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**EDUCATION:**

**Florida State University**, Doctor of Music  
Certificate in World Music  
**University of South Florida**, Master of Music  
**Indiana University**, Bachelor of Music  
With Distinction

**TEACHING:**

2009-present	Professor of Music, Brookhaven College, Director of String Studies/Music Theory
2008-2009	Assistant Orchestra Director, Snellville Middle School Teaching: Orchestra, Chamber Music, General Music
2000-2008	Valdosta State University: Instructor of Music – Violin, Viola, Music Appreciation/World Music; Conductor: VSU String Ensemble Teacher: South Georgia String Project, 4-12 grade strings
2007-2008	Co-Director of Strings, Valwood College Preparatory School
1998-2000	Valdosta State University, artist/teacher/administrator
1996-1998	Florida State University High School Summer Music Festival: Violin Sectional Coach, Chamber Music
1995-1998	Florida State University, Graduate Teaching Assistant
1994-1995	Florida Southern College, Adjunct Instructor of Music (Strings and Music Theory)
1994-1995	Southeastern University, Lakeland, Florida, Adjunct Instructor of Music (Strings)
1993-1994	University of South Florida, Teaching Assistant
1993-1995	Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra (String Sectional Coach)
1993-1995	Rollins College Community School (Violin, Viola)
1990-1995	Rollins College, Adjunct Instructor of Music (strings)
1982-1983	Valencia Community College, Orlando, Florida, Adjunct Instructor of Music (Music Fundamentals)

**PERFORMING:**

2013-present	Violinist with the Los Colinas Symphony, the Arlington Symphony and the Garland Symphony (TX)
2000-present	Numerous concerts, solo and chamber recitals throughout the United States and Europe
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2008-2009	Violinist: Gwinnett Symphony (GA), Northeast Atlanta Ballet Company, Capital City Opera
2004	Soloist, Central Florida Symphony Orchestra
2001-2004	Concertmaster, Central Florida Symphony Orchestra
1998-2007	Concertmaster/Assist. Concertmaster, Albany (GA) Symphony Orchestra
1998-2008	Principal Second (acting Concertmaster, acting Principal Viola), Valdosta Symphony Orchestra
1997	Soloist, Chipola regional Symphony Orchestra
1995-1998	First Violin/Viola, Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra
1994-1996	Concertmaster and Soloist, Tampa Bay Chamber Orchestra
1994-1995	Concertmaster, New Romberg Orchestra
1994	Concertmaster, Central Florida performances of Ray Charles Orchestra
1993	Concertmaster, Festival Orchestra, Florida Performances of Moody Blues American Tour
1993-1995	Assistant Conductor, Rollins Chapel Orchestra
1991-1995	Concertmaster, Rollins Chapel Orchestra
1992-1995	First Violin, Carlo String Quartet (Resident Quartet At Rollins College)
1989	Solo Violinist, New England Ragtime Ensemble, Florida Performances
1980-1995	First Violin (Viola), Florida Symphony Orchestra (Full-Time) Since 1993 known as the Orlando Philharmonic

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

2010 & 2014	Adjudicator for the Plano (TX) Symphony, Young Artist Competition
2006-2008	Board of Directors, Valdosta Chamber Players
2000-2007	Personnel Manager, Valdosta Symphony Orchestra
1999	Director, Valdosta State University, Béla Bartók Conference
1998-2000	Coordinator of the Valdosta State University, Fine Arts Academy/Community School
1998	Adjudicator for Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest-University Interscholastic League (May/June)
1993-1995	Adjudicator for Winter Park Bach Festival young artists competition
1986-1992	Acting Personnel Manager, Florida Symphony Orchestra during split orchestra services
1981-1992	Audition Committee, Florida Symphony Orchestra
1980-1985	Co-Librarian or Assistant Librarian, Florida Symphony Orchestra



