kemp Series 4x4 Organ Recital, First Presbyterian Church, OKC	2017
Guest Recital, St. Thomas More, Norman, OK	2017
Lenten Recital, St. Francis of Assisi, OKC	2017
Brightmusic “Brahms and Bach” concerts, OKC	2017
St. Paul’s Cathedral Guest Artist Recital, Oklahoma City, OK	2016
Organ and Saxophone Premieres Recital, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX	2016
Oklahoma Master Choir Concert Organist (Durufé <i>Requiem</i>), Norman, OK	2016
Organ Dedication Concert, Chelsea First United Methodist Church, Chelsea, MI	2015
Valparaiso University Guest Artist Recital and Lecture, Valparaiso, IN	2014
St. Paul’s Cathedral Organ Recital Series, Oklahoma City, OK	2014

PERFORMANCES (CONTINUED)

Organ Concerto Concert with OCU Symphony (Barber "Toccata Festiva"), Oklahoma City, OK	2014
Liturgical Institute Opening Convocation Organist, Valparaiso, IN	2014
Pipe Organ Encounter Faculty Recital, Indianapolis, IN	2014
Emory University Guest Artist Recital and Masterclass, Atlanta, GA	2013
Oklahoma City University Distinguished Artists Recital, Oklahoma City, OK	2013
Emory University Guest Artist Recital and Masterclass, Atlanta, GA	2013
Northern Iowa University Organ Master Series Recital and Masterclass, Cedar Falls, IA	2013
Southern Plains American Guild of Organists Hymn Sing, Norman, OK	2013
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral Recital Series, Oklahoma City, OK	2012
Westminster Presbyterian Heritage Organ Series, Oklahoma City, OK	2012
Westminster Presbyterian "Night at the Opera" Concert, Oklahoma City, OK	2012
Seton Hill University Guest Artist Scholarship Series Recital, Greensburg, PA	2012
Ladies Music Club of Oklahoma Guest Artist Recital, Oklahoma City, OK	2012
Canterbury Christmas at Civic Center Concert Hall, Oklahoma City, OK	2011
Oklahoma City University Distinguished Artists Series Recital, Oklahoma City, OK	2011
Wisconsin Lutheran College Guest Artist Series Recital and Masterclass, Milwaukee, WI	2011
First Presbyterian Organ Rededication Concert, Weatherford, OK	2011
Midday Music Concerts, United Methodist Annual Conference, Oklahoma City, OK	2011
Valparaiso University Alumni Organ Recital, Valparaiso, IN	2010

OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES (SELECTED)

Member, Wanda L. Bass Schools of Music & Theater Dean Search (2025)	
Member, Wanda L. Bass School of Music Promotion and Tenure Committee (2021-2025)	
Chair, Violin Faculty Search (2025)	
Member, Music Librarian Faculty Search (2024)	
Member, Director of Choral Activities Faculty Search (2023)	
Member, OCU Presidential Committee for Strategic Planning (2023)	
Member, OCU Strategic Planning Task Force (2023)	
Member, Musicology Faculty Search (2022)	
Contributing Writer, NASM Reports (2022)	
Wanda L. Bass School of Music Instrumental Program Review (2018)	
Member, Graduate Council (2016-2022)	
Chair, Musicology Faculty Search (2017)	
Member, General Education Committee (2013-2014)	
Member, Faculty Scholarship Committee (2010-2014)	
Member, Chapel Worship Team (2010-2015)	
Organist, Faculty/Staff Memorial Services at the Bishop W. Angie Smith Chapel (2010-present)	
Organist, Kramer School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony, St. Luke's United Methodist Church (2011-present)	
Organist, Opening Convocation, St. Paul's School of Theology (2010-present)	
Promotion, KCSC Radio Spots (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2018)	
Promotion, <i>Oklavision</i> , <i>The Oklahoman</i> , <i>Weatherford Daily News</i> , and <i>The American Organist</i> (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013)	
Organist, Gateway Induction Ceremony, Kramer School of Nursing (2012, 2013, 2015, 2016)	
Organist/Organizer, OCU Easter Vigil Celebration, Bishop W. Angie Smith Chapel (2011, 2012, 2013)	
Organizer, OCU Annual High School Organ Competition (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)	
Organizer/Performer, Halloween Spooktacular Concert, Bishop Angie W. Smith Chapel (2011, 2012, 2013)	
Organist, Commencement Vespers Ceremony, School of Religion (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016)	
Organist, OCU Presidential Inauguration, St. Luke's United Methodist Church (2011)	
Presenter, Project 21 Composers' Forum (2010, 2011, 2016, 2021)	
Recruitment, Region VII Convention of the American Guild of Organists (2011)	
Member, OCU Photo Assessment Team (2010, 2012)	
Member, Assessment Report Readers (2010, 2012)	