

Daniel O. Kirk

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EDUCATION

Anticipated May 2017

Doctor of Music Arts – Wind Conducting

Michigan State University, College of Music – East Lansing, Michigan
Primary teacher, Kevin Sedatole

June 2015

Master of Music in Conducting *summa cum laude*

Northwestern University, Bienen School of Music – Evanston, Illinois
Primary teacher, Mallory Thompson

December 2007

Bachelor of Science – Music Education *summa cum laude*

Missouri Western State University – St. Joseph, Missouri
Dual degree in Piano Performance and K-12 Music Education
Primary teacher, David Bennett
Missouri Music Certified K-12 / Kansas Teaching License – Highly Qualified K-12 Music

Additional Study in Conducting Symposia with:

Eugene Corporon, Steve Davis, Michael Haithcock, Craig Kirchhoff, H. Robert Reynolds

EMPLOYMENT & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

August 2015–present

Doctoral Teaching Assistant, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Guest Conducting: Wind Symphony, Symphony Band, Concert Band, *Musique 21* Contemporary Music Ensemble, “Spartan” Marching Band.

Conducting: Campus Band

Administration: Coordinating ensemble personnel, facilitating ensemble online course management system, communicating with applied faculty members, administering concert program production, managing all concert logistic staff, hosting prospective students, and acting as a liaison with concert production staff. Serving as Chair of the 2017 Summer Conducting Symposium.

August 2013–June 2015

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

Guest Conducting: Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Brass Chamber Ensemble, Contemporary Music Ensemble, and “Wildcat” Marching Band.

Administration: Coordinated ensemble personnel, facilitated ensemble online course management system, communicated with applied faculty members, planned ensemble repertoire, hosted prospective students, and acted as a liaison with concert promotion staff. Served as Co-Chair of the 2014 Summer Conducting Symposium.

Teaching: Assisted with Undergraduate Basic Conducting Course

May 2010–June 2013

Director of Bands, Blue Valley West High School, Overland Park, KS

Conducting: Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble I, Red and Silver Brigade Marching Band. Symphonic Wind Ensemble selected and performed as 2013 Kansas Music Educators’ Convention Top Honor Ensemble; Wind Ensemble named the 2012 Kansas State Level Winner by The National Foundation for Music Education.

Teaching: Advanced Placement Music Theory (College Board Certified), Music Theory

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Director of Bands, Blue Valley West High School

Administration: Oversaw all aspects of the wind band program including the administration of annual \$135,000 band budget, coordinated middle school band feeder programs, communicated with new equipment and repair vendors, and supervised large group travel to regional competitions three times each season and one time nationally every other year. Additionally, facilitated parent booster organization through committee meetings and event coordination, implemented a band student leadership program, and chaired band staff meetings and while initiating communication with music and visual design consultants.

July 2008–May 2010

Assistant Director of Bands, Blue Valley High School, Overland Park, KS

Conducting: Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble II, Tiger Pride Marching Band.
Assistant Director of Symphonic Band.

Teaching: Advanced Placement Music Theory (College Board Certified), Beginning band and strings classes

Administrative: Coordinated area beginning band programs and supervised large group travel to regional competitions three times each season and one time national trip. Additionally, facilitated parent booster organization through committee meetings and event coordination, chaired band staff meetings and while initiating communication with music and visual design consultants

June 2007-present

Teaching Faculty, George N. Parks Drum Major Academy

Coach high school drum majors across the country at regional summer academies.
Lead conducting classes, coordinate outside visual modules and supervise leadership activities.

June 2010, June 2012

Teaching Faculty, Music For All Summer Symposium

Instructed 650 high school drum majors in conducting and leadership skills.
Evaluated individual students and taught conducting classes.

May 2003-June 2013

Private Piano Instructor

Taught weekly lessons to pre-collegiate students.

GUEST CONDUCTING & CLINICIAN EXPERIENCE

2013	Blue Valley Middle School Honor Band (KS)
2013	Lakewood Middle School 7 th Grade Band (KS)
2013	Pleasant Ridge Middle School 7 th Grade Band (KS)
2012	Blue Valley Northwest High School Band (KS)
2012	Prairie Star Middle School Honor Band (KS)
2012	Park Hill South High School Band (MO)
2010	Blue Valley Northwest High School Band (KS)
2009	Missouri All-State Solo and Ensemble Competition

Asked by colleagues on approximately 40 occasions during my teaching tenure to clinic their respective ensemble.

MARCHING ARTS ADJUDICATION EXPERIENCE

- February 2016-present **Michigan Competitive Bands' Association (MCBA)** - Music Ensemble Ajudicator
- January 2006-present **Certified Winterguard Judge**
Adjudicate winterguard programs throughout the Midwest, including contests in Tennessee and South Carolina. Specialize in both General Effect and Equipment captions
- October 2012 **Valhalla Marching Invitational**, Springfield, MO
- October 2007 **LINKS Marching Festival**, Lincoln, NE
- October 2006 **Tournament of Champions Marching Festival**, St. Joseph, MO

CONVENTION & INSERVICE PRESENTATIONS

- November 2012 **Visual Concepts of the 21st Century Outdoor Performance Ensemble**
Blue Valley School District Staff Professional Development Workshop (KS)
- October 2011 **Integrating the iPad into the Wind Ensemble Rehearsal**
Blue Valley School District Staff Professional Development Workshop (KS)
- July 2010 **Beat Competency Through Motion: Teaching Techniques for Marching Band**
Kansas Bandmasters' Association Summer Workshop and Conference, Wichita, KS
- February 2012 **Panel Member: "The First 5 Years of Teaching: A Survival Guide for the Young Director"**
Kansas Music Educators' Association Conference, Wichita, KS

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

- January 2014 **Russell V. and Hazel B. Morgan Endowed Scholar**, Northwestern University
- September 2013 **Eckstein Music Scholarship Recipient**, Northwestern University
- February 2013 **State of Kansas Most Outstanding Young Band Director**
Kansas Bandmasters Association
- September 2012 **George N. Parks Leadership in Music Education, National Award Recipient**
National Association for Music Education (NAfME)
- April 2012 **Sunflower Student Service Award Ambassador**
Blue Valley School District (KS)
Nominated by student for district-wide award, selected by district office committee of administrators and parents based on exemplifying core virtues of district: compassion, courage, honesty, and respect.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- College Band Directors National Association
National Association for Music Education
Kansas Music Educators Association
Kansas Bandmasters Association
Mid-Continent Color Guard Judges Association

REFERENCES

Dr. Kevin L. Sedatole

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