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<u>Education</u>	
MM in Saxophone Performance University of Massachusetts Amherst	2020-2022
BM in Saxophone Performance and Music Education University of Massachusetts Amherst	2011-2015
Performance Certificate in Flute and Oboe Performance University of Massachusetts Amherst	2016-2017
<u>Teaching Experience</u>	
University Teaching Experience	
University of Massachusetts Amherst <i>Artist in Residence</i>	2023
Courses Taught: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate Saxophone Lessons• Undergraduate Saxophone Lessons• Weekly Saxophone Studio Class Led Saxophone Studio Recital Organized Guest Artist Masterclasses and Recitals Assisted in planning the 40th Annual Saxophone Symposium	
University of Massachusetts Amherst <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	2020-2022
History of Jazz Teaching Assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planned and taught weekly review sessions• Graded all assignments from my section• Administered tests and quizzes	2021-2022
Saxophone Studio Teaching Assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taught make up lessons to undergraduates• Helped organize the 38th Annual Saxophone Symposium held virtually• Participated in the Graduate Saxophone Trio	2020-2021

Private Teaching Experience	
Saxophone, Fute, Clarinet, Oboe Instructor: Self Employed Belchertown Public Schools Community Music School of Springfield Prindle School of Music Athol Public Schools	2013-present 2014-present 2017-present 2017-2019 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught students grades 5-12, as well as adult students weekly in a one-on-one format • Created curriculums based on individual students needs across many skill ranges, instruments, and genres • Successfully prepared students for regional ensemble auditions and collegiate auditions • Created and maintain a schedule that met multiple employers and school districts needs • Maintained open communication with students and parents about schedules and expectations • Organized performance opportunities for my students 	
Classroom and Ensemble Teaching Experience	
StillCan Band Leader Community Music School of Springfield <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ran weekly rehearsals for a group of musicians over 65 years of age • Helped recruit and organize performances for this ensemble • Arranged pieces to meet the specific needs of the members of the ensemble • Taught individual lessons to members tailored to their abilities and contributions 	
Sonido Musica Community Music School of Springfield <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traveled to different elementary, middle, and high schools throughout Springfield and Holyoke Public Schools to teach group lessons to band students • Prepared beginner and intermediate students for combined performances twice a school year • Maintained open lines of communication between the Sonido coordinator and local band teachers to ensure expectations were being met 	2017-2021

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pivoted to online classroom instruction at the start of the pandemic 	
Jazz Camp Coordinator Community Music School of Springfield <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed, organized, and ran a week-long music camp for students grades 6-12 Helped develop and teach a curriculum based in jazz history performance and improvisation Developed a schedule that met the needs of the camp as well as individual teachers schedules Prepared students for a “pop up” performance in a public location in downtown Springfield, as well as a formal final performance at the music school Communicated with student, parents, and co-teachers about schedules and responsibilities 	2019
Youth Wind Ensemble of Springfield Co-leader and Sectional Instructor Community Music School of Springfield <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Played in and conducted an advanced youth wind ensemble comprised of students grades 7-12 Helped run recruitment and registration Ran woodwind sectionals 	2017-2020
New Horizons Band Co-leader and Sectional Instructor Northampton Community Music School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Led a medium sized community band made of members age 65 and up Ran woodwind sectionals Helped with recruitment for the ensemble 	2016-2018
Substitute Classroom Teacher Belchertown Public Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subbed for k-12 teachers Developed valuable personal growth in flexibility and good classroom management practices 	2016

Selected Performance Experience

Wind Band

Umass Wind Ensemble, Alto and Baritone Saxophone, Flute, Bass Clarinet

2012-2017, 2021-2022

Valley Winds, Alto and Tenor Sax, Bb and Contrabass Clarinet 2016-2020

Chamber Ensembles

UMass Saxophone Quartet, Soprano Saxophone 2021-2022

UMass Reed Quintet, Bass Clarinet 2021-2022

UMass Flute Quartet, Flute, Alto Flute 2016-2017

Equilibrium Saxophone Trio, Alto and Baritone Saxophone 2014-2015

Crash Saxophone Quartet, Baritone Saxophone 2011-2015

Jazz and Popular Music Ensembles

UMass Jazz Ensemble 1, Lead Alto, Baritone Saxophone, Flute, Bb and Bass Clarinet, Oboe 2013-2015, 2020-2021

Graduate Composers Ensemble, Alto and Baritone Saxophone, Flute, Bb and Bass Clarinet 2020-2022

Salsa Train, Baritone Saxophone, Flute 2022

Closing Time Wedding Band, Subbing Tenor Saxophone, Flute 2022

Musical Theater

Barrington Stage Company 2014, 2016-2019

- Performed in 1-2 musicals per summer (standard 8 shows per week schedule)
- Performed on Piccolo, Flute, Alto Flute, Eb, Bb, and Bass Clarinet, Soprano, Alto, and Tenor Saxophone
- Shows included *Ragtime*, *Company*, *Into The Woods*, *Kiss me Kate*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Golem of Havana* (World Premiere) *The Royal Family* (World Premiere)

Berkshire Theater Group, *Bells are Ringing* Flute, Bb Clarinet, Tenor Saxophone, Bass Clarinet 2015

Music Festivals

Akropolis Chamber Music Institute 2022

- Rehearsed, performed, and recorded new and original pieces of mixed chamber music with the other Institute participants, and members of the Akropolis Reed Quintet

Awards

Downbeat 44th Annual Student Music Award, With the UMass Grad Composers Ensemble	2021
Downbeat Student Music Award for Blues/Pop/Rock, With UMass Jazz Ensemble 1	2015
Finalist, MTNA Regional Chamber Music Competition, With Equilibrium Saxophone Trio	2014
Second Place, MTNA Regional Chamber Music Competition, With The Crash Saxophone Quartet	2012

Primary Teachers

Jonathan Hulting-Cohen, Classical Saxophone

Felipe Salles, Jazz Saxophone

Lynn Klock, Classical Saxophone

Cobus DuToit, Flute

Fredric Cohen, Oboe

References

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