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Academic Degrees and Formal Education

2010 - 2016

DMA, Violin Performance and Literature

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Applied Violin: Sigurbjorn Bernhardsson, Sherban Lupu, Megan Freivogel McDonough
- Cognate field: Baroque and Classical Performance Practice

Dissertation: The Individual and Collective Programmatic Characteristics of Five Selected String Academies in the United States

- Research Advisor: Dr. Louis Bergonzi
- Catalyst: Mimi Zweig

2007 - 2009

MM, Violin Performance and String Pedagogy

Northwestern University – Bienen School of Music

- Applied Violin: Gerardo Ribiero
- String Pedagogy: Stacia Spencer

2006 - 2007

Graduate Study, Violin Performance and String Pedagogy

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

- Applied Violin: Dr. Bernard Zinck
- String Pedagogy: Darcy Drexler

2005 - 2006

Artist's Certificate, Violin Performance

Bowling Green State University

2000 - 2005

BM, Music Education

Bowling Green State University

- Applied Violin: Vasile Beluska, Dr. Penny Thompson-Kruse
- Applied Viola: Csaba Erdelyi
- String Education: Dr. Elaine Colprit

Employment and Professional Experience

Current Positions:

2024 – Present

University of New Mexico

- Assistant Professor of String Pedagogy
- Director, UNM Music Prep School and String Pedagogy Lab School

2020 - Present

Paul Rolland String Pedagogy Society

- Vice President (2023 Present)
- Founding member of Board of Directors (2020 Present)
- Co-Director, Paul Rolland String Pedagogy Workshop (2019, 2020, 2021, 2024, 2025)
- Teacher Mentor, Certification Program (2022 Present)

University Instruction:

2019–2023	 Illinois State University Instructional Assistant Professor of Violin (2019–2020, PT; 2021–2022, FT) MUS 136/236/436, Applied Violin and Master Class Graduate and undergraduate violin performance, music education, string pedagogy, and music therapy majors MUS 287/400, Paul Rolland String Pedagogy Clinical Assistant Professor – ISU String Project (2021–2023, PT) Master Teacher: ISU String Project Graduate/undergraduate teacher training and supervision Community string ensemble instruction
	 Administration and leadership
2020 - 2021	Millikin University
	 Adjunct Assistant Professor – Violin and String Pedagogy
	• ML 115, 215, 315, and 415, Applied Violin and Master Class
	• MU 461 and 462, String Pedagogy
	• Undergraduate violin performance and music education majors, and non-
2017 – 2021	music majors
2017 – 2021	Illinois String Academy, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign • Instructor/Supervisor: MUS 459, Professional Internship
	 Instructor: string pedagogy training course for teachers and interns
2013 - 2014	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2013 2011	Graduate Teaching Assistant to Dr. Louis Bergonzi
	Instructor: MUS 140, String Methods
	Supervising instructor: MUS 320-S, String Practicum
2007 - 2009	Northwestern University School of Music
	 Graduate Teaching Assistant to Dr. James Kjelland and Dr. Robert Heitzinger
	 Instructor: GEN MUS 120, Non-Major Applied Violin
	 Assistant Instructor: STRINGS 312, String Class Pedagogy
2006 - 2007	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
	 Graduate Teaching Assistant to Dr. Bernard Zinck
	• Instructor: MUSPERF 141, 241, and 341, Applied Violin. Education majors,
	music majors with violin as a second instrument, and non-majors.
	Supplemental lessons for violin performance majors.
	• Tutoring for students taking courses in theory and aural skills (MUSIC 123, 124, 127 and 128)
Public School Inst	truction:
Licensure	Illinois: Professional Educators License, Music P–12 Endorsement (exp. 2027) Ohio: Resident Educator Multi Age P–12 License, Music (exp. 2025)
2022 - 2023	Champaign, IL Unit 4 Schools
	Instrumental Music Teacher
	• 5 th grade strings at Barkstall, Dr. Howard, and Kenwood Elementary
	Schools; 6 th and 8 th grade strings at Jefferson Middle School
2014 - 2017	Danville, IL Community Consolidated School District No. 118

- Consultant and instructor for a violin program of approximately 200 first, second, and third grade students at Canon, Garfield, and Northeast Magnet elementary schools.
- Press: http://www.news-gazette.com/news/local/2014-11-17/danville-starts-violin-program-first-graders-2-schools.html

Student Teaching, Sylvania OH Schools, Grades 6-12

- Assisted with and directed Jr. High and High School orchestras
- Cooperating teacher: Pam Thiel

Community and Studio Instruction:

2005

1998 – Present	Independent Music Instruction
	 Violin, viola, chamber music, and large ensemble
2011 - 2021	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
	 Senior Coordinator and Lead Instructor – Illinois String Academy
	• Director – "Young Strings on the Move!" – The Paul Rolland String Camp (2017–2019)
2009 - 2021	East Central Illinois Youth Orchestra at the Conservatory of Central Illinois
	 Coach: ECIYO Honors Quartet
2011 - 2015	Community Center for the Arts (C4A), www.c-4a.org
	 Faculty member: violin, viola and chamber music
2010 - 2012	Camp Encore-Coda, www.encore-coda.com
	 Summers of 2010 (1st & 2nd sessions) & 2012 (2nd session)
	 Faculty member: violin and chamber music
	• Director: Philharmonia (2 nd session, 2010)
2011	Illinois Summer Youth Music (ISYM)
	 Faculty member: group violin classes and orchestra sectionals
2009 - 2011	The Conservatory of Central Illinois, www.conservatorycentralil.org
	 Faculty member: violin and chamber music
2007 - 2009	Northwestern University String Academy
	• Teaching and observation of private violin lessons and group violin classes
2006 - 2007	String Academy of Wisconsin
	• Teaching and observation of private violin lessons and group violin classes
2006	Bowling Green State University String Camp
	 Faculty member: violin group classes, chamber music and orchestra sectionals
2005 - 2006	Perrysburg School of Music, www.perrysburgschoolofmusic.com
	Faculty member: violin
2003 - 2005	Music Plus, Bowling Green State University
	 Volunteer private violin instructor
2000 - 2004	Creative Arts Program, Bowling Green State University
	Private Violin Studio

Administration and Leadership Experience:

2017 – Present	Paul Rolland String Pedagogy Workshop
	 Faculty member
	• Co-Director (2019, 2020, 2021, 2024, 2025)
2011 - 2021	Illinois String Academy

	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
	• Hiring, recruiting, program administration/development, event organization,
	advertisement, and public engagement
2011 - 2015	Community Center for the Arts, www.c-4a.org
	 Recruiting, program development, event organization, advertisement, and public engagement
2009 - 2011	East Central Illinois Youth Orchestra
	Orchestra Manager and Librarian
	 Organization of all communications, rehearsals, special events, and concerts.
	Obtained music for performances; edited string parts.
2008	Meadowmount School of Music
	 Counselor
2007	Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival
	 Counselor
	 Organization of student recitals
2006 - 2007	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
	 Organization of outreach and recruitment efforts for the violin studio
2003	Brevard Music Center

Adjudication, Master Classes, Presentations, and Professional Mentoring

• Orchestra library assistant

February 2025	Suncoast Music Education Research Symposium
•	 Developing a Community Music Program, and Relevant Case Studies
September 2024	Illinois American String Teachers Association
-	Headline Clinician: 2024 Teacher Enrichment Workshop
June 2024	Paul Rolland String Pedagogy Workshop, University of Illinois
	Pedagogy Sessions: Developing Right Hand Flexibility; PRSP Kids Camp
	Demonstration; Principles of Left Hand and Finger Action; Principles of
	Movement; First Steps in Vibrato Teaching
March 2024	American String Teachers Association National Conference
	Mastery Through Movement: Rolland Vibrato Actions for Your String
	Students
January 2024	Level 2 Endorsement Towards Certification in Paul Rolland Strong Pedagogy
	 Professional mentoring for teachers from New Jersey, New York,
	Washington, Washington D.C., and Port Elizabeth in South Africa
November 2023	Level 3 Endorsement Towards Certification in Paul Rolland Strong Pedagogy
	 Professional mentoring for teachers from Illinois, Massachusetts, and South
	Carolina
July 2023	Level 2 Endorsement Towards Certification in Paul Rolland Strong Pedagogy
	• Professional mentoring for teachers from Arizona, California, Colorado, and
	Pennsylvania
June 2023	Paul Rolland String Pedagogy Workshop
	 Pedagogy Sessions: Developing Flexibility; Remedial Teaching
April 2023	Mississippi State University
	 Recital, Master Class, Presentation, and Pedagogy Clinic
March 2023	College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University
	 Master Class, Presentation, and Orchestra Clinic
March 2023	American String Teachers Association National Conference
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	Teeter-Totter and Swing: Paul Rolland Bowing Concepts for Beginner to Advanced
July 2022	 Level 2 Endorsement Towards Certification in Paul Rolland Strong Pedagogy Professional mentoring for teachers from Arizona, California, Colorado, and Pennsylvania
June 2022	 Paul Rolland String Pedagogy Workshop, University of Illinois Pedagogy Sessions: Holding the Bow; Left-Hand & Finger Placement in 1st Position; Developing Left-Hand Finger Movement; Basic Shifting Movements; Sustained Strokes, Détaché, and Related Bowings
May 2022	DePauw University • Recital and Master Class
January 2022	 Recetar and Waster Class Illinois Music Educators Conference Presentation: Moving and Grooving: Paul Rolland Shifting and Vibrato for String Classes
June 2021	Paul Rolland String Pedagogy Workshop, University of Illinois • Pedagogy Sessions: Establishing the Instrument Hold; Bouncing the Bow; First Steps in Vibrato Teaching
March 2021	Bowling Green State University • Presentation and Clinic: Paul Rolland Action Studies
February 2020	Illinois Music Educators Conference • Presentation: Mastery Through Movement: Rolland Action Studies for Your String Students
December 2019	 Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic Presentation: Mastery Through Movement: Rolland Action Studies for Your String Students
October 2019	Purdue University – Fort Wayne • Guest Clinician: "Chamber Music Day," a pre-college chamber music workshop for high school string players
July 2019	 Paul Rolland String Pedagogy Workshop, University of Illinois Pedagogy Sessions: Holding the Bow; Developing Left-Hand Finger Movement; Basic Shifting Movements
July 2018	 Demonstration/Performance: Young Strings on the Move! The Paul Rolland String Camp Paul Rolland String Pedagogy Workshop, University of Illinois Pedagogy Session: Basic Shifting Movements Demonstration/Performance: Young Strings on the Move! The Paul Rolland
January 2018	String Camp MTNA East Central Division Competitions • String Judge: Junior, Senior and Young Artist Competitions
June 2017	 Paul Rolland String Pedagogy Workshop, University of Illinois Panel Discussion: Private Studio, Suzuki-Rolland Programs, Community Music Schools: Priorities, Procedures, Pitfalls Demonstration/Performance: Young Strings on the Move! The Paul Rolland
March 2017	String Camp American String Teachers Association National Conference • Poster Session: The Individual and Collective Programmatic Characteristics
November 2016	of Five Selected String Academies in the United States. University of Illinois

• ASTA Seminar in String Pedagogy: Developing a Community-Based Stringed Instrument Program

November 2016 University of Illinois

• ASTA Seminar in String Pedagogy: Teaching Young Children

March 2015 Master Class, Eastern Illinois University

• Master Class: students of Anna Cromwell

March 2015 Bradley University

• Master Class: students of Marcia Henry Liebenow

Performance Experience

Selected Solo and Chamber Music:

2021 – Present Selected recent highlights

- Illinois State University Symphony Orchestra (October '21)
 - o Featured soloist: Mozart Violin Concerto No. 5
- Faculty chamber music recital, Illinois State University (November '22)
 - o Works by Bartók, Giddens, Mozart, Piazzolla, and Schulhoff
- Red Note New Music Festival, Illinois State University (February '22)
 - Collaboration with Missy Mazzoli and Bright Sheng
- Jacobs-Shustova Duo (March '22)
 - o Benefit concert for Ukraine; \$5,000+ raised
 - Works by Bach/Gounod, Brahms, Bruch, Lysenko, Massenet, Mendelssohn, Piazzolla, and Sibelius
- Jacobs-Shustova Duo (May '22)
 - o Hunt-Country Music Festival, Middleburg, VA
 - Works by Leslie Adams, Brahms, Chopin, Jennifer Higdon, Liszt, Mascagni, Massenet, and Wieniawski
- Danville Symphony Orchestra (October '22)
 - Featured soloist: Massenet, Mediation from Thaïs; Offenbach,
 Orpheus in the Underworld; Debussy, Claire de Lune; Gershwin, An
 American in Paris
- Jacobs-Shustova Duo (February '23)
 - o Clarkston UMC Recital Series Clarkston, MI
 - Works by Adams, Dancla, Higdon, Kreisler, Massenet, Messiaen,
 Prokofiev, Rachmaninoff, and Wieniawski
- "Sounds of Hope" Opening at Peoria Riverfront Museum (August '23)
 - Celebrating the "Violins of Hope" exhibition; instruments owned and played by victims of the Holocaust
 - First violinist: Shostakovich String Quartet No. 8; Milhaud Symphoniette Op. 363; Ravel Kaddish
- Jacobs-Shustova Duo (November/December '23)
 - o Concerts in Champaign, IL and Toledo, OH

2005 – Present Jacobs-Shustova Duo

- Violin-Piano Duo with Tatiana Shustova, piano
- Performances in Italy, Russia, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Virginia, and Wisconsin.
- Awards:

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	 Liszt-Garrison Festival and International Competition, Baltimore MD (2011): Judges Award for Outstanding Performance of "String Poetic" by Jennifer Higdon
	o Premio Musicale "Alberto Gori" Sarteano, Italy (2010): Second Prize
2019 - 2021	Illinois Arts Trio
	 Piano Trio with Amy Catron, cello and Tatiana Shustova, piano Chamber music performances throughout Illinois and Virginia, including Millikin University, Illinois State University, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and the Middleburg (VA) Concert Series.
2017 - 2018	CUSO "Music Alive" Chamber Music Performances
	 String Quartet performances, September 2017 & 2018.
	 In collaboration with composer Stacy Garrop, Composer in Residence; "Music Alive" residency program of the League of American Orchestras
2014 - 2017	Chambana Arts Trio
	Piano Trio with Ka-Wai Yu, cello and Tatiana Shustova, piano
	 Chamber music performances throughout Illinois, including Bradley University, Eastern Illinois University, Illinois College, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2014	Jacksonville Symphony at Illinois College
	 Featured Soloist: Beethoven Triple Concerto
2013	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
	Featured Soloist: Complete Brandenburg Concertos
2012	Walden Chamber Players
2011	 Guest artist: Shostakovich String Quartet #8 at Illinois College Jacksonville Symphony at Illinois College
2010	• Featured Soloist: Mozart Violin Concerto #5
2010	Sariana Trio
	Piano Trio with Sam Falcone, saxophone and Tatiana Shustova, piano Chamber performances in Illinois Massachusetts, New York, and Ohio
	 Chamber performances in Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, and Ohio International Chamber Music Ensemble Competition, Presented by The Chamber Music Foundation of New England, Boston MA (2010): Honorable Mention
2010 - 2016	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
	 Chamber Music Study: Ian Hobson, Dmitry Kouzov, Stefan Milenkovich, Pacifica Quartet, Debra Richtmeyer
2007 – 2009	Northwestern University – Bienen School of Music • Chamber Music Study: Alan Chan, James Giles, Max Raimie, Almita Vamos
2001 - 2008	Summer Music Festivals
	 Meadowmount School of Music; Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival; Hot Springs Music Festival; Chautauqua Institution Music Festival; Brevard Music Center; Las Vegas Music Festival; Eastern Music Festival Chamber Music Study: Alan Bodman, Lawrence Dutton, Kevin Lawrence,
	Audubon Quartet, George Stelluto
2006 - 2007	University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
	 Chamber Music Study: Stefan Kartman, Fine Arts Quartet
2000 - 2005	Bowling Green State University
	Chamber Music Study: Vasile Beluska, Csaba Erdelyi, Alan Smith, Penny Thompson-Kruse

Orchestral – Principal Positions:

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2009 – Present	Danville Symphony Orchestra
	• Concertmaster (2017–Present) – Madolyn Norman Endowed Chair
	• Principal 2nd Violin (2009–2013)
2009 – Present	Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra
	Principal 2nd Violin – Raymond E. Williams Memorial Chair
	Guest Concertmaster (as needed)
2010 – Present	Sinfonia da Camera, Urbana, IL
	 Principal 2nd Violin
2016 – Present	Urbana Pops Orchestra
	Concertmaster
2020 - 2021	Millikin-Decatur Symphony Orchestra
	• Concertmaster
2013 - 2015	Heartland Festival Orchestra
	 Principal 2nd Violin
2009 - 2013	Jacksonville IL Symphony Orchestra
	• Concertmaster
2010 - 2014	The Prairie Ensemble
	• Concertmaster (2013-2014)
	 Principal 2nd Violin (2010-2013)
2010 - 2012	University of Illinois Symphony Orchestra
	Co-Concertmaster
2010 - 2012	Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra
	 Principal 2nd Violin
	Principal Viola
2007 - 2009	Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra
	Principal Viola
2007 - 2009	Elmhurst IL Symphony Orchestra
	 Principal Viola
2006 - 2007	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra
	 Concertmaster
2004 - 2006	Bowling Green State University Chamber Orchestra
	 Co-Concertmaster
2003	Brevard Music Center Orchestra
	 Principal Second Violin

Orchestral – Section Violin or Viola:

2010 - 2015	Heartland Festival Orchestra
2009 - 2015	Illinois Symphony Orchestra
2009 – 10 season	Sinfonia da Camera
2009 – 10 season	The Prairie Ensemble
2009 – 10 season	Kankakee Valley IL Symphony Orchestra
2009 - 2012	Eastern Illinois University Symphony Orchestra
2008 - 2009	Chicago Arts Orchestra
2007 - 2009	Sherwood IL Symphony Orchestra
2006 - 2007	Milwaukee Festival City Symphony
2006 - 2009	Kenosha WI Symphony Orchestra

2006 - 2007	Racine WI Symphony Orchestra
2006 - 2007	Sheboygan WI Symphony Orchestra
2005 - 2006	Ohio Northern University Orchestra
2000 - 2006	Lima OH Symphony Orchestra
1999 - 2006	Southern Great Lakes Symphony
1999 - 2006	Seaway Chorale and Orchestra
2001 - 2006	Sandusky OH Symphony Orchestra
2001 - 2006	Adrian MI Symphony Orchestra
2002 - 2004	Heidleburg College Orchestra
2003 - 2004	Bluffton College Orchestra
2000 - 2003	Perrysburg OH Symphony Orchestra

Additional Education

Workshops and Training:

2017 - 2022	Certification in Paul Rolland String Pedagogy
	 Mentor for Endorsement Levels II, III, and IV: Dr. Gerald Fischbach
	 Mentor for Presenter and Mentor training: Joanne May
2013	String Academy of Wisconsin
	 Workshop: Teaching the Violin to Children
	 Instructors: Darcy Drexler and Mimi Zweig
2012	Indiana University – Jacobs School of Music
	 Retreat for Violin and Viola Teachers
	• Instructors: Brenda Brenner, Rebecca Henry, James Przygocki, Sherry Sinift
	and Mimi Zweig
2005	Capital University – Columbus Ohio
	 Suzuki Pedagogy Teacher Training
	 "Every Child Can!" and Violin Unit 1
	Instructor: Linda Stieg

Summer Festivals:

Meadowmount School of Music
 Instructors: Alan Bodman and Gerardo Ribiero
Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival
 Instructors: Marjorie Bagley, Lawrence Dutton and Kevin Lawrence
Hot Springs Music Festival
 Instructors: Janet Sung and Jasper Wood
Chautauqua Institution Music Festival
• Instructors: Audubon Quartet, Jacques Israelievitch, Ilya Kaler, Almita
Vamos and Roland Vamos
Brevard Music Center
Instructor: William Terwiliger
Las Vegas Music Festival
Instructor: Annette Barbara Vogel
Eastern Music Festival
Instructor: Penny Thompson-Kruse

Other Private Study:

Yehonatan Berick, Anna Bitar-Weller, Movses Pogossian, Kurt Sassmannshaus, William Terwiliger, Almita and Roland Vamos, Won-Bin Yim, Mimi Zweig

Master Class Performances:

Alla Aranovskaya, Dmitri Berlinsky, Lawrence Dutton, Ralph Evans, Jacques Israelievitch, Sherri Kloss, Annette Barbara Vogel, Jasper Wood, Jupiter Quartet, Parker Quartet, Won-bin Yim, Mimi Zweig

Arts Organization Membership

American String Teachers Association Illinois Music Education Association Paul Rolland String Pedagogy Society Suzuki Association of the Americas

Awards and Recognition

2013 - 2014	Teaching Assistantship: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2010 - 2013	Doctoral Tuition Waiver: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2011	Liszt-Garrison Festival and International Competition, Baltimore MD: Judges
	Award for Outstanding Performance of "String Poetic" by Jennifer Higdon
2010	Premio Musicale "Alberto Gori" Sarteano, Italy: Second Prize
2010	International Chamber Music Ensemble Competition, Presented by The Chamber
	Music Foundation of New England, Boston MA: Honorable Mention
2007 - 2009	School of Music Eckstein Grant: Northwestern University – Bienen School of Music
2007	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Concerto Competition: Honorable Mention
2006	Chancellor's Graduate Student Award: University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee – Peck
	School of the Arts
2006	Talent Award: University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee – Peck School of the Arts
2002 - 2006	Deans List: Bowling Green State University – College of Musical Arts
2003	Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities
2004	Natalie Katz-Sternburg Music Education Scholarship: Bowling Green State
	Universtiy –College of Musical Arts
2004	Music Education Talent Award: Bowling Green State University -College of
	Musical Arts
2000 - 2004	Music Talent Award: Bowling Green State University -College of Musical Arts