

Curriculum Vitae  
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## EDUCATION

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- 2014      **Vermont College of Fine Arts**, M.F.A., Music Composition (Media Scoring Emphasis)  
*4.0 GPA / Graduate Capstone: Composing for Screen and Stage*
- 2010      **Campbellsville University**, M.A., Music (Composition Emphasis)  
*3.8 GPA / Graduate Capstone: Musical Theatre Composition*
- 2008      **Campbellsville University**, B.A., Music Theory & Composition  
*3.5 GPA / Undergraduate Capstone: Musical Theatre Composition*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2014-Present    Assistant Professor, Musical Theatre & Theatre Department, **William Peace University**
- 2014-Present.    Accompanist / Music Assistant, **Theatre Raleigh**
- 2016-2018      Adjunct Music Director, **North Carolina State University**
- 2012-2015      Music Director / Instructor of Music and Theatre, **Stage Right Acting**
- 2012-2014      Summer Instructor, Music and Theatre Departments, **University of Kentucky**
- 2010-2014      Instructor, Music and Theatre Departments, **Campbellsville University**
- 2012-2013, 2018    Instructor of Music and Musical Theatre, **Kentucky Classic Arts**
- 2012-2013      Music Director / Instructor of Music and Theatre, **Kentucky Theatre Conservatory**
- 2010-2011      Adjunct Instructor, Music Department, **Lindsey Wilson College**

## WRITING & RESEARCH

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### BOOKS

- [2021]      *Gotham City Sounds: The Music of Batman Villains*. Under contract with Pulp Hero Press  
(Expected Fall 2021).
- 2020      *Exploring the Macabre, Malevolent, and Mysterious: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. (Co-edited  
with Elizabeth Kusko). Cambridge Scholars Publishing. 272 pages.

2020                      *Cool Cats and a Hot Mouse: A History of Jazz and Disney*. Theme Park Press. 190 pages.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

[2022]                      “Horse Depictions in *Equus*: Losing Staged Symbolism on Screen,” in *Mythological Equines in Film*, Wade Newhouse and Amy Pridgen (Co-Authors), Rachel L. Carzo (Editor). Vernon Press.

[2022]                      “Pegasi and Beethoven: Sights and Sounds in Disney’s *Fantasia*,” in *Mythological Equines in Film*, Azucena Trejo Williams (Co-Author), Rachel L. Carzo (Editor). Vernon Press.

[2021]                      “‘Wailing’ and ‘Moaning’: Gladiator’s Music Phenomenon and Legacy,” in “*A Hero Will Endure*”: *Essays at the Twentieth Anniversary of Gladiator*, Rachel L. Carazo (Editor). Under contract with Vernon Press (Expected Summer 2021).

2020                      “Musical Magick: Music Theory in Modern Wicca Spellcrafting,” in *Exploring the Macabre, Malevolent, and Mysterious: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*, Matthew Hodge and Elizabeth Kusko (Editors). Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

2020                      “Staging Theatrical Child-Centric Violence: Aesthetic Ownership in *The Pillowman*,” in *Handbook of Research on Aestheticization of Violence, Horror, and Power*, Nur M. Erdem, Nihal Kocabay-Sener, and Tuğba Demir (Editors). IGI Global.

2020                      “Music Behind the Masks: Fans’ Reaction to the Sounds of Batman Villains,” in *Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Media Fandom*, edited by Robert Andrew Dunn. IGI Global.

2019                      “Disney ‘World’: The Westernization of World Music in EPCOT’s “Illuminations: Reflections of Earth,” in *The Psychosocial Implications of Disney Movies*, edited by Lauren Dundes, MDPI.

## ARTICLES

2020                      “21<sup>st</sup>-Century Broadway Musicals and the ‘Best Musical’ Tony Award: Trends and Impact,” *Arts* 9(2): 58. doi.org/10.3390/arts9020058

2018                      “Disney ‘World’: The Westernization of World Music in EPCOT’s “Illuminations: Reflections of Earth,” *Social Sciences* 7(8): 136. doi.org/10.3390/socsci7080136  
                                    \*(later reprinted as an edited book in 2019)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019                      “Sinister Sounds: Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Experimental Music Techniques in Henry Cowell’s *The Banshee*,” presentation at the 2019 Peace Interdisciplinary Conference, William Peace University, Raleigh, NC.

- 2019 “Musical Magick: Deconstructing Music Theory in Modern Wicca Spellcraft,” presentation at the 2019 Peace Interdisciplinary Conference, William Peace University, Raleigh, NC.
- 2017 “Finding a Home for Creativity: Drama Therapy with the Homeless,” presentation at the 2017 International Journal of Arts and Sciences Conference, Vienna, Austria.
- 2017 “Interdisciplinary Campus Tactics in Collegiate Arts,” presentation at the 2017 NCCC Fine Arts Conference, Salisbury, NC.
- 2016 “Shakespeare Behind Bars: Groundbreaking Drama Therapy in Criminal Rehabilitation,” Harvard University, presentation at the 2016 International Journal of Arts and Sciences Conference, Cambridge, MA.
- 2015 “The Color of Sound: Interdisciplinary Arts Technology,” with Azucena Trejo-Williams, presentation for the 2014 International Arts in Society Conference, Rome, Italy.
- 2010 “Creating Real Music with Mathematical Ideas,” with Dr. Duk Lee and Dr. Frieda Gebert, presentation at the 2010 MathFest National Conference, Lexington, KY.

## CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- 2019 *Exploring the Macabre, Malevolent, and Mysterious*, Peace Interdisciplinary Conference, October 17-19, William Peace University, Raleigh, NC.

## INVITED LECTURES and TALKS

- 2021 Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2019 School of Design, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
- 2010 Governor Scholar Program, Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY
- 2009-2010 Governor Scholar Program, Centre College, Danville, KY

## PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

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## COMPETITIONS

- 2016, 2019 **Judge**, International Championship of High School A Cappella South Quarterfinals
- 2016-2021 **Judge**, Marvin Hamlisch International Film Score Competition
- 2015 **Judge**, CINE International Film Score Competition
- 2015 **Competitor**, hitRECORD Short Film Competition
- 2014 **Finalist** (Top 6), Christian Worldview National Film Score Competition
- 2013 **Finalist** (Top 13), International Horror Hotel Film Score Competition
- 2013 **Semifinalist** (Top 10), CINE International Film Score Competition
- 2013 **Judge**, Miss Louisville (Miss Kentucky and Miss America Qualification)

2008            **Semifinalist** (Top 7), GMA Music in the Rockies International Music Competition  
 2007            **Semifinalist** (Top 20), GMA Music in the Rockies International Music Competition  
 2007            **Honorable Mention**, Paramount Songwriting Contest

## HONORS & AWARDS

2020            Best Independent Book Award Winner  
 2020            Nonfiction Authors Association Gold Award  
 2020            Literary Titan Silver Book Award  
 2019            1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up of WPU Bingham Award for Campus Excellence  
 2010            Recognition of Honor for Music, Kentucky Governor, Senate, and House of Representatives  
 2010            Distinguished Citizen Award for Music, Mayor of Louisville, KY  
 2010            Recognition of Excellence Award for Music, Metro Council of Louisville, KY  
 2008-2010      Composer in Residence Scholarship, Campbellsville University  
 2005            Outstanding Music Freshman Award, Campbellsville University  
 2004-2008      Four-Year Competitive Music Scholarship, Campbellsville University  
                     *-Only awarded to one student per incoming class*

## ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, & ASSOCIATIONS

2021-Present   Reviewer, *InMedia* (The French Journal of Media Studies)  
 2020-Present   Nonfiction Authors Association (NFAA)  
 2020-Present   Journal Topics Board / Topic Editor. *Arts* (Basel: MDPI).  
 2020-Present   Board Member, Creative Arts Initiatives, Arts Non-Profit  
 2017-2019      Vice President/Board Member, International Arts Initiatives, Arts Non-Profit  
 2017-2018      Board Member, 88 Key Enrichment, Music Education Non-Profit  
 Ongoing        Broadcast Music Incorporated (BMI)  
 Ongoing        National Association of Composers USA (NACUSA)  
 Ongoing        A cappella Education Association (AEA)  
 Ongoing        Contemporary A Cappella Society (CASA)  
 Ongoing        Pi Kappa Lambda (National Music Honors Society)  
 Ongoing        Alpha Psi Omega (National Theatre Honors Society)  
 Former         American Society of Composers, Publishers, and Authors (ASCAP)

## TEACHING & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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### COURSES DEVELOPED & TAUGHT

2014-Present   WILLIAM PEACE UNIVERSITY  
                     First Year Seminar, Introduction to Theatre, Applied Voice, Applied Piano, Music Theory I,  
                     Music Theory II, Music Theory III, Music Appreciation, Arts in Society, Special Topics, Acting  
                     III: Script Analysis, History of Musical Theatre, Theatre History, Contemporary Drama, Acting  
                     IV: Audition Techniques, Musical Theatre Workshop

- 2010-2014      CAMPBELLSVILLE UNIVERSITY  
Elementary Musicianship, Understanding Music, Singing Onstage, Introduction to Theatre,  
Musical Theatre Workshop, History of Musical Theatre, Political Theatre
- 2010-2011      LINDSEY WILSON COLLEGE  
Concert Choir, LWC Singers

*\*Experience developing and teaching in-seat courses, online courses, summer courses, courses for traditional collegiate-age students, and courses for non-traditional older students.*

## **INTERNATIONAL ENTREPRENEUR & EDUCATOR**

- 2010-Present*   Professional music arranger/composer who has serviced clients in 30+ countries spanning North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia. Previous clients in countries include Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Peru, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, and United States.
- 2004-Present*   Toured internationally performing, presenting at academic conferences, leading study abroad students, and participating in cultural excursions. Countries visited include Canada, Bahamas, Ireland, England, Spain, Italy, France, Monaco, Turkey, Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Belgium, and The Netherlands. Upcoming planned locales include Scotland and Wales.

## **PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS, OUTREACH, and SERVICE**

- 2018-Present*   International Studies Assistant, WPU
- 2017-Present*   Faculty Advancement Committee, WPU (Chair of Committee)
- 2015-Present*   Baccalaureate and Commencement Committee, WPU
- 2015-Present*   Head of Recruitment Initiatives (Theatre Department), WPU
- 2014-Present*   Head of Theatre Department Scholarships, WPU
- 2014-Present*   Faculty Advisor, WPU
- 2014-Present*   Campus Pianist, WPU
- 2019-2020*      External Outreach and Entrepreneurship Committee, WPU
- 2019-2020*      Immersive Learning Committee, WPU
- 2019-2020*      Registrar Taskforce, WPU
- 2018-2019*      Speakers and Events Committee, WPU
- 2017-2019*      Arts & Events Committee, WPU (Chair of Committee)
- 2017-2019*      Showcase Committee, WPU
- 2017-2018*      Co-Author of Theatre Department Program External Review, WPU
- 2017*              5<sup>th</sup> Year Program Review Committee (College Transfer Programs), VGCC
- 2015-2017*      Chair, Arts & Events Committee, WPU
- 2015-2016*      Enrollment Growth Committee, WPU

2012-2014	Convocation Committee, CU
2010-2014	Lead Recruiter for Music and Theatre Departments, CU
2010-2014	Campus Pianist, CU

## UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS and DEGREES CO-DEVELOPED

### WILLIAM PEACE UNIVERSITY

<i>Current</i>	B.F.A. Musical Theatre
<i>Current</i>	B.A. Theatre
<i>Current</i>	B.A. Theatre Education
<i>Current</i>	B.A. Arts Administration
<i>Current</i>	Theatre Minor

### CAMPBELLSVILLE UNIVERSITY

<i>Current</i>	B.A. Theatre
<i>Current</i>	Theatre Minor

## COMPOSER

### Film

2019	<i>Blind Love</i> , Independent Lens
2017	<i>Typewriters</i> , Tyler Horn Productions
2015	<i>Blue is the New Pink</i> , Lost in Vision Entertainment
2013	<i>Mr. Angel</i> , Pearl Wolf Productions
	*Streamed on NETFLIX and HULU, Winner of 2013 Telly Award
2013	<i>In My Skin</i> , Agent A Pictures
2012	<i>Girl(s)</i> , See You Films
	* "Best Drama Award" at 2012 World Independent Film Expo
2011	<i>23 Dogs in 18 Days</i> , Cammie Noel Productions
2009	<i>Every Single Day</i> , CRAVINGmore Productions
2008	<i>Last Breath</i> , Slash and Dash Entertainment

### Television/Streaming/Commercials

2019	<i>Blind Love</i> , PBS
2015	<i>Penguin Random House Publishing</i> , Literacy Partners
2014	<i>Los Golden Boys</i> , MundoFox Network
2013	Verizon National Campaign Pitch, COPILOT
2013	Schick Razor National Commercial Pitch, COPILOT
2013	<i>A Hero Always Lives</i> , Doing Our Part Charity
2013	Campbellsville University Commercials

### Podcasts

2017-2018	<i>EAAE Entertainment, Arts, and Education</i>
2014	<i>The Green Room</i> , Meehan Creative Inc.

### Video Games Prototypes

2020	<i>High Score Player</i> (Competition prototype)
2016	<i>Untitled WWII Game</i> (Competition prototype)
2016	<i>Untitled Space Horror Game</i> (Competition prototype)
2016	<i>Penguin Panic</i> *“Best Solo Game Award” at 2015 LittleAwful Game Jam National Gaming Competition
2016	<i>Cyber Sight</i> (Competition prototype)

## **THEATRE PRODUCTIONS**

2020	<i>The Spitfire Grill</i> , Music Director, WPU
2019	<i>Meet Me in St. Louis</i> , Music Director, WPU
2019	<i>Hair</i> , Music Director, WPU
2018	<i>Beauty and the Beast</i> , Music Director, WPU
2018	<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i> , Music Director, Ragged Edge Theatre
2018	<i>Godspell</i> , Music Assistant, The Music Theatre
2018	<i>Assassins</i> , Music Director, WPU
2018	<i>Hairspray</i> , Music Director, NCSU
2017	<i>Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i> , Music Director, WPU
2017	<i>The Secret Garden</i> , Music Director, NCSU
2017	<i>The Wild Party</i> , Music Director, WPU
2017	<i>The Pillowman</i> , Faculty Mentor, WPU
2016	<i>The Wolf</i> , Music Assistant, Theatre Raleigh
2016	<i>American Idiot</i> , Music Director, WPU
2015	<i>The Music Man</i> , Music Director, WPU
2015	<i>Into the Woods</i> , Music Director, Stage Right Acting
2015	<i>Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom</i> , Music Composer, WPU
2015	<i>Olympia High</i> , Composer, StageStruck Theatre
2015	<i>25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee</i> , Music Director, WPU
2015	<i>The Piano Lesson</i> , Music Director, WPU
2015	<i>SRA Disney</i> , Music Director, Stage Right Acting
2014	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i> , Music Director, WPU
2014	<i>The Color of Sound</i> , Music Arranger, Theatre Resources Unlimited
2014	<i>The Little Mermaid</i> , Music Director, Stage Right Acting
2014	<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> , Music Assistant, Town Hall Productions
2014	<i>Hamlet</i> , Music/Sound Design, Town Hall Productions
2014	<i>Madame Buttermilk</i> , Music Consultant, Lexington Studio Players
2014	<i>Salute to Standards</i> , Music Director, CU

2014	<i>Snoopy: The Musical</i> , Music Director, UK Academy for Creative Excellence
2014	<i>Carolers</i> , Playwright, Transylvania University 24 Hour Playfest
2013	<i>Seussical</i> , Music Director, Stage Right Acting
2013	<i>How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying</i> , Music Director, CU
2013	<i>A Chorus Line</i> , Music Director, Kentucky Theatre Conservatory
2013	<i>Avenue Q</i> , Music Director, Kentucky Theatre Conservatory
2013	<i>Time in a Bottle</i> , Music Director, CU
2013	<i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> , Music Director, CU
2013	<i>If Toys Could Talk</i> , Music Director/Playwright, UK Academy for Creative Excellence
2013	<i>Who's Bad?</i> , Music Director/Playwright, UK Academy For Creative Excellence
2012	<i>Hairspray</i> , Music Director, CU
2012	<i>Legally Blonde: The Musical</i> , Assistant Music Director, KCT Summerfest
2012	<i>Salute to the Tonys</i> , Music Director, CU
2012	<i>Thoroughly Modern Millie</i> , Music Director, Ragged Edge Theatre
2011	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i> , Music Director, CU
2011	<i>Trifles &amp; Other One Act Plays by Susan Glaspell</i> , Music Director, CU
2011	<i>Give My Regards to Broadway</i> , Director/Music Director, LWC
2011	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i> , Music Assistant, Stephen Foster Story
2010	<i>Smoke on the Mountain: Homecoming</i> , Music Director, CU
2009	<i>Smoke on the Mountain</i> , Music Director, CU
2009	<i>Prodigal</i> , Composer/Playwright/Director/Music Director, CU
2008	<i>Just A Breeze to a Hurricane</i> , Composer/Playwright/Director/Music Director, CU
2004	<i>The Sound of Music</i> , Musician, BEHS
2003	<i>Seven Brides for Seven Brothers</i> , Ensemble/Suitor, BEHS

Currently Ongoing or Shelved Theatre Projects

2014-2017	<i>Seneca Falls: The Musical</i> , Composer/Playwright
2014-2016	<i>North and South: The Musical</i> , Co-Composer
2014-2015	<i>Hansel &amp; Gretel: The Musical</i> , Composer/Playwright
2013-2014	<i>Super Game, Boy</i> , Composer

**REFERENCES** Available Upon Request