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## **EDUCATION**

University of North Texas - Denton, Texas  
Certificate: Kodaly Level I - July 1998

Central Missouri State University - Warrensburg, Missouri  
Degree: Master of Arts in Music Education - December 1989

Central Missouri State University - Warrensburg, Missouri  
Degree: Bachelor of Music Education - May 1980  
Emphasis: Choral Music Education

Mexico High School - Mexico, Missouri  
Diploma: May 1976

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Associate Director of Choral Activities

University of North Dakota - Grand Forks, North Dakota (2012-present)  
Allegro Women's Choir; Vivo Chamber Ensemble; Choral Methods; Vocal Methods;  
Fundamentals of Music; Secondary Music Methods; Individual Lessons, Class Lessons

Choral Director and Voice Instructor

Valley Middle School - Grand Forks, North Dakota (2000-present)  
7th Grade Choir; 8th Grade Choir; Boy's Ensemble; Girl's Ensemble; Musical Director;  
6th Grade Choir Assistant Director

Choral Director and General Music Instructor

DeLay Middle School - Lewisville, Texas (1997-2000)  
Concert Choir; Treble Choir; Men's Choir; 6th Grade Choir; General Music, Grades 6-8

Music Specialist

Meadowbrook Elementary School - Waco, Texas (1993-1997)  
General Music, Grades K-5

Choral Director and General Music Instructor

Harmony Middle School - Overland Park, Kansas (1992-1993)  
8th Grade Choir; 7th Grade Choir; 6th Grade Exploratory Music; Musical Director;  
6th Grade Variety Show Assistant Director

Choral Director and General Music Instructor

Raytown South Middle School - Raytown, Missouri (1987-1992)  
8th Grade Chorus; Show Choir; 6th & 7th Grade Exploratory Music

Director of Choruses and Voice Instructor

Southeast Junior High/City High School - Iowa City, Iowa (1985-1987)

9th Grade Chorus; 8th Grade Chorus; 7th Grade Chorus; 9th Grade Show Choir;  
Junior High Show Choir; Musical Assistant; Private Voice Instructor

Director of Choral Activities and General Music Instructor

Moniteau County R-1 Schools - California, Missouri (1983-1985)

9-12 Concert Choir; 9-12 Girls Glee Club; Show Choir; 7th & 8th Grade Choir;  
Music Appreciation; 7th & 8th General Music

Director of Choral Activities and General Music Instructor

Eldon Administrative Unit - Eldon, Missouri (1981-1983)

9-12 Concert Choir; 9-12 Girls Glee Club; 8th Grade Choir; 7th Grade General Music;  
3rd Grade General Music

Graduate Assistant

Central Missouri State University - Warrensburg, Missouri (1980-1981)

Choral Ensembles; Music Theory

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Artistic Director and Conductor [Founder]

The Grand Cities Children's Choir (2002-present)

Artistic Director and Conductor

Waco Girls Choir & Waco Girls Chorale - Waco, Texas (1995-1997)

General Music Vice-President - Missouri Music Educators Association (1990-1992)

### **SIGNIFICANT PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE**

Grand Cities Children's Choir - North Dakota-American Choral Directors Association Conference (2009)

Grand Cities Children's Choir - American Choral Directors Association North Central Division  
Conference (2006)

Grand Cities Children's Choir - North Dakota Music Educators Conference (2003)

Waco Girls Choir - Texas Music Educators Conference (1997)

Central Missouri State University Madrigal Singers (Graduate Conductor) - American Choral Directors  
Association Southwestern Division Conference (1981)

Central Missouri State University Concert Choir (Graduate Conductor) - Missouri Music Educators  
Association Conference (1981)

### **ADDITIONAL CONDUCTING EXPERIENCE**

Conductor - Minnesota Subsection 30 District Honor Choir (2018)

Conductor - North Dakota-American Choral Director's Association "Surround the State in Song" Choir  
Festival, Bismarck, North Dakota (2017)

Conductor - ELOE Festival, Oakes, North Dakota (2016)

Conductor - University of North Dakota Women's Honor Choir (2012-2018)

Conductor - North Dakota-American Choral Directors Association "Surround the State in Song" Choir  
Festival, Jamestown, North Dakota (2011)

Conductor - North Dakota Southeast Regional High School Choir Festival (2011)

Conductor - North Dakota-American Choral Directors Association JH/MS Mixed All-State Choir (2010)  
Conductor - Northern Plains Kodaly Festival Regional Honor Choir (2008)  
Conductor - "Celebration of Music" (North Dakota) Festival Choir (2006)  
Conductor - Missouri Choral Directors Association 9-10 All-State Honor Choir (2006)  
Music Director - Valley Middle School (North Dakota) Musicals (2001-2012)  
Conductor - West Central Missouri 6th Grade Honor Choir (1992, 1996)  
Conductor - West Central Missouri District Junior High Honor Choir (1990)  
Chamber Choir Director - Central Missouri State University Music Camp (1992)  
Show Choir Director - Central Missouri State University Music Camp (1990)  
Show Choir Director - University of Kansas Music Camp (1990)  
Conductor - Council Bluffs/Omaha All City Festival (1988)  
Show Choir Director - Southeast Missouri State University Music Camp (1985)  
Show Choir Director - Central Missouri State University Music Camp (1985)  
Assistant Conductor - Central Missouri State University Concert Choir (1980-1981)  
Assistant Conductor - Central Missouri State University Madrigal Singers (1980-1981)  
Show Choir Director - Central Missouri State University (1978-1979)

### **CLINICIAN AND ADJUDICATION EXPERIENCE**

Clinician - Popplers Music Company "New Music Reading Clinic" (2008, 2011)  
Guest Lecturer - University of North Dakota Choral Methods Course (2008)  
Clinician - North Central American Choral Directors Association Reading Clinic (2008)  
Presenter - Brandon University (Manitoba) "Da Capo" Music Conference (2007, 2008)  
Guest Lecturer - University of North Dakota Choral Literature Course (2007)  
Clinician - North Dakota Music Educators Association Hal Leonard Reading Clinic (2006)  
Guest Lecturer - University of North Dakota Collegiate Music Educators Chapter (2003, 2009)  
Adjudicator - North Dakota Solo/Ensemble and Large Group Festivals (2000-2011)  
Adjudicator - Minnesota Solo/Ensemble Festivals (2003, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2010)  
Guest Lecturer - Baylor University Methods Course (1997)  
Adjudicator - Texas All-Region Solo/Ensemble Festivals (1997-1999)  
Guest Lecturer - Central Missouri State University Methods Course (1991)  
Adjudicator - Missouri All-District Choirs (1981-1985; 1987-1992)  
Adjudicator - Missouri All-State Choirs (1987-1992)  
Adjudicator - Missouri Junior High Conference Music Festivals (1987-1992)  
Guest Lecturer - University of Iowa Student Teaching Seminars (1986-1987)

### **JOB-RELATED EXPERIENCE**

Participant - McClosky Voice Institute (2011)  
Host/Coordinator - "Voices of the World" (North Dakota) Choral Festival (2006, 2009)  
Host/Coordinator - North Dakota Regional "Surround the State in Sound" Choral Festival (2006-2010)  
Response to Intervention-Behavior Committee Co-Chair - Valley Middle School (2005-present)  
Assessment Coordinator - Central Missouri State University Department of Music (2005)  
Participant - Henry Leck "Creating Artistry" Choir Workshop (2004)  
Instructor - Grand Forks Public Schools "Summer Performing Arts" Camps (2001, 2002)  
Performer - Twin Forks Sweet Adelines Chorus and Quartet (2000-2006)  
Adopt-A-School Coordinator - Meadowbrook Elementary School (1993-1997)  
Member - Waco Community Band (1993-1997)  
Program Committee - Meadowbrook Elementary School (1993-1997)  
Co-Chairman of Multicultural Committee - Harmony Middle School (1992-1993)  
General Music Competencies Chairman - Missouri Music Educators Association (1991-1992)

Arts Education Task Force - Missouri Arts Council (1990-1992)  
Member - Raytown Community Band (1990-1992)  
Clubs and Activities Committee - Raytown South Middle School (1990-1992)  
Coordinator - "Music In Our Schools Month" (1987, 1995-1996)  
Student Council Sponsor - Raytown South Middle School (1987-1992)  
Assistant Coordinator - All-City 8th Grade Chorus Festival (1987)  
Administrative Staff/Head Counselor - Iowa All-State Music Camp (1986-1988)  
Student Teaching Cooperating Teacher (1986; 1987; 1994-1997; 1998; 2003, 2004)  
Practicum Student Cooperating Teacher (1985-1987; 2000-2011)  
Assistant Director/Accompanist/Counselor - Southeast Missouri State University Music Camp (1985)  
Choir Accompanist/Choral Assistant/Counselor - Central Missouri State University Music Camp  
(1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)  
Accompanist - Missouri All-District Choirs (1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990)  
Private Voice Instructor (1981-present)  
Show Choir Performer/Accompanist - Central Missouri State University (1976-1978)  
Member - Central Missouri State University Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Madrigal Singers  
(1976-1981)

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Nominee – University of North Dakota Undergraduate Teaching Award (2017)  
North Valley Arts Council "Arts Supporter of the Year" (2011)  
Phenomenal Woman Award - University of North Dakota Multicultural Student Services (2011)  
Choral Director of the Year - North Dakota Choral Directors Association (2010)  
Gold Note Award – Grand Forks Thursday Music Club (2010)  
Who's Who Among Professional Women (2008)  
Athena Leadership Award for Professional Excellence and Community Service (2006)  
Distinguished Alumnus Award - Central Missouri State University (2005)  
Sam's Club/Wal-Mart "Teacher of the Year" for North Dakota (2004)  
North Dakota Chamber of Commerce "Outstanding Leadership Award" (2004)  
Sam's Club/Wal-Mart "Teacher of the Year" for Grand Forks (2004)  
DeLay Middle School "Teacher of The Year" (1999)  
Melanie Popejoy Scholarship Established - Waco Girls Choir (1997)  
Waco Independent School District "Teacher of the Year" (1996)  
Meadowbrook Elementary "Teacher of the Year" (1996)  
Nominee - Kansas Master Teacher Award (1993)  
Who's Who Among America's Teachers (1991, 1992)  
PTA Honorary Life Membership (1991)  
Pi Kappa Lambda [Music Honor Society] (1990)  
Delta Kappa Gamma [National Honor Society for Women Educators] (1990)  
Raytown South Middle School "Teacher of the Year" (1989)  
Nominee - Kansas City Star "Excellence In Teaching" Award (1989)  
Kappa Delta Pi [National Education Honor Society] (1978)  
Missouri All-Collegiate Choir Member (1978)  
Dean's List - Central Missouri State University (1976)  
Outstanding Female Choral Student - Mexico High School (1976)  
Jaycee Civic Club Spirit Award Recipient (1976)  
Northeast Missouri All-District High School Choir (1974, 1975, 1976)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Choral Directors Association  
Chorus America  
National Association for Music Education  
North Dakota-American Choral Directors Association  
North Dakota Music Educators Association  
Organization of American Kodaly Educators

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