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Education

Doctor of Musical Arts in Flute Performance	August 2023
University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK	
Studied with Dr. Valerie Watts, Professor of Flute	
Master of Music in Flute Performance	May 2020
University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MI	
Studied with Dr. Danilo Mezzadri, Professor of Flute	
Bachelor of Music Education, <i>summa cum laude</i>	May 2018
Ohio University, Athens, OH	
Studied with Alison Brown Sincoff, Professor of Flute	
21 st Century Leadership Certificate	January 2018
Professional Leadership Certificate	December 2017

Collegiate Teaching Appointments

Adjunct Instructor of Flute	August 2024-Present
<i>Lee University</i>	

- Teach applied flute lessons to flute majors, minors, and elective students
- Instruct flute lab (studio class) once a week
- Conduct and instruct flute chamber music ensembles
- Serve as a coach for the university orchestra
- Assess juries for woodwind undergraduate students
- Prepare undergraduate students to perform degree recitals
- Perform with the Faculty Woodwind Quintet
- Adjudicate and teach during recruitment events including high school honor band festivals
- Collaborate with events staff to coordinate and promote featured professional flutists' guest artist recitals hosted at Lee

Adjunct Instructor of Flute	August 2024-Present
<i>Maryville College</i>	

- Teach applied flute lessons to flute majors and minors, freshmen through seniors
- Instruct flute chamber music ensembles
- Assess juries for woodwind undergraduate students
- Lead flute sectionals and teach flute chamber music for the Tartanband concert series

- Serve as substitute for the Director of Bands leading rehearsals, leading the pep band in a showcase performance, and supervising the band at the 2025 Homecoming football game
- Coordinate and host a guest artist Masterclass and Recital for the Maryville College music students, community members, and K-12 students from the greater Knoxville-area (March 2026 Guest Artist: Christine Davis, Principal Flutist of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra)

Flute Professor Sabbatical Replacement for Dr. Valerie Watts January 2021-May 2021
University of Oklahoma

- Taught applied flute lessons for flute majors and minors, freshmen through seniors
- Led weekly studio class covering pertinent topics in pedagogy and orchestral repertoire
- Created and conducted the OU Flute Ensemble with performances on campus and outreach concerts in the community
- Coached and mentored a senior recital (Anna Chenoweth, BM Flute)
- Coached Flute Quartet comprised of upperclassmen
- Organized studio recital
- Taught lessons and studio class virtually and face-to-face in accordance with COVID policies

Graduate Teaching Assistant August 2020-May 2023
University of Oklahoma

- Assisted in instruction of flute major lessons, freshmen through seniors
- Taught applied flute lessons for secondary and non-major students, freshmen through master's level
- Designed, instructed, and graded flute portion of techniques courses for music education majors
- Organized campus and community outreach concerts and programs
- Formed and conducted the OU Flute Ensemble
- Coached the flute chamber ensembles, heterogeneous and homogeneous instrumentation
- Led musical sectionals for the Wind Symphony and Symphony Orchestra flute sections
- Performed as member of the OU Graduate Woodwind Quintet

University of Southern Mississippi August 2018- May 2020

- Taught private lessons to undergraduate flute music majors and non-majors
- Instructed flute chamber music groups
- Led musical sectionals for the Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra flute sections
- Designed, lectured, and instructed the Music Appreciation course (MUS 165) as instructor of record to 183 students, taught in person and virtually
- Held tutoring hours for students enrolled in the Music Appreciation course
- Worked as an administrative assistant in the School of Music Student Services office
- Managed classroom/rehearsal space requests and reservations through an online portal
- Ushered performances held in the musical halls and auditoriums
- Input grades for the Performance Attendance course for all undergraduate music majors

Other Teaching Experience

Private Flute Studio

July 2014-Present

- Teach students aged middle school to 80's, both in person and virtually
- Provide private and group lessons including aural skills, theory, flute technique training
- Prepare students for local, regional, and state honor orchestra, band, and festival auditions with students winning auditions for the 2024 Knoxville Youth Symphony Orchestra summer program, 2024-25 and 2025-26 Knoxville Christian Youth Band, 2024-25 Vols Flute Fest Masterclass and Chamber Group slots, East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association (ETSBOA) 2025 Senior Clinic Blue Honor Band and Alternate positions, ETSBOA 2024-25 Junior Clinic Gold Band and Silver Band positions

Masterclass Guest Clinician

Erin Keppner Flute Studio- Adjunct Professor of Flute at Buffalo State University October 2024

- Worked with high school, college, and adult students on performance preparation and analyzed various repertoire for juries and state high school honor band auditions

Nathalie Simper Flute Studio- Adjunct Instructor of Flute at Maryville College February 2024

- Worked with students from middle school through college-aged on preparing repertoire for a recital and learning skills to effectively work as a collaborator with an accompanist

Edmond Santa Fe High School in Edmond, Oklahoma

October 2022

- Served as guest clinician for masterclass covering how to prepare the 2022 Oklahoma Music Education Association (OkMEA) first round All-State Audition music

New Horizons Flute Instructor

Ohio University- Dr. Matthew Talbert Program Director

January 2017-December 2017

- Taught flute lessons in the community program for adult music education
- Students were 50 years and older with an interest in learning to play instrumental music; no experience necessary

Professional Teaching Internship

Nelsonville-York Elementary School- Alison Smart

January 2018- May 2018

- Taught K-6th grade general music and choir
- Curriculum included music theory, piano, voice, history, and percussion instruments

Junior Level Field Teaching Placement

Athens Middle and High School- Aaron Backes and Brandon Lias

April 2017- January 2017

- Taught 7-12th grade band
- Instruction included private lessons, sectionals, and conducted the large band ensemble

Plains Elementary School- Shannon Williams

April 2017- January 2017

- Taught K-6th grade
- Curriculum included recorder, note reading, music history, and beginning band

Summer Band Camp Woodwind Specialist

Granville High School- Jerod Smith	August 2016, 2015, 2014
Garfield Heights City Schools- Devlin Pope	July 2016
Campbell City Schools Summer Music Camp- Aaron Rex and Dr. Paul Mayhew	June 2016
Johnstown High School- Joe Carver	July 2015
Lakewood High School- Lauren Domineck	August 2015

Performance

Professional Flute Performance Experience

Oak Ridge Symphony Orchestra Second Flute/Piccolo Substitute	November 2025
Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Second Flute Substitute	July 2024, July 2025
Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Piccolo/3rd Flute Substitute	December 2024
Orchard Park Symphony Orchestra Featured Flute Choir Performer	February 2024
Oklahoma Festival Ballet <i>Antique Epigraphs</i> Solo Flute Performer	March 2023
Arthur B. Adams Society Gala C Flute, Native American 6-hole Flute Soloist	November 2022
The OU University Theatre <i>The Scarlet Letter</i> Principal Flute	February 2022
The OU University Theatre <i>She Loves Me</i> Piccolo, C Flute, Alto Flute	October 2021
Northern Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Second Flute Substitute	December 2019
The USM Opera and Musical Theatre Company <i>L'elisir d'amore</i> Principal Flute	April 2019

Chamber Ensemble Experience

Loudon County Concert Band	November 2023-Present
University of Oklahoma Graduate Woodwind Quintet	August 2020-December 2022
Collegium Musicum, Renaissance soprano recorder	August 2021-December 2022
University of Oklahoma Flute Quartet	November 2020
Shimmering Silver Flute Quartet, Piccolo, C Flute, Alto Flute, Bass Flute	September 2016-May 2018
Woodwind Quintet 5on5@5	September 2014-May 2016

Conducting Experience

University of Oklahoma Flute Choir	August 2021-May 2023
Southern Mississippi Flute Choir	February 2019- November 2019
Student Honors Conductors' Recital One of six student conductors invited to rehearse and perform with the Ohio University Symphonic Band	March 2017
North Central District Conductors' Clinic One of four student conductors selected via an audition process within the states of OH, IL, IN, WV, and WI to conduct musicians making up the reading band at the North Central District Conference and study with Dr. Dawn Farmer, Director of Bands at Saint Mary's College	April 2017

Large Ensemble Experience

University of Oklahoma	2021-2023
Wind Symphony, piccolo & flute, conducted by Dr. Shanti Simon	
Symphony Orchestra, piccolo & flute, conducted by Dr. Jonathan Shames	

<i>University of Southern Mississippi</i>	2018-2020
Wind Ensemble, piccolo & flute, conducted by Dr. Catherine Rand	
Included special performances at Mississippi Band Masters Association	
Conference in Natchez, MS (December 2019) and College Band Directors'	
National Association in Tempe, AZ (February 2019)	
Symphony Orchestra, piccolo & flute, conducted by Dr. Michael Miles	

<i>Ohio University</i>	2014-2018
Symphony Orchestra, piccolo & flute, conducted by Dr. Steven Huang	
Wind Symphony, piccolo & principal flute, conducted by Dr. Andrew Trachsel	
Included special performance in Carnegie Hall as a flutist (February 2017)	
and featured on piccolo and flute in the 2019 Professional OU Wind	
Symphony Album: <i>Ampersand</i>	
Symphonic Band, piccolo & principal flute, conducted by Dr. Richard Suk	

<i>Other Ensembles</i>	
Tellico Top Notes Big Band, lead alto saxophone	July 2017-August 2019
Led by David Adkins	
Ohio University Choral Union, soprano	January 2016- May 2016
Conducted by Dr. Paul Mayhew	
Marching 110, alto saxophone	September 2014- May 2018
Included special performance in Normandy, France American	
Cemetery as featured piccolo soloist performing Stars and Stripes	
Forever (July 2016)	

Summer Festival Experience

Fresno Summer Orchestra and Opera Academy Fresno, CA	June 2023
Selected by audition	
East Tennessee Suzuki Flute Institute International Workshop Johnson City, TN	June 2019
Completed Suzuki Teacher Training fundamentals Every Child Can course	
Completed Suzuki Book 1 Teacher Training	
Attended Masterclasses taught by Suzuki Flute founder Toshio Takahashi	
International Flute Workshop Roccasecca, Italy	May 2019
Performer at concerts held in Ferentino, Roccasecca, and Pontecorvo, Italy	
Attended lectures and masterclasses	
National Intercollegiate Band flutist Orlando, FL	July 2017
Selected by audition	

Honors and Recognition

Phi Kappa Phi	March 2023-March 2024
Full Graduate Assistantship, University of Oklahoma	January 2021-August 2023
Full Graduate Assistantship, University of Southern Mississippi	August 2018- May 2020
Pi Kappa Lambda	March 2017- May 2018
National Society of Leadership and Success	August 2015- May 2018

Competitions

Second Place in the Kentucky Flute Society Young Artist Competition	March 2025
First Place in the Global Musical Arts Competition: Winter Competition	February 2023
First Place in the Newark Music and Study Club Competition	May 2014

Conference Presentations and Performances

- (2026). Showcase Performance: Kokopeli by Katherine Hoover. College Music Society Southern Chapter Conference, Birmingham, AL, February.
- (2026). Showcase Performance: Blush III for Woodwind Duo by Jean Ahn. Music by Women Festival, Columbus, MS, March.
- (2026). Showcase Performance: Kokopeli by Katherine Hoover. Music by Women Festival, Columbus, MS, March.
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- (2025). Featured Flute and Piccolo Soloist. East Tennessee Vocal Association All East Honor Choir Conference, Cleveland, TN, November.
- (2025). Reading Session: Flute Choir and the Human Experience. National Flute Association Convention, Atlanta, GA, August.
- (2025). Featured Soloist Alumni Member: University of Southern Mississippi Flute Choir Recital. National Flute Association Convention, Atlanta, GA, August.
- (2025). Lecture Recital: Cultural Legends Seen Through New Eyes- Flute Alone Repertoire Performance and Lecture. Mid-South Flute Festival, Memphis, TN, March.
- (2025). Lecture Recital: Cultural Legends Seen Through New Eyes- Flute Alone Repertoire Performance and Lecture. Mid-Atlantic Flute Conference, Herndon, VA, February.
- (2024). Featured Soloist Alumni Member: University of Southern Mississippi Flute Choir Recital. National Flute Association Convention, San Antonio, TX, August.
- (2024). Featured Soloist Alumni Member: Ohio University Flute Choir Recital, National Flute Association Convention, San Antonio, TX, August.
- (2023). Lecture and Interviewer Clinician: American Indian Flute Music Panel- Interviewees included Grace Wiley Smith and her daughter Andrea Day, Jared Impichchaachaaha' Tate, and Timothy Nevaquaya, Oklahoma Flute Fair, Norman, TN, March.

Adjudication

National Federation for Music Clubs Festival (NFMC) Spring Competition Judge	February 2026
Tennessee Music Teachers Association (TMTA) Spring Competition Judge	April 2025
Mid-Atlantic Flute Convention Honors Competition Judge	February 2025
Florida Flute Association High School Young Artist Competition Judge	October 2024
Guest Judge for Sherbie Hampson Flute Studio East Tennessee Band and Orchestra Association (ETSBOA) Mock Audition	January 2023
Oklahoma Music Education Association (OkMEA) All-State Audition Judge	November 2020

Service

Member of the National Flute Association

November 2024-November 2028

Flute Clubs Committee

- Write submissions for the Flute Clubs and Choirs Forum which is published in the academic journal *Flutist Quarterly*
- Serve as writer, proofreader, and brainstormer of blog content to the NFA blog
- Create, organize, and conduct presentations at the National Flute Conventions
- Update and manage the flute choir repertoire database
- Update and manage the flute clubs, choirs, and community bands database
- Meet with and encourage flute clubs to submit their news to the NFA calendar

Volunteer at the 2024 National Flute Convention

August 2024

- Served as a door monitor for sessions conducted in event spaces at the Henry B. González Convention Center in San Antonio, TX
- Ensured all individuals entering session spaces are registered for the NFA Convention or request tickets for singular events
- Assisted with any page turning, stage managing, or technology issues presenters experienced

Board Member of the Oklahoma Flute Society

August 2022-August 2023

- Served as the OFS YouTube project chair: create and organize other teacher instructional videos for all Oklahoma state and regional band flute audition etudes for 7-12th grades
- Oversaw, as one of the lead organizers, the 2023 Oklahoma Flute Fair event hosted by the University of Oklahoma providing pedagogy sessions, performance workshops, flute choir rehearsals and performances, competitions for high school and collegiate students, and masterclasses
- Taught as guest clinician for 7th-12th grade students at the OFS Flute Choir Festival, hosted at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City
- Facilitated and hosted the Online OFS Pedagogy Workshop

University of Oklahoma Recruitment Tour

April 2022

- Performed in the Scissortail Trio (flute, oboe, bassoon) Texas Tour
- Performed concerts, provided information about the University of Oklahoma and majoring in music during college, gave age-appropriate interactive educational talks, and collaborated with elementary school music teachers introducing musical instruments through performance and activities at Lake Highlands High School, Rolling Meadows Elementary School, Tejeda Middle School, and Claudia Taylor Johnson High School

Ohio University Flute Club, Vice President

August 2017- May 2018

- Organized events for the Ohio University flute studio

Kappa Kappa Psi, President

March 2015- May 2018

- President of the Alpha Delta Chapter for the 2017-2018 academic year, ensured the music service organization provided the Ohio University college bands with volunteer services and assistance through completion of worthwhile projects

Collegiate National Association for Music Education

September 2014- May 2018

- CNAfME volunteer and assisted the OMEA Solo & Ensemble Festival grades 7-12
- Worked as a chaperone for Ohio University High School Honor Band

Continuing Professional Development

College Music Society Cultivating Academic Leadership Cohort

October 2025-May 2026

- Participated in the CMS cohort co-led by Ivy Walz (Associate Dean for Faculty, Research, Creativity, & Outreach, Texas Tech University) and Ariana Wyatt (Associate Dean for Outreach and Engagement, Virginia Tech)
- Defined what clarity, creativity, and purpose looks like in faculty, staff, and administrative leadership roles
- Engaged in focused conversations and real-world examples to explore leadership transitions, communication strategies, service opportunities, fundraising tactics, community engagement, and the act of balancing creative practice with other priorities

College Music Society Early-Career Music Faculty Cohort

November 2024-May 2025

- Participated in the CMS cohort co-led by Mark Rabideau (Associate Dean for Faculty and Student Affairs, University of Colorado Denver) and Betty Anne Younker (Professor Emerita, Former Dean, Western University)
- Took a practical, transparent look at what it takes to build a meaningful career in higher education
- Listen to and collaborate with academic leaders from Schools of Music across the country in a supportive space to grow, reflect, and engage in peer mentorship