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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **2017-Present: Assistant Professor of Practice**, The University of Texas at San Antonio
 - Recruits Tuba and Euphonium students statewide including former Texas All-State
 - o Increased and maintains studio capacity at/over 100%
 - O Assists with low brass instruction in all large music ensembles
- 2021: Tuba clinician, Boerne High School
- 2019: Tuba clinician, Brandeis High School and Southwest High School
- 2018: Brass Coach, Region 12 Orchestra
- 2014-2017: Director of Bands, Louise ISD
- 2008-2011: Adjunct Faculty, Colorado State University Pueblo
- 1991-2011: Private Lesson Instructor/Clinician, Colorado Springs
- 2006-2010: Faculty, Rafael Mendez Brass Institute
- 2001-2010: Brass Coach, Colorado Springs Youth Symphony
- 1991-2014: Guest Clinician at over 150 Colleges and High Schools throughout the United States
- 1996-2014: Finale Instructor, Nazarene Bible College and USAF Academy Band
- 1988-1991: Adjunct Professor of Low Brass, Atlantic Union College; Thayer Conservatory
- 1988-1991: Low Brass Instructor, Norwood Public Schools
- 1986-1991: Brass Instructor, Webster Public Schools

CONDUCTING EXPERIENCE

- 2017-Present: The UTSA Boom Squad, Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble
- 2014-2017: Director of Bands, Louise ISD
- 2008: Interim Concert Band Conductor, USAF Academy Band
- **1991-2011: Wind and Brass Ensemble Conductor**, US Air Force Chamber Recital Series

MUSICAL EXPERIENCE

2023-Present: San Antonio Philharmonic, San Antonio, TX

- Primary substitute principal tubist
- 31 Services with San Antonio Philharmonic-Classic, Pop and School concerts for 9000+

2016-Present: Castle Brass, San Antonio, TX

- Founding member
- Performs throughout the San Antonio and Hill Country

2011-Present: Orchestra at First, San Antonio, TX

- Principal tubist
- Leads brass ensemble and brass quintet
- Performed for 50,000 live, 500,000 streaming worldwide and 1.5 million TV

1988-Present: Music Arranger, San Antonio, TX & Colorado Springs, CO

- Created over 150 unique musical works for Concert Band, Marching Band, Orchestra, Big Band, Brass Ensemble, Brass and Woodwind Chamber Ensemble, Brass Quintet, Woodwind Quintet, Clarinet Quartet and solo repertoire for various instruments
- Music performed live throughout the world
- Part of Audio/Video recordings distributed worldwide

1991-2011: The United States Air Force Academy Band (USAF Premier Band) Colorado Springs, CO

- Principal Tuba, Concert Band
- Group Leader/Music Director, Stellar Brass
- Principal Sousaphone, Marching Band
- Staff Arranger-Concert Band, Woodwind and Brass Quintets, Big Band, Clarinet Trio/Quartet, Brass/Wind Chamber Ensemble, Low Brass Ensemble
- Performed over 2 million people in live performances and on TV/Radio/Video/Audio/Internet/Streaming for over 200 million Worldwide
- Recorded 33 CDs and 15 DVDs
- Featured Convention Ensemble-Colorado Music Educators Association, International Tuba Euphonium Association, Texas Bandmaster Association, Arkansas Bandmaster Association, Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Association, Nevada Music Educators
- Featured Soloist with Concert Band on 7 different occasions
- Marching-Rose Bowl, Macy's Day Parade, Colorado State Fair, Cheyenne Frontier Days, over 500 performances marching AF Cadets

1991-2011: Stellar Brass, Colorado Springs, CO

- Performed throughout the United States
- In Residence Brass Quintet, Rafael Mendez Brass Institute
- Recorded 6 CDs and 5 DVDs
- Featured 54 times live TV nationwide including Fox and Friends
- Clinicians/Featured Ensemble (highlights)-Midwest Convention, Texas
 Music Educators Association, Colorado Music Educators Association, Texas
 Bandmasters Association, International Trumpet Guild, Arkansas Schools
 Band and Orchestra Association, South Carolina Music Educators, Indiana
 Music Educators, California Music Educators, Percussive Arts Society,
 International Tuba Euphonium Association, Adam's State College, Colorado
 State University, Colorado University, Denver University, University of
 Northern Colorado, San Diego State University, University of North Texas,
 Henderson State University, Arkansas State University, Ithaca College,
 Arizona State University, University of Illinois, University of Michigan,
 Warsaw University

1991-2011: Heritage Brass, Colorado Springs, CO

- Performed throughout Colorado
- Recorded CD with The Pikes Peak Ringers
- Arranger

1988-1991: Boston Brass, Boston, MA

- Performed more than 300 concerts and clinics throughout the US
- Represented by Columbia Artists
- In Resident Brass Quintet, Atlantic Union College
- Arranger

1987-1991: Boston Tuba Quartet

• Performed more than 50 concerts and clinics throughout the NE US

1988-1991: Massachusetts Symphony Orchestra

principal tubist

1992-Present: San Antonio Symphony, Colorado Symphony, Colorado Springs Philharmonic

• substitute performer

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2011-2014: Chief, Command Information; US Air Force Public Affairs Agency, Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA), TX; http://www.afpaa.af.mil
 - Operations Executive/Project Manager, conducting Air Force initiatives throughout an international region of responsibility
 - Pioneered first ever Air Force Public Affairs Agency division while mentoring and directing the new team leads in support of global operations
 - Researched new technology, products and venues of marketing while saving the Air Force \$10,000 and 100 man hours
 - Supervised a rigorous exercise program for over 60 air force members returning a 98% unit fitness rating
 - Lead a 15-member team in support of multifaceted organization framework
 - Created on-line library, www.music.af.mil, that currently houses 5000 downloadable files of free resources, provides original Public Affairs products reaching over 50,000 live and 17 million radio, TV and Web based viewers annually, as well as providing licensing and approval for new products and points of contact for legal copyright guidance to 26 Public Affairs units, consisting of over 1100 members globally
 - Supervisor for Air Force Social Media and Public Web divisions, facilitating primary training, regulating and minimizing roadblocks, fostering an atmosphere for cultivate creativity, while assuring efficiency and cohesion
 - 2012-2014: Government Purchase Card Approving Official; US Air Force Public Affairs Agency, JBSA, TX
 - Managed \$575,000 yearly budget in support of Public Affairs Mission, worldwide
 - Managed a team of five and designates funds for individual card holders
 - o Ensured all purchases meet stringent government guidelines
 - Maintained purchase logs and filing of documentation for all team members

- Prepared documentation and coordinates team members during quarterly inspections
- 2007-2011: Superintendent of Tours; US Air Force Academy, USAF Academy, CO; http://www.usafa.af.mil
 - Project Manager, Led 10-member team to program, budget, and execute \$700,000 annual operations and touring budget to promote the US Air Force Academy nationwide at 400 events annually
 - Arranged touring strategic plan, schedule and logistics for 9 separate teams, varying from 5 to 60 members annually, maximizing coverage of a National touring area ensuring wisest dissemination of Air Force targeted messaging
 - Primary spokesman for television and radio interviews that reached more than 22 million people each year
 - Created internet ad campaign that still reaches 14 million people annually worldwide, bringing the organization to the forefront
 - Designed internet and print ad, ticket and poster templates which can be updated by members without computer expertise
- 2001-2007: Director of Specialized Initiative; US Air Force Academy, USAF, CO; http://www.usafa.af.mil
 - Project Manager, designed team and mission layout, procured and created resources, managed scheduling and training of personnel, created 120 public relations opportunities for a 6 member team to a live, TV, radio and Internet audience of over 7.5 million annually
 - Initiated model for professional AF videos and CDs to rival and surpass industry standards
 - Designed concept art, packaging, marketing strategy and target demographics
 - Prepared team during training in order to execute project in only 3 days time
 - Empowered individual talents within team guaranteeing growth and paramount productivity

- Representative of Air Force organizations to US President, Vice President and several other high level military and civilian dignitaries
- Verified security clearances for team members overcoming unique planning barriers
- Scheduled operations details, often integrating stand-in members, with limited notice

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

- 2001-2007: Webmaster, USAF Academy Band, http://www.usafacademyband.af.mil/
- 2001: Certified in Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, Dreamweaver and Flash
- 2001-2014: Created Graphic Designs, Newspaper/Web Advertisements, Web Design, CD and DVD Covers/Inserts, Exhibit Displays, Animation, Decals, Digital Printing
- 1991-Present: Finale versions 3.0-Version 26 Instruction and Use

RECORDING HIGHLIGHTS

- 1989 <u>Star Spangled Pops!</u> Boston Brass
 Recordings with the United States Air Force Academy Band:
- 1992 Christmas in the Rockies Concert and Brass Quintet
- 1996 <u>American Fanfare</u> Brass Ensemble and Brass Quintet (1 arrangement) https://www.amazon.com/United-States-Force-Band-Rockies/dp/B06XZZTS59
- 1998 <u>Footlifters</u> Concert Band <u>https://www.amazon.com/United-States-Force-Band-Rockies/dp/B06Y1JK4NS</u>
- 1999 <u>To Walk with Wings</u> Concert Band <u>https://www.amazon.com/Walk-Wings-Force-Band-Rockies/dp/B000RGBAOW</u>
- 2000 <u>The Whole Nine Yards</u> Concert and Brass Quintet https://www.amazon.com/Whole-Nine-Yards-Force-Rockies/dp/8000V8VLRM
- 2001 <u>Golden Door</u> Woodwind Quintet and Clarinet Quartet (1 arrangement)
 https://www.discogs.com/The-United-States-Air-Force-Band-Of-The-Rockies-Golden-Door/release/15551834
- 2001 <u>Fantasies and Heroes</u> Concert Band <u>https://www.amazon.com/Fantasies-Heroes-complete-United-Rockies/dp/B01KB38BB0</u>
- 2001 <u>Holiday Brass</u> Concert Band and Brass Quintet (2 arrangements) <u>https://www.discogs.com/The-United-States-Air-Force-Band-Of-The-Rockies-Holiday-Brass/release/15551908</u>
- 2002 Colorado Blue Concert Band
- 2002 Yuletide Treasures Concert Band
- 2003 <u>Brassfare</u> Brass Ensemble and Brass Quintet (3 arrangements) https://www.amazon.com/Brassfare-United-States-Force-Rockies/dp/8001AD10P6
- 2005 <u>Fireworks for Brass and Organ</u> Brass Quintet (Group Leader/Music Director/2 arrangements)
 <u>https://www.amazon.com/Fireworks-Brass-Organ-Academy-Stellar/dp/B000S5CCIU</u>
- 2006 <u>The Big Blue Ball</u> Concert Band

https://www.amazon.com/Blue-Ball-Force-Academy-Band/dp/B000QQU06W

 2006 <u>Purple Mountain Majesties</u> Concert Band <u>https://www.amazon.com/Purple-Mountain-Majesties-United-Academy/dp/B01G65W3NE</u>

 2007 <u>There She Stands</u> Concert Band <u>https://www.amazon.com/There-Stands-Force-Academy-Band/dp/B01KAT3F2K</u>

 2007 <u>Hands Across the Sea</u> Concert Band <u>https://www.amazon.com/Hands-Across-United-States-Rockies/dp/B001AD56BE</u>

• 2007 <u>In The Spires</u> Chamber Winds and Woodwind Quintet (1 arrangement)

https://www.amazon.com/Spires-Air-Force-Academy-Band/dp/B000V8YSHM

 2007 <u>Ev'rytime We Say Goodbye</u> Big Band <u>https://www.amazon.com/Evrytime-Goodbye-Force-Academy-Band/dp/B000QR3QK8/ref=sr 1 4?dchild=1&keywords=Ev%27rytime+We+Say+Goodbye&qid=1610399559&s=dmusic&sr=1-4
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 2008 <u>Windscapes</u> Concert Band <u>https://www.amazon.com/Windscapes-Air-Force-Academy-Band/dp/B003F1D78I</u>

 2009 <u>The Speed Of Heat</u> Concert Band and Brass Quintet <u>https://www.amazon.com/Speed-Heat-Force-Academy-Band/dp/B007D5BS8S</u>

2009 <u>Full Circle</u> Brass Quintet (Group Leader/Music Director/4 arrangements)

https://open.spotify.com/album/24AyuXgMJ1TxtFrtireSMf

 2010 <u>Winter Wonderland</u> Concert Band <u>https://www.amazon.com/Winter-Wonderland-Force-Academy-Band/dp/B004KAA2S6</u>

 2013 <u>Holly and Ivy Live</u> Concert Band <u>https://www.amazon.com/Holly-United-States-Force-Academy/dp/B00G3YRRKS</u>

EDUCATION

- 1988: Boston University, Boston, MA Master of Music, Performance
- 1986: Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR Bachelor of Music Education
- 2013: Air University
 Professional Management Certification

JOB RELATED TRAINGING

- 2013: Bailiff Training
- 2013: Air Force First Sergeant Academy
- 2013: Detainee Training
- 2012: Government Purchase Card Holder Training
- 2012: US Bank Training
- 2012: Green Procurement Training
- 2007: Senior Non-commissioned Officers Academy
- 2005: Adobe Dreamweaver, Flash Certification
- 2001: The Four Roles of Leadership, Franklin Covey
- 2001: Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator Certification
- 1996: Non-commissioned Officers Academy

PRINCIPAL TEACHERS

- J. Samuel Pilafian-Boston University, Arizona State University, University of Miami, Empire Brass
- Warren Deck-Denver University, New York Philharmonic
- William Holmes-Arkansas State University, Arkansas Symphony
- Wesley Branstein-Henderson State University

COMPOSITION & ARRANGING TEACHERS

• W. Francis McBeth & Jared Spears

COACHES

• Timothy Morrison, David Ohanian, Roger Voisin, William Pfund, Allan Dean, Ronald Room, Patrick Sheridan

AWARDS

- USAF "Team Pete" Air Force Space Command, Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year 2009
- USAF Academy Band Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year 2007
- USAF Public Affairs Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year 2007
- USAF Band of the Rockies Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year 1997
- USAF Public Affairs Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year 1997

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 2014-Present: Texas Music Educators Association
- 1981-Present: International Tuba Euphonium Association
- 1996-Present: Kappa Kappa Psi, life and honorary member Nominated by students at Arkansas State University; currently faculty sponsor at UTSA
- 2019: Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, honorary member Nominated by students at The University of Texas at San Antonio