

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2018 University of California-Los Angeles: PhD in Ethnomusicology (Systematic Musicology Specialization). Advisor: Prof. Roger Savage; Committee Members: Prof. Robert Fink, Prof. James Newton, Prof. Steven Loza. Dissertation: “A Study of the Los Angeles DIY Experimental Music Scene: Reflections on the Promise of the Possible”
- 2013 New York University: MA in Humanities and Social thought. Thesis Advisor: Prof. Friedrich Ulfers. Thesis: “On the Familiar Strangeness of Musical Phenomena”
- 2006 DePaul University: MM in Jazz Studies, Saxophone Performance Track
- 2003 University of Wisconsin-Green Bay: BA in Applied Music, Minor in Arts Management

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

A musicologist interested in popular music and experimentalisms after 1950, I am at home in critical discussions of globally distributed popular musics, musics of the African Diaspora, jazz (#BAM), sound studies, and Euro-American art musics. My interdisciplinary training in (ethno)musicology and continental philosophy informs my teaching and research with perspectives from critical/social theory and a focus on relationships between theorizations of aesthetics, interpretation, and identity. Extensive background as a teacher and improvising multi-instrumental performer inform my cultivation of inclusive classrooms and student engagement that aim to honor difference in terms of how each of us “be” as much as how we “know.” My greatest long-term concern as a scholar and teacher is the re-visioning of institutional music discourse toward a more global understanding of music study; one that forefronts inclusion and accessibility and is informed by practical and theoretical recommendations from decolonization, social justice, and critical race theory.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2023 Baker-Nord Center for Humanities Special Projects Grant
- 2022 Nominated: Carl F. Wittke Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
- 2022 Collaborator: UCITE Advancing Internationalization, Inclusion, Diversity & Equity Teaching and Learning Collaborative
- 2019 Non-Senate Faculty Professional Development Award, UCLA
- 2017 UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music Scholarship
- 2016 Jorge Estrada Research Fellowship, UCLA Ethnomusicology
- 2015 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division
- 2013-15 UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music Fellowship, UCLA
- 2013-15 University of California Regents Fellowship, Ethnomusicology, UCLA
- 2006 DePaul University MM conferred “With Distinction”
- 2001 Continuing Music Major Scholarship, UWGB
- 2000 Chuck Richardson Saxophone Scholarship, UWGB

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

In Production

- “Fruits of the Dark Tree: Connecting Free Jazz to Hip Hop in Southern California” to be submitted to the *Journal of the American Musicological Society*
- 2019 “Intertextuality and the Construction of Meaning in Jazz Worlds: A Case Study of Joe Farrell’s ‘Moon Germs’.” *Journal of Jazz Studies* 12 (1): 51-71.
- 2018 “The Problematic Role of ‘Thingliness’ in Experimental Music Canon Formation: The New York School, Free Jazz, and Recombinant Ontology.” *The International Journal of New Media, Technology, and the Arts* 13 (1): 1-6.

BOOKS

In Production

White Zombie: Jazz, Race, and Revenant Culture

PARTS OF BOOKS

- 2022 “Sounding Home in the Unknown: Tracing Self Determination from the Streets to the Void.” In *Sonic Identity at the Margins*, edited by Joanna Love and Jessie Fillerup, 135-50. New York, NY: Bloomsbury.

EDITOR REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 “Review of Marina Peterson’s *Atmospheric Noise*.” *Journal of the Society for American Music*. Vol 17 (1): 6-9.
- 2018 “A Reply to Yee’s: ‘The Psychodynamics of Chronic Depression in Music: An Agentially-Enriched Narrative Reading of Beethoven’s “Kreutzer” Sonata, Op. 47, Movement I.’” In *American Society for Aesthetics Graduate E-Journal*, Vol 10 (1): np.
- 2017 *Some Musical, Personal, and Theoretical Digressions Regarding “Music Without Handles.”* In *The American Society for Aesthetics Newsletter*. Vol 37 (2): 4-5.
- 2016 *Dave King’s RATIONAL FUNK: Pedagogy, Criticism, and Productive Absurdity*. In *Ethnomusicology Review’s “Sounding Board”* (<http://ethnomusicologyreview.ucla.edu/content/dave-kings-rational-funk>)
- 2015 *Re-territorializing the Los Angeles John Zorn Marathon*. In *Ethnomusicology Review’s “Sounding Board”* (<http://ethnomusicologyreview.ucla.edu/content/re-territorializing-los-angeles-john-zorn-marathon>)
- 2014a Book Review: “Experience and Meaning in Music Performance,” Martin Clayton, Byron Dueck, and Laura Leante, eds. In *Ethnomusicology Review’s “Sounding Board”* (<http://ethnomusicologyreview.ucla.edu/content/book-review-experience-and-meaning-music-performance>)
- 2014b *A Consideration of the Worlding Power of Music in Tigran Hamasyan’s “Shadow Theater.”* In *Ethnomusicology Review’s “Sounding Board”* (<http://ethnomusicologyreview.ucla.edu/content/consideration-worlding-power-music-tigran-hamasyans-shadow-theater>)
- 2014c *Accounting for Meaning in Improvisation: Embracing New Research in Embodiment*. In *Ethnomusicology Review’s “Sounding Board”*

- (<http://ethnomusicologyreview.ucla.edu/content/accounting-meaning-improvisation-embracing-new-research-embodiment>)
- 2007 *Chris Potter on Standards: Ten Note-For-Note Transcriptions of Improvisations Over Standards and Standard-Style Tunes*. Chicago: Kluth Music.
- 2006 “Chris Potter’s Tenor Saxophone Solo on “The Jones”” *DownBeat Magazine* 73 vol, 10: 180-181.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2022- CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
Full-Time Lecturer, Department of Music
- 2022- ROBERTO OCASIO FOUNDATION LATIN JAZZ CAMP
Saxophone Instructor
- 2019-22 CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Music
- 2018-19 UCLA HERB ALPERT SCHOOL OF MUSIC
Lecturer, Ethnomusicology Department
- 2016-19 THE HERBIE HANCOCK INSTITUTE OF JAZZ (PREV. THELONIOUS MONK INSTITUTE)
Teaching Artist, Jazz in the Classroom
- 2016-17 OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL DEVELOPMENT (UCLA)
Teaching Assistant Coordinator
- 2014-17 TEACHING ASSISTANT/FELLOW (UCLA):
Musicology Department [2017]; Ethnomusicology Department [2014-16]
- 2007-08 MORRAINE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (PALOS HILLS, IL)
Adjunct Faculty: jazz saxophone. Studio instructor and lecturer for jazz history and music appreciation.
- 2005-08 THE MUSIC INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO (CHICAGO, IL)
Faculty: saxophone, clarinet, flute, musicianship, community outreach. Studio and classroom teaching.

UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT

- 2019- CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
Engaging (Post)Postmodern Music(ology) (upper-level undergrad/graduate)
Decolonizing Music Study (upper-level undergrad/graduate)
Methods & Topics in Ethnomusicology (graduate)
Viennese Classicism (graduate)
Introduction to Postmodernity & Postmodern Musicology (graduate)
Beethoven & the Age of Revolution (undergraduate)
20th Century American Music & Cultural Criticism (undergraduate)
Music Cultures of the World (undergraduate)
Undergraduate Capstone Seminar (undergraduate)
1977 in Twelve Records (undergraduate)
Popular Music Ensemble (undergraduate)
- 2018 UCLA HERB ALPERT SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Music Cultures of the World: Europe and America

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Selected Professional Ensembles

Me:You (Saxophone/Flute/Electronics), 2021 - present

- Collaborative experimental music/poetry ensemble featuring Cleveland polymaths RA Washington, Latoya Kent, and Jah Nada

Skatch Anderssen Orchestra (Tenor Saxophone), 2019 - present

- Large ensemble in Cleveland, OH specializing in the repertoire of the Thad Jones/Mel Lewis big band, etc.

Postmodern Jukebox, 2018 – 19

- Popular touring pop/jazz act (Tenor Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute)

Nerly Big Band (1st Tenor Saxophone), 2017 - 18

- Contemporary jazz orchestra in Erfurt, Germany

Avalon Jazz Band (Clarinet), 2011 - 13

- Ensemble in New York City specializing in hot jazz repertoire

The Sensorium Saxophone Orchestra (Alto Saxophone), 2011 - 13

- Avant-Garde saxophone orchestra in New York City led by Ben Miller (Destroy All Monsters)

Caramelo (Tenor Saxophone, Flute), 2011 - 13

- Original world fusion/flamenco funk band in Brooklyn, NY

The Manderley House Band, Sleep No More (Tenor Saxophone), 2011 – 13

- Part of Punch Drunk's critically acclaimed, site-specific theater work in NYC's Chelsea

ALDRIC (Bandleader, Tenor Saxophone, Melodica, Electronics), 2009 – 11

- Original electro-acoustic improvised music

The Chicago Afrobeat Project (Tenor Saxophone), 2008 – 11

- Ensemble influenced by Afrobeat, Afro-Cuban, funk, jazz, jùjú music, & rock
- Collaborations with Tony Allen, Fela Kuti's drummer in Africa 70

L'Orchestre Super Vitesse (Tenor Saxophone), 2008 - 11

- Specializing in the music of West African big bands
- Music from national & regional orchestras of post-independence Guinea, Mali, Senegal

AJ Kluth Quintet (Bandleader, Tenor and Soprano Saxophones), 2006 - 8

- Original contemporary jazz; performances in prominent venues around Chicago.

University Ensemble Participation

Chamber Jazz Ensembles (Justo Almario, Dir.), UCLA, 2014 - 15 (Tenor Saxophone)

Charles Mingus Ensemble (James Newton, Dir.), UCLA, 2013 - 14 (Tenor Saxophone)

Balkan Ensemble (Ivan Varimezov, Dir.) UCLA, 2013 - 14 (Clarinet)

Middle Eastern Music Ensemble (Issa Boulous, Dir.), University of Chicago, 2010 (Clarinet)

Jazz Band I & II (Bob Lark and Kirk Garrison, Dir.) DePaul University, 2004 - 6 (Alto and Baritone Saxophones, Clarinet, Flute)

- Performances with Rufus Reid, Slide Hampton, and Phil Woods

Selected Professional Performances

- w/ “Company” National Touring Broadway Production
 - Reed II book for twenty-four performances at Playhouse Square, Cleveland, OH – April 30-May 19, 2024 (clarinet, tenor saxophone)
- w/ “Funny Girl” National Touring Broadway Production
 - Reed III book for twenty-four performances at Playhouse Square, Cleveland, OH – February 20-March 10, 2024 (alto/baritone sax, clarinet, flute)
- w/ “Mrs. Doubtfire” National Touring Broadway Production
 - Reed I book for twenty-four performances at Playhouse Square, Cleveland, OH – January 9-28, 2024 (alto/tenor sax, clarinet, flute)
- w/ Langston Hughes’ “Black Nativity,” Karamu House players
 - Reed I book for fifteen performances at Playhouse Square, Cleveland, OH – December 1-17 2023 (tenor sax)
- w/ “The Wiz” Pre-Broadway National Tour
 - Reed I book for twenty-four performances at Playhouse Square, Cleveland, OH – October 3-22, 2023 (alto sax, clarinet, flute, piccolo)
- w/ “The Tina Turner Musical” First National Touring Broadway Production
 - Reed I book for twenty-four performances at Playhouse Square, Cleveland, OH – April 25-March 13, 2023 (tenor and alto saxophones)
- w/ “In the Heights” - Cleveland Metropolitan School District All-City Production
 - Reed I book for six performances at Playhouse Square, Cleveland, OH - April 12-16, 2023 (alto/tenor/sop sax, clarinet, flute, piccolo)
- w/ *Moor Mother, Lee Bains, & Mourning [A] BLKstar*
 - Part of the “Toward a Different Kind of Horizon” collaborative concert event at the Cleveland Museum of Art – March 24, 2023
- w/ *Me:You & Mourning [A] BLKstar*
 - Performed with both bands opening for and following Meshell Ndegeocello at the National Independent Venue Association (NIVA) Conference Pre-Party. Beachland Ballroom, Cleveland, OH – July 10, 2022
- w/ *Postmodern Jukebox*
 - 21 show Spring national tour, The Fillmore in Detroit, MI was particularly fun - February 1, 2019
- w/ *Ganavya Doraiswamy*
 - Jazz standards, traditional Indian songs, and original music at Los Angeles jazz club, The Blue Whale - March 20, 2016
- w/ *Toby Summerfield’s “Never Enough Hope”*
 - Through-composed and improvised avant-garde large group chamber music; performance of Summerfield’s suite, *The Gravity of Our Commitment* - Starline Social Club, Oakland, CA - January 29, 2016
- w/ *Don Ellis Portrait Big Band*
 - Performances of “Strawberry Soup” and other Ellis pieces in Los Angeles; directed by Dr. Courtney Jones - April 3, 2015
- w/ *Caramelo*
 - Le Poisson Rouge, New York City - July 10, 2012
- w/ *The Chicago Afrobeat Project*

- Zebulon, New York City - June 3, 2011
w/ *Trisha Brown Dance Company*
- *Foray Forêt* at Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art - April 15, 2011
w/ *ALDRIC*
- Main stage at the Chicago Old Town Art Fair - June 12, 2011
w/ *L'Orchestre Super Vitesse*
- Art Institute of Chicago; opening of the Modern Wing - May 13, 2009

CONFERENCES

- 4/24 IASPM International & US Chapter Conference: "Phantasmic Identity Over Opinion?": Making Sense of the New Grammy Category "Alternative Jazz"
- 6/23 IASPM International & US Chapter Conference: "Jazz Festival Revels, Rebels, and Mutations," Minneapolis, MN – not presented due to family emergency
- 3/23 Conference of the Society for American Music: "What is this Revenant Called 'Jazz'?", Minneapolis, MN
- 10/21 8th Conference of the Royal Musical Association Music & Philosophy Study Group: "Decolonizing Ontological and Epistemological Assumptions of Institutional Music Study," King's College, London (Online)
- 6/21 Documenting Jazz Conference: "JAZZ IS DEAD – Long Live Jazz," University of Edinburgh, Scotland (Online)
- 5/21 International Association for the Study of Popular Music: "JAZZ IS DEAD - Long Live Jazz," (Online)
- 11/20 Joint Meeting of the American Musicological Society (AMS) and the Society for Music Theory (SMT): "Payton vs. Jazz: Unpacking the Racialized Power Dynamics of an Instagram Meme," (Online)
- 2/19 Contested Frequencies: Sonic Representation in the Digital Age: "All Black Everything": Self-Determination from the Streets to the Void," University of Richmond, Virginia
- 4/18 2018 Association for Art History Conference: "Soundscape, Memory, and Meaning: Thoughts on Alan Nakagawa's *Peace Resonance*," Courtauld Institute of Art and King's College London.
- 4/17 Music in Action: "Old and New Dreams: Reflecting on the music of Flying Lotus, Thundercat, and Kamasi Washington," University of California Los Angeles
- 4/17 American Society for Aesthetics, Pacific Division: Invited Commenter, Music and Ontology Panel, Asilomar, CA
- 2/17 Society for Ethnomusicology, Southern California and Hawaii Chapter: "In, but not of the (commercial) world? A consideration of Los Angeles' Dog Star Orchestra experimental music festival," California State University Fullerton
- 2/17 The Improvising Brain III: "The Construction of (Sonic) Space: Improvisation, Perception, and Meaning," Georgia State University
- 10/16 The Making of the Humanities V: "On Music's Capacity to Refigure Worlds: The Relevance of the Hermeneutic Turn in Music Studies," Johns Hopkins University
- 8/16 11th International Conference on The Arts in Society: "Plurality in Experimental Music: Appropriation and Philosophical Hermeneutics," University of California, Los Angeles

- 7/16 Critical Theory for Musicology's 'Musicology after Postmodernism' Study Group:
"The Contemporary DIY Experimental Music Scene in Los Angeles: Metamodernity
and Philosophical Hermeneutics," Senate House, University of London
- 7/14 Summer Institute for Critical Studies in Improvisation as Practice Based Research: "A
Consideration of the Worlding Power of Music in Tigran Hamasyan's *Shadow
Theater*," Memorial University

INVITED TALKS

- 10/22 Oberlin Conservatory of Music: "Amiri Baraka's 'Blues Continuum'"
- 9/22 Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland USA: Colloquium Presentation – "What
is this Revenant Called Jazz?: Nostalgia, Value, and Racialized Listening"
- 4/22 Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland USA: 2022 Humanities Festival –
Moderator for "Skin in the Game: A Conversation with Kyle Kidd"
- 3/22 Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland USA: Invited discussion leader for *Mali
Blues* (2016) – African Student Association, 2022 Film Festival
- 9/20 Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland USA: Colloquium Presentation -
"Pet Projects and Pet Theories: Notes on the Metamodern Love and Despair of
Thundercat and Louis Cole"
- 10/19 UCLA - Los Angeles, USA: Lecture/Demonstration - "Negotiating Freedoms in
Musical Improvisation"
- 2/18 Hochschule für Musik Franz Liszt - Weimar, Germany: Lecture - "Following
Freedom, Afrofuturism, and Agency from Free Jazz to Hip Hop," Master's Seminar
- 11/16 UCLA - Los Angeles, USA: Lecture/Demonstration - "Free Improvisation: Histories
and Techniques"

LANGUAGES

- English: native
- German: advanced speaking, writing, reading (telc Deutsch B1 certificate)
- French: novice speaking, writing, reading
- Spanish: novice speaking, writing, reading
- Italian: novice speaking

SERVICE

- 2024- Doctoral Committee Member for Rafique Illyas-Watson, CWRU Musicology
- 2024- Doctoral Committee Member for Krista Mitchell, CWRU Musicology
- 2024 Society for American Music Conference '24, Session Chair
- 2023 Organized "Toward a Different Kind of Horizon," interdepartmental collaborative
concert and discussion panels at CMA/CWRU (<https://thedaily.case.edu/toward-a-different-kind-of-horizon-collaborative-concert/>)
- 2021-3 Supervised fifteen (15) undergraduate Capstone theses to completion
- 2023 AMS Popular Music Study Group Best Essay Award Committee
- 2023 Society for American Music Conference '23, Session Chair

- 2023 Society for American Music, Conference Program Committee 2024
- 2023 CWRU/CPMS John P. Murphy Fellow in Pop Music Studies Selection Committee
- 2023- Manuscript Referee – *Journal of Jazz Studies*
- 2021- Manuscript Referee – *Danish Musicology Online*
- 2021 AMS Popular Music Study Group Award Committee
- 2020- Manuscript Referee – *Ethnomusicology Review*
- 2020-23 Coordinator – Undergraduate Capstone Seminar, CWRU
- 2020-21 Coordinator – Decolonizing Music Study Reading Group, CWRU
- 2016-18 Manuscript Referee, *The Arts in Society* Knowledge Community
- 2016-18 Moderator of Tear It Down LA|OC’s “Tear Sheet”; aggregate Los Angeles creative music calendar
- 2013-15 Manuscript Referee and Assistant Editor, *Ethnomusicology Review*
- 2013-14 Graduate Student Representative, UCLA Department of Ethnomusicology

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

- 2023- Cleveland Federation of Musicians - Local 4, Cleveland, OH
- 2020- Society for American Music
- 2019- International Association for the Study of Popular Music
- 2016- American Musicological Society

SELECTED DISCOGRAPHY

- 2022 Kyle Kidd, *Soothsayer*. American Dreams Records. (Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute)
- 2022 RA Washington, *In Search of Our Father’s Gardens*. Astral Spirits. (Saxophone)
- 2020 RIVVRS, *Start Living*. Position Music. (Saxophone, Clarinet)
- 2018 Michael Winter, *Approximating Omega*. Edition Wandelweiser Records. (Sample contributor)
- 2017 SINKEATER, *Purge*. KMAN 9.25 Tapes. (Bandleader, Saxophone, Electronic Wind Instrument, Compositions)
- 2015 Music as Math, *I Think I May Have Had a Religious Experience*. Atomic Era. (Saxophones, Clarinets, Flute, Guitars, Electric Bass, Synthesizers, Compositions)
- 2014 The Absolute, *Grow*. RANDM Records. (Flute)
- 2013 Sensorium Saxophone Ensemble, *Cloud Eleven*. Living Records. (Alto Saxophone)
- 2012 Caramelo, *Ride*. Independent. (Saxophone, Flute)
- 2011 Jennifer Hall, *In This*. Independent. (Saxophone, Flute)
- 2011 ALDRIC, *Anvils and Broken Bells*. OA2 Records. (Bandleader, Saxophone, Melodica, Compositions)
- 2009 AJ Kluth Quintet, *Twice Now*. OA2 Records. (Bandleader, Saxophones, Compositions)
- 2009 *L’Orchestre Super Vitesse*, EP. *Eponymous*. Coach House Sounds. (Saxophone)
- 2009 Malik Yusef, *G.O.O.D. Morning G.O.O.D. Night*. G.O.O.D. Music. (Flute)
- 2009 Ben Bitner, *House of Yum*. B-Tite Music. (Saxophones, Flute)
- 2009 The Webstirs, *So Long*. Ginger Records. (Saxophones)
- 2007 tenniscourts, *tenniscourts*. Pop Ulysses. (Saxophone, Flute)
- 2007 AJ Kluth Quintet, *Sleeping EP*. Kluth Music. (Bandleader, Saxophones, Compositions)

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Ethnomusicology

History of Ethnomusicology
Sociology of Music
World Music Cultures
Ethnomusicology Graduate Colloquium

Musicology

Aesthetic and Philosophical Foundations in
Systematic Musicology
Empirical Foundations in Systematic
Musicology
Musical Canon(s) in Contemporary Global
Perspective

Jazz Studies

Jazz Pedagogy
Jazz History
Jazz Style and Analysis

Music Ensembles and Performance Studies

Thelonious Monk Ensemble (James Newton,
Dir.)
Jazz Ensemble
Jazz Chamber Ensemble (Combo)

Omni Musicality Group

Jazz Performance/Improvisation

- Saxophone (Mark Colby, Justo Almario); Guitar (Bob Palmieri); Piano (Larry Novak)

Balkan Music Ensemble

Language Studies

Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced
German

Philosophy/Aesthetics/Theory

The Fate of Eros in German Philosophy
Enlightenment and its Limits
Nietzsche's Impact on 20th Century
Thought
Passions of the Mind: Affect/Literature/
Music in Europe 1600-1850
Poetics and Theory Proseminar: History of
Poetics from Aristotle to Nietzsche
Heidegger and Wittgenstein
Modernism, Myth, and Magical Thinking
Topics in Gender Politics: Thinking
Through the Body