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Education

Master of Music in Music Education: University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, 1991

Masters thesis on music education in the children's choir. Graduate Assistantship teaching Introduction to Music Education to general education majors. Studied conducting and choral education with John Leman, Elmer Thomas, Earl Rivers.

Bachelor of Music in Music Education: University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, 1987

Focus on choral and general music education. Studied conducting and choral education with John Leman, Karen Wolff, Robert Bode, Elmer Thomas, and Earl Rivers.

Additional Education

Butler University, Indianapolis, 1994-5

Independent study with Henry Leck

Orff-Schulwerk Certification

Level III, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, Wolfgang Hartmann, 1992

Level II, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, Carol Erion, 1991

Level I, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, Jacobeth Postl, 1990

Keene State College, Keene, New Hampshire, 1982-3

Music Education major. Voice and piano minors. Introduction to education courses.

Collegiate Teaching Experience

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

Choral Faculty, 2022-present. Conductor of Choraliers, nationally award-winning treble choir. Collaborate with Jeremy Jones, DCA, supporting growth and development of the choral program. Guest lecturer. Supervise and mentor student teachers.

Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio

Adjunct Faculty, January 2015-May 2019. Conductor of Xavier University Women's Chorus. Growing the program in membership, artistic accomplishments and collaborations. Taught Choral Methods and private conducting lessons, oversaw student teachers. Assisted with 2 search committees.

University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music

Visiting Faculty, Spring Semester 2017. Conducted Chorale. Taught Chamber Singers mentoring graduate conducting students through conducting in performance and leading conducting weekly master class style course for all choral graduate students. Private conducting coaching with graduate conducting students. Served on 4 search committees at CCM throughout the youth choir's residency, 2001-present.

Current Professional Experience

Cincinnati Youth Choir (DBA Cincinnati Children's Choir until May 2018)

Ensemble-in-Residence at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music

www.cincinnatichoir.org

- Founder (1993), Managing Artistic Director and Visionary. Conservatory residency began in 2001.
- Developed the program to 1000 singers in seven resident choirs at CCM, 7 community choirs, Cincinnati Public School Honor Choir, and a summer festival choir. CYC ensembles range from beginning elementary singers through mixed voice high school choirs. Choirs work through both female and male changing voices all focusing on healthy vocal technique that serves as a foundation for lifelong singing.
- Teach and mentor graduate choral students and undergraduate interns from CCM Music Education and Xavier University Music Education
- Queen City Children's Choir Festival – Conductor/Artistic Director of national festival held annually. Artist-in-residence Jim Papoulis composes with the festival choir and premieres their work. 2009-present.
- CYC Crescendo Project clinician. These complimentary services include clinics with choirs, music classes, and mentoring conductors. In their schools, work with an average of 600 area students from across the Tri-state region each school year.
- Ran the Teacher Advisory Board for CYC which engages a representative from 40 districts across the Tri-state. Teachers support with networking with their district colleagues which directly effects recruitment for the program. Also offer additional professional development to the teachers with CYC staff and other guest lecturers.
- Host high school choral events for treble voices and for mixed choirs including changed male voices.
- Regularly perform with conservatory choirs, orchestras, and in CCM opera productions.
- Regular guests of Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, May Festival Chorus, Cincinnati Pops including two Telarc label recordings.
- Host various festivals and travel internationally.
- Launched annual national composition competition in spring, 2007 premiered in 2008.

Published Choral Series

Robyn Lana Choral Series, Santa Barbara Music Publishers

www.sbmp.com

Series editor, fall 2012-present. Repertoire includes beginning treble, advanced treble, SAB, and SATB selections. Identify, submit, and work with composers through publication. Currently over 30 octavos published.

Cincinnati Children's Choir Choral Series

Editor, launched fall 2008. Cincinnati Children's Choir Choral Series is a division of Colla Voce's Henry Leck Series

Publications

ChorTeach

Wrote a column for ACDA's online publication "Ask a Conductor" section, 2022

American Choral Directors Association Covid Relief Document

Contributing author/researcher for ACDA's document compiled to assist the profession through virtual, hybrid, and in-person learning/choral rehearsing throughout the pandemic, 2020

Voices in Harmony: Youth Choir Leadership, Education and Artistry

Lead author/editor on book focusing on children's and youth choirs, available from Alfred Publishing, 2017

American Choral Directors Association

Guest Editor, *Choral Journal* advocacy issue, September 2019

Choral Journal, Guest Writer President's Column, May 2018

Guest Editor, *Choral Journal* children's/community youth choir focus issue, March 2016

"Look Mom, No Hands: Leaving the Scores in the Rehearsal Room," *The Choral Journal*, March 2016

"Establishing Peer Mentors: Cultivating Community, Artistry, and Excellence," *The Choral Journal*, September 2013

"World Choir Games 2012; Insight into the Philosophy of the Games and Why Cincinnati Was Chosen" *The Choral Journal*, January 2011

Guest author for "President's Column" *The Choral Journal*, March 2010 – Focus on 2010 Children's Choir Conductor's Retreat held in Cincinnati, January 2010

"Reflecting: 25 Years Working with Children and Youth. An Interview with Henry Leck" *The Choral Journal*, August, 2010

"Making Music with Our Youngest Singers" *The Choral Journal*, September, 2008 (co-authored)

"Preparing the Children's Choir for Large Work Collaborations" *The Choral Journal*, April 2007

"The Expressive Choir: Touching the Audience with Artistry" *The Choral Journal*, July 2007

"Informances: Educating Your Base" *Resound*, 2006

Chamber Music America

"Creating a Children's Chamber Music Series" co-authored with Michael Chertock, published in *CMA Matters*, The nationally distributed Technical Bulletin of Chamber Music America, Fall 2005

Choristers Guild

"Louder is Not Better" published in *The Chorister* January and February 2000 (two part article)

Other Professional Teaching Experience

Montessori Academy of Cincinnati, Mason, Ohio

General music specialist grades 1-8, March 2007 – July, 2012. Responsible for creating curriculum. Employed Orff-Schulwerk philosophies creating a nurturing, interactive learning environment. One school-wide program per year.

Linton Chamber Music Series Peanut Butter and Jam Sessions, Cincinnati, Ohio

www.lintonmusic.org

Educational Coordinator and Concert Hostess, 1997-2010. Plan and develop educational philosophies and programs for award winning preschool chamber music concert series. Coordinate presentations of musicians, instruments, and classical and new chamber music by the great composers.

Northwest Local School District, Pleasant Run and Bevis Elementary Schools

General Music Specialist, 1991-1993. Conductor of Fifth Grade Chorus and Orff Ensembles in addition to general music classroom responsibilities at both schools.

Founder, District Children's Choir, 1992

CCM Children's Choir, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music

1990-1993, Conductor, CCM Mini-Singers.

1983, began as a volunteer. Worked to Assistant Conductor, 1984-1988

Church Music Experience

Heritage Presbyterian Church, Mason, Ohio

Offer services presenting scripture and Christian education using Orff-Schulwerk philosophies as part of a Sunday school rotation. Occasional services 2005-7

Crestview Presbyterian Church, West Chester, Ohio

Orff Ensemble Director, 2001-4

Music Planning Team, 2002-4

Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio

Children's Music Director, 1991-1998. Responsible for children's choirs grades 1-6 and preschool music program. Sang in the adult choir under John Leman.

Westwood United Methodist Church

Choir member, 1989-1990

Interim Adult Choir Director, 1990-1991. Conducted Faure *Requiem*

Wyoming Presbyterian Church, Wyoming, Ohio

Adult Choir Director, 1987-89. Led weekly worship contributions and worked directly with pastor to program repertoire the supported the sermon focus.

Prestigious and Invited Guest Conducting Appearances

- **Tennessee All-State Treble Honor Choir**, April 2026
- **Bradley County Honor Choir**, Cleveland, Tennessee, March 2026
- **Kentucky ACDA All State Honor Choir**, November, 2025
- **Arkansas All-Region Honor Choir**, Bentonville, AR, November 2025
- **North Carolina ACDA Treble Honor Choir**, October 2025
- **Southeastern Kentucky Honor Choir**, October 2025
- **Youth Choral Festival**, Puget Sound, Washington, May 2025
- **Bradley County Honor Choir**, Cleveland, Tennessee, March 2025
- **Georgia Southern High School Invitational**, Clinician, October 2024
- **Georgia Choral Directors Association Treble Honor Choir**, Guest Conductor, October 2024
- **TnMEA Choral Adjudicator**, July 2024
- **Carnegie Hall, National Children's Choir Festival**, Guest Conductor, June, 2024 (Manhattan Concert Productions)
- **South Carolina Choral Directors Association Children's Honor Choir**, Guest Conductor, January 2024
- **Hong Kong Inter-school Choral Festival**, February 2024. Guest Conductor/Clinician.
- **Ohio Choral Directors Association**, Children's Honor Choir, June 2023
- **ACDA National Conference**, Welcome Concert Festival Choir Conductor, February 2023
- **OregonMEA Honor Choir**, conductor state honor choir, January 2023
- **Carnegie Hall National Treble Choir**, June 13, 2022
- **Choir Alberta**, Festival adjudicator and clinician (invited), March 2020
- **Florida Music Educators Association**, All-State Elementary Conductor, January, 2020
- **Children's Choir Festival, Waikiki, Hawaii**, Featured Conductor, July 2019 (Perform International)
- **Carnegie Hall, National Children's Choir Festival**, June 2019 (Manhattan Concert Productions)
- **Kansas Choral Directors Association**, All-State Conductor, February 2019
- **Kansas Music Educators Association**, Guest Clinician, February 2019
- **Colorado Choral Director's Association**, All-State Conductor and clinician, July 2018
- **United Through Song** Guest Artistic Director youth choir festival, Christ Church Dublin, Ireland, July, 2018 (Perform International)
- **Japan Children's Choir Festival**, Co-conductor with Henry Leck, July 2017 (Perform International)
- **Kennedy Center, National Children's Choir Festival**, April 2017 (Manhattan Concert Productions)
- **Carnegie Hall, National Children's Choir Festival**, Guest Conductor, June, 2016 (Manhattan Concert Productions)
- **Wyoming Children's All State Choir**, Guest Conductor, June 2016
- **North Carolina All-State Choir, 6th grade treble**, Guest Conductor, April 2016
- **Cobb County School District**, Conducting Technician for Middle School Choral Ensembles, March 2016
- **Kentucky Music Educators Association All-State Treble Middle School**, February 2016
- **Choyang School District, Beijing, China** Guest Lecturer/Clinician/Conductor, November 2015
- **Kentucky Choral Directors Association All-State Choir, 5th/6th grade treble**, Guest Conductor, October 2015
- **Coastal Song Children's Choir Festival**, Founding Co-Conductor, Savannah, GA and Charleston, SC, July 2016

- **Cantus Angelicus Children's Choir Festival, Malacca, Malaysia**, Guest Conductor/Clinician, June 2015
- **Georgia All State Middle School Treble Choir**, Athens, GA, Guest Conductor, February, 2015
- **China-USA International Children's Choir Festival**, Co-Conductor with Maestro Yang Lin and Yang Hong Nian, conductor of the China Children's Choir and Professor at Central Conservatory of Music (Beijing), Beijing and Shanghai, China, June 2014 (Perform International)
- **Chorus America National Conference**, Clinician, Washington, DC, June 2014
- **New Jersey All State Children's Honor Choir**, NJACDA, Guest Conductor, May 2014
- **New York ACDA/NYSSMA**, Clinician/State Honor Choir Conductor, August 2013
- **Coastal Song Children's Choir Festival**, Founding Co-Coordinator, July 2013
- **Carnegie Hall International Children's Festival Chorus**, Guest Conductor, March 2013
- **Coastal Song Children's Choir Festival**, Founding Co-Conductor, inaugural year, July 2012
- **World Choir Games/Interkultur Clinician**, workshop/demonstration, July 2012
- **World Choir Games – Cincinnati Public School Honor Choir** – conductor/visionary, July 2012
- **ACDA Southern Division Children's Honor Choir**, guest conductor, Winston-Salem, NC, March 2012
- **ACDA Central Division** – choir chosen to perform at conference, March 2012
- **Mississippi ACDA/MEA Children's Honor Choir**, guest conductor, Jackson, MS, March 2012
- **Kentucky All State Junior High Treble Honor Choir** – conductor, November 2011
- **New Jersey Children's Choir Festival**, Rutgers University with Children's Chorus of Sussex County, Debra Mello, Artistic Director; New Jersey Youth Chorus, Trish Joyce, Artistic Director; Newark Boys Chorus, Donald Morris, Music Director; Princeton Girlchoir, Lynnel Jenkins, Artistic Director; Rutgers Children's Choir, Rhonda Hackworth, Artistic Director; October 2011
- **Tennessee Music Educators Association Children's Honor Choir**, April 2011
- **Indiana Choral Directors Association**, Guest Conductor, ICDA Children's Honor Choir, July 2008
- **Pennsylvania Choral Directors Association**, Guest Conductor, PCDA Elementary Honor Choir, April, 2008
- **Indiana Choral Directors Association**, Guest Conductor, ICDA Children's Honor Choir, July 2007
- **Children in Harmony Choral Festival**, Walt Disney World Resort, Conductor of Honor Choir, May 2007
- **WORLDSONG®**, Co-conductor of international children's choir festival with Barbara Tagg, August 2005
- **WORLDSONG®**, Co-conductor of international children's choir festival with Henry Leck, June 2000

Workshops and Clinician Appearances

- **Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services**, July 2025
- **Indianapolis Children's Choir Teacher Workshop**, Guest Clinician, July 2024
- **ACDA Children's Choir Conductors Retreat**, Clinician, January 2024
- **Michigan School Vocal Music Association**, Adjudicator, April 2023
- **Oregon Music Educators Conference**, Clinician, January 2023
- **Manhattan Concert Productions, Virtual Workshop**, Guest Clinician, 2021
- **Indiana University School of Music, Virtual Workshop**, Guest Clinician, October 2021
- **Malacca, Malaysia, Virtual Choral Educator Conference**, Guest Clinician, April 2020
- **Chorus America National Conference**, Clinician at Virtual Conference, June 2020
- **Montclair State University**, New Jersey, Guest Clinician, virtual format, April 2020
- **Michigan School Vocal Music Association**, Adjudicator, May 2018
- **Michigan School Vocal Music Association**, Guest Clinician, August 2017
- **ACDA Children's Choir Conductor's Retreat**, Clinician, New Jersey, January 2016
- **Ohio Music Educators Association**, Clinician, and Conductor, Performing Ensemble, Cincinnati, January 2016
- **American Orff Schulwerk Association National Conference**, Clinician, November 2014
- **Cobb County School District**, Conducting Technician for High School Choral Ensembles, March 2014
- **13th Concorso Corale Internazionale, Riva del Garda, Italy**, International Juror representing USA, 14 countries/3 continents participating, April 2014
- **ACDA Children's and Community Youth Choir Conductor's Retreat**, Presenter, January 2014
- **Florida All-State Treble Honor Choir (middle school)**, at FMEA, Guest Conductor, January 2014
- **ACDA Central Division**, Cincinnati, OH, Guest Presenter, March 2014
- **University of Tennessee School of Music General Music Workshop**, Cultivating in the Choral Ensemble and General Music Classroom, Guest Clinician, November 2013 (received perfect 5 out of 5 on participant evaluations)

- **Arizona ACDA**, Headline Clinician, July 2013
- **Chorus America National Conference**, led roundtable discussion focusing on communication within the community choir program, June 2013
- **Ohio Choral Director's Association Elementary Choir Festival**, guest clinician, February 2013
- **Kentucky District 6 Middle School Adjudicator**, April 2013
- **Chorus America Conductors Workshop**, Host conductor, Private conducting coach, January 2013
- **Ohio Collegiate Music Educators Association**, Clinician, November 2012
- **Ohio State University Women's Glee Club**, Guest Clinician, April 2012
- **Kentucky ACDA**, Guest clinician, reading session, 2012
- **ACDA Children's Choir Conductor Retreat**, Create and organize event held in January 2012
- **MENC North Central Conference**, Presenter and choir chosen to perform, January 2011
- **Miami University, Ohio**, Guest clinician, Student ACDA Chapter, March 2011
- **Tennessee Music Educators Association Conference**, Presenter, April 2011
- **American Choral Directors Association**, Children's Choir Roundtable, Reading Sessions, and Button Holes, Presenter, National Conference, March 2011
- **Kentucky Baptist Music Conference**, clinician, "Bringing the Bible to Life Using Orff-Schulwerk - Creating musical opportunities for children's church and Sunday school classes," November 2011
- **Ohio Music Education Association**, Headlining Clinician and performance for state convention, February 2008
- **Miami University, Ohio**, Clinician for ACDA/MENC Chapter, November 2007
- **Northeast Ohio Education Association**, Headliner clinician for professional development day, October 2007
- **MENC North Central / Indiana Music Educators Association**, Presenter and Panelist, January 2009
- **American Choral Director's Association**, Assisted with organization and presentation of the Children's Choir Round Table, March 2007
- **Cincinnati Suzuki Cooperative**, Guest Conductor/Clinician, February 2007
- **Orff-Schulwerk National Convention**, Conductor, presenting concert session, November 2001
- **Cincinnati Orff Chapter**, Clinician, February 2005
- **Chamber Music America National Convention**, Clinician, January 2000
- **Music Educators National Conference Regional Convention**, Clinician and ensemble performance, February 1999
- **Cincinnati Orff Chapter**, Clinician, February 1997

Additional Guest Conducting Appearances

- **Preble County Honor Choir**, March 2025
- **OhioMEA District 16 Treble Honor Choir**, November 2024
- **OhioMEA District 16 Honor Choir**, November 19, 2022
- **Northern Kentucky Honor Choir**, November 18, 2022
- **North Carolina Summer Institute**, Guest Conductor, June 2018
- **American Choral Directors Association Southern Region**, Clinician, "Choral Trilogy: Conductor, Collaborative Pianist, Choir," March 2018
- **Kanawha County Middle School Honor Choir**, Charleston, WV, March 2018
- **Circle the State**, Columbus, IN, February 2018
- **Jefferson County Kentucky Honor Choir Conductor**, January 2018
- **Chorister's Guild Children's Choir Festival**, Guest Conductor, March 2017
- **Chorister's Guild Festival**, Guest Conductor, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 2016
- **Oberlin Ohio Children's Honor Choir**, Guest Conductor, Oberlin Choristers, March 2016
- **OMEA District III Middle School Honor Choir**, Guest Conductor, March 2016
- **Indiana Circle the State With Song**, Guest Conductor, February 2016
- **Evansville IN Festival Choir**, Guest Conductor, January 2015
- **Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians National Conference**, Guest Children's Choir Conductor, Greenlake, WI, July 2014
- **Coastal Song Children's Choir Festival**, Founding Co-Conductor, July 2014
- **Fort Worden Children's Choir Festival**, Port Townsend, WA, Guest Conductor, May 2014
- **Ohio Music Educators Association District XIII Honor Choir**, Guest Conductor, February 2014
- **Ohio Music Educators Association District X Middle School Honor Choir**, Guest Conductor, November 2013
- **Northern Kentucky Children's Honor Choir**, Guest Conductor, November 2013

- **Lima City Schools Guest Artist**, Guest Conductor/Clinician for middle schools throughout the district, October 2012
- **Ohio Choral Directors Association Children's Honor Choir**, guest conductor, June 2011
- **Queen City Children's Choir Festival**, Artistic Director; guest artist Jim Papoulis, June 2010
- **Lawrenceburg Schools Children's Festival Choir**, Lawrenceburg, IN, March 2010
- **Ohio Music Education Association**, District Honor Choir Conductor, February 2010
- **ACDA Central Division Conference**, Featured performance, February 2010
- **ACDA Children's Choir Conductor Retreat**, Create and organize event scheduled for January 2010, featured performance
- **Queen City Children's Choir Festival**, Artistic Director; guest artist Jim Papoulis, June 2009
- **American Choral Director's Association**, Children's Choir Roundtable, Reading Sessions, and Button Holes, Presenter, National Conference, March 2009
- **Ohio Music Education Association**, District Honor Choir Conductor, February 2009
- **Ohio Music Education Association**, District Honor Choir Conductor, March 2008
- **Southeastern Ohio Children's Chorus Festival**, Guest Conductor, March 2008
- **Choristers Guild Children's Choral Festival**, Guest Conductor for Southwest Ohio Chapter, March 2008
- **Ohio Music Education Association**, District Honor Choir Conductor, March 2007
- **Ohio Music Education Association**, District Honor Choir Conductor, February 2006
- **Kentucky Music Education Association**, Guest conductor/ensemble, November 2006
- **Ohio Music Education Association**, District Honor Choir Conductor, November 2005
- **Ohio Music Education Association**, District Honor Choir Conductor, April 2005
- **Lorraine County Honor Choir**, Conductor, March 2004
- **Winton Woods City Schools Elementary Honor Choir**, Conductor, May 2004
- **Ohio Music Education Association**, District Honor Choir Conductor, March 2003
- **Winton Woods City Schools Elementary Honor Choir**, Conductor, May 2003
- **Ohio Music Education Association**, District Honor Choir Conductor, March 2002
- **Ohio Music Education Association**, District Honor Choir conductor, November 2000
- **Kentucky Music Education Association**, Guest Conductor, April 1998

Service to the Profession

Chorus America

2015-2024

Appointed to the Chorus America National Board of Directors. Contributed/planned for the Chorus America National Conference to be held in Cincinnati June 2016. Continued work includes conference planning, strategic planning, and being a representative voice for community youth programs and educational engagement.

Through the pandemic, led monthly virtual workshops, roundtables, and sharing sessions that assisted teacher and choral educators through the challenges met.

American Choral Directors Association

National Chair, Standing Committee on Advocacy and Collaboration, 2016-2021

- Identified and secured a committee representing various choral programs, backgrounds, and locations across the US.
- Established the committee goals and vision, a new objective of ACDA.
- Focus on advocacy for all to sing in a choir, not just advocacy for the choral art.
- In the process of rewriting ACDA Advocacy Statement
- Led round table discussion at National Conference in Minneapolis (2017)

National Chair, Children's and Community Youth Choir Repertoire and Standards, 2007-2013

- Regularly submitted articles for publication in *Choral Journal*.
- Researched and educated members/conductors about the history of the American children's choir movement and its development in ACDA.
- Served ACDA members and children's choir conductors by providing resources and guidance.
- Researched history of interest area, educated and provided information to division chairs, and authored proposal to Executive Committee to change R & S name from "Children's" to "Children's and Community Youth" which was approved by national vote of membership in 2010.

- January 16-17, 2010 - Developed, Planned, and executed the inaugural ACDA Children's Choir Conductor Retreat, a workshop for teachers of children's and youth choirs from across the country. Served as Committee Chair and Conference Chair hosting 109 constituents, 240 young singers, and bringing in 20 new members to the organization. Responsible for securing all clinicians and participants, coordination with Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra for concert, local transportation, food and all facilities. Retreat is now a biennial event.
- Committee Chair for the second retreat held in Denver, CO, January 14-15, 2012. Duties similar to 2010. 24 new ACDA members. 185 attended from across US and Canada.
- Committee Chair for the third retreat, scheduled for January 2014 in Minneapolis.
- Laid groundwork and developed a sustainable model for retreat leadership to continue the ACDA event for the fourth retreat, January 2016 in New Jersey and subsequent conferences.
- Organized Reading Sessions using leadership/management skills and the talents of the committee of division chairs. Repertoire recognized the diverse needs of ACDA membership (elementary school, church choir, community choir from beginning through advanced)
- Organized new service to members at 2009 convention; Buttonhole chats with Division/National Chairs and ACDA members. Buttonholes have continued and become "Face-to-Face" now serving all Repertoire and Standards areas.
- Planned and found sponsorship for Children's/Community Youth Choir Reception at the 2009, 2011 and 2013 National Conferences. Another new offering to membership.
- Roundtables during the 2009, 2011 and 2013 National Conferences were developed to either gather information that directly influenced my leadership in ACDA (2009 Roundtable) or utilized a panel of children's choir leadership from across the country who provided insight to their experiences and development of their program (2011 - Education/Outreach, 2013 - Communication)
- Organized and oversaw all aspects of National Honor Choir (Chicago 2011 - Henry Leck, guest conductor; Dallas 2013 - Fernando Malvar-Ruiz, guest conductor). Ran and organized auditions, selection of repertoire, selection of guest conductors. Identified and oversaw Honor Choir Co-Chairs for both conferences.
- In service as National Chair, widely recognized for bringing all methods of instruction to a place where they worked well together, learned from each other, felt valued and respected. Recognized for bringing energy and large growth/involvement of members to the Children's and Community Youth Choir Repertoire and Standards area
- Spring 2013 - worked closely with ACDA Executive Director, Tim Sharp and National Chair for Junior High/Middle School, Gretchen Harrison, on a new funding initiative for those reaching new students for participation in choral music/activities.

Co-Chair, Third Biennial ACDA Children's and Community Youth Choir Conductor's Retreat, Minneapolis, MN, January 2014. Event co-chaired with Dr. Angela Broeker and served 189 teacher/conductors from across the US.
Committee Chair, Project: Ascend. Begun while serving as national chair, developed opportunities of conductors/organizations to receive funding from ACDA to develop new opportunities for youth to sing.

Greater Cincinnati Choral Consortium

Founding President, Board of Directors, 2013-2016; Board Member 2016-2019

Elected to position by peers after serving on a planning committee for a year. Researched comparable organizations nationally. Participated in developing mission, core values, and goals and writing by-laws. Upon election to board president, led the board to developing a web presence, membership drive, developing a logo, and other necessary start up functions.

World Choir Games Cincinnati 2012

2010-July 2012

Music Advisory Committee. Recommended adjudicators, choirs, clinicians, helped North American office connect with choirs, represented ACDA and children's choir community on the committee.

American Choral Directors Association, Central Division

Children's Choir Repertoire and Standards Chair, 2004-7.

- Regularly submitted articles for publication in *Resound*.
- Successfully organized and presented Division Honor Choir for 2006 Chicago convention, Henry Leck conducting.
- Responsible for securing and working with Christine Jordanoff, 2006 convention headliner.

- Strove to communicate efficiently and regularly with state chairs building a better sense of community.
- Presented reading session at division convention and assisted National Chair, Lynne Gackle, with repertoire selections and planning for National conventions in Los Angeles and Miami.
- Served on honor choir audition committee for National convention in Miami.

Ohio Choral Directors Association

Southwest Region Chair, July 2025-present

Children's Honor Choir Co-Chair, 2013-2015. Returned to help organize the event I began in 2004.

Children's Honor Choir Chair, 2004-2007.

- Recognized a need in choral offerings in Ohio which resulted in the development and presentation of the first OCDA Children's Honor Choir, Rebecca Rottsolk conductor, in June 2005.
- Continued to administrate the now annual event (Emily Ellsworth, 2006; Angela Broeker, 2007; Sharon Smith, 2008).

Children's Choir Repertoire and Standards Chair, 2000-2004.

- Regularly submitted articles for OCDA publication.
- Assisted Central Division Chair, Beverly Baar, with Division Honor Choir, Indianapolis, 2004.
- Provided a headline performing choir for 2001 and 2007 conferences.

Oxford University Press

Reviewer, 2011

Honors/Awards

- 2024 **Winner, *The American Prize Youth Choir Division***, Cincinnati Youth Choir
- 2024 **Third Place Winner, *The American Prize College/University Division***, Miami University Choraliers
- 2023 **Ohio Music Educators Association Conference**, Miami University Choraliers selected to perform
- 2022 **American Choral Directors Association**, opening concert featured conductor featuring Cincinnati Youth Choir and choirs from across the eastern US
- 2019 **Power of Her: Imagineers. Impressarios. Inventors: Cincinnati's Arts and the Power of Her**
Recognized as one of the outstanding women in the history of Cincinnati's art community for impact and influence and artistry
- 2018 **Spirit of Cincinnati Champion Award** from Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau
- 2018 **Chorus America Award for Education and Community Engagement**
- 2017 **American Choral Director's Association National Conference**, Cincinnati Children's Choir selected to perform Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 **Appointed Chair, ACDA Standing Committee on Advocacy and Collaboration** (founding chair)
- 2016 **Chorus America ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming**
- 2016 **Chorus America National Conference**, Cincinnati Children's Choir selected to perform
- 2015 **Winner of *The American Prize***, Cincinnati Children's Choir won Youth Choir Division
- 2015 **St. Peter's Basilica**, Rome, Cincinnati Children's Choir, guest choir at the Vatican high mass
- 2015 **World Expo Milano**, Cincinnati Children's Choir selected as featured choir representing USA
- 2015 **City Beat 2015 "Best of Cincinnati"** Cincinnati Children's Choir, #1 Local Vocal Arts Group in Cincinnati
- 2012 **World Choir Games Cincinnati 2012, Gold Medal**, Cincinnati Children's Choir. 5th place internationally, 1st place compared to US choirs
- 2012 **CCM Distinguished Alumna Award**, first alumni award given by Dean Peter Landgren
- 2008 **Scripps-Corbett Award**, Artist Category, awarded to Cincinnati Children's Choir
- 2001 **Post-Corbett Award for Educational Outreach**, awarded to Linton Chamber Music's Peanut Butter and Jam Sessions, chamber music concert series for preschool children and parents
- 1999 **Hometown Hero**, Awarded by ABC affiliate Channel 9 TV for outstanding work with children.
- 1989-91 **Full Graduate Assistantship and scholarship**, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music
- 1983-87 **Rosenthal Scholarship**, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music

Preparation of Large Works/Projects

Collaborations with Cincinnati Youth (Children's) Choir unless otherwise noted

Collaborating Ensembles and Conductors Included

May 2023	Mahler, <i>Symphony No. 8</i> , May Festival Chorus and Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, Robert Porco conducting, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra; Juanjo Mena conducting
May 2019	Boito's <i>Prologue</i> from <i>Mefistofele</i> , May Festival Chorus, James Conlon conducting
May 2018	Bernstein's <i>Mass</i> , Cincinnati Symphony, May Festival Chorus, Robert Porco, conducting (semi-staged)
January 2018	Puccini's <i>Turandot</i> , Kentucky Symphony, JR Cassidy, conducting (semi-staged)
November 2017	<i>Polar Express</i> , Cincinnati Pops, John Morris Russell, conducting
November 2017	<i>A World Aglow</i> commission by Dominick DiOrio, Vocal Arts Ensemble, Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, Craig Hella Johnson, conducting
October 2017	Puccini's <i>Tosca</i> , CCM Chamber Choir and Philharmonia, Mark Gibson, conducting (semi-staged)
April 2017	Bach's <i>St. Matthew Passion</i> , CCM choirs and orchestra, Earl Rivers, conducting (staged performance)
June 2016	Mendelsohn's <i>Elijah</i> , Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, May Festival Chorus, Robert Porco conducting, performance for Chorus America National Conference
May 2016	Verdi's <i>Otello</i> , Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, May Festival Chorus, James Conlon conducting
May 2016	Mendelsohn's <i>Elijah</i> , Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, May Festival Chorus, James Conlon conducting
March 2016	Janáček's <i>The Cunning Little Vixen</i> , CCM Opera Department, Mark Gibson conducting, Vince DeGeorge, director, March 2016
February 2016	Honegger's <i>Joan of Arc at the Stake</i> , CCM choirs and orchestra, Earl Rivers, conducting
April 2015	Mozart, <i>Requiem</i> , Xavier University choruses, Richard Schnipke, conducting
March 2015	Berlioz, <i>Te Deum</i> , CCM choirs and orchestra, Earl Rivers, conducting
January 2015	Orff, <i>Carmina Burana</i> , Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, May Festival Chorus, Louis Langrée conducting
December 2014	<i>Holiday Pops</i> , featured choir with Cincinnati Pops Orchestra (5 holiday selections), John Morris Russell, conducting
May 2014	Mahler, <i>Symphony No. 8</i> , May Festival Chorus and Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, Robert Porco conducting, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra; James Conlon conducting (CCC Bel Canto, Con Brio and Girl Choirs performing)
February 2014	Adams, <i>El Nino</i> , CCM choirs and orchestra, Earl Rivers, conducting (two performances for local community and for ACDA Central Division)
December 2013	Britten, <i>Hodie</i> , Knox Presbyterian Church Choir, professional chamber orchestra, Earl Rivers conducting (CCC Con Brio singing)
July 2013	<i>Red, Rhythm and Boom</i> , Cincinnati Pops 4 th of July Concert (several works), John Morris Russell, conducting
May 2013	Britten, <i>War Requiem</i> , Cincinnati Symphony and May Festival Chorus, James Conlon, conducting (conducted children's choir and portative organ from gallery)
April 2013	Britten, <i>Spring Symphony</i> , CCM choirs and orchestra, Earl Rivers, conducting
February 2013	Mahler, <i>Symphony No. 3</i> , CCM choirs and orchestra, Mark Gibson, conducting
January 2013	Prepared CCC ensembles as CCC and CCM jointly hosted the Chorus America Conducting Workshop (also served as private conducting coach)
April 2012	Orff, <i>Carmina Burana</i> , CCM choirs and orchestra
February 2012	Berlioz, <i>Damnation of Faust</i> , CCM choirs and orchestra, Earl Rivers conducting
November 2011	Bach, <i>St. Matthew Passion</i> , CCM choirs and orchestra, Earl Rivers conducting
November 2011	Performance with Cincinnati Pops, John Morris Russell, conducting
February 2011	Puccini, <i>Turandot</i> , performance with CCM choirs and orchestra, Mark Gibson conducting
February 2010	Penderecki, <i>Credo</i> , performance for ACDA Central Division Conference, CCM Chamber choirs and orchestra, Earl Rivers conducting
January 2010	Orff, <i>Carmina Burana</i> , Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, May Festival Chorus, Paavo Jarvi conducting
August 2009	Cincinnati Pops Orchestra, Excerpts from <i>The Sound of Music</i> , Erich Kunzel conducting (his final performance)
May 2009	Mahler, <i>Symphony No. 8</i> , May Festival Chorus and Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, Robert Porco conducting, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra; James Conlon conducting

December 2008 Cincinnati Pops Orchestra, Holiday Concert, Erich Kunzel, conducting
May 2008 Zsiesl, *Requiem Ebraico*, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, May Festival Chorus prepared by Robert Porco, James Conlon, conducting
February, 2008 Adams, *On the Transmigration of Souls*, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, May Festival Chorus prepared by Robert Porco, John Adams, conducting
September 2007 Shore, *Lord of the Rings Symphony*, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Markus Huber, conducting
May 2007 Kannikeswaren, *The Sounds of the Seasons* (world premiere work combining traditional western composition with traditional Indian ragas and themes), Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, Cincinnati Indian Children's Choir, T. Ray Wheeler, conducting
November 2006 Bach, *St. Matthew Passion*, CCM Chamber Choir and Orchestra, Earl Rivers, conducting
September 2006 Tchaikovsky, *Nutcracker*, Cincinnati Pops Orchestra, Erich Kunzel (Telarc Recording, released Sept. 2007)
May 2006 Orff, *Carmina Burana*, Cincinnati May Festival Chorus and Symphony Orchestra, James Conlon, conducting
May 2006 Raminsh, *Missa Brevis*, Indianapolis Children's Choir, American Boychoir, Henry Leck, conducting
April 2006 Adams, *On the Transmigration of Souls*, CCM choirs and orchestra, Earl Rivers, conducting
March 2006 Rutter, *Mass for the Children*, Cincinnati Choral Society and guest orchestra, Doug Belland, conducting
February 14-28 Webber, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Broadway tour
December 2005 miscellaneous works, Cincinnati Pops Orchestra, Erich Kunzel, conducting
October 2005 combined CCM choruses under composer/conductor Eric Whitaker
May 2005 Orff, *Carmina Burana*, Chorus America Conducting Workshop, project streamed online
April 2005 Orff, *Carmina Burana*, CCM choruses and orchestra, Stephen Coker, conducting
February 2005 Faure, *Messe Basse*, Clive Driscoll-Smith, organist; Robyn Lana, conducting
May 2004 Mahler, *Symphony No. 8*, May Festival Chorus, Robert Porco conducting, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra; James Conlon conducting
May 2004 Humperdinck, *Hansel and Gretel*, mainstage opera at CCM; Mark Gibson, conducting
January 2004 Verdi, opera choruses, CCM choruses and orchestra; Mark Gibson, conducting
November 2003 miscellaneous works, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra; John Morris Russell, conducting
May 2003 Menotti, *Death of the Bishop of Brindisi*, May Festival Chorus (Robert Porco) and Cincinnati Symphony; James Conlon, conducting
April, 2003 Glass, *Symphony No. 5*, CCM choruses and orchestra, Earl Rivers conducting
February 2003 Britten, *Missa Brevis*, Tom Murray, organist; Robyn Lana, conducting
January 2003 Orff, *Carmina Burana*, Kentucky Symphony Orchestra; JR Cassidy, conducting
May 2002 Bernstein, *Kaddish*; May Festival Chorus, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra; James Conlon, conducting
March 2002 Bach, *St. Matthew Passion*; CCM choirs and orchestra; Earl Rivers, conducting
March 2002 miscellaneous works, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra; John Morris Russell, conducting
January 2002 Mahler, *Symphony No. 3*, CCM choirs and orchestra; Mark Gibson, conducting
May 2001 Mahler, *Symphony No. 3*, May Festival Chorus (Robert Porco) and Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra; James Conlon, conducting
May 2001 Orff, *Carmina Burana*, May Festival Chorus (Robert Porco) and Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra; James Conlon, conducting
December 2000 Bernstein, *Mass*, Cincinnati Pops Orchestra; Erich Kunzel, conducting
November 2000 Bach, *St. Matthew Passion*, CCM choirs and orchestra; Earl Rivers, conducting
June 2000 miscellaneous works with WORLDSONG choirs, Cincinnati Pops Orchestra; Erich Kunzel, conducting
April 2000 Toronto International Children's Choir Festival; Jean Ashworth Bartle, conducting
September 1999 Tchaikovsky, *1812 Overture*, Cincinnati Pops Orchestra; James Conlon, conducting (recorded on the Telarc label)
August 1999 Canterbury International Choral Festival; Henry Leck and David Flood, conducting

Commissioned Composer's/Collaborations

- 2024 Cynthia Gray I Believe in a Seed CYC Singabration
- 2024 Susan LaBarr The Open Hand Cincinnati Youth Choir 31st Season
- 2023 Dominick DiOrio Every Given Light Cincinnati Youth Choir in honor of Sandy Thornton
- 2022 Dominick DiOrio The Vast and Boundless Sky Cincinnati Youth Choir 30th Season
- 2022 Jason Webb I'll Be Home for Christmas Cincinnati Youth Choir 30th Season
- 2019 Andrea Ramsey Keep Goin' Cincinnati Youth Choir 27th Season
- 2019 Kevin Padworski Cricket-Stars Cincinnati Youth Choir 26th Season
- 2018 Dominic DiOrio We Will Do Miracles Cincinnati Children's Choir 25th Season
- 2018 Andrea Ramsey She Cincinnati Children's Choir 25th Season
- 2018 Rollo Dilworth Great Gettin' Up Monin' Cincinnati Children's Choir 25th Season
- 2017 J. Reese Norris This is Your Time Cincinnati Children's Choir 24th Season
- 2017 Francisco Nunez Una Sola Luz Premiered at ACDA National Conference
- 2016 Jim Papoulis If There Ever Was a Moment Queen City Children's Choir Festival
- 2016 Cynthia Grey Through the Eyes of the Moon 2016 Festival Choir
- 2016 Paul Caldwell/Sean Ivory Fancy Cincinnati Children's Choir – Shakespeare theme Cincinnati Children's Choir 23rd Season
- 2015 Jim Papoulis Now Is the Time for Change Queen City Children's Choir Festival
- 2015 Dan Forrest Ban Ban Caliban Cincinnati Children's Choir 22nd Season
- 2015 Kevin Padworski Vidi Aquam National competition, Cincinnati Children's Choir
- 2015 Rollo Dilworth Down By the Riverside Cincinnati Public School Honor Choir
- 2015 Cynthia Gray With A Hey Ho Nonny No 2015 Festival Choir
- 2014 Jim Papoulis You Can Hold a Moment Queen City Children's Choir Festival
- 2014 Cynthia Gray The Rivals 2014 Festival Choir
- 2014 Joan Szymko River Cincinnati Children's Choir 21st Season
- 2014 Jason Webb When Day is Done CCM Harmony Fund, commissioned for CCC
- 2014 Rollo Dilworth We Shall Overcome CPS Honor Choir
- 2014 CCC Composition Competition Tara Traxler Fireflies National competition - Cincinnati Children's Choir
- 2013 Alice Parker Coo Coo Bird Chorus American consortium commission project
- 2013 Jim Papoulis Open and Free Queen City Children's Choir Festival
- 2013 Cynthia Gray If I Knew You 2013 Festival Choir
- 2013 Cynthia Gray The Wise Old Owl 2013 CPS Honor Choir
- 2013 Andrea Ramsey To Hold All Sounds 20th Anniversary of the Cincinnati Children's Choir
- 2013 Gary Fry Bel Canto In memory of Richard Wesp commissioned by CYC Board of Directors, in honor of the 20th Anniversary of the Cincinnati Children's Choir
- 2012 Cynthia Gray Wind A-Blowin' All Day Long 2012 Festival Choir
- 2012 Rollo Dilworth Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around Cincinnati Public School Honor Choir
- 2012 Jason Webb arr. National Anthem Cincinnati Children's Choir
- 2012 CCC Composition Competition Christine Donkin Rainstorm National competition - Cincinnati Children's Choir
- 2012 Eleanor Daley A Celtic Blessing of Light Chorus American consortium commission
- 2011 Cynthia Gray The Lamb and The Tiger 2011 Festival Choir
- 2011 Jim Papoulis More Than I See Queen City Children's Choir Festival
- 2011 Amanda Jacobs When I Go Fishing Queen City Children's Choir Festival
- 2011 Paul Carey Paint the Stars/Rain Commission for 18th anniversary season lyrics from poetry contest winners (CCC members)
- 2011 CCC Composition Competition

• 2011	Ryan Brechmacher Ethan Sperry	Lobster Quadrille. Pallanda	National competition - Cincinnati Children's Choir Commissioned arrangement of Dr. Sperry's TTBB setting
• 2010	Rollo Dilworth	Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit	Chorus America consortium
commission project			
• 2010	Cynthia Gray	The Skies Can't Keep Their Secret	2010 Festival Choir
• 2010	Jim Papoulis	Together	Queen City Children's Choir Festival
• 2010	David Brunner	Spiritual Musick	Chorus America consortium commission project
• 2010	CCC Composition Competition		
	Wes Ramsey	When We Build	National competition - Cincinnati Children's Choir
• 2009	Cynthia Gray	Where the Boats Go	2009 Festival Choir
• 2009	CCC Composition Competition		
• 2009	Paul Caldwell/Sean Ivory	Beneath the African Sky	CCC Commission
• 2008	Paul Caldwell/Sean Ivory	Witness	Chorus America consortium commission project
• 2009	Jim Papoulis	We Are the Voices	Cincinnati Children's Choir 16 th Anniversary
• 2008	Cynthia Gray	North, South, East, West	2008 Festival Choir
• 2008	Jim Papoulis	My World is Calling	Papoulis residency, Songwriting Workshop
• 2008	Nick Page	Amid the Splendors of the Sun	CCC 15 th Anniversary
• 2008	CCC Composition Competition		
	James Kantor	Beati in Domo Domini.	National competition - Cincinnati Children's Choir
• 2007	Cynthia Gray	I'm Nobody! Who Are You?	2007 Festival Choir
• 2007	Jim Papoulis	Everybody's Wants To	Commissioned by Keynote Arts for Children in Harmony Choral Festival, CCC served as Honor Choir, premiere conducted by Barbara Tagg
• 2006	Cynthia Gray	Laughing Song	2006 Festival Choir
• 2005	Bob Chilcott	Catch a Falling Star	WORLDSONG® 2005
• 2005	Cynthia Gray	Songs of the Shore	2005 Festival Choir/ WORLDSONG®
• 2003	David Kisor	All In a Day	2003 Festival Choir
		East and West	
		Within	
		Up and Down	
• 2002	Shirley MacRae	Black Sheep, Black Sheep	CCC Combined Choirs
• 2002	David Kisor	Questions	2002 Festival Choir
• 2001	David Kisor	My Part	2001 Festival Choir
• 2000	Malcolm Dalglish	Not It	WORLDSONG®
• 2000	Jason Webb	Turtle Dove	Ohio Composers Festival
• 1999	Allan Naplan	Yismechu Hashamayim	MENC Regional Convention
• 1999	Jason Webb	The Water is Wide	MENC Regional Convention
• 1998	Allan Naplan	Hatikva	Cincinnati celebration of Israel's 50 th Anniversary
• 1998	Jason Webb	While the Skies Are Weeping	
• 1997	Jason Webb	O Come, Emmanuel	
• 1996	Jason Webb	Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas	
• 1995	David Kisor	A Miracle Waiting	International Women's Convention

Professional Memberships

American Choral Directors Association
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The National Association for Music Education

Ohio Music Education Association (NAfME)
International Federation of Choral Musicians
Chorus America
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