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Current Position(s)

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, 2017-present

Assistant Professor

Teaching duties:

Applied horn & horn ensemble – MVB 1212, 1412, 2422, 3432, 4442

Brass Techniques 1 – MUE 2460

Music Appreciation – MUL 2010H

Brass Literature and Pedagogy – MUL 4443, 5448

Performance Workshop – MUS 4923, 5937

Chamber ensemble coaching – MUN 3431L

Performance duties:

Faculty Woodwind Quintet

Additional Chamber and Solo performances

Brevard Symphony Orchestra, Melbourne, FL, 2018-present

Principal Horn

Bach Festival Society Orchestra, Orlando, FL, 2015-present

Second Horn

Education

Doctor of Music, Brass Performance, 2015

Florida State University

Michelle Stebleton, Professor

Graduate Assistant

Duties: Horn choir, applied lessons, fundamentals class, student mentor

Treatise: *An Analysis and Performers Guide to Mark Schulz's Dragons in the Sky* for horn, percussion and electronic tape

Master of Music, Horn performance, 2001

University of Cincinnati

College-Conservatory of Music

Randy C. Gardner, Professor

Graduate Assistant

Duties: Horn choir, applied lessons, studio class

Studio Class Lectures: *Wagner's Ring Cycle*, February 2001,

Resumes and the Curriculum Vitae, October 2000

Randy C. Gardner, *Mastering the Horn's Low Register*

International Opus, Richmond, VA, 2002

Assisted in gathering research information and resources

Bachelor of Arts, Music, 1999
Magna Cum Laude
Florida State University
William Capps, Professor

University Teaching Experience

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, 2016-2017
Adjunct Professor

Teaching duties:
Applied horn, Brass Literature and Pedagogy,
Brass Techniques, Chamber ensemble coaching

Seminole State College, Lake Mary, FL, 2016-2017
Adjunct Professor

Teaching duties:
Applied horn, Music Appreciation

Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA, Spring 2010
Visiting Professor of Horn
Spring Semester Sabbatical Replacement

Teaching duties:
Applied horn, Studio performance class
Chamber ensemble coaching

Stetson University, Deland, FL, 2004-2009
Adjunct Professor of Horn

Teaching duties:
Applied horn, Recruitment
Studio performance class, Horn Ensemble
Chamber ensemble coaching
Music history (2008-2009),
Woodwind methods (Fall 2007)
Music education intern supervisor (Spring 2007)
Stetson University Brass Camp (2008-2009)
Assistant Camp Director

Performance duties:
Veritate Winds (faculty wind quintet)
Stetson Faculty Brass Quintet
The Southern Winds (semi-pro wind ensemble)
Additional chamber and solo performances

Masterclasses

Zoom Masterclasses, (2020-2021 Academic Year)
Tallahassee Community Horns, "Getting Back into Shape," August 2020
Western Michigan University, "Building Habits," September 2020
Florida State University, "Building Habits," October 2020

University of Nebraska, October 2020
University of Georgia, November 2020

Tarleton State University

Brass Day Guest Artist, January 25, 2020
Guest Artist Recital and Masterclass

University of North Carolina School of the Arts

Residency in Winston-Salem, NC, October 29-31, 2019
Guest Artist Recital, Masterclass, Performance Anxiety Workshop,
Chamber Ensemble Coaching, One-to-One Lessons

Duval County Public Schools

2019 – Fletcher HS, Douglas Anderson School of the Arts

Seminole County Public Schools

Middle and High School Clinics:
2017 – Hagerty HS
2018 – Lyman HS, Oviedo HS, Winter Springs HS

Orange County Public Schools

Middle and High School Clinics:
2020 – Lake Nona HS
2018 – Wekiva HS, Lake Nona HS, Freedom HS, Lake Nona MS
2017 – Colonial HS

Stetson University

FBA Solo and Ensemble Preparation Clinic, January 2018

Western Carolina University

Cullowhee, NC, October 2016
Guest Artist Masterclass

Secondary Teaching Experience

The First Academy, Orlando, FL, 2011-2016

Instrumental Music Program Director

Duties: Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Intermediate, and
Beginning Band. Recruit new members across the three divisions of lower,
middle and upper school. Coordinate music for collaborative theater
performances.

Volusia County Schools, 2004-2006

Band Director, Southwestern Middle School

Duval County Public Schools, 2003-2004

Band Director, Kernan Middle School

University Christian School, 2002-2003

Band Director

Silver Hawk Band Camp

Horn Instructor 2014-present

Georgia Governor's Honors Program

Brass Instructor, 2010-2013

Performances and Presentations

International

International Horn Symposium

Contributing Artist's Recital (University of Oregon), August 2020
Invitation to perform (cancelled due to Covid-19)
Sean Breseman Sonata No. 3 "Contours" for horn and piano
Sy Brandon Sonata for horn and piano

Contributing Artist's Recital (Ball State University), July 2018
Steven Winteregg *Pastiche*
Lowell Shaw *Frippery #8*
Kerry Turner *Fanfare for Barcs*

Contributing Artist's Recital (Western Illinois University), June 2009
Bruce Thompson *Of Unicorns in Curvet*

Contributing Artist's Recital (University of Denver), July 2008
M. Viljoen *Duo*

University Horn Choir Performance (University of Alabama), June 2004
Stetson University Horn Ensemble

International Double Reed Society

University of South Florida
UCF Faculty Woodwind Quintet, July 2019
Daniel Baldwin *Dreams of the White Tiger*

Orquesta Filarmónica de la UNAM (México City, México), March 2001

Robert Schumann *Konzertstück for 4 Horns and Orchestra*

National

Tarleton State University

Recital Performance, January 2020
Works by Naigus and Brandon

North Carolina School of the Arts

Recital Performance, October 2019
Works by Breseman, Naigus, Basler and Phillips
Masterclass "Managing Performance Anxiety"

National Association of Wind and Percussion Instructors

Recital Performance (University of Northern Iowa), October 2019
Sy Brandon Sonata for Horn and Piano
Sean Breseman Sonata No. 3 "Contours"

University of Cincinnati

Randy Gardner Legacy Concert, April 23, 2018
James Naigus *Journey's Call*

Southeast Horn Workshop

Regional Artist's Recital (Western Carolina University), March 2019
James Naigus *Solstice*

Regional Artist's Recital (University of Georgia), February 2018
James Naigus *Journey's Call*
Christopher Wiggins *Eight for a Start, Op. 8*

Regional Artist's Recital (Western Carolina University), March 2009
Bruce Thompson *Of Unicorns in Curvet*

Lecture (Columbus State University), February 2008
"Lyrical Gems for the Horn"

Regional Artist's Recital (Florida State University), March 2004
Franz Strauss *Nocturno, Op. 7*

Local

Florida French Horn Festival

Host, March 2020 (cancelled due to Covid-19)
Co-host, Contributing Artist Recital, Moderate Horn Choir, 2019
Lecture – *Effective Practice Techniques*, 2016
Contributing Artists Horn Ensemble, 2010, 2015, 2017, 2018
Contributing Artists Recital – Tetracor Horn Quartet, 2010

Bach Festival Society of Winter Park

Concerto Performance, February 2019
Haydn Concerto in Eb for Two Horns

University of Central Florida

Guest Soloist, *Wingspan* by Gary Kuo, UCF Concert Band, November 2019

Faculty Recital, Works by Naigus, Brandon, Harrison, Breseman, and Phillips, October 2019

Faculty Woodwind Quintet Recital, Works by Taffanael, Burtzos, Brandon, and Coleman, September 2019

Faculty Recital, Works by Haydn, Ewazen, Monteverdi, and Wiggins, January 2019

Faculty Recital, *Birth of the Cool*, with The Jazz Professors, October 2018

Faculty Woodwind Quintet Recital, Works by Beach, Fine, Baldwin and D'Rivera, September 2018

Faculty Recital, Works by Basler, Naigus, Reynolds, and Agrell, September 2017

Faculty Recital, Works by Basler, Rheinberger, Wilder, and Mitushin

Orange County Public Schools

Faculty Woodwind Quintet Performance at OCPS All-County Band,
January 2019

University of Florida

Guest Artist Recital, October 29, 2017
Works by Basler, Naigus, and Reynolds

The Cathedral of St. Luke, Orlando, FL

Solo Performance with *Horns and Pipes* Brass Ensemble, February 2014
Hoagy Carmichael/Iveson *Stardust*

Florida State University

Lecture Recital – *Mozart's Horn Concerto Fragments*, April 2011

Stetson University

Sovereign Brass Union, August 2019
Guest Artist, January 2019, Kathy Thomas Faculty Recital
Sigma Alpha Iota – Benefit Concert, 2018
Emmanuel Chabrier *Larghetto for Horn and Orchestra*, October 2006
Faculty Recital, Works by Krufft, Hindemith, Basler and Damase,
September 2006
Richard Strauss *Concerto No. 1 in E-flat, Op. 11*, April 2005

Publications

Lieser, Benjamin. "Book and Music Reviews: *In Dulci Jubilo* for brass quintet J.S. Bach, arr. Piotrowski." *The Horn Call*, Volume XLIX: No. 2, February 2019, p. 85.

Lieser, Benjamin. "Book and Music Reviews: *Introducing the Horn* by John Ericson." *The Horn Call*, Volume LI: No. 1, October 2020, p. 94.

Lieser, Benjamin. "Book and Music Reviews: *Sinfonia No. 9 in F minor* by J.S. Bach, trans. Marilyn Bone Kloss." *The Horn Call*, Volume LI: No. 1, October 2020, p.96.

Recordings

Clark, Larry. Excelcia Music Publishing. Trade Winds Recording Ensemble. January 2020. Lakeland, FL. International Distribution.

Sharp, Chris. Recording Ensemble for C Sharp Music, Inc. March 2020. Orlando, FL. International Distribution.

Harrison, Thomas. *Multifarious Wild Landscape. Stonyhurst's Son*, 2019
Orlando, FL: From the Ashes Records

Harrison, Thomas. *Intersecciones: Chamber works for Saxophone Quartet, Brass Quintet, String Quartet, Woodwind Quintet, Pierrot Ensemble, and More!*, 2019
Orlando, FL: From the Ashes Records

Tiffany Coburn. *Simply Joy*, 2015
Orlando, FL: Loop Road Media

Tokyo Disney. Miscellaneous recordings for show productions, 2009-present

Ellen Taaffe Zwilich. *Millenium Fantasy/ Images/ Peanuts Gallery*, 2008
University Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Alexander Jimenez – The Florida State
University College of Music, Naxos No: 8.559656

A Hanukka Celebration, 2000
The University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music Wind Symphony,
Naxos No: 8.559410

Commissions

Visions for horn and electronic media by James Naigus, 2021
Wunlit for unaccompanied horn by Shawn E. Okpebholo, 2020
Maytudes Etudes for horn by James M. Stephenson, 2020
Reveries for Woodwind Quintet by Daniel Baldwin, 2019
Mindfields for oboe, horn and piano by James M. Stephenson, 2019
Sonata for Horn and Piano by Sy Brandon, 2018
Trio for Violin, Horn and Piano by David Crumb, 2016
Dreams of the White Tiger for Woodwind Quintet by Daniel Baldwin, 2014

Student Awards

Music Teachers National Association

Monet Jowers – Senior Brass – National Second Place Winner, 2019
Nicholas Burner – Young Artist – State Second Place Winner, 2018

Service Activities

University of Central Florida

Trumpet Faculty Search Committee (2019)
Music Education Faculty Search Committee (2019)
Junior and Senior Recital Hearing Committees
Recruitment, Scholarship and Awards Committee (2017-present)
Performance Excellence Award Chair (2020-2021)
UCF Rising Knights Auditions and Masterclass (2018-2020)
UCF Brass Day Coordinator (2017-2018)
UCF All-State Prep Clinic (2016-present)

Southeast Horn Workshop

Advisory Council, 2017-
Orchestral Excerpt Competition Adjudicator, 2018

The Horn Club of Central Florida

Director and Founder 2018-present

Volusia County Public Schools

All-County Band Auditions 2021

Seminole County Public Schools
All-County Band Auditions 2016-2018

Florida Bandmasters Association
State Solo and Ensemble 2008, 2010
All-State Band and Orchestra Program, 2006-2012, 2017-2020
Taped auditions

Chamber Experience

UCF Faculty Woodwind Quintet – 2018-present
Horns and Pipes – Professional Brass Ensemble, 2015-2018
Orlando Woodwind Quintet – Professional Woodwind Quintet, 2011-2018
TetraCor – Horn Quartet, 2008-2011
Veritate Winds – Stetson Faculty Woodwind Quintet, 2004-2009
Stetson University Brass Quintet – Stetson Faculty Quintet 2005-2009

Orchestral Performance Experience

Brevard Symphony Orchestra (FL), Second Horn, 2003-2017
Gainesville Chamber Orchestra (FL), Principal Horn, 2009-2011
Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra (FL), Third Horn, 2009-2011
Albany Symphony Orchestra (GA), Principal Horn, 2009-2010
Valdosta Symphony Orchestra (GA), Third Horn, 2009-2010
Walt Disney World Orchestra, Musician, 2009-2020
Candlelight Processional (Epcot), Harambee Nights (Animal Kingdom), The Music of Pixar Live (Hollywood Studios)
Southwest Florida Symphony, Substitute, 2007-present
Ocala Symphony Orchestra (FL), Principal Horn, 2005-2012
The Florida Orchestra, Substitute, 2003-present
Orlando Philharmonic (FL), Substitute, 2003-present
Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra (FL), Substitute, 2002-present
Orquesta Filarmonica de la UNAM (Mexico), Third Horn, 2001-2002
Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra (OH), Substitute 1999-2001
Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, Substitute 1999-2001
West Virginia Symphony, Substitute 1999-2001

Miscellaneous Freelance Work

Josh Groban Florida Tour, 2020

Josh Groban “Stages” Tour (FL), 2016

Josh Groban “In the Round” Tour (FL), 2013

West Side Story Off Broadway Tour, Kravis Center, West Palm Beach, FL, 2009

Professional Organizations

International Horn Society

Southeast Horn Workshop Advisory Council

National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors

Music Teachers National Association

College Music Society

American Federation of Musicians, Local 386

Florida Bandmasters Association

Florida Music Educators Association