

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**General and Choral Music Specialist***August 2006 – June 2011***Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School, Alexandria, VA**

- ♪ **Finalist, Outstanding First-Year Teacher of the Year Award**, Fairfax County Public Schools (2007)
- ♪ Developed and delivered daily and unit lesson plans in General Music for 400+ students from kindergarten through sixth grade, once or twice a week for 30 or 45 minutes per class.
- ♪ Taught Chorus to fifth- and sixth-graders as an elective class, 45 minutes per week, and prepared students for four public performances per year.
- ♪ Directed the Recorder Masters and Percussion Ensemble extracurricular ensembles for third- through sixth-grade students, obtained grants to purchase new instruments, and taught weekly 45-minute classes before school hours for each group to prepare student participants for four public performances per year.
- ♪ Piloted a weekly fifth-grade Guitar Class for eleven students during the school day (2009-2010) and a weekly after-school Composers' and Songwriters' Club (2010-2011).
- ♪ Co-directed annual International Night Celebrations and Chinese New Year Parades.
- ♪ Taught private and small-group recorder, piano, guitar and drum lessons to interested school students outside of contract hours for no charge.

Private music instructor*January 2007 – present***Northern Virginia**

- ♪ Created customized and personalized pedagogical plans for students ranging in age from 12 to 18 that combined musicianship, music theory, music history, ear training, dictation, improvisation and composition.

Master composer-teacher*March–May 2006***Baltimore Opera Company, Baltimore, MD**

- ♪ Piloted "Create & Produce," an eight-week educational outreach project, in a Title I elementary school in Baltimore City that lacked regular music classes.
- ♪ Guided, instructed, directed, accompanied and assisted a group of twenty third- and fourth-grade students in writing an original opera libretto and composing 25 minutes of original opera music, which they performed publicly.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**Guest presenter****Mid-Atlantic SMART Board® SUCCESS Conference, Arlington, VA***Aug. 2011 & 2010*

- ♪ Presented "Neat SMART Board® Tips and Tricks for the Music Classroom."

American Orff-Schulwerk Association, Mid-Atlantic Chapter*Jan. 2011, Jan. 2010*

- ♪ Presented original compositions, lesson plans, and teaching techniques.

Fairfax County Public Schools, Continuing the Journey*Nov. 2010, Nov. 2009*

- ♪ Led an interactive workshop for new teachers on using the Sibelius® music notation software and incorporating it into education, and on integrating SMART Board® technology and lesson plans into General Music instruction.

Mentor for beginning music teachers**Fairfax County Public Schools, Fine Arts Department***Sept. 2009 – June 2011***Teacher Consultant****Kennedy Center ARTSEdge program, Washington, DC***Sept. 2009 – present*

- ♪ Assisted in designing and editing materials for the National Symphony Orchestra's concerts for Washington-area schoolchildren for the 2010-2011 season, and created SMART Board® lessons for teachers to prepare their students for the concert.
- ♪ Composed an original commissioned orchestral work for ARTSEdge based on drawings and ideas submitted by Washington-area fourth-grade students.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Education Department, Fairfax, VA*Sept. 2010 – present*

- ♪ Volunteered to serve on the Program Development Committee and helped redesign the Orchestra's elementary-school assembly programming.

SELECTED HONORS & AWARDS**Winner, Guild of Temple Musicians' Young Composer's Award (2010)****Original compositions commissioned and/or premiered** by the Organization of American Kodaly Educators (OAKE), the Sixth Grade All-County Chorus of Fairfax County Public Schools (Fairfax, VA), the Treble Choir of the Fairfax Choral Society (Fairfax, VA), and the Vancouver Chamber Choir (Vancouver, BC), among others (2007-2011)**Sterling Senior Achievement Award Winner** for the most outstanding graduating senior member internationally, Mu Phi Epsilon International Music Fraternity (2005)**Peabody Conservatory Alumni Award** for the graduating senior with the highest cumulative GPA (3.99 out of 4.0) (2005)**EDUCATION****The Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University**

- ♪ Master of Music degree in Music Composition (2006)
- ♪ Bachelor of Music Education degree with concentration in composition (2006)
- ♪ Bachelor of Music degree in Music Composition (2005)
- ♪ Minor studies in piano performance, vocal performance, and guitar performance

Other coursework and certifications:

- ♪ Level III coursework and certification completed in Orff-Schulwerk music pedagogy (July 2011)
- ♪ Level III coursework completed in Walden School music pedagogy (Aug. 2011)
- ♪ Level I coursework completed in Kodály music pedagogy (July 2005)
- ♪ Conversational in Spanish after three years of post-collegiate coursework

REFERENCES available upon request