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SUMMARY

Interdisciplinary educator with teaching experience in both Music and Public Administration. Areas of instructional expertise include public finance, administrative law, organizational leadership, nonprofit management, grant administration, applied music instruction, and music appreciation. Professional administrative leadership experience in state government and higher education informs teaching through practical applications in budgeting, governance, personnel administration, organizational development, and public sector management.

EDUCATION

Valdosta State University

D.P.A., Public Sector Management

2018

University of Georgia

M.M., Performance

2010

University of West Georgia

B.M., Performance

1998

EXPERIENCE

Instructor

2020–2023

University of West Georgia – eMajor Organizational Leadership Program

Courses Taught

- POLS 4200 – Principles of Public Administration
- POLS 4202 – Intergovernmental Behavior
- POLS 4204 – Public Finance
- POLS 4217 – Grant Writing for Non-Profit Organizations
- POLS 4218 – Project Management in the Public Sector
- POLS 4220 – Administrative Law and Government
- Curriculum Development: Revised POLS 4204 Public Finance

Instructor

2017–Present

University of West Georgia – eCore

Courses Taught

- MUSC 1100 – Music Appreciation

Instructor

2006–2023

University of West Georgia – Department of Music

Courses Taught

- MUSC 2600C Applied Guitar Instruction
- MUSC 4600C Applied Guitar Instruction
- MUSC 4942 Full Recital
- MUSC 4981 Directed Independent Study
- Course Collaborations: MUSC 3604 String Techniques and Materials

Deputy Director

2023–Present

Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

Professional experience supporting instruction in public administration through practical engagement with:

- State budgeting and fiscal oversight
- Public sector strategic planning
- Personnel management
- Administrative policy development
- Federal grant compliance
- Contract administration
- Governance processes
- Organizational leadership
- Performance management
- Audit and regulatory compliance
- Selected accomplishments include: Development of agency fiscal monitoring systems
- Selected accomplishments include: Multi-year financial recovery planning
- Selected accomplishments include: Operational restructuring initiatives
- Selected accomplishments include: Implementation of electronic approval workflows
- Selected accomplishments include: Compliance improvements related to federal corrective action requirements

Post Award Services Specialist

2022–2023

University of West Georgia

Experience informing instruction in:

- Federal grants administration
- Uniform Guidance
- Sponsored research budgeting
- Financial reporting
- Post-award management

Administrative Manager, Office of the Provost and VPAA

2020–2022

University of West Georgia

Areas supporting teaching in public administration include:

- University governance
- Faculty policy development
- Legal affairs
- Budget analysis
- Academic personnel administration
- Institutional planning

Administrative Manager, College of Arts & Humanities

2018–2020

University of West Georgia

Experience related to:

- Academic budgeting
- Faculty workload analysis
- Personnel management
- Foundation accounting
- Strategic resource allocation

Budget Manager, College of Arts & Humanities

2010–2018

University of West Georgia

Experience in:

- Budget development
- Administrative process design
- Financial systems management
- Organizational workflow analysis
- Personnel procedures

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Public Administration
Public Finance
Administrative Law
Organizational Leadership
Intergovernmental Relations
Nonprofit Administration
Grant Writing
Public Sector Project Management
Personnel Administration
Strategic Planning
Public Budgeting
Governance and Policy Development
Applied Guitar
Music Appreciation
String Pedagogy
Independent Study Supervision
Performance Studies
Arts Administration

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE AND ARTISTIC ACTIVITY

University of West Georgia Department of Music

Faculty Instructor in Applied Guitar (2006–2023)

Instruction in undergraduate applied guitar performance, recital preparation, independent study supervision, and collaborative work in string pedagogy.

Additional performance activities, guest artist appearances, recordings, recitals, and adjudication may be inserted here as appropriate.

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Public Administration: Public Finance; Administrative Law; Organizational Leadership; Higher Education Governance; University Policy Development; Federal and State Regulatory Compliance; Public Sector Budgeting; Nonprofit Governance; Organizational Communication; Institutional Decision-Making.

Music: Guitar Pedagogy; Applied Music Instruction; Arts Administration; Community Engagement through Music.

Interdisciplinary Interests: Leadership in Creative Organizations; Organizational Culture in Higher Education; Fiscal Stewardship in Academic Institutions; Public Service and Community Engagement.

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Studies and Working Papers: - An Analysis of the Communication of Organizational Knowledge Along Workflows at the University of West Georgia - Constitutional and Statutory Law Regarding University Governance - Fast Food Federalism

PRESENTATIONS

Selected presentations include: - Ongoing Monthly and Quarterly Budget Presentations, Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities (2023–Present) - Faculty Handbook PolicyStat Presentations (2021) - University Policies and Procedures Presentations (2021) - Faculty Senate Bylaws Revision Presentations (2020–2021) - Budget Reporting and Training Workshops (2017–2021)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University Service: - Title IX Investigator - Faculty Development Committee - Rules Committee - Presidential Committee on Institutional Policy (Chair) - Policy Taskforce - Staff Hiring Committees

Community Service: - Treasurer, West Georgia Autism Foundation - Founding Member, West Georgia Autism Foundation - Grant Reviewer, West Georgia Community Foundation - Faculty/Staff Advisor, Campus Catholics