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### Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Music Education  
(Wind Band Conducting and Literature Emphasis)  
University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

Dissertation:

McAllister, J. R. (2012). *A study of the process of commissioning new music for the concert band*. (Doctoral dissertation, University of Kansas, 2012).

Master of Music in Wind Conducting  
University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware

Bachelor of Music Education  
Shenandoah University, Winchester, Virginia

### Principal Teachers

Conducting: Robert Foster,	The University of Kansas
Composition: Jennifer Barker,	The University of Delaware

### Professional Experience

Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Bands Kansas Wesleyan University Salina, Kansas	2021-2023
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Program Profile:

- Founded 1886
- Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference
- Bachelor of Arts in Music
- Bachelor of Arts in Music Education
- Wind Ensemble, “The Howl” Athletic Band, Jazz Ensemble

Teaching and Musical Responsibilities:

- Conductor/Music Director of Wind Ensemble
- Conductor/Music Director of Christmas by Candlelight Orchestra
- Instructor of undergraduate music major courses
- Liaison between Department of Music and Teacher Education Program
- Music Content Supervisor for Student Teachers

Courses Taught:

INTD 105	The Wesleyan Experience
MUSI 100	Recital Attendance
MUSI 111	Theory of Music I
MUSI 112	Theory of Music II
MUSI 137	Woodwind Instrument Methods
MUSI 166	Wind Ensemble
MUSI 236	Basic Conducting
MUSI 238	Intermediate Conducting
MUSI 240	Advanced Instrumental Conducting and Rehearsal Techniques
MUSI 300	Secondary Instrumental Methods
MUSI 315	Music History I
MUSI 316	Music History II
MUSI 336	Secondary General Music Methods
MUSI 400	Senior Music Education Seminar

Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Bands  
Lincoln Memorial University  
Harrogate, Tennessee

2015-2021

Program Profile:

- Founded 1897
- South Atlantic Conference, NCAA Division II
- Bachelor of Arts in Music
- Bachelor of Arts in Music with K-12 Teaching Licensure
- Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, “Railsplitter” Athletic Bands

Responsibilities:

- Conductor/Music Director of Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble.
- Instructor of undergraduate music major and humanities courses.
- Liaison between Music Program and Carter & Moyers School of Education.
- Supervise student teachers.

Courses Taught:

EDLC 899	Dissertation Research
MUSC 100	Music Appreciation
MUSC 111	Music Theory I
MUSC 112	Music Theory II
MUSC 151, 251, 351, 451	Applied Woodwinds
MUSC 147	Jazz Ensemble
MUSC 153	Concert Band
MUSC 255	Woodwind Techniques
MUSC 300	Fundamentals of Arranging
MUSC 321	Music History: Antiquity to 1750
MUSC 322	Music History Since 1750
MUSC 460	Music Teaching Methods
MUSC 468	Survey of World Music
MUSC 495	Music Major Seminar
MUSC 497	Student Recital

Dissertation Committee Assignments (Through Carter & Moyers School of Education Graduate Ed.D. Program):

Arts Content Supervisor:

Schott, R. (2019). *Place-based arts opportunities and first generation, Appalachian college student engagement*.

Music Content Supervisor:

Poteete, R. (2016). *An investigation into stress and intent to vacate the music teaching profession*.

Director of Instrumental Music  
Garden City Community College  
Garden City, Kansas

2003-2015

Program Profile:

- Founded 1919
- Jayhawk athletic conference
- Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, “Broncbuster” Athletic Bands
- Annual jazz festival, Clinics for area music educators, Sixth grade honors band

Responsibilities:

- Conductor/ Music Director for Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble
- Coordinator for Broncbuster Athletic Band
- Instructor for undergraduate music major and humanities courses
- Administrator for GCCC Band Program

Courses Taught:

MUSC 120, 121, 210, 211	Concert Band
MUSC 124, 125, 218, 219	Jazz Ensemble
MUSC 108	Music History and Appreciation
MUSC 150	Theory of Music I
MUSC 151	Theory of Music II
MUSC 152	Aural Skills I
MUSC 153	Aural Skills II
MUSC 221	Woodwind Instrument Techniques
MUSC 252	Aural Skills III
MUSC 253	Aural Skills IV
HUMA 222	Humanities Course
MUSC 102, 103, 203, 204	Applied Woodwinds and Conducting
EDUC 201	Teaching Music for Elementary Teachers

Refereed Research Presentations

National

- McAllister, J. (2018, March). *Student learning as a result of participating in a commissioning project: A qualitative study*. (Poster Session). National Association for Music Education Music Research and Teacher Education National Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- McAllister, J. (2016, March). *A study of the process of commissioning new music for the concert band*. (Poster Session). National Association for Music Education Music Research and Teacher Education National Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- McAllister, J. (2015, September). *The adaptation of Orff-based techniques into existing instrumental music education programs: A replication study*. (Poster Session). Symposium for the Society for Music Teacher Education (NAfME), Greensboro, North Carolina.
- McAllister, J. (2014, April). *The role of the music publishing industry in the publishing of quality music for large ensembles*. (Poster Presentation). National Association for Music Education Music Research and Teacher Education National Conference, Saint Louis, Missouri.
- McAllister, J. (2011, September). *The adaptation of Orff-based techniques into existing instrumental music education programs: A pilot study*. (Poster Session). Symposium for the Society for Music Teacher Education (NAfME), Greensboro, North Carolina.

McAllister, J. (2009, September). *The application of the Orff approach into instrumental music education*. (Poster Session). Symposium for the Society for Music Teacher Education (MENC), Greensboro, North Carolina.

### State

McAllister, J. (2023, February). My high school band has eight students. Now what? (Conference presentation). Kansas Music Educators Association In-Service Workshop, Wichita, Kansas.

McAllister, J. (2011, February). *Comprehensive musicianship and the college wind band: A comparative study examining students' attitudes towards literature*. (Poster Presentation). Kansas Music Educators Association In-Service Workshop Wichita, Kansas.

McAllister, J. (2011, January). *Comprehensive musicianship and the college wind band: A comparative study examining students' attitudes towards literature*. (Poster Presentation). Illinois Music Educator's Association All-State Conference, Peoria, Illinois.

McAllister, J. (2010, February). *Music education majors and their perception of status and occupational identity in the academy*. (Poster Presentation). Kansas Music Educators Association In-Service Conference, Wichita, Kansas.

McAllister, J. (2009, September). *The application of the Orff approach into instrumental music education*. (Poster Presentation). University of Kansas School of Music Collage Concert, Lawrence, Kansas.

### Commissioning Projects

2022: Sole commissioner: *Solstice Fanfare* for young wind band by composer Grace Baugher Dunlap, Premiered March 3, 2023.

2017: Sole commissioner: Wind band work by composer Daniel Baldwin, *Flying*. Premiered March 8, 2017.

2010: Consortium member: Wind band work by composer Brian Balmages, *The Temple of the Murals*. Premiered October 16, 2010.

2009: Consortium member: Wind band work by composer Philip Sparke, *A Winter's Tale*. Premiered December 10, 2009.

### Research in Progress

- McAllister, J. *Programming practices of Great American Conference wind bands.*
- McAllister, J. *The effect of Orff-based pedagogy in small group instrumental music instruction.*
- McAllister, J. *Programming practices of South Atlantic Conference wind bands.*
- McAllister, J. *Creative music making activities in instrumental music education programs: A qualitative study.*

### Committee Assignments

- 2023: Member, Kansas Wesleyan University Teacher Education Committee  
Member, Kansas Wesleyan University Enrollment Committee  
Member, Kansas Wesleyan University Academic Affairs Committee
- 2022: Member, Kansas Wesleyan University Teacher Education Committee  
Member, Kansas Wesleyan University Enrollment Committee
- 2021: Member, Lincoln Memorial University General Education Committee  
Member, Paul V. Hamilton School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Research Committee
- 2020: Member, Arts in the Gap Coordinator Screen and Search Committee  
Member, Assistant Professor of English Screen and Search Committee  
Member, Lincoln Memorial University General Education Committee  
Member, Paul V. Hamilton School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Research Committee
- 2019: Member, Lincoln Memorial University General Education Committee  
Member, Paul V. Hamilton School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Research Committee
- 2018: Member, Lincoln Memorial University General Education Committee  
Member, Search and Screen Committee, Assistant Professor of Art Position  
Member, Paul V. Hamilton School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Research Committee
- 2017: Member, Lincoln Memorial University General Education Committee  
Member, Lincoln Memorial University Initial Teacher Licensure Committee  
Member, Paul V. Hamilton School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Research Committee

- 2016: Chair, Assistant Professor of Theatre Screen and Search Committee  
Member, Paul V. Hamilton School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences  
Research Committee  
Member, Lincoln Memorial University Initial Teacher Licensure Committee
- 2015: Member, LMU Initial Teacher Licensure Committee
- 2014: Music Curriculum Development Committee Chair  
Faculty Advisor CMENC  
Faculty Advisor to Music Majors
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Faculty Advisor CMENC  
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Faculty Advisor to Music Majors
- 2010: Music Curriculum Development Committee Chair  
Faculty Advisor CMENC  
Faculty Advisor to Music Majors  
Theatre Director Search and Screen Committee Member
- 2009: Curriculum Sub-Committee Member  
Music Curriculum Development Committee Chair  
Faculty Advisor CMENC  
Faculty Advisor to Music Majors
- 2008: Learning Services Committee Member  
Music Curriculum Development Committee Chair  
Faculty Advisor CMENC  
Faculty Advisor to Music Majors
- 2007: Learning Services Committee Member  
Music Curriculum Development Committee Chair  
Theatre Director Search and Screen Committee Member  
Director of Strings Search and Screen Committee Member  
Faculty Advisor CMENC  
Faculty Advisor to Music Majors

2006: Music Curriculum Development Committee Chair  
Director of Strings Search and Screen Committee Member  
Faculty Advisor CMENC  
Faculty Advisor to Music Majors

#### Outreach Activities

- 2023: Coordinated KWU High School Honor Band Festival  
Coordinated KWU Jazz Festival  
Coordinated KWU Community College Honor Band Festival  
Hosted KSHSAA 2A State Solo and Ensemble Festival
- 2022: Coordinated KWU High School Orchestra Festival  
Coordinated KWU High School Choral Festival  
Conducted Salina TubaChristmas
- 2021: Hosted Kansas Wesleyan University High School Honors Band Festival  
Coordinated KWU High School Orchestra Festival  
Coordinated KWU High School Choral Festival  
Conducted Salina TubaChristmas
- 2019: Administrator of Arts in the Gap Program at Lincoln Memorial University
- 2017: Developed and hosted LMU Summer Music Camp  
Hosted initial LMU Honor Band Festival
- 2016: Hosted initial “Jazz in the Gap” workshop and performance with the Rick Hirsch 4 through LMU Arts in the Gap.
- 2015: GCCC Jazz Festival Director (1-day clinic and performance for High School Jazz Ensembles)  
Hosted Kansas High School Activities Association Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival  
Hosted and Coordinated GCCC Sixth Grade Honor Band
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Tubachristmas coordinator
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Hosted Kansas High School Activities Association Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival  
Hosted and Coordinated GCCC Sixth Grade Honor Band  
Tubachristmas coordinator
- 2010: GCCC Jazz Festival Director  
Hosted Kansas High School Activities Association Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival  
Hosted Brian Balmages' Composer in Residency Clinic and Concert  
Hosted and Coordinated GCCC Sixth Grade Honor Band  
Tubachristmas coordinator
- 2009: GCCC Jazz Festival Director  
Hosted Kansas High School Activities Association Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival  
Hosted and Coordinated Sixth Grade Honor Band
- 2008: GCCC Jazz Festival Director  
Hosted Kansas High School Activities Association Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival  
Hosted and Coordinated GCCC Sixth Grade Honor Band  
Tubachristmas Coordinator  
Hosted Wichita State University Faculty Woodwind Quintet Residency  
GCCC Band Day
- 2007: GCCC Jazz Festival Director  
Hosted Kansas High School Activities Association Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival  
Hosted and Coordinated GCCC Sixth Grade Honor Band  
Tubachristmas Coordinator  
Hosted Composer/ World Musician Todd Green Residency  
GCCC Band Day
- 2006: GCCC Jazz Festival Director  
Hosted Kansas High School Activities Association Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival  
Hosted and Coordinated GCCC Sixth Grade Honor Band  
Tubachristmas Coordinator

- 2005: GCCC Jazz Festival Director  
Tubachristmas Coordinator
- 2004: GCCC Jazz Festival Director  
Tubachristmas Coordinator  
Composer Eliot Del Borgo Residency

#### Guest Conducting Engagements

- 2022: Southwest Kansas Music Educators High School Honors Band; Dodge City, Kansas
- 2012: Freedom League Junior High School Band Clinic; Weskan, Kansas
- 2010: Southwest Kansas Music Educators High School Honors Jazz Ensemble; Dodge City, Kansas
- 2009: Unified School District #457 Middle School Honors Band; Garden City, Kansas
- 2008: Liberal Middle School Honors Band; Liberal, Kansas  
Satanta High School Band; Satanta, Kansas  
Southwest Kansas Music Academy 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Band; Garden City, Kansas
- 2007: Santa Fe Trail League High School Honors Band; Moscow, Kansas  
Southwest Kansas Music Academy 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Band; Garden City, Kansas  
Unified School District #457 Middle School Honors Band; Garden City, Kansas  
Deerfield High School Band; Deerfield, Kansas
- 2006: Unified School District #457 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Band; Garden City, Kansas
- 2005: Southwest Kansas Music Educators High School Honors Jazz Ensemble; Dodge City, Kansas  
Southwest Kansas Music Academy 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Band; Garden City, Kansas
- 2004: Hi-Plains League High School Honors Band; Lakin, Kansas
- 2000: Sussex County Music Educators High School Honors Band; Georgetown, Delaware

#### Clinician and Adjudication Assignments

- 2023: Kansas State Large Group Festival; Beloit, Kansas and Colby, Kansas  
Kansas State Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival; Concordia, Kansas  
Central Kansas League Festival; Hillsboro, Kansas
- 2022: Kansas State Solo and Ensemble Festival; Hillsboro, Kansas

- Kansas State Large Group Festival; Lindsborg, Kansas
- 2021: Western Athletic Conference Marching Band Festival; Great Bend, Kansas
- 2015: Hi Plains League High School Band Festival; Leoti, Kansas  
Kansas State Solo and Ensemble Festival; Wichita, Kansas
- 2014: Great Western Athletic Conference High School Band Festival; Colby, Kansas  
Kansas Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival; Great Bend, Kansas
- 2013: Western Athletic Conference Marching Band Festival; Liberal, Kansas  
Kansas Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival; Dodge City, Kansas  
Great Western Athletic Conference Middle School Band Festival; Colby, Kansas
- 2012: Kansas State Large Group Festival; Beloit, Kansas  
Kansas State Large Group Festival; Hays, Kansas
- 2010: Western Athletic Conference Marching Band Festival; Liberal, Kansas  
Kansas State Large Group Festival; Colby, Kansas  
Kansas Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival; Dodge City, Kansas
- 2009: Kansas State Large Group Festival; Colby, Kansas  
Kansas Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival; Dodge City, Kansas  
Santa Fe Trail League Middle School Band Festival; Leoti, Kansas  
Hi-Plains League High School Band Festival; Holcomb, Kansas
- 2008: Kansas Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival; Great Bend, Kansas  
Hi-Plains League Middle School Festival; Lakin, Kansas  
Santa Fe Trail League Festival; Moscow, Kansas
- 2007: Kansas State Large Group Festival; Dodge City, Kansas  
Kansas State Large Group Festival; Colby, Kansas  
Kansas Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival; Dodge City, Kansas  
Hi-Plains League Festival; Sublette, Kansas  
Western Athletic Conference Marching Festival; Garden City, Kansas  
Santa Fe Trail League Festival; Rolla, Kansas
- 2006: Western Athletic Conference Marching Festival; Garden City, Kansas  
Hi-Plains League Middle School Festival; Lakin, Kansas  
Colorado State Large Group Festival; Sterling, Colorado  
Kansas State Large Group Festival; Ellsworth, Kansas  
Kansas State Large Group Festival; Pratt, Kansas  
Hi-Plains League Festival; Ingalls, Kansas

2005: Western Athletic Conference Marching Festival; Garden City, Kansas  
Crown of Champions Marching Festival; Weddington, North Carolina  
Lakin Middle School Festival, Lakin, Kansas  
Colorado State Large Group Festival; Lamar, Colorado  
Kansas Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival; Russell, Kansas  
Hi-Plains League Festival, Montezuma, Kansas

2004: Western Athletic Conference Marching Festival; Garden City, Kansas  
Lakin Middle School Festival, Lakin, Kansas  
Hi-Plains League Festival, Rolla, Kansas  
Colorado State Large Group Festival, Lamar, Colorado

#### Grant Writing Experience

2021: Co-wrote grant from the Salina Arts and Humanities Horizons Grants Program to host 2022 Salina Strings Day

2010: Co-wrote grant from the Kansas Arts Commission to present Frank Mantooth Tribute Concert in Garden City

2007: Wrote grant from Kansas Arts Commission to bring musician Todd Greene to Garden City for a clinic/concert

#### Other Professional Experience

2017: Music Director for LMU Production of *Fiddler on the Roof*

2013: Music Director for GCCC Production of *Les Miserables*

2010-2015 Associate Conductor of the Garden City Symphony, community ensemble that offered two concerts per season.

2006- 2007: Music Director and Conductor of the Garden City Municipal Band, which presents a 12-concert season during the summer, open to all community members, high school and college students.  
Garden City, Kansas

1999-2003: Associate Conductor of the Ardensingers Orchestra, a chamber orchestra consisting of community members and professional musicians.  
Wilmington, Delaware

### Composition/ Arranging Engagements

- 2022: Composition *Chant* for bass clarinet and fixed media performed at Heather Gering's recital at Kansas Wesleyan University.
- 2021: Composition *Tuesday, 3:17 am* for chamber orchestra commissioned by the National Composers Orchestra to be premiered during their 2021-2022 season.
- 2020: Composition *Telephunk* for combined band, choir, and orchestra commissioned by the Garnet Valley (PA) Music Educators group for premiere at their Gala Concert in March 2022.
- Composition *Ancient Sentinels* for wind band selected for publication by Three Strikes Publications.
- Composition *And the mountains have a song* for horn choir selected for publication by Three Strikes Publications.
- 2018: Composition *And the mountains have a song* for horn choir was premiered at the International Horn Society Summer Symposium.
- 2017: Composition *Concertino for Piano and Winds* was premiered at the LMU Bands Spring Concert.
- 2016: Composition *The Summer Sun is Faint on Them* was premiered at the Lincoln Memorial University Music Program Faculty Recital
- 2010: Composition *Three Miniatures for Wind Quintet* performed at the annual conference of the International Double Reed Society; Norman, Oklahoma  
Composition *Elegy* selected for publication by Imagine Music Publishing
- 2008: Compositions *Three Miniatures for Woodwind Quintet* and wind band piece *Three Fall Miniatures* selected for publication by Imagine Music Publishing  
Commission by Dr. Matt Morris for a contrabassoon chamber work entitled *The Ninth Dream*; Athens, Ohio
- 2007: Commission by the Satanta High School Band for wind band work entitled *Ancient Sentinels*; Satanta, Kansas
- 2006: Arrangement of *Hoedown* by Aaron Copland for the Garden City Municipal Band  
Commission by the Whirlwind Quintet for an arrangement of *Overture in the Italian Style* by Franz Schubert  
Performance of *Three Miniatures for Woodwind Quintet* (2001) at Whirlwind Quintet concert; Garden City, Kansas

- 2005: Commission by Garden City Symphony for arrangement of *Little Drummer Boy* for Children's Choir and Orchestra for Holiday Pops Concert; Garden City, Kansas
- 2004: Performance of *gc125* (2003), a brass and percussion fanfare by the Garden City Municipal Band; Garden City, Kansas
- 2003: Performance and recording of *Three Miniatures for Woodwind Quintet* (2001) by Ardensingers Woodwind Quintet; Wilmington, Delaware

#### Lectures/ Presentations

- 2018: Guest Lecture, *Arts Funding in Higher Education*, LMU Master of Public Administration Program course "Public Policy and the Arts."
- 2006: Presentation on Finale for USD 457 music educators at their Fall In-service Coordinator/ Presenter for the Kansas Intercollegiate Jazz Ensemble at the Kansas Bandmasters Association Annual Conference; Wichita, Kansas
- 2005: Lecture/Presenter on Wind Music and Music Education for High Plains Public Radio's broadcast of Music with the Maestro; Garden City, Kansas  
Coordinator/ Presenter for the Kansas Intercollegiate Jazz Ensemble at the Kansas Bandmasters Association Annual Conference; Wichita, Kansas

#### Professional Affiliations

National Association for Music Education  
College Band Directors National Association  
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia  
Pi Kappa Lambda